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KINGSTON STEAM PLANT ASH SPILL

CHATTANOOGA, TENN. – Congressman Zach Wamp issued the following statement regarding the failure of a coal fly ash containment retention wall that caused a spill from a retention pond at TVA's Kingston Fossil Plant in Roane County:

"Many people in Roane County are rightfully frustrated and anxious about what the ash spill means for the safety of their water supply and the health and wellbeing of their families. TVA should be very aggressive and thorough to ensure that the people in the area are protected and that the drinking water is safe."

"TVA is charged with serving not only the region's energy needs, but also its environment through land and water stewardship. Investor-owned utilities have a responsibility to the public, but TVA should set the standard for environmental protection. And Congress must hold TVA to a high level of accountability in this regard."

“While TVA is working on the cleanup and aftermath of this ash spill, I encourage them to use all public and private resources available to remediate this problem and make certain it does not happen again here or anywhere else in the TVA region’s watersheds.”

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