

US EPA FAILS COMMUNITIES  
WITH COAL ASH  
RECOMMENDATIONS

## What's In Coal Ash?

Coal ash can contain:

Arsenic

Beryllium

Boron

Cadmium

Chromium

Cobalt

Lead

Manganese

Mercury

Molybdenum

Selenium

Strontium

Thorium

Uranium

Vanadium

Dioxins

Polycyclic Aromatic  
Compounds (PAH's)



On December 19, 2014, the US Environmental Protection Agency released a long-awaited decision on the regulation and toxicity of coal ash. EPA's decision is a gift to the fossil fuel energy industry.

➤ The EPA has deemed toxic coal ash "non-hazardous." However, the EPA *never* claims that coal ash is harmless.

➤ Coal ash will be considered "solid waste."

➤ The EPA recommendations have no teeth- there will be no federal enforcement of the regulations. It's up to individual states and communities to enforce the law, and states are not required to adopt the rules.

➤ Old, abandoned sites are not subject to the recommendations.

➤ Although EPA recommends using more accurate methods to test the coal ash for toxicity other than the "Toxicity Characteristic Leaching Procedure" (TCLP), it is not required.

➤ There are minimum design and siting standards in EPA's rule. Existing North Carolina regulations require some of the standards proposed by EPA- neither of which adequately protect public health or the environment.

*What you can do:*

- 1. Locate your nearest landfill**
- 2. Find out if they will take coal ash**
- 3. Alert your community**
- 4. Organize against coal ash dumping**

*For more information, contact:*

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**NO COAL ASH DUMPING IN SOLID WASTE LANDFILLS!**