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Nichiha Fly Ash statement

There has been a great deal of attention focused recently on the landfill disposal of coal and "fly" ash, which is a by-product of coal-burning power plants. The materials used to produce Nichiha fiber cement products are not considered hazardous to ones health which is evident by our [Material Safety Data Sheet](#). Fly ash is an active and beneficial ingredient in Nichiha's fiber cement siding products, and has been used safely for more than 70 years in the production of concrete and other building materials.

Environmentalists from the EPA have long promoted the beneficial re-use of fly ash in encapsulated forms such as cement and siding where it acts as a bonding agent. By focusing on a positive re-use of the fly ash in our siding products, Nichiha has been able to divert tens of thousands of tons of fly ash each year from being dumped into landfills or released into the air.

At Nichiha we are dedicated stewards of the environment and our products are recognized by the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED program and by GreenSpec. Recycling fly ash reduces green house gas emissions, decreases the utilization of virgin resources and eases the burden on our country's landfills. The EPA, the U.S. Department of Energy, the Federal Highway Administration, among other have banded together to find a solution to the current problem of land-filling coal ash and other coal combustion products, an initiative Nichiha wholly supports.

For more information visit <http://www.epa.gov/osw/partnerships/c2p2/index.htm>.