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# The Continuing Impact of Coal Ash

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Coal ash – the byproduct of two centuries of burning coal to generate power – continues to roil the U.S. energy sector. Troutman Pepper's Brian Harms and Brooks Smith discuss the dilemmas facing utilities and other energy sector companies in managing the environmental, regulatory, and financial risks presented by coal ash as the U.S. transitions to clean energy sources.

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