



CHESAPEAKE BAY FOUNDATION

House Bill 1065

Coal Combustion By-Product Materials - Grant Program and Procurement Preference

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Position: **FAVORABLE**

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Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF) **SUPPORTS House Bill 1065**, which creates a grant program to facilitate the beneficial reuse of coal-ash byproduct and develop a procurement preference program to ensure these products have a viable market. The bill will ensure that coal ash material is responsibly managed and regulated, that there is appropriate oversight of cleanup efforts, and the financial resources exist to address this ongoing environmental and public health concern.

There are at least 70 coal ash disposal sites across the state of Maryland that account for more than 50 million tons of waste material. This is a pressing problem that requires State action to protect our vulnerable waterways, especially those in environmentally overburdened communities. While ideally in the future Maryland is generating no coal ash byproduct, this bill ensure what does exist is managed responsibly.

CBF urges the Committee's FAVORABLE report on HB 1065.

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