



SUPPORT

COAL ASH RECYCLING

Coal combustion residuals, (“CCRs”) or more commonly, “coal ash,” are materials produced when coal is burned to generate electricity. In December 2014, EPA issued a final coal ash rule, which provided for non-hazardous regulation of coal ash; however, EPA has made it clear it will consider reversing course in the future. Legislation is needed to provide certainty regarding the non-hazardous designation, while promoting the recycling of coal ash for beneficial use, including use in construction materials. Without legislative certainty, the only compliance mechanism for EPA’s designation is costly citizen lawsuits.

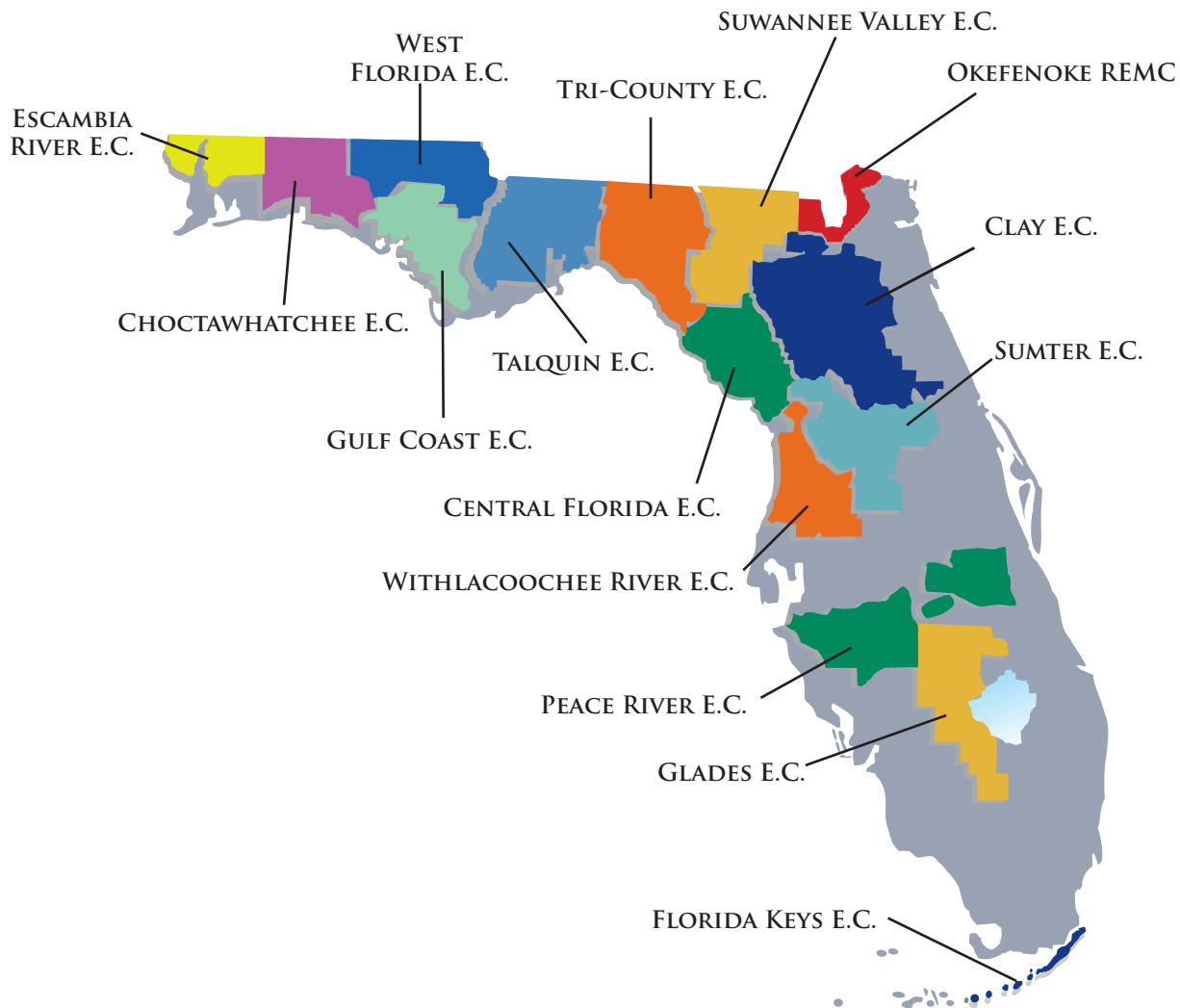
Together, the Seminole Generating Station and PowerSouth’s Lowman Power Plant generate approximately 900,000 tons of CCRs per year. Currently, more than 600,000 tons are recycled to produce wallboard, cement, and concrete block. If we were unable to recycle this material, it would have to be landfilled, or disposed of in some other, more expensive manner.

Florida’s electric cooperatives and the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) support H.R.1734, the “Improving Coal Combustion Residuals Regulation Act of 2015,” a bill that properly balances a healthy environment and electric cooperatives’ mission to provide affordable, reliable electricity. This bill will also ensure that coal ash can continue to be recycled into valuable building products. It recently passed out of the Energy and Commerce Committee.

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with Rep. McKinley’s office to become a co-sponsor of H.R.1734, the “Improving Coal Combustion Residuals Regulation Act of 2015.”

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