

1st and 15th Report for Executive Director Thomas H. Adams

April 1, 2014

Farmington Hills, MI – The ACAA has been receiving numerous requests for comment in the wake of the Dan River ash spill in North Carolina in early February. Organizations such as the Associated Press, Wall Street Journal, USA Today, as well as trade press and many local media outlets have contacted our office. In addition, Al Jazeera America, a new cable television network, asked for a taped interview for their version of “60 Minutes”. The ACAA response has been consistent – we are not in the disposal business and therefore have no comment on what should or should not be done with ash ponds. We have noted that whatever is decided, opportunities to recover and recycle ash should be part of any plan.

Washington, D.C. – A meeting was held with the EPA to discuss the risk evaluation methodology released in early February and subsequent webinars on this topic. EPA staff reiterated the agency’s desire to re-engage with recycling interests for a number of industrial materials, but is not quite sure how they will move ahead. They did say that they are struggling with unencapsulated uses and how to evaluate safety. It seems that the agency guidance on uses such as structural fill and stabilized bases will be quite different from that on fly ash in concrete and FGD gypsum in wallboard. It was also noted by EPA in the meeting that some of the individuals working with CCP issues over the last several years will be retiring at the end of 2014.

Reno, NV – The American Concrete Institute held its spring convention last week. Executive Director Thomas Adams gave an update on recent regulatory developments to ACI 232, Fly Ash and Natural Pozzolans. Several questions were asked concerning the EPA risk evaluation methodology and its application. In the 232 meeting as well as other committee meetings, continued concern was expressed regarding fly ash availability and quality due to market conditions and compliance with Clean Air regulations.

Farmington Hills, MI – Following approval at the ACAA 2014 Winter Meeting, agreements have been formalized with two contractors to produce documents to support beneficial use. The American Road and Transportation Builders Association (ARTBA) has been hired to provide an analysis of the history and future of beneficial use. The ARTBA report is expected in September. ARTBA previously produced the report analyzing the impact of fly ash availability to the state departments of transportation. That report, issued in 2012, was a major tool in focusing attention on the danger of a hazardous waste regulation for disposal of CCP.

Capstrat, a marketing consultancy in North Carolina, will be working on messaging to end users on the safety and availability of coal combustion products. The EPA suggestion that

CCP be regulated as hazardous waste for disposal caused owners to become overly concerned about the safety of CCP. As a result, ash was removed from many project specifications. To regain the confidence of the marketplace, Capstrat will help the ACAA develop messaging and delivery pathways clarifying the safety when CCP is used appropriately. The Capstrat project is dependent to an extent on the ARTBA report and is expected to be finished by the end of 2014.

Farmington Hills, MI – The ACAA has joined the Canadian Industries Recycling Coal Ash (CIRCA) as an associate member. CIRCA’s mission is quite similar to that of the ACAA. ACAA’s leadership feels it is important to support beneficial use throughout North America whenever possible.

Lexington, KY – The 2014 Ash Utilization Workshop will be held on April 29 and 30. Co-hosted by the Center for Applied Energy Research at the University of Kentucky and the ACAA, the workshop offers a comprehensive overview of the generation of CCP, characteristics, markets for CCP, testing methodology, and regulatory issues. Speakers include members of the University of Kentucky faculty as well as industry experts. For more information, visit this link: <http://www.caer.uky.edu/ash2014/home.shtml>.

Farmington Hills, MI – ACAA members need to be aware of two important notes. First, Alyssa Barto, ACAA Member Liaison, will be going on maternity leave in the very near future. Alyssa is training a person to handle ACAA affairs during her leave. Alyssa will return after our summer meeting. So, if you call the ACAA office and hear a different voice, don’t panic!

Second, we are getting ready to send out requests for the 2013 CCP Production and Use Survey. Dave Goss will be managing this project once again. Now, more than ever, it is important for all utilities with coal-fired generation to report. The ACAA survey is widely used by industry and government as the point of reference on CCP recycling. A high response rate is critical to producing a high quality document. While we realize that this report takes time to complete accurately, its value has been proven time and time again during the last five years as we have battled to protect beneficial use. Please urge your colleagues to complete the report as soon as possible. Thank you.

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Coming Events

April 2 – GLG Investment Conference, New York, NY

April 7 to 10 – ASTM Committees E50 and E60, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

April 29 and 30 – Ash Utilization Workshop, Lexington, KY

April 30 – Cement/Concrete Day on the Hill, Washington, D.C.

May 6 to 7 – FHWA Sustainable Pavements Technical Working Group, Minneapolis, MN

May 12 to 15 – International Concrete Sustainability Conference, Cambridge, MA

June 11 – Rally for Roads, Washington, D.C.

**June 17 and 18 – ACAA Summer Membership Meeting,
Pittsburgh, PA (tentative)**

June 22 to 27 – ASTM Committees C 09 and C 01, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

July 27 to 31 – AASHTO Subcommittee on Materials, Minneapolis, MN

**October 7 and 8 – ACAA Fall Membership Meeting, San Antonio,
TX (tentative)**

October 26 to 30 – American Concrete Institute Fall Convention, Washington, D.C.

December 7 to 12 – ASTM C 09 and C 01, New Orleans, LA

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