Louisiana and Coal Ash Disposal in Ponds and Landfills

Summary:¹

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*indicates one or more coal ash landfills.²

Amount of coal ash generated per year: Over 1.5 million tons. LA ranks 25th in the country for coal ash generation.³

The U.S. EPA has not yet gathered information on coal ash disposal in landfills, so a detailed breakdown is not yet available. However, according to a 2007 EPA risk assessment, the Dolet Hills Power Station has unlined surface impoundments and landfills. Four other surface impoundments and landfills in Louisiana are only clay-lined; three of these sites do not have leachate control systems and one (Big Cajun 2) does not conduct any groundwater monitoring.⁴

Information on Louisiana Coal Ash Ponds

Number of Coal Ash Ponds: 11 ponds at 3 plants.⁵

Pond Ratings: None of Louisiana's ponds were ranked “high” or “significant” hazard.⁶

Age of Ponds: All of Louisiana's ponds are at least 20 years old.⁷ The average age of Louisiana's coal ash ponds is 25.4 years.

Capacity and releases: According to EPA data, there have been no historical releases at any of the Louisiana ash ponds.⁸

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⁶ Id.
⁷ Id.
⁸ Id.