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Re: Oklahoma Coal Combustion Residuals Permit Program Application

Dear Mr. Thompson:

Through this letter, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is notifying you that we consider the Oklahoma Coal Combustion Residuals (CCR) Permit Program Application initially submitted on July 31, 2017, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 6945(d)(1) to be complete. The application contains all of the necessary elements of 40 CFR Part 257, Subpart D and the elements of a permitting program.

Oklahoma's regulations in Title 252 Chapter 517 *Disposal of Coal Combustion Residuals from Electric Utilities* regulations were promulgated in the Oklahoma Administrative Code on September 16, 2016, and were certified by the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality Executive Counsel on July 27, 2017. The rules, in their entirety, became effective on September 15, 2017.

EPA will now begin the formal process of soliciting public comment and making a final determination on whether to approve Oklahoma's 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. In the near future, EPA plans to publish a notice in the *Federal Register* announcing and soliciting public comment on its proposed determination. EPA looks forward to continuing to work with Oklahoma during the program review process.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact me or Barnes Johnson, Director of EPA's Office of Resource Conservation and Recovery, at (703) 308-8895 or johnson.barnes@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Barry N. Breen".

Barry N. Breen
Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator