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RESOLUTION OPPOSING LACK OF STATE REGULATORY CONTROL  
AND OVERSIGHT OF COAL ASH PONDS AND FAILURE TO TAKE  
PROMPT AND IMMEDIATE REMEDIAL ACTION WITH RESPECT  
TO RECENT SPILLS

Whereas: North Carolina has suffered devastating environmental effects from the contents of a coal ash storage pond leaking into the Dan River; and

Whereas: The State Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) intervened at the eleventh hour to prevent the Environmental Protection Agency from leveling substantial penalties against Duke Progress Energy, the perpetrator of this event, in favor of a paltry fine of little significance to the largest power producer in the nation; and

Whereas: DENR neither followed up this fine with stricter regulations controlling coal ash storage facilities nor an immediate action plan for cleaning up the spill and preventing future ones; and

Whereas: A similar storage facility lies within the bounds of New Hanover County; and

Whereas: There is ongoing danger that this facility is leaking toxins into the ground water and thereby damaging the health of county residents; and


Whereas: In the absence of evidence of protection from such events on the part of the State and its relevant agencies and their effective interference in the actions of other agencies to effect such protections; and

Whereas: Such evidence points to a bias toward the power industry's interests at the expense of the well being of North Carolina's and New Hanover County's citizens:

Now Therefore Be It Resolved:

That the New Hanover County Democratic Party supports immediate remediation of this egregious situation on the part of the State and its agencies and the promulgation of substantial and substantive regulatory control of coal ash retention facilities and their remediation that will prohibit the occurrence of such incidents in the future.

  
Wrightsville Beach Precinct Chair

  
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