



## RESOLUTION

### **SUPPORTING THE REMEDIATION OF WATER CONTAMINATION RELATED TO COAL COMBUSTION WASTE AND REMOVAL OF COAL COMBUSTION WASTE Dan River Basin Association**

**WHEREAS**, the Dan River Basin Association (DRBA) recognizes that a sustainable environment is critical to the citizens, the economy and the need for a supply of clean water within the Dan River Basin region in Virginia and North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, the mission of DRBA, a 501 c (3) nonprofit organization, is to preserve and promote the natural and cultural resources of the Dan River Basin through stewardship, recreation and education; and

**WHEREAS**, a minimum of 13 coal combustion waste impoundments are located within the Dan River Basin at Belews Creek Steam Station, Dan River Power Station, Roxboro Power Station, and Mayo Power Station; and

**WHEREAS**, coal combustion waste contains toxicants such as arsenic, lead, mercury, cadmium, chromium, and selenium; and the toxicants in coal combustion waste are linked to cancer and neurological damage in humans, as well as harm to wildlife, especially water-dwelling species; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 2, 2014 approximately 82,000 tons of coal combustion waste and millions of gallons of contaminated water spilled into the Dan River at the Dan River Power Station near the City of Eden; and

**WHEREAS**, streams of polluted water are discharging into waterways from unlined coal combustion waste ponds, and pollutants are leaching from the bottom of the unlined coal combustion waste impoundments into groundwater and from there into waterways; and

**WHEREAS**, even prior to the February 2nd spill, significant damage (\$1.5 billion by one estimate) has been caused to communities within the Dan River Basin from surface impoundment of coal combustion waste at Belews Creek, Dan River, Roxboro, and Mayo power stations; and

**WHEREAS**, destructive effects upon the Dan River watershed by coal combustion waste will result in additional strain upon the financial resources of local, state and federal governments, through increased expenditures on public health, social services programs, financial assistance, and subsidies, and will render the millions already spent in economic development ineffective; and

**WHEREAS**, it is critical that remediation of the Dan River Power Station spill starts immediately, and the coal combustion waste and related contamination are removed from the river; and


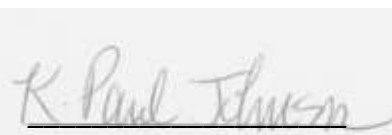

**WHEREAS**, cleaning up the Dan River Power Station spill is not enough to achieve the primary goals of preventing such a spill from happening again and stopping the ongoing pollution of waterways; and

**WHEREAS**, it is critical that the coal combustion waste at the Dan River Power Station and other power facilities is removed and transported away from the Dan River and other sources of drinking water; and

**WHEREAS**, to achieve those goals, Duke Energy must move all coal combustion waste and contaminated soil away from their unlined, leaking impoundments and store it safely in an appropriate facility away from waterways;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Dan River Basin Association supports the immediate remediation of the Duke Energy coal combustion waste spill at the Dan River Power Station near Eden, NC through removal of coal combustion waste from the river, streams and creeks that have been negatively impacted and further supports removal of coal combustion waste stored at all coal combustion waste ponds near all waterways in the Dan River Basin.

**BE IT KNOWN** that the Dan River Basin Association Board members were present on this day of February 19, 2014, and the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the certified affirmative vote of all members, and opposed by none; and that said Resolution has been duly recorded in the Association minutes and is in full force and effect.

		
<u>Allison Szuba,</u> President	<u>K. Paul Johnson,</u> Secretary	<u>Nathaniel Hall,</u> Treasurer