

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Legislative Bill	Blue Bill # 3						
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1 An act to increase regulation for the disposal of coal ash.

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3 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**

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5 Section 1: After coal is burned, coal ash is left over in the smokestacks. This coal ash contains many heavy
6 metals such as arsenic, lead, selenium, and other cancer causing agents. There are very little restrictions on
7 the disposal of harmful coal ash, and as a result, millions of gallons of coal ash are being dumped into ponds,
8 landfills, and abandoned mines.

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10 Section 2: The state of Kentucky will preemptively adopt proposed Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
11 rules on the disposal of coal ash. Coal plants will be expected to comply with one of the two options
12 proposed by EPA changes in the Resource Conservation and Control Act.

13 Option A: The coal ash would be considered hazardous waste, and will be stored in tanks and containment
14 buildings.

15 Option B: The coal ash would be considered solid waste. This would give the EPA the authority to set
16 performance standards for storage facilities. The coal ash would be stored in a landfill that complies with the
17 EPA standards for solid waste.

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19 Section 3: Coal burning plants will be required to dispose of ash in one of the two aforementioned ways. The
20 storage facilities will undergo inspections twice a year to insure proper disposal. Current coal plant
21 inspectors will be trained on these policies and will be the ones to inspect for compliance.

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23 Section 4: The first offense penalty will be a fine of \$10,000, which will go towards cleaning up previous
24 spills of unlawfully disposed coal ash.

25 The second offense penalty will be \$30,000, which will go toward the same cause.

26 The third offense penalty will be a fine of \$100,000, and possible termination of operation.

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28 Section 5: This bill will go into effect on January 1st, 2015.
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