



**THE ADMINISTRATOR**  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

June 2, 2026

The Honorable Courtney J. Burdette  
Secretary  
Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality  
602 North Fifth Street  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802

Dear Madam Secretary:

Through this letter, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is notifying you that we consider the Louisiana Coal Combustion Residuals Permit Program Application submitted on May 20, 2025, and revised on March 19, 2026, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 6945(d)(1), to be complete. The application contains the necessary elements of 40 CFR Part 257, Subpart D, and the elements of a permitting program, that will allow EPA to make a preliminary determination on the adequacy of Louisiana's CCR permit program. For the specific reasons stated in Louisiana's application, the state is seeking partial program approval.

The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality adopted CCR regulations in a new chapter of Louisiana's Solid Waste Regulations at 33.VII.Chapter 10. The LDEQ largely adopted by reference the requirements of 40 CFR Part 257, Subpart D as amended through July 1, 2022, except for certain provisions. Louisiana also has state-specific CCR requirements in addition to the requirements in 40 CFR 257, Subpart D. The State's amended rules pertaining to the regulation of CCR became effective on October 20, 2024.

EPA is proposing to approve Louisiana's partial program. The agency will begin the formal process of soliciting public comment and making a final determination on whether to approve Louisiana's partial CCR permit program. In accordance with 42 U.S.C. § 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 Louisiana during the program review process.

If you have questions or concerns on the completeness determination of the Louisiana's 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](mailto:baca.andrew@epa.gov) or (202) 564-6012.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lee M. Zeldin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lee M. Zeldin