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Dear TVA Stakeholder:

This Sunday evening, October 4, the CBS News program "60 Minutes" will air a story on coal ash disposal, which will focus largely on last December's ash spill at TVA's Kingston plant. Given the program's large audience and its reputation for conflict-driven journalism, we at TVA believe it is important to give you our perspective on the report and some background on our cooperation with the "60 Minutes" staff.

TVA has received hundreds of media inquiries and interview requests regarding the spill. Our communications team has made every effort to provide accurate information to reporters and to make TVA's experts available for interviews. In so doing, we have tried to balance our commitment to being transparent and responsive to the public with the need to make progress with the ash removal and site remediation at Kingston.

In early June, "60 Minutes" informed us that correspondent Lesley Stahl was working on a story spotlighting Kingston. Despite the program's reputation for overly-critical coverage, we were encouraged by their stated commitment to tell this complex and technically challenging story in a balanced way.

In mid-June, we gave "60 Minutes" a tour of the site and a background briefing on key issues, including ash removal and site remediation efforts; ongoing water, soil and air monitoring; the property purchase program; the long-term ash disposal plan; and the free health-screening program for residents.

In early August, Ms. Stahl came to Kingston and interviewed Anda Ray, TVA's chief science and environmental officer and lead executive on the cleanup. As expected, the interview was tough and aggressive. Nevertheless, we believed it was important for TVA to participate and attempt to add perspective and balance to the story.

We are not sure how "60 Minutes" and its on-air personalities will shape the story or how they may edit or portray the information we shared. Therefore, we would like to reiterate the following facts:

- TVA is restoring the Kingston site and is committed to "doing the right thing" for those affected.
- TVA is working diligently at the site every day and making significant progress.
- TVA has worked in earnest to address property damage claims, resolve residents' concerns, and encourage local economic development.

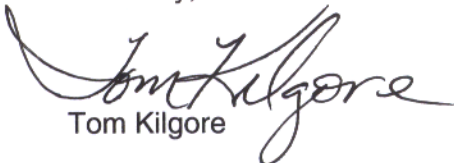
- TVA is making comprehensive changes at every one of its 11 coal-fired plants to prevent a similar occurrence elsewhere.
- TVA complies with the regulations that govern the storage and handling of coal combustion by-products at our sites and in the removal of ash from the Kingston site for permanent storage in Alabama.
- If new federal regulations of coal ash are enacted, TVA will comply fully with them.

About half of America's electricity is generated from coal, and managing the waste from that process is a pressing national issue. While coal-fired generation may well be a smaller percentage of TVA's total power supply in the future, coal will still be needed to meet the demand for electricity—both for the nation and for TVA.

Beyond the "60 Minutes" story, TVA continues to urge everyone interested in our progress to visit our Web site at [tva.com](http://tva.com) for updates on Kingston and other TVA information. The site includes coal-ash information provided by technical experts from TVA, the Environmental Protection Agency and other government agencies. TVA is making steady progress in cleaning up and restoring the Kingston site, in improving the handling of ash at all its coal-powered facilities, and in being a leading corporate citizen in Roane County and across the Tennessee Valley.

Because you are a key member of the community served by TVA, we want to make sure you have a complete and accurate story of the Kingston incident and our recovery and restoration efforts. As always, please let us know whenever you have questions or concerns about TVA.

Sincerely,

  
Tom Kilgore