Ohio State’s Coal Combustion Products Program focuses on sustainable, high-volume beneficial uses of coal combustion products (CCPs), primarily from sulfur dioxide scrubbing processes, in construction, reclamation, infrastructure rehabilitation, manufacturing and agricultural applications. This program advances the beneficial uses of CCPs from sulfur dioxide scrubbing processes as well as more traditional byproducts, including fly ash, bottom ash, boiler slag and fluidized-bed combustor ash. Re-use of CCPs provides a low-cost raw construction material; extends the life of landfills, and lessens the need for new ones; and helps keep energy production costs in check.
Funded by the Ohio Coal Development Office, Ohio State University, Ohio coal-fired utilities, ash marketers, private businesses and trade and farming organizations, the Coal Combustion Products Program improves and discovers technically sound, environmentally friendly and commercially competitive uses of CCPs in many interdisciplinary sustainable applications.

The program aids the CCP industry through research, education, technology transfer and outreach in its efforts to:

- expand uses in proven areas, such as highway and agricultural applications;
- remove or reduce regulatory and perceptual barriers to use;
- develop new or under-used large-volume market applications, such as mine land reclamation; and
- place greater emphasis on sulfate and sulfite flue gas desulfurization byproducts utilization.

More than 500 animal feeding pads in more than 12 Ohio counties are made from coal combustion products, including feeding pads at The Wilds in Muskingum County.