

**TVA FACT SHEET**  
**LEAK AT WIDOWS CREEK GYPSUM POND**  
**January 9, 2009**

**TVA is investigating a leak from the gypsum pond at Widows Creek Fossil Plant in Stevenson, Alabama, that was discovered before 6 a.m. on Friday, January 9. The leak has stopped.**

**The leak from the gypsum pond flowed into an adjacent settling pond. Some material overflowed into Widows Creek, although most of the leakage remained in the settling pond. TVA has notified appropriate federal and state authorities.**

**TVA will perform temporary repairs to the pond.**

**Gypsum ponds hold limestone spray from TVA's scrubbers that clean sulfur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) from coal-plant emissions. Gypsum contains calcium sulfate, which is commonly used in drywall, a commercially sold construction material.**

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