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**Palmer, Lisa M**

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**From:** Julia Webb [wordartist@live.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 14, 2013 5:38 PM  
**To:** Palmer, Lisa M  
**Subject:** Coal ash is not the answer or desired - control it.

Aug 14, 2013

Ms. Lisa Palmer, N.C. DENR Division of Water Quality  
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Dear Ms. Palmer, N.C. DENR Division of Water Quality,

I am opposed to the Duke Energy and DENR settlement regarding the pollution of Mountain Island Lake and the French Broad River from toxic coal ash lagoons. In DENR's filing against Duke Energy, it was noted that the unlawful pollution "poses a serious danger to the health, safety and welfare of the people of North Carolina and serious harm to the water resources of the state", yet the proposed settlement asks Duke Energy to simply study the pollution. We need a settlement that moves polluted coal ash away from the French Broad River and Mountain Island Lake and stores it safely in a dry lined landfill. I urge DENR to hold a public hearing so that the public's voice can be heard on this critical issue.

It's time for Duke Energy and DENR to take immediate action to protect the French Broad River and Mountain Island Lake (drinking water reservoir for over 800,000 people) and stop delaying the clean up!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ms. Julia Webb  
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**From:** William & Donna Fisk [fiskw@bellsouth.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 14, 2013 5:14 PM  
**To:** Palmer, Lisa M  
**Subject:** Don't let Duke get away with more pollution from their coal ash waste

Aug 14, 2013

North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources

Dear Department of Environment and Natural Resources,

The proposed settlement between DENR and Duke Energy fails to stop the pollution from coal ash ponds. Continuing to study the illegal pollution won't clean it up and continues to put communities at risk.

I urge you to require that Duke Energy stop the pollution of our groundwater and the French Broad River near the Asheville Coal Plant and Mountain Island Lake near Charlotte. Duke needs to start cleaning up the mess that has already been made.

Further, I ask that you hold a public hearing on the proposal so the public's voice can be heard.

Finally, please take action now and end the delays.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Skip Hudspeth [skip@perigee.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 04, 2013 8:36 PM  
**To:** Palmer, Lisa M  
**Subject:** DENR-Duke Energy Proposed Rivebend Settlement

Dear Ms. Palmer,

I am writing to share my concerns about the proposed Duke Energy/DENR settlement regarding the Riverbend Coal Ash ponds on Mountain Island Lake. I live on Mountain Island Lake within two miles of the coal ash ponds.

In my view the proposed settlement fails to address several key issues:

1. The level of fine proposed for Duke's illegal pollution is much too low.

DENR found that Duke has been illegally polluting the lake and that this pollution "pollution is "a serious danger to the health, safety and welfare of the people of North Carolina" and poses "serious harm to the water resources of the State."  
**The proposed \$36,000 is inappropriately low for the illegal discharge of toxic materials threatening our state's water resources.**

2. Duke is not required to stop polluting the lake.

The proposed settlement does not require that Duke stop polluting the lake, only that they conduct further studies. Duke stopped operating the Riverbend Generating Station earlier this year. There is no longer a need to for the unlined coal ash ponds to remain next to and pollute the water supply for over 800,000 people. Also, while the risk of failure of the coal ash pond dams may be low, the consequence of such a failure would be catastrophic. **The settlement should require that Duke remove the coal ash and store it in a lined facility.**

3. There is no provision for a public hearing on the proposed settlement.

**Given the large impact of the coal ash pond pollution, a public hearing should be held so that the public's voice can be heard on this issue.**

Thank you for your consideration on this important issue.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Ronald Roby, Esq. [rhr@robylawfirm.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 05, 2013 5:25 PM  
**To:** Palmer, Lisa M  
**Cc:** Rep. Nathan Ramsey; Lisa Baldwin  
**Subject:** Duke Energy Progress Plant-Buncombe County

It is my understanding that pending litigation involving Duke Energy Progress is to be settled with additional study of the problem created by the coal ash pits at the plant in Arden. In my estimation there is enough information already available to establish a clear and present danger to the environment and specifically to the French Broad River.

What are we waiting for a breach of the dams preventing an environmental disaster from happening to occur before we require the power company to correct the problem?

Are there not tests available which establish that chemicals harmful to the river are leaking into the underground surrounding the pits and then showing up in the river? Will not continuing studies do nothing but allow the power company to continue to pollute the river. If I am misinformed, please correct the information to which I am privy or stop the nonsense and do something about this looming disaster.

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**From:** Nick Davis [nickdavis80@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 02, 2013 6:04 AM  
**To:** Palmer, Lisa M  
**Subject:** Don't let Duke get away with more pollution from their coal ash waste

Aug 2, 2013

North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources

Dear Department of Environment and Natural Resources,

The proposed settlement between DENR and Duke Energy fails to stop the pollution from coal ash ponds. Continuing to study the illegal pollution won't clean it up and continues to put communities at risk.

I urge you to require that Duke Energy stop the pollution of our groundwater and the French Broad River near the Asheville Coal Plant and Mountain Island Lake near Charlotte. Duke needs to start cleaning up the mess that has already been made.

Further, I ask that you hold a public hearing on the proposal so the public's voice can be heard.

Finally, please take action now and end the delays.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Joan Weesies [jweesies@bellsouth.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 14, 2013 9:56 AM  
**To:** Palmer, Lisa M  
**Cc:** Sam@CatawbaRiverkeeper.org  
**Subject:** Riverbed Coal Ash Pond

Dear Ms. Palmer,

As a resident of Mountain Island Lake, I am appalled at the deal reached between Duke and DENR regarding the coal ash ponds at Riverbend Steam Station. It is utterly unacceptable, not to mention irresponsible and dangerous, to consider this deal as a "remedy" for the coal ash waste Duke has generated, and allows to remain at that facility. It is well documented that there are seeps into MIL, and the threat of coal ash contaminating the lake is frightening.

It is time to stop delays and take action. More studies, and added water into the ponds are **not** needed; what is needed is removal of the coal ash ponds entirely. Duke has benefitted greatly from the use of Mountain Island Lake, and it is time to require Duke to take responsibility for the safe disposal of the resulting, toxic waste. The \$36,000 fine is pocket change to Duke, and more time is NOT needed to study the problem; it has been thoroughly documented that the coal ash toxins are seeping into our lake, and will continue to do so for as long as the ponds are allowed to remain.

Please take the necessary steps to require Duke to safely remove the coal ash permanently from our lake. I am requesting a public hearing so that my voice, and the voices of the 860,000 citizens who rely on MIL for drinking water and recreation can be heard.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Joan D. Weesies

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**From:** Jody McClung [odessawellness@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 11, 2013 9:23 PM  
**To:** Palmer, Lisa M  
**Subject:** North Carolinians need solutions that work for coal ash, not more study.

I oppose the proposed consent order for coal ash disposal facilities at Duke Energy's Asheville and Riverbend Power Stations and request that DENR require Duke to stop polluting North Carolina's groundwater, the French Broad River and Mountain Island Lake.

At a time when communities are investing more in protecting and capitalizing on water resources, it seems backwards that DENR would accept this type of toxic water pollution for any length of time. The French Broad has become vitally important to the recreation and outdoor economy in Western North Carolina, and the Riverbend plant's pollution threatens higher water treatment costs for local communities.

Please require Duke to find a long-term solution for coal ash disposal that doesn't pollute public waters, such as dry storage in a lined landfill away from rivers, lakes or streams.

I also ask that DENR provide more opportunities for the public to weigh in on how coal ash is handled in our state. Please hold public hearings near each site to give communities a chance to have their voices heard.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter and your work protecting the waters we all rely on for drinking, fishing and recreation.

Jody McClung  
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**From:** Ellen Goff [eog9612@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 14, 2013 2:59 PM  
**To:** Palmer, Lisa M  
**Subject:** Duke Energy Pollution

August 14, 2013

Dear Ms. Palmer:

I am writing to urge DENR to not accept the proposed settlement with Duke Energy over their coal ash lagoons and the serious pollution they are causing.

The ongoing pollution of Mountain Island Lake and local ground water must be stopped and the damage mitigated.

Any settlement with Duke Energy must begin with cleaning up coal ash pollution. Do not allow them to stall by "studying" the situation.

There must be a public hearing on this proposed settlement to allow the public to be heard.

Thank you for your consideration.

Ellen Goff

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**From:** Michael David Loven [mdloven@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 01, 2013 8:00 PM  
**To:** Palmer, Lisa M  
**Subject:** Don't let Duke get away with more pollution from their coal ash waste

Aug 1, 2013

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Dear Department of Environment and Natural Resources,

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Finally, please take action now and end the delays.

Sincerely,

Michael David Loven

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