

# Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League

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## Another North Carolina County Targeted for Coal Ash Disposal *Anson County Identified in Duke Energy Excavation Plan*

Today the Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League released new information pointing to a commercial landfill in Anson County for coal ash disposal. The information, obtained from Duke Energy's Riverbend and Sutton power plant coal ash excavation plans, states that "In the event the structural fill options are not available in Lee or Chatham County, the Anson County Landfill, a permitted solid waste landfill, has been identified as the alternate location." The plan indicates that coal ash would be transported from the power plants to the landfill by rail.

Cary Rodgers, BREDL organizer and a resident of Anson County said, "This is another major environmental disaster that is hanging over our beautiful Anson County community. The county commissioner's approval to expand Waste Connection's mega-dump capacity over a year and a half ago is proving to be a very bad mistake. That expansion puts Anson County on the radar screen to be Duke's next coal ash dumping ground. This must not happen."

Denise Lee, of Pee Dee Water, Air Land, and Lives (WALL) blasted the plans. "There is already a witch's brew of toxic poisons in the Waste Connections landfill. It is a known fact that all landfills leak. The liability for Duke Energy's coal ash problem should not be passed off to another poor, rural community.

Therese Vick, the BREDL organizer who discovered the plan pointed out the threat to many other North Carolina communities. "This shows that any landfill in the state is a potential dump for Duke's coal ash."

Earlier, Duke Energy targeted clay mines in Lee and Chatham counties for the disposal of millions of tons of coal ash. The Lee and Chatham permits are currently under review by the state. Last week, BREDL released an investigative report showing the location of almost 100 active and inactive clay mines in North Carolina, including 4 in Anson, 11 in Montgomery and two in Stanley counties.

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A map with details about each clay mine, including location and size, can be viewed at: <https://www.google.com/maps/@35.7294,-79.173165,8z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m2!6m1!1szm10H2wCPveA.kIPrXCB9ZKuM>

Founded in 1984, the Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League is a non-profit environmental organization with projects and chapters in seven states. Pee Dee W.A.L.L is a grassroots organization working in the Anson County area. W.A.L.L is a chapter of the Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League.

Therese Vick's investigative report on North Carolina clay mines attached.

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