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Karen Hyun, Ph.D.
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Dear Dr. Hyun:

Through this letter, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is notifying you that we consider the Wisconsin Coal Combustion Residuals Permit Program Application submitted on February 24, 2026, pursuant to Title 42, U.S. Code, Section 6945(d)(1), to be complete. The application contains the necessary elements of Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 257, Subpart D, and the elements of a permitting program that will allow EPA to make a preliminary determination on the adequacy of Wisconsin's CCR permit program. For the specific reasons stated in Wisconsin's application, the state is seeking partial program approval.

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources adopted CCR-related amendments for CCR landfills in Natural Resources Chapters 500, 504-508, 512-516 and 520 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code, effective on August 1, 2022. The Wisconsin CCR regulations largely replicate the requirements for CCR landfills of 40 CFR, Part 257, Subpart D amended through August 28, 2020. In addition to the technical criteria, Wisconsin has adopted state-specific permit requirements, including public participation requirements. Wisconsin also has additional reporting and approval requirements for CCR units.

EPA is proposing to approve Wisconsin's partial program. The agency will begin the formal process of soliciting public comment and making a final determination on whether to approve Wisconsin's partial CCR permit program. In accordance with 42 USC, Section 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* soliciting public comment on its proposed determination. We look forward to continuing to work with Wisconsin during the program review process.

If you have questions or concerns on the completeness determination of Wisconsin'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 or (202) 564-6012.

Sincerely,



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