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Dear NCTA Members, Friends and Associates:

At this time I am happy to announce that Mr. John Ward has been selected to serve as NCTA's new Executive Director as of May 1, 2019.

Many of you may know John already as a familiar face at our conferences. He has made presentations at NCTA conferences in the past on topics from coal ash recycling to governmental affairs affecting the energy industry. For more than two decades John has worked closely with a variety of trade associations to advance the interests of the coal industry and its participants. John currently serves as president of John Ward Inc., a public affairs consultancy to the coal ash and energy industries. He is the longstanding chairman of the American Coal Ash Association's (ACAA) government relations committee. He is the author of ACAA's weekly digital Phoenix newsletter and supervises publications of its twice-yearly magazine. John serves as a media spokesman for ACAA and advises other coal producer and coal consumer organizations regarding communications and public affairs. John has testified before Congressional committees on matters related to coal public policy and is a frequent speaker at industry conferences on coal-related environmental policy.

Please join me in welcoming John to the NCTA organization. We look forward to working with John to provide our community of members leadership on the many issues affecting our industry.

We look forward to seeing you in 2019 at our upcoming O&M Committee Conference June 10-12 in St. Louis, MO, and the Forty-Fifth Annual Business meeting and General Conference September 9-11 at the Royal Sonesta Hotel in Baltimore, MD.

I wish to thank our Directors and membership for their support, enthusiasm and dedication to this organization as we look forward to a successful and productive year.

Thank you

Emily Regis  
President, NCTA Board of Directors