

EPA report on TVA coal fly ash spill available for comment

Jan. 20 -- A new report on the cleanup effort of the coal fly ash spill at the Tennessee Valley Authority's Kingston site is available for public comment.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency released the Engineering Evaluation and Cost Analysis Report for the non-time-critical cleanup alternatives for restoration of some impacted by spilled fly ash at the TVA Kingston site in December 2008. In addition to remediation and costs, the report also addresses stabilization and closure of the failed dredge cell.

Public comments on the document will be taken through Feb. 18.

A separate report for the residual ash in the river system, after time critical dredging is finished, will be released at a later date.

The report and other site documents are available in several formats. Computer copies are available at the Harriman Public Library in Harriman, Tennessee; on line at www.epakingstontva.com and www.tva.com/kingston; and in hard copy form at TVA Outreach Center, 509 N. Kentucky St., Kingston, Tenn.; and Kingston Public Library, 1004 Bradford Way; Kingston.

Comments should be submitted by mail to TVA, P.O. Box 40, Kingston, TN 37763-0400, Attn: Kingston Public Comments; or e-mail kingstoncomm@tva.gov

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. The final decision on the type of removal action needed will be a balance of engineering effectiveness, implementation concerns, cost, regulatory requirements, and public comment.

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