



**Statement on Evaluation of Ash Disposal Facilities at All TVA Fossil Plants
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As restoration work continues at the site of the Kingston ash spill, TVA has established a comprehensive evaluation, inspection and maintenance program to confirm that all of TVA's ash and gypsum storage facilities are—and remain—structurally sound. As part of that program, TVA hired a respected engineering firm, Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., to inspect, perform testing and make recommendations on ash and gypsum disposal facilities at all our fossil plants.

In January, Stantec began Phase I of its inspection and analysis program. TVA has been working aggressively to implement the initial recommendations received from Stantec. These recommendations include managing trees and other vegetation and removing ruts and small surface depressions in the vicinity of several dikes.

Subsequent phases of Stantec's work will extend in to 2010, and TVA has put a new organization in place to ensure that proper maintenance of the ash disposal facilities is an ongoing priority. The Tennessee Department of Environment & Conservation also has independent contractors looking at our sites, and we welcome any recommendations they may have.

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