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Administrator Stephen Johnson  
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Dear Administrator Johnson,

The EPA should begin to develop rules immediately to protect water supplies from coal ash pollution. Coal waste disposal sites release dangerous pollutants, such as arsenic, lead and other toxic metals into our water. Millions of people are exposed to unsafe levels of these dangerous wastes, and communities located near coal ash sites deserve protection.

Surely those who work at the EPA realize that they, their own children and extended families are not immune to the effects of drinking tap water laced with harmful metals from toxic waste. Surely those who have power to make a difference at EPA and to protect their own would do so by taking the necessary means to protect their loved ones and all fellow Americans.

The EPA's August 2007 study shows that the use of a composite liner system can significantly reduce the risk of exposure to cancer-causing and health-threatening pollution. Unfortunately the EPA has not taken action to establish federal rules requiring such protective measures. Strict standards regulating the disposal of CCW are long overdue, and the EPA should not delay any longer setting protective standards.

Sincerely,

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