

Bethany Schunn is the Plant Manager of the Cardinal Plant in Brilliant, OH. Cardinal Plant is an 1800 MW coal fired power plant, jointly owned by investor-owned electric utility, American Electric Power, and member owned electric utility, Buckeye Power.

Prior to joining Buckeye Power, Bethany was employed at American Electric Power's Conesville Plant, near Coshocton, OH, serving in a variety of leadership roles. Bethany first started at Conesville in 2005 as the Plant Chemist and later went on to serve as the FGD Process Owner and I&C Team Leader. In 2015, Bethany was promoted to the role of Maintenance Superintendent, managing the plant mechanical maintenance, electrical, planning, accounting, and outage departments, as well as the plant process owners and all onsite contractors.

Bethany joined Buckeye Power in 2017 as the Transition Manager at their Cardinal Plant. Bethany served as the onsite liaison for Buckeye Power during the transition period of operatorship from American Electric Power to Buckeye Power. In May of 2018, Bethany was named as the Cardinal Plant Manager, leading a diverse team of 300 plus employees at the time of transition.

In December 2018, Bethany was selected as one of four speakers to speak on a women's panel at PowerGen International, the world's largest power generation event. In 2019, Bethany was named by the Public Utilities Fortnightly Magazine as one of the "Under Forty Rising Stars - Next Generation of Up and Comers in the Utilities Industry". Schunn was also recognized in the March 2019 edition of Rural Electric Magazine as the first woman to serve as Plant Manager of the Cardinal Power Plant in its fifty-year history. Throughout her career, Bethany has completed numerous leadership programs at the local and corporate level, as well as spoke at various large scale utility conferences.

A native of Wheeling, WV, Bethany holds a bachelor's degree in Chemistry and minors in Business and Economics from West Virginia Wesleyan College, as well as her master's degree in Business Administration from Wheeling Jesuit University. Bethany currently resides in St. Clairsville, OH with her husband and three children.