



THE ADMINISTRATOR
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

September 14, 2026

Mr. Clint Woods
Commissioner
Indiana Department of Environmental Management
100 North Senate Avenue
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Dear Commissioner Woods:

Through this letter, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is notifying you that we consider the Indiana Coal Combustion Residuals Permit Program Application submitted on June 26, 2026, and supplemented on September 9, 2026, pursuant to Title 42, U.S. Code, Section 6945(d)(1), to be complete. The application contains the necessary elements of Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 257, Subpart D, and the elements of a permitting program that will allow EPA to make a preliminary determination on the adequacy of Indiana's CCR permit program. For the specific reasons stated in Indiana's application, the state is seeking partial program approval.

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management adopted CCR rules at Title 329, Indiana Administrative Code, Article 14: Coal Combustion Residuals from Electric Utilities and Independent Power Producers. The final rule was adopted on December 18, 2025. Pursuant to IC 13-19-3-3(d) and (g), the rule will be effective upon the effective date of the final approval of the Indiana CCR permit program by EPA under 42 U.S.C., Section 6945(d)(1).

EPA is proposing to approve Indiana's partial program. The agency will begin the formal process of soliciting public comment and making a final determination on whether to approve Indiana's partial CCR permit program. In accordance with 42 U.S.C., Section 6945(d)(1)(B), EPA will finalize this determination within 180 days of this letter. The agency will soon publish a notice in the *Federal Register* announcing and soliciting public comment on its proposed determination. We look forward to continuing to work with Indiana during the program review process.

If you have questions or concerns on the completeness determination of the Indiana CCR permit program application or next steps in the process, please contact me or Andrew Baca, director of EPA's Office of Resource Conservation and Recovery, at baca.andrew@epa.gov or (202) 564-6012.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lee Zeldin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lee" and last name "Zeldin" clearly distinguishable.

Lee M. Zeldin