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Coal Refuse to Energy Facilities Awarded for Safety and Environmental Accomplishments

CAMP HILL, PA – The Appalachian Region Independent Power Producers Association (ARIPPA) recently recognized several coal refuse to energy facilities for their exemplary safety records and environmental stewardship through the removal and reclamation of coal refuse piles during the 2017 calendar year. Awards are granted to plants based on collected industry data and nominations submitted by member facilities.

American Bituminous Power Partners and Seward Generation each received a 2017 ARIPPA Environmental Achievement Award for their reclamation efforts in West Virginia and Pennsylvania. ARIPPA plant member facilities play a pivotal role in environmental cleanup of abandoned mine lands (AML). On average, the industry removes nearly 10 million tons of coal refuse and reclaims 200 acres per year.

American Bituminous received an award for their reclamation efforts at the Barrackville Surface Mine Wetlands in West Virginia. Completed during the summer of 2017, the wetland area reclamation work consisted of a 2-step revegetation process to help promote development of the wetland. As designed and constructed, the wetlands area provides excellent habitat for many species of wildlife. Duck boxes were installed around the perimeter of the wetland as well. American Bituminous also received awards from the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection, West Virginia Coal Association and Ducks Unlimited for their work on this site.

Seward Generation was recognized for their reclamation work on the Hastings site in Elder Township, Cambria County, PA. The 4.5 acre abandoned refuse pile was situated directly across from a house and parallel to Brubaker Run, which is in the Upper West Branch of the Susquehanna River Watershed. The coal refuse removed during the project was transported to the Seward power plant. Upon completion of reclamation, any soil like material encountered was saved and applied to the site followed by lime and fertilizer. It was then planted with grasses to develop an unmanaged natural habitat.

Coal refuse to energy facilities go above and beyond to ensure that safety of employees is a top priority. The coal refuse industry directly and indirectly supports approximately 3,800 jobs. A total of seven plants documented zero recordable OSHA incidents last year. Recognizing their outstanding commitment to safety standards, ARIPPA presented the following facilities with the 2017 ARIPPA Plant Safety Performance Award: American Bituminous Power Partners, Cambria Cogen, Ebensburg Power Company, Mt. Carmel Cogen, Northampton Generating Company, Panther Creek Power Operating, and Seward Generation.

Recipients of the 2017 ARIPPA Outstanding Plant Award were also recognized for their accomplishments, goals, operating performance, community outreach and other significant activities throughout the year. This top honor was awarded to Northampton Generating Company of Northampton, PA for the anthracite region and American Bituminous Power Partners of Grant Town, WV for the bituminous region.

All awards were presented at the 2018 ARIPPA Annual Conference and Tech Convention on Wednesday, August 15, 2018 in Harrisburg, PA.

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