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## ARIPPA PERIODIC MEDIA NEWS – 11-1-16

[ARIPPA, EPCAMR Urge Senate To Continue Waste Coal Power Plant Tax Credits](#) - ARIPPA, the Anthracite Region Independent Power Producers Association, Tuesday urged the Senate Environmental Resources and Energy Committee to preserve a recently adopted tax credit measure that is set to increase from \$7.5 million to \$10 million per year in 2017 and to explore other opportunities for economic support and regulatory relief that would help to keep the plants operating.

[ARIPPA urges PA to continue its support of tax credits in order to continue remediation efforts](#) - In the last 20 years, Pennsylvania's 14 coal-refuse generating plants have removed 200 million tons of environmentally damaging coal refuse scattered throughout the coal regions of the state, improved or restored more than 1,200 miles of polluted streams and reclaimed more than 7,000 acres of abandoned land into productive uses.

[Coal refuse recovery works](#) - When government messes up, it's usually big news. On the flip side, government initiatives that work well are often overlooked and don't get the attention they deserve.

[New Use for Waste Coal](#) – Henry “Hank” Zielinski scanned a landscape that seems otherworldly: black, barren and bumpy with mounds of coal and rock.

[Northampton Generating subsidiary earns national award for mine land reclamation project](#) - The federal government has honored a subsidiary of Northampton Generating Co. for its work in reclaiming a former coal mine in northeastern Pennsylvania.

[Coal refuse as energy has many benefits](#) - We must take exception to Mr. Zerbo's letter to the editor (Oct. 19). The coal refuse to energy industry has removed and used as fuel over 200 million tons of coal refuse, improved 1,200 miles of streams affected by acid mine drainage and remediated and reclaimed over 7,000 acres of abandoned mine lands.

[Coal refuse can create clean energy, jobs](#) - Coal refuse from operations such as Panther Creek could be turned into clean energy and produce jobs.

[Cogeneration plants struggling to remain viable](#) - Pennsylvania's cogeneration industry has removed 200 million tons of coal refuse from the landscape. And they're only halfway done.

[Pennsylvania's coal refuse plants look to Harrisburg for aid](#) - A little known Pennsylvania industry is hoping to shine in Harrisburg's legislative spotlight.

[Coal Waste Recycling Industry Asks for Legislative Lifeline](#) - The coal waste recycling industry is calling on Pennsylvania lawmakers to provide a lifeline. It wants greater tax credits and other help as it struggles to stay afloat. Advocates claim both the local economy and environment are at stake.

[House candidates spar over mining legislation](#) - Generations of mining and then the eventual decline of the coal industry have left many local communities dealing with environmental and economic issues – from acid mine drainage to job losses – to address.

[ESI Study Used in Public Hearing to Decide Fate of PA Co-generation Industry](#) - Econsult Solutions Inc. (“ESI”), recently completed an economic and environmental impact study [report](#) for the Anthracite Region Independent Power Producers Association (ARIPPA).

[White House grants \\$2 million to communities affected by coal downturn](#) - President Barack Obama understands his clean-energy policies have drastically hurt the coal sector in the United States, which is why he's trying to help local communities affected by those policies before he leaves office.

[PUC to adopt changes to its alternative energy regulation](#) - The Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission voted unanimously today to adopt changes to its alternative energy regulations including controversial new limits on who can qualify for incentive payments for selling their extra alternative energy to the grid.

[Ohio regulators approve new rate plan for FirstEnergy](#) - State regulators on Wednesday unanimously approved a new plan allowing FirstEnergy Corp. to impose \$132.5 million a year in new surcharges on its customers over the next three years.

[Poll: Strong Support Across Appalachia for RECLAIM Act](#) - A [new Sierra Club poll](#) shows nearly nine out of every ten people living in Appalachia support a Kentucky congressman's plan to help communities impacted by America's shift away from coal.

[Court defines Pa. utility regulators' "narrow" authority on alternative energy](#) - The Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission might have narrower authority to regulate some facets of alternative energy generation than the agency has asserted, according to a recent decision by a state appellate court.

[Coal associations 'taking haircuts' to survive alongside producers](#) - Coal associations are feeling the pinch from fewer members and smaller budgets as the industry continues to navigate a prolonged downturn.

[Coal will not recover](#) - Coal production in the United States has declined enormously in recent years due to the simple reason that the coal-fired power industry is producing less of the country's electricity than ever.

[Toomey visits Schuylkill County coal company](#) - During a Tuesday tour of a Schuylkill County energy company, U.S. Sen. Pat Toomey said black diamonds still play a vital part in Pennsylvania's economy.

[Pittsburgh Botanic Garden brims with life after abandoned mine cleanup](#) - The Lotus Pond at the Pittsburgh Botanic Garden in North Fayette brims with life.