Sixty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO. 1090

Introduced by

Energy and Natural Resources Committee

(At the request of the Department of Environmental Quality)

- 1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 23.1-08-04 of the North Dakota Century Code,
- 2 relating to coal combustion residuals; and to declare an emergency.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

- 4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 23.1-08-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is
- 5 amended and reenacted as follows:
- 6 23.1-08-04. Coal combustion residuals Present use and disposal deemed
- 7 acceptable.
- 8 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the legislative assembly deems the present use
- 9 and disposal of coal combustion residuals to be acceptable and that present regulation allows
- 10 for the beneficial use of coal combustion residuals in concrete, for other construction
- 11 applications, and for other innovative uses and allows for safe disposal without coal combustion
- residuals being regulated as a hazardous waste. For purposes of regulating coal combustion
- 13 <u>residuals, the term "ground water" means water below the land surface in a zone of saturation.</u>
- 14 If a federal law or regulation is adopted pertaining to the use and disposal of coal combustion
- 15 residuals, this section does not prohibit the state from seeking state primacy of the federal
- 16 program.
- 17 **SECTION 2. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.