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Coal Ash – A “Beneficial-Use” Product

Debate is occurring about whether or not coal ash should be regulated when it is being disposed as a hazardous product.

The Northern Plains Resource Council in Billings held a public meeting Oct. 17th seeking input on this and has taken the stand that it should be declared a hazardous material. WT reps were present at the meeting as were lots of other industry people that expressed opposite opinions.

There are many good reasons to view coal ash as a resource. Recycling it conserves natural resources and saves energy. In some cases, products made with coal ash perform better than products made without it. For instance, coal ash makes concrete stronger and more durable. It also reduces the need to manufacture cement, resulting in significant reductions in greenhouse gas emissions. Other beneficial recycling uses include: mixing coal ash with native soils for road stabilization and other in-ground structural fill uses such as a reclamation product in oil fields and numerous other applications where it has an economic value.

To learn more about the benefits of recycling coal ash, visit:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s Coal Combustion Products Partnership www.epa.gov/epawaste/partnerships/c2p2/index.htm

The American Coal Ash Association (www.acaa-usa.org)

Coal Ash Facts (www.coalashfacts.org)

Did you know? Almost half of America’s electricity is generated by burning coal. That figure is not likely to change much in the future. Because Americans continue to consume more electricity every year, renewable energy sources will do well just to keep up with increases in demand. The U.S. Department of Energy predicts that in 2030, we will actually generate 19 percent more electricity from coal than we did in 2007.

Generating that much electricity produces large volumes of coal ash — solid materials left over from the combustion process. According to the American Coal Ash Association, about 136 million tons of this material was produced in 2008. The good news is that over 44 percent of it was recycled rather than disposed.



Coal ash comes in many forms, the main two being **fly ash** and **bottom ash**. Fly ash (about 75% of coal waste) is an extremely fine powder that can be recycled for numerous beneficial uses or disposed of in either dry storage such as landfills or wet storage such as ponds or impoundments. Bottom ash (about 25%) is the heavy particles left in the boiler after the coal is burned.

You can register your opinion about the regulation of coal ash by contacting the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) by e-mail to: rcra-docket@epa.gov, Attention Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-RCRA-2009-0640.

New Decker Coal Job

Over the next seven months WT will have one MSHA-trained driver stationed within the Decker Coal Mine hauling/moving 100,000 tons of coal. Tom Hewitt will be overseeing this project which started Oct. 14th.

Handheld Cell Phone Ban begins Oct. 31

Billings has outlawed (through the distracted driving ordinance) the use of handheld cell phones and related handheld devices and text messaging while driving in city limits. Any driver coming into Billings from another location can be fined—typically \$110 but can be up to \$300 (first offense) then up to \$500. **Fine expenses are the responsibility of the person who is ticketed.** So, all folks using cell phones in Billings need to have a hands-free listening and speaking device soon. Using phones while driving is a safety concern company-wide and every driver including management is expected to comply with the law.

SAFETY FIRST — ALWAYS!!!

Drivers Note: Are you wearing your safety vest? This is new, and every driver is to wear them during their shift, every shift!! The bright vests make you more visible for safety purposes. Also required are your safety glasses, steel-toed boots and hard hats at all sites!! Mechanics need to have their vests on while they are outside, between trucks and at the fuel islands.— Listen for warning signals, but also be constantly aware of equipment moving around you.....in shops, in yards, etc. Drivers make sure you check your surroundings and honk twice before backing up.— Review routinely your Safety Manual and Employee Policy Manual and that you know the requirements of your job as well as the procedures to be followed in different situations. If you have any questions, be sure to seek an answer from your Manager. — Remember that pre-post trip truck/trailer inspections are required!!! - Flats and other tire issues occur when they are not frequently checked. Drivers will be written up and In-Safe bonuses lost for failure to catch problems that should have been prevented!



VOTE Nov. 2nd

This is a critical election. Educate yourself on the issues and go do your duty!

Employees News Welcome to new employees: WT-East: **Robin Hutton**/Driver 9/15/2010; WT-Billings: **Aaron Minnix** returns as Shop Ass't. 10/11/2010 and **David Baisch**/Driver 10/25/2010; WT-West: **William Boise**/Driver 10/5/10; QS: **Frank McArthur** (Townsend) 10/6/2010 and **Kenneth Jensen** (Beet Loader) 10/25/2010.



Keep alert for deer and other animals on the roadways— especially as the days get shorter!!

Diversified Yet Unified

*****Allied Company News*****

Environmental Materials (EM)

Jim Roberts has been named the EM Bagging Manager. Jim has worked for WT in various capacities (past driver, equipment operator and most recently as Assistant Manager of the WT-South Branch) for over 4 years. In his new leadership role Jim oversees all operations at the Bedrock fly ash bagging location which has been growing steadily over the last nine months. In fact, nine employees have been added at this allied company working two different shifts just to keep up with the demand for this product for various customers. **Dave Wambeke** is now splitting his time working half-time scheduling hauls for EM as well as helping Jim with computer training and other needs and working the other half-time on WT-Billings based hauls.



Quarry Services (QS) Sugar-Beet Loading After last year's early freeze, this year's weather has been exceptional for the beet harvest and regional farmers. The "great" crop will be all out of the ground this week into piles at numerous farmland sites around Billings. QS loading of trucks should continue through the winter with a projected campaign finish the first of February.

QS (Townsend) QS staff are enjoying working with the new leadership at Graymont, **Jason Ellis**/Plant Manager and **Allen Holubec**/Plant Engineer. Our thoughts and prayers are with **Scott Evans**/Townsend QS Mgr. as his mom is very ill.

EnviroWorks (EW) Road stabilization work for the season has pretty much wrapped up. It was an outstanding second year, and already there's a good backlog of work in place for Spring start up in 2011. Their office location has changed: **Quarry Services LLC, dba EnviroWorks, 2349 N. Frontage Rd, Billings, MT 59101 Phone – 248-8753 Fax – 259-9916 PO Box is still the same!**

September Driver / Mechanic Bonuses

WT IN-SAFE bonuses amounted to **\$9,917.29** for September. Fuel bonuses totaled **\$8,691.04** for a total combined bonus of **\$18,608.33!** All eligible workers are included in these bonuses as an incentive to **Think Safety First Always** and to drive in a fuel-efficient manner. Great work Team!

Qualcomm units will be used instead of cell phones in those trucks that have them starting January 1, 2011.... for tracking loads and fuel, communicating with drivers and eventually invoicing and payroll etc. Watch for upcoming Qualcomm training notices.

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