

COAL COMBUSTION RESIDUALS (CCR) FLORIDA PROGRAM STATUS

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CCR FEDERAL RULE – A BRIEF HISTORY

40 CFR, Part 257 - effective on April 19, 2015:

- Established national criteria for the disposal of CCR in landfills and surface impoundments.
- CCR materials include fly ash, bottom ash, boiler slag and flue gas desulfurization (FGD) materials.

Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act (WIIN Act) - effective on December 31, 2016:

- Allows for EPA approval of State permitting programs for CCR units.
- Once approved, the State permit program operates "in lieu of" the federal CCR rule.
- Participation by states is optional.
- EPA will implement a permit program for "non-participating states".



FDEP CCR APPROACH

Pursue rule making:

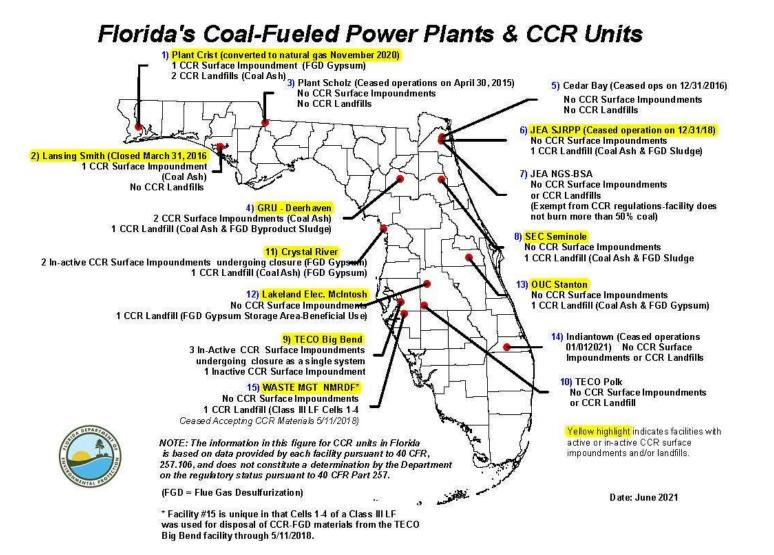
- Adopt federal rule by fast track (62-701.804, F.A.C.).
- Develop a CCR permitting program by standard rule making (62-701.805, F.A.C.).

Seek EPA approved CCR permitting program:

- Use approved state applications as template.
- Create program permitting program specific to CCR.



CCR FACILITIES





CCR TIMELINE

- Aug. 15, 2019 Notice of rule Development.
- April 10, 2020 Rule draft to EPA.
- June 26, 2020 Rule workshop.
- July 8, 2021 Notice of proposed rule 62-701.805 (permitting program).
- July 16, 2021 Draft of Florida's State Permit Program Application for CCR to EPA.
- July 20, 2021 Notice of proposed rule 62-701.804 (adoption of federal rules).
- July 30, 2021 CCR rulemaking public hearing.
- Sept. 2, 2021 Final comments on proposed rules from EPA.
- Oct. 1, 2021 EPA comments on draft narrative.
- Dec. 3, 2021 Second hearing on 62-701.805 and 62-701.900.



CCR TIMELINE - continued

- March 1, 2022 Rules 62-701.220, 62-701.310, and 62-701.804 effective.
- March 9, 2022 Rules 62-701.805 and 62-701.900 effective.
- March 31, 2022 Notice of Rule Development (corrections).
- April 19, 2022 Notice of Proposed Rule for 62-701.804.
- May 17, 2022 Notice of Proposed Rule Amendments for 62-701.805 and 62-701.900.
- June 6, 2022 Revised draft of the application documents sent to EPA.
- June 9, 2022 Rule 62-701.804 effective.
- Aug. 16, 2022 Rules 62-701.805 and 62-701.900 effective.
- Aug. 24, 2022First permit application received.
- April 7, 2023 First permit issued.
- March 3, 2023 DEP received partial comments on draft narrative and rules from EPA.



QUESTIONS IDENTIFIED BY EPA

Florida default permit statute - Chapter 120.60(1), Florida Statutes:

- Potential deal breaker.
- Requires request for additional information 30 days.
- Issue permit or denial 90 days.

Grandfathering clause in Florida CCR rule:

- 62-701.805(8)(g).
- (g) This subsection does not apply to CCR units that commenced closure or post-closure care before March 1, 2022, in accordance with paragraph(8)(a), paragraph (8)(f), or pursuant to judicial order, judicially-approved consent decree, Department consent order, or other Department authorization. For purposes of this subsection, a CCR unit has commenced closure or post-closure care if the owner or operator has obtained the federal, state, or local approvals or permits necessary to begin physical construction related to closure or to begin post-closure care monitoring, and a continuous on-site physical construction program related to closure or actual post-closure care monitoring had begun prior to March 1, 2022.



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Public participation:

- Clarification of the implementation of Florida's public participation process.
- Detailed requirements not necessarily in federal rule.
- Goal posts keep moving.



NEW AND CONTINUING CHALLENGES

EPA proposed legacy rule:

- Legacy units = inactive units at inactive facilities.
- More likely to fail based on age and construction.
- Establish regulatory requirements for legacy units.
- Establish requirements for CCR managed directly on the land.
- One potentially impacted facility in Florida.

EPA has suggested more changes to FDEP final rules:

- Industry concern go backs after program is approved.
- Grandfathered units.
- Revisions to state permitted units.

Facility Name	Facility Operation Status	PPSA COC #	Date of Initial PPSA Certification	Date of Most Re	cent COC Change Amendment	WACS #	SW Permit	Part 257 CCR Units	Application Received	Application Status	Intent/Final Permit Status
						0 un Pe FL W 99720 Co Is: 3/ E> 3/ M	Operates under IW Permit No. FL0002275 with SW Conditions. Issued: 2/29/19	Ash Landfill 1 (Operation)	3/9/2023	Incomplete RAI#1 4/7/2023	
Gulf Clean Energy		Not a						Ash Landfill 2 (Operation)	3/9/2023	Incomplete RAI#1 4/7/2023	
Center (formerly Plant Crist)		PPSA facility	NA	NA	NA			Gypsum Storage Area (Surface Impoundment Closure)	3/9/2023	Incomplete RAI#1 4/7/2023	
GRU Deerhaven	Active	74-04	5/16/78	4/21/2020	8/21/2019	97682		Surface Impoundment System – Ash Cell #1 and Ash Cell #2 (Closure)	8/24/2022	Complete	Permit 4/7/2023
								Landfill (Operation)	9/13/2022	Complete	Intent 4/7/2023
SEC Seminole	Active	78-10	9/18/79	7/27/2018	1/7/2021	94790	None	Increment 1 Landfill (Operation)	1/23/20233	Incomplete RAI#1 2/20/23	
Crystal River	Active	77-09	11/21/78	7/14/2020	3/17/2021	97667	None	Ash Storage/Disposal Area (Landfill Operation)	12/13/2022	Complete	Intent 6/6/2023
Lakeland McIntosh	Active	74-06	Unit 3 12/7/78 Unit 5 6/1/00	3/6/2013	9/13/2011	95347	None	Byproduct Storage Area (Landfill Closure)	9/6/2022	Complete	Draft NOI in process
OUC Stanton	Active	81-14	Unit 1 2/15/82 Unit 2 12/17/91 Unit A 9/21/01 Unit B 12/8/06	8/30/2017	5/29/2019	97663	None	Combustion Waste Storage Area Cells 1 and 2 (Landfill Operation)	3/31/2023	Incomplete RAI#1 4/28/2023	

THANK YOU



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