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Liaison Officer:

I have received the enclosed information from my constituent, Terry Houser.

I believe you will find the letter self-explanatory. He has been advised that I have no jurisdiction in this matter, but have contacted you, nonetheless regarding the concerns outlined in the correspondence.

Thank you for your courtesy and assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,



Patrick McHenry  
Member of Congress

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enclosure

**Sent:** Thursday, September 01, 2016 1:40 PM  
**To:** McCrary, David  
**Subject:** Coal Ash email

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I wasn't too sure if this would be no jur or not. Let me know what you think. Thanks!!

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and Natural Resources

Congressman McHenry, I live very close to the Duke Energy Cliffside coal fired power plant on Broad River.

A "new" fly ash storage pond has been constructed on the Cliffside site.

Fly ash from several other coal plants in WNC is being sent by truck to the Cliffside site.

These trucks are not sealed but open dump trucks with a flexible cover.

I was behind one of these trucks coming down HWY 64 from Morganton recently and noticed fly ash blowing out of the truck.

Now my concern is this:

A friend counted 80 Plus trucks in one hour coming by his home near Cliffside. Doing the math this means several hundred each day!

Now if fly ash is blowing out of these trucks and building up on the highway and being ingested into your car's outside ventilation and thus being breathed by the occupants of any car traveling on these roads!

And what about when it rains? Where is all this fly ash going? Down through the gulleys into the small streams and then into the river. And protecting the river was the original intent of catching and storing all this hazardous coal waste in the first place!.

Something is very wrong with this.

I thought of calling the EPA but I figured that would be a gross waste of time.

Lots of people in my area are very concerned about this. So who else could we turn to but our Congressman?

Thanks for any help.