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Power Plants ♦ Respiratory Health Association of Metropolitan Chicago ♦ Restoring Eden ♦ Resurrection Bay Conservation Alliance ♦ San Juan Citizens Alliance ♦ Save the Dunes ♦ Save the Valley ♦ Sierra Club ♦ South Carolina Coastal Conservation League ♦ South Dakota Peace & Justice Center ♦ Southern Alliance for Clean Energy ♦ Southern Environmental Law Center ♦ Southwest Research and Information Center ♦ Students for Environmental Concerns at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign ♦ Sustainable Earth ♦ Tennessee Coal Ash Survivors Network ♦ Tennessee Clean Water Network ♦ Utah Physicians for a Healthy Environment ♦ Valley Watch, Inc. ♦ Vermont Law School Environmental and Natural Resources Clinic ♦ Watauga Watershed Alliance ♦ Waterkeeper Alliance ♦ Wenham Lake Watershed Association ♦ West Virginia Highlands Conservancy ♦ Western Environmental Law Center ♦ Western North Carolina Alliance ♦ Western Organization of Resource Councils ♦ Wild Law ♦ Wildcat Audubon Society ♦ Wildlaw Community Organizing Project ♦ Women's Voices for the Earth ♦ Wyoming Conservation Voters ♦ Wyoming Outdoor Council

February 24, 2011

RE: Please Vote No on Any Continuing Resolution Riders Seeking to Defund EPA Coal Ash Work

Dear Senator:

On behalf of our millions of members, activists and supporters in all 50 states across the country, we are writing today to urge you to vote "No" on any riders restricting EPA's authority to implement strong safeguards on coal ash.

Coal ash is a dangerous waste generated by burning coal for energy, and it contains many hazardous metals and chemicals like arsenic, lead, hexavalent chromium and selenium. Despite its hazardous characteristics, coal ash is not subject to federal regulations, and state laws governing coal ash disposal are usually weak or non-existent.

Across the country, millions of tons of coal ash are being stored in unlined ponds, landfills and mines. Many of these sites lack adequate safeguards leaving nearby communities at risk from potential large scale disasters, like the massive coal ash spill in Tennessee in 2008, and from gradual yet equally dangerous contamination as coal ash toxins seep into drinking water sources.

As the nation's leader on clean air and water issues, EPA must address this problem. The public health and environmental hazards from unsafe coal ash dumping have been known for many years, including increased risk of cancer, learning disabilities, neurological disorders, birth defects, reproductive failure, asthma and other sickness.

EPA has the authority and responsibility to put in place common-sense rules that protect human health and the environment by controlling the disposal of dry coal ash and phasing out the dumping of wet ash in unsafe ponds. We ask Congress to support the EPA as they move forward with a coal ash rule that is based on the best science and that provides the same federally enforceable standards for all communities. Everyday, Americans face the danger of living with toxic coal ash in their backyards, threatening to poison their communities.

The time is now to protect them. Please vote "No" on any amendments that would stop EPA from implementing consistent and enforceable safeguards that will protect human health and the environment by ensuring safe disposal of coal ash across the nation.

Cc: 112th Senate

NATION-WIDE

Environmental Integrity Project
Citizens for Health
Clean Water Network
Clean Energy & Energy Efficiency Program
Defenders of Wildlife
Environment America
Friends of the Earth
Greenpeace
Izaak Walton League of America
League of Conservation Voters
National Parks Conservation Association
Physicians for Social Responsibility
Public Citizen
Restoring Eden

ALABAMA

Alabama Environmental Council
Black Warrior Riverkeeper
Blackbelt Citizens Fighting for Health and Justice
Cahaba Riverkeeper
Friends of Hurricane Creek
Hurricane Creekkeeper
Lowndes Citizens United for Action
Wild Law
Wildlaw Community Organizing Project

ALASKA

Alaska Community Action on Toxics
Cook Inletkeeper
Northern Alaska Environmental Center
Resurrection Bay Conservation Alliance

ARIZONA

Center for Biological Diversity

ARKANSAS

Arkansas Wildlife Federation
Audubon Arkansas

CALIFORNIA

As You Sow
Citizens Climate Lobby
Clean Water Action
Commonweal
Center for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Technologies
Earthjustice
Environmental Advocates
Interfaith Power & Light
Global Community Monitor

Healthy Child Healthy World
Making Our Milk Safe
Our Children's Earth Foundation
Sierra Club

COLORADO

Bardwell Consulting
Clean Energy Action
Colorado Fourteeners Against CCW
Ratepayers United of Colorado

CONNECTICUT

Environment Northeast

DELAWARE

Citizens for Clean Power

FLORIDA

Farmworker Association of Florida
Neighbors for Neighbors

GEORGIA

Environment Georgia
Environmental Justice Resource Center
Fall-line Alliance for a Clean Environment
Georgians for Smart Energy

HAWAII

Maui Tomorrow Foundation, Inc.

IDAHO

Idaho Rivers United

ILLINOIS

American Bottom Conservancy
Citizens Against Ruining the Environment – C.A.R.E.
Citizens Organizing Project, Knox County
Environmental Law & Policy Center
Faith in Place
Prairies River Network
Respiratory Health Association of Metropolitan Chicago
Students for Environmental Concerns at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

INDIANA

Hoosier Environmental Council
People in Need of Environmental Safety
(P.I.N.E.S.)
Protect Our Rivers Now!
Save the Dunes
Save the Valley
Sustainable Earth
Valley Watch, Inc.

IOWA

Iowa Environmental Council
Plains Justice

KANSAS

Arkansas River Coalition
Great Plains Alliance for Clean Energy

KENTUCKY

Kentucky Environmental Foundation
Kentuckians for the Commonwealth
Kentucky Heartwood
Kentucky Resources Council

LOUISIANA

Louisiana Bucket Brigade

MAINE

Conservation Law Foundation
Environment Northeast
Natural Resources Council of Maine

MARYLAND

Chesapeake Climate Action Network
Ekos-Squared
Greater Gambrills Improvement Association
Henry S. Cole & Associates, Inc.
Patuxent Riverkeeper

MASSACHUSETTS

Clean Air Task Force
Clean Power Now
Environment Northeast
HealthLink
Wenham Lake Watershed Association

MICHIGAN

Ecology Center
Lone Tree Council
Michigan Energy Alternatives Project
Michigan Land Use Institute
MidlandCARES

MINNESOTA

Clean Up the River Environment
Conservation Minnesota
Fresh Energy
Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy

MISSISSIPPI

Mississippians for Affordable Energy

MISSOURI

Concerned Citizens of Carroll County
Labadie Environmental Organization

MONTANA

Citizens for Clean Energy, Inc.
Montana Environmental Information Center
Women's Voices of the Earth
Western Organization of Resource Councils

NEBRASKA

Audubon Nebraska
Nebraska Groundwater Foundation
Wildcat Audubon Society

NEVADA

Great Basin Resource Watch

NEW HAMPSHIRE

An Environmental Trust, Inc.
Hopwood, Inc.

NEW JERSEY

Environment New Jersey

NEW MEXICO

San Juan Citizens Alliance
Southwest Research and Information Center

NEW YORK

Citizens' Environmental Coalition (NY)
Clean New York
Concerned Residents of Portland, NY + People
Like Us
Natural Resources Defense Council
New York Public Interest Research Group
Waterkeeper Alliance

NORTH CAROLINA

Appalachian Voices
Catawba Riverkeeper
Clean Air Carolina
Clean Water for North Carolina

Mountain Voices Alliance
People Advocating Real Conservancy (PARC)
French Broad Riverkeeper
NC Conservation Network
North Carolina Conservation Network
North Carolina Interfaith Power & Light
Western North Carolina Alliance

NORTH DAKOTA

Dakota Resource Council

OHIO

Meigs Citizens Action Now!
Ohio Citizen Action
Ohio Environmental Council
Ohio River Foundation

OKLAHOMA

B.E. Cause
Center for Energy Matters

OREGON

OPAL Environmental Justice Oregon
Western Environmental Law Center

PENNSYLVANIA

Action for Change Today
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Environment, Inc. (CAUSE)
Citizen Power
Citizens Against Coal Ash (CACA)
Citizens Against Longwall Mining (CALM)
Citizens Coal Council
Delaware Riverkeeper
Foundation for Pennsylvania Watersheds
Mountain Watershed Association
Residents Against Power Plants

RHODE ISLAND

Environment Northeast

SOUTH CAROLINA

South Carolina Coastal Conservation League

SOUTH DAKOTA

South Dakota Peace & Justice Center
Dakota Rural Action

TENNESSEE

Heartwood
Southern Alliance for Clean Energy
Tennessee Coal Ash Survivors Network
Tennessee Clean Water Network
Watauga Watershed Alliance

TEXAS

Abilenians Against Tenaska
Air Alliance Houston
Bastrop County Environmental Network
Citizens' Environmental Coalition (TX)

UTAH

Utah Physicians for a Healthy Environment

VERMONT

Vermont Law School Environmental and
Natural Resources Law Clinic

VIRGINIA

Concerned Citizens of Giles County LLC
Southern Environmental Law Center

WASHINGTON

Earth Ministry/Washington Interfaith Power &
Light

WEST VIRGINIA

Appalachian Center for the Economy and the
Environment
Ohio Valley Environmental Coalition
West Virginia Highlands Conservancy

WISCONSIN

Clean Wisconsin
H.O.P.E. (Harmony Opposes Pollution to our
Environment)
Madison Audubon Society
Mercury Free Wisconsin
Midwest Environmental Advocates
Milwaukee Riverkeeper

WYOMING

Powder River Basin Resource Council
Wyoming Conservation Voters
Wyoming Outdoor Council