

## HR 493

Coal Ash Reclamation, Environment, and Safety Act of 2009

**Congress:** 111 (2009–2011, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Environmental Protection

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**Latest Action:** Subcommittee Hearings Held. (Feb 12, 2009)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Rahall, Nick J., II [D-WV-3]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** WV • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Sarbanes, John P. [D-MD-3]	D · MD		Feb 3, 2009

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Feb 12, 2009

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Environmental Protection

### Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Coal Ash Reclamation, Environment, and Safety Act of 2009 - Directs the Secretary of the Interior to promulgate regulations that: (1) establish design, engineering, and performance standards that provide for safe storage and disposal of covered wastes in impoundments; and (2) contain requirements that are substantially similar to the requirements that apply to impoundments under provisions in the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 concerning environmental protection performance standards for surface coal mining and reclamation operations and standards and criteria for coal mine waste piles. Prohibits persons from constructing or operating impoundments for the storage or disposal of covered wastes on any land in any state except as in accordance with such regulations.

Provides for the monitoring and enforcement of such requirements and prohibitions.

Requires the Secretary to complete an inventory of existing impoundments for the deposit and maintenance of covered wastes. Authorizes the Secretary to issue orders necessary to ensure that impoundments comply with requirements.

Defines the term "covered wastes" to mean wastes in areas other than the mine working or excavations, including coal ash, slag, and flue gas desulfurization materials stored or disposed of in liquid, semi-liquid, or solid form.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Feb 12, 2009:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Feb 4, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.
- **Jan 14, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 14, 2009:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E82-83)
- **Jan 14, 2009:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.