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Protect Georgia's Water from Toxic Coal Ash: Require Safe Cleanups

Coal ash is left behind after burning coal and it's toxic. It contains dangerous heavy metals and carcinogens, including arsenic and lead, which have been linked to lung and heart problems, stomach ailments and premature death.

To protect communities around the state, the Georgia Water Coalition (GWC) is pursuing legislation that will:

- Ensure all of Georgia's toxic coal ash waste is stored in dry, lined, and capped facilities.
- Aggressively monitor coal ash storage facilities for leaks.
- Require public notification when coal ash waste threatens communities.
- Require producers of coal ash to provide drinking water when coal ash contamination is discovered in private drinking water wells.
- Keep coal ash landfills away from wetlands and fragile ecosystems.



Fletcher Sams, executive executive director of the Altamaha Riverkeeper, shows Tiffany and Adam Bertram test results Friday from water samples taken at their Juliette home. The tests revealed elevated levels of the toxin hexavalent chromium. Stanley Dunlap/Georgia Recorder

JULIETTE, Ga. — Heather Ethridge has been doling out money for bottled water and refilling jugs for months. The extra money and hassle beats the alternative: Drinking the contaminated water flowing from her well in Juliette.

If you have questions or would like more details about our legislative priorities please feel free to contact the chair of our GWC coal ash coalition Jennette Gayer at 404-370-1764 or jennette@environmentgeorgia.org.

