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DEP Names New Bureau Chief for Solid & Hazardous Waste

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John A. Coates, P.E., has been named by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Division of Waste Management as the Bureau Chief for Solid and Hazardous Waste. The position has been vacant since Charlie Goddard began serving as the new Assistant Director for Waste Management earlier this year. Mr. Coates previously served as a Deputy Director in Water Resource Management.

EPA Releases CCR Notice of Data Availability and Request for Comment

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On October 12, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published a Notice of Data Availability and Request for Comment (NODA). The NODA was issued in conjunction with EPA's rule co-proposals to regulate coal combustion residuals (CCRs) from electric utilities as a solid or hazardous waste that was published on June 21, 2010. See 75 Fed. Reg. 35127. EPA is

soliciting comments on the validity and propriety of the information, data, and analyses noticed in the NODA. Specifically, EPA is requesting comment on chemical constituent data from CCRs, facility and waste management unit data, information on alleged damage cases, adequacy of state programs, beneficial use, and a variety of approaches to the risk assessment and the regulatory impact analysis. Comments must be submitted by November 14, 2011. HGS is working with clients to develop comments on the NODA and will be monitoring the CCR rule as it develops.