



STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

PAT MCCRORY  
GOVERNOR

February 25, 2014

Ms. Lynn Good  
Chief Executive Officer and President  
Duke Energy  
550 South Tryon Street  
Charlotte, NC 28202

Dear Ms. Good:

We remain quite concerned about the coal ash spill discovered February 2 at your Dan River Plant in Eden and the ongoing environmental damage it is causing. So far, drinking water supplies remain safe. But as a state we will not stand by while coal ash ponds remain a danger due to their proximity to where so many North Carolinians get their drinking water.

At Dan River, we have given you a 60-day notice that DENR will reevaluate your permit to discharge to the state's waters. More broadly, we have expressed our primary desire that coal ash ponds be moved away from these essential resources.

We must look to the future of coal ash storage and how we can best protect the citizens of North Carolina and our environment. As you know, our rivers and lakes not only provide drinking water to many North Carolinians, but they are also natural and economic resources we must protect and treasure both today and for future generations.

In this regard, we require all relevant information in order to make proper decisions for the state. Therefore, we request that you provide to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources by March 15 your plans for these facilities, including any options, priorities, alternatives, preliminary designs, cost estimates, or any other pertinent information you possess regarding Duke Energy Carolinas and Duke Energy Progress coal ash ponds. Please consider this request of an urgent nature and contact Secretary Skvarla to clarify any necessary details.

We thank you in advance for joining us as we work toward a permanent solution to these issues for the good of all North Carolinians.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pat McCrory".

Pat McCrory  
Governor of the State of North Carolina

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Skvarla".

John Skvarla  
Secretary, Department of Environment and Natural Resources