



**LAST CHANCE TO TAKE ACTION:
OPPOSE DANGEROUS PLAN TO PERMANENTLY BURY COAL ASH ALONG THE COOSA RIVER**

At Plant Hammond near Rome, Georgia Power wants to leave more than 1 million tons of toxic coal ash sitting in groundwater along the Coosa River. And Georgia regulators are going to let them--unless you speak up.

On July 12, the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) issued to Georgia Power a draft pollution permit for Ash Pond 3 to permanently bury toxic coal ash. This is the first step towards giving Georgia Power the O.K. to leave behind approximately **50 million tons** of toxic coal ash in unlined pits around the state. Toxins in coal ash can contaminate private wells and the lakes and rivers we depend on for our drinking water.

We need you to stand up to Georgia Power and tell EPD that you oppose this plan. Georgians will not accept permits that leave this contamination behind to threaten future generations for decades to come.

Site Information

Plant Hammond AP-3 Draft Permit

Where: Rome, Floyd County, GA
River: Coosa River
Volume: 1.1 million tons
Pollutants: Arsenic, Boron, Cobalt, Molybdenum, and Sulfate*



How to Participate

Speak out during the Public Hearing!

Virtual Public Hearing: August 10, 2021, 6 PM

Join Zoom hearing: gaepd.zoom.us/j/91627273413?pwd=S2JNQZML3k2ZS84bGJHTnpaZG9xdz09

Submit written comments opposing the permit! [Click here to comment through Protect Georgia.](#)

Comment Deadline: September 8, 2021
Send comments here: epdcomments@dnr.ga.gov
Email subject: "Plant Hammond AP-3 CCR Permit"

Talking Points

- Coal ash is toxic, and contains dangerous heavy metals and carcinogens including arsenic and lead, which have been linked to lung and heart problems, stomach ailments, and premature death.
- Georgia Power is spending more than \$8 billion provided by its customers to leave this toxic waste in unlined pits exposed to our drinking water across the state.
- At Plant Hammond, coal ash is sitting submerged in groundwater, a perpetual threat to our drinking water supplies.
- These plans are permanent; and this is our last chance to ensure no catastrophes contaminate our drinking water! With this permit, the risk is shifted from Georgia Power to our children and many generations to come.
- Georgia Power is excavating toxic coal ash from some unlined pits. If the safer solution is right for some Georgia communities, it should be right for all of them.
- To protect drinking water and the Coosa River, Plant Hammond coal ash should be excavated and stored in lined, dry facilities away from our water supplies.
- Demand that EPD provide a sound justification for its acceptance of this dangerous proposal.
- Oppose EPD's issuance of this dangerous permit.

