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### **ARIPPA Celebrates Coal Refuse Reclamation to Energy Industry's Commitment to Cleaning Up the Environment**

**CAMP HILL, PA** – In honor of Earth Day, the Appalachian Region Independent Power Producers Association (ARIPPA) would like to recognize the coal refuse reclamation to energy industry for their efforts in helping clean up abandoned mine lands (AML) and the associated air and water pollutants throughout Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

ARIPPA plant member facilities play a crucial role in environmental cleanup of legacy mine problems. Over the past 30 years, these facilities have remediated more than 225 million tons of coal refuse, improved or restored more than 1,200 miles of streams, and reclaimed more than 7,200 acres of abandoned mine lands in Pennsylvania alone. Furthermore, the single remaining facility in West Virginia remediates 530,000 tons of coal refuse annually and reclaims roughly 30 acres of land per year.

According to the federal government, there remains over \$10 billion worth of work needed to reclaim coal AML sites. We cannot afford to relinquish our role as an important partner in the cleanup of AML throughout the anthracite and bituminous coal regions. Visit [www.arippa.org](http://www.arippa.org) to view the positive environmental impacts of the many reclamation projects undertaken by these facilities since the inception of this vital industry. Additional information is also available on our website.

Organized in 1989, ARIPPA is a non-profit trade association comprised of independent electric power producers, environmental remediators, and service providers located in Pennsylvania and West Virginia that use coal refuse as a primary fuel to generate electricity. Utilizing circulating fluidized bed boiler technology to convert both anthracite and bituminous coal refuse into electricity, ARIPPA plants also provide unique multimedia environmental benefits by combining the production of energy with the removal of coal refuse piles and reclamation of the land for productive purposes.

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