



NEWS RELEASE

TVA Seeks Public Input on Plan to Address Residual Ash in River System at Kingston

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. - The Tennessee Valley Authority is asking for input from the public on alternatives to address residual ash in the river system around the Kingston Fossil Plant as a result of the 2008 dike failure at the site.

The next step in the ongoing TVA Kingston Ash Recovery Project involves the River System Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis, or EE/CA, which will be released to the public August 10, 2012.

The EE/CA defines the removal action objectives in the river system, and describes and evaluates available alternatives to address residual ash in the river. Approximately 500,000 cubic yards of ash remain in the river system after time-critical dredging removed roughly 3.5 million cubic yards from the Emory River and East Embayment.

The EE/CA was prepared following extensive sampling and analysis of animals and plants, and surface water, groundwater, and sediment, and assessment of potential human health and ecological risks for the river system.

The sampling and analysis plan was approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in conjunction with the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation in June 2010.

A public meeting to discuss the various alternatives will take place August 21 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. EDT in the auditorium of Roane County High School, 540 West Cumberland Street, Kingston, Tennessee. The auditorium is located in Building B on the Spring Street side of the high school.

The public is also invited to comment on the alternatives in writing or by email beginning August 11 through September 10. At the end of the 30-day comment period, a written response to all pertinent comments will be prepared in a responsiveness summary and placed in the Administrative Record for the Kingston Ash Removal Project.

The entire River System EE/CA can be viewed at the Kingston Public Library,

1004 Bradford Way in Kingston, Tenn. The contact phone number for the library is (865) 376-9905.

These same documents are also available on computer disk at the Harriman Public Library, 601 Walden Street in Harriman, Tenn. The contact phone number for that library is (865) 882-3195.

The Administrative Record is also available online at: www.tva.com/kingston .

Comments may be mailed to TVA, P.O. Box 40 Kingston TN 37763-0040 and marked ATTN: Kingston Public Comments. Comments can be emailed to kingstoncomm@tva.gov.

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