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## **Pollution from Ash Pit Moves Downstream and Downwind**

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It's been a month since PPL's coal fly ash storage basin blew out at the Martins Creek power plant in Northampton County, PA. Over the following days, at least 100 million gallons of coal fly ash effluent gushed into the Delaware River (company estimate) and onto the fields and roads adjacent to the site. The basin, 16 years old, holds coal fly ash produced by PPL's two coal fired units and may be used for disposal of other industrial waste on the site. Normally the water-filled waste impoundment settles out fly ash sediment before the effluent is piped to the river, alongside the Oughoughton Creek, in the vicinity of Foul Rift. The company reported that a gate in the basin broke apart, causing the eruption of effluent and sludge.

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