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Re: **Request for Public Hearing on EPA-HQ-RCRA-2009-0640**, Hazardous and Solid Waste Management System; Identification and Listing of Special Wastes; Disposal of Coal Combustion Residuals from Electric Utilities in or around **Louisville, KY**.

Dear Mr. Livnat,

On behalf of Ohio Citizen Action, I strongly urge you to hold a public hearing on the proposed new coal ash regulations in or around **Louisville, Kentucky**.

None of the proposed Public Hearings regarding the Coal Combustion Residuals Rule, Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-RCRA-2009-0640, are scheduled for locations in the Ohio River Valley area. The Ohio River Valley is more saturated with coal combustion waste disposal sites than any other region in the country.

The most recent Department of Energy statistics show that the Ohio River Valley states of Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky are home to more than 6 million tons of coal ash. According to the most recent Department of Energy statistics, this is more than 30% of the nations' entire coal waste. In addition, 15 of the 44 EPA "high hazard sites" are in the Ohio River Valley. Millions and millions of people in the Ohio River Valley get our drinking water from the Ohio River, making the disposal and storage of coal ash waste in the valley extremely risky.

Ohio Citizen Action is the state's largest environmental organization with 80,000 members in Ohio and Northern Kentucky. We've been organizing citizens on all

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aspects of coal from the mining to the disposal of the waste generated from combustion. A public hearing in Louisville would enable those in the Ohio River valley to attend a hearing that is within a reasonable driving distance from Southern Ohio and Northern Kentucky.

The percentage of citizens who must live with the consequences of your decision about regulating toxic coal ash is higher in this region than in nearly any other region in the United States.

We are real people dealing with the real problems of coal ash. We all deserve to be heard on this very important decision. We've waited far too long for any proposed regulations to be denied our right to inform you of the risks and effects we've been experiencing due to the current non-regulation of this toxic substance. Please reconsider your decision and hold a public hearing in Louisville, Kentucky.

Sincerely,

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