

USWAG And Energy Companies Expressed Support For The Rule While Cement Companies Opposed It

Cement Companies Commented Opposing The EPA's Rule Revisions

Portland Cement Association Commented Opposing The EPA's Proposed Rule: "Hazardous and Solid Waste Management System: Disposal of Coal Combustion Residuals from Electric Utilities; Enhancing Public Access to Information; Reconsideration of Beneficial Use Criteria and Piles." [Regulations.gov -- Comment submitted by Charles Franklin, Vice President and Counsel, Government Affairs, Portland Cement Association - ID EPA-HQ-OLEM-2018-0524-0166, [10/18/19](#)]

- **PCA Has Lobbied EPA Between 2017 And 2020.** [Opensecrets - Client Profile: Portland Cement Assn, Accessed [6/22/20](#)]

National Ready Mix Concrete Association Commented Opposing The EPA's Proposed Rule: "Hazardous and Solid Waste Management System: Disposal of Coal Combustion Residuals from Electric Utilities; Enhancing Public Access to Information; Reconsideration of Beneficial Use Criteria and Piles." [Regulations.gov -- Comment submitted by Kevin Walgenbach, Senior Vice President, Compliance and Regulatory Affairs, National Ready Mixed Concrete Association (NRMCA)- ID EPA-HQ-OLEM-2018-0524-0142, [10/18/19](#)]

- **NRMCA Lobbied EPA Between 2017 And 2019 And Spent \$4,648,841 In Total On Lobbying In That Time.** [Opensecrets - Client Profile: Portland Cement Assn, Accessed [6/23/20](#)]

USWAG Supported The 2015 Rule Revisions

USWAG Commented That It Appreciated Elements Of The EPA's Proposed Rule: "Hazardous and Solid Waste Management System: Disposal of Coal Combustion Residuals from Electric Utilities; Enhancing Public Access to Information; Reconsideration of Beneficial Use Criteria and Piles." USWAG: "USWAG appreciates EPA's re-evaluation of the 12,400-ton threshold in the rule's definition of 'Beneficial use of CCR' that triggers the need for the user to undertake an environmental assessment of large-scale unencapsulated uses of coal combustion residuals ("CCR") on the land. We also appreciate EPA's proposal to eliminate the regulatory disparity between the temporary accumulation of CCR in piles stored on-site at a power plant and CCR stored in piles off-site at a beneficial use facility." [Regulations.gov - Comment submitted by James R. Roewer, Executive Director, Utility Solid Waste Activities Group (USWAG) -- ID EPA-HQ-OLEM-2018-0524-0064, [10/16/19](#)]

Aurora Energy, A Member Of USWAG Commented Supporting The EPA's Proposed Rule: "Hazardous and Solid Waste Management System: Disposal of Coal Combustion Residuals from Electric Utilities; Enhancing Public Access to Information; Reconsideration of Beneficial Use Criteria and Piles." [Regulations.gov -- Comment submitted by David Fish, Aurora Energy, LLC - ID: EPA-HQ-OLEM-2018-0524-0175, [10/18/19](#); USWAG Members List, [1/9/20](#)]

EPA Administrator Wheeler Lobbied For USWAG Members

Wheeler Lobbied For Xcel Energy, A USWAG Member

Xcel Energy Was A Former Client Of EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler. “After Wheeler left Capitol Hill in 2009, he took on a cadre of lobbying clients, eventually leading FaegreBD Consulting’s energy and environment practice group. His job was dedicated to advocating for chemical manufacturer Celanese Corp., coal producer Murray Energy Corp., uranium miner Energy Fuels Resources Inc., utility holding company Xcel Energy Inc. and other clients.” [Time, [1/9/19](#)]

Wheeler Lobbied To Help Xcel Energy Obtain A Charitable Deduction And Backed Legislation To Protect Its Ability To Remove Dead Wood In National Forests. “In his first detailed discussion of his lobbying, Mr. Wheeler explained the bulk of his private-practice work over the past two years: [...] For Xcel Energy, a utility company based in Minneapolis, he lobbied to help the company obtain a charitable deduction and backed legislation that would have protected its ability to remove dead wood around transmission lines in national forests, an issue that the United States Forest Service deals with.” [New York Times, [8/1/18](#)]

Andrew Wheeler Lobbied For Xcel Energy From 2013 Through 2016. [Opensecrets, Lobbyist Profile: Andrew Wheeler, Accessed [6/10/20](#)]

Xcel Energy Spent \$1,910,000 Lobbying The Federal Government In 2017, Including The EPA. [OpenSecrets – Client Profile: Xcel Energy, Accessed [6/10/20](#)]

Xcel Was A Member Of USWAG, Which Also Lobbied The EPA

USWAG Lobbied The EPA Between 2017 And 2020. [OpenSecrets – Client Profile: Utility Solid Waste Activities Group, Accessed [6/10/20](#)]