On February 2, 2014, there was a release of coal ash to the Dan River from a waste ash pond on the Duke Energy - Dan River Steam Station near Eden, North Carolina. The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (N.C. DHHS) recommends the following in order to protect your health:

- Do not eat any fish or shellfish from the Dan River downstream of the spill in North Carolina’s Rockingham and Caswell counties. We do not yet have the information needed to determine if eating fish or shellfish present a health hazard or not.
- Contaminant levels related to the coal ash spill should not present a health risk during recreational use of the river. The most recent surface water and sediment data indicate that no health hazards are expected while boating or swimming. As an added precaution, if you come in contact with what appears to be coal ash, wash your skin off with soap and water.

We will continue to monitor fish samples and other environmental data as it becomes available to identify when health risks are no longer a concern.

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