**Coal Ash Composition and Risk-Based Characterization**

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Coal combustion products (CCPs) or residuals (CCRs) are a product of a natural material (coal) and as such are made up of constituents naturally present in our environment. Ranges of constituent concentrations in CCPs from various sources will be presented, and the concentrations will be compared to risk-based screening levels to address the use of the description “toxic coal ash” in the media. Comparisons of constituent concentrations between CCPs and natural and man-made materials will be presented for context. A bibliography of source materials will be provided.