TVA Recycles CCR

DID YOU KNOW...

TVA Recycles Coal Ash as Part of Our Mission of Environmental Stewardship

We recycle approximately 39% of the coal combustion residuals (CCR) we produce each year. That’s millions of tons of coal ash that does not have to be stored and managed in landfills.

The Environmental Protection Agency encourages the use of coal ash because the practice:

- Reduces the use of virgin resources
- Lowers greenhouse gas emissions
- Reduces the cost of coal ash disposal
- Improves strength and durability of materials

Coal ash improves the performance and sustainability of building products like cement, wall board, and roofing shingles.

TVA sells coal ash to companies that recycle it into products like cement and concrete.

TVA Recycles Coal Ash as Part of Our Mission of Economic Development

Recycling coal ash is not just good for the environment, it helps create hundreds of jobs across the Tennessee Valley. Byproducts of the coal combustion process are recycled and used to help fuel our region’s economic growth.

"The fly ash produced at Kingston is an excellent quality. Having a close, reliable source is vitally important to us."

Joe Fowler, General Manager of Ready Mix USA

Employs 140 people in Knoxville, TN

"The cost to build roads, runways, and bridges would increase by an estimated $104.6 billion over the next 20 years if fly ash were not available."

American Road and Transportation Builders Association

"Fly ash from Kingston plays a vital role in our supply chain, providing us with quality material that exceeds the expectations of our customer base."

Wesley Blalock, General Manager of Blalock Ready Mix in Sevierville, TN

Employs 100+ people in East Tennessee

Built with Coal Ash

Notable national monuments and infrastructure all across the country are built with coal ash.

Oakland Bay Bridge

Hoover Dam

One World Trade Center

Washington, D.C. Metro

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Our Commitment to You
The Tennessee Valley is our home. We care about our neighbors and about protecting our air, land, and water resources.

TVA is committed to serving our communities through our mission of providing low-cost, reliable power, environmental stewardship, and economic development.

This commitment also includes the safe, responsible management of coal combustion residuals (CCR), or what is commonly referred to as coal ash, which is a byproduct of burning coal for electricity.

TVA is an Industry Leader in Safe, Secure Monitoring and Management of Coal Ash
TVA is pioneering new technology and using the best science, data, and research to ensure our coal ash sites are safe and secure.

We designed the Advanced Technology for Impoundment Monitoring (ATIM) system, which is the nation’s first and only one of its kind, that monitors our coal ash storage sites 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

TVA Works with Regulators to Ensure Our Actions Are Safe and Effective
TVA's customized, science-based monitoring and management plans for each of our coal ash sites across the Tennessee Valley meet or exceed regulatory requirements set forth by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and state regulators.

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Safe, Responsible Coal Ash Management

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