

## **EPA's Proposed Rule to Revise the Existing CCR Regulations Must be Modified to Address Small Business Concerns.**

On April 27, 2018, the Office of Advocacy (Advocacy) filed a comment letter with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regarding its proposed rule entitled, “*Hazardous and Solid Waste Management System: Disposal of Coal Combustion Residuals From Electric Utilities; Amendments to the National Minimum Criteria (Phase One)*.” A complete copy of Advocacy’s letter to EPA may be accessed at: <http://www.sba.gov/advocacy/>.

- On March 15, 2018, EPA issued the proposed rule, which will revise the existing federal regulations for coal combustion residuals (CCR) from electric utilities; these changes include:
  - Establishes alternative performance standards for CCR units located in states with approved permit programs;
  - Modifies alternate closure provisions;
  - Allows the use of CCR in a final cover system of a unit subject to closure; and
  - Adds boron to the list of constituents in Appendix IV.
- The impacts of some of the revisions will result in increased compliance costs for many small businesses.
- Advocacy urges EPA to carefully address small business concerns and to consider providing appropriate and timely regulatory relief and flexibilities to small businesses while still accomplishing the agency’s regulatory objective.

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