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USEPA Reconsiders DRN's Petition for Control over PPL

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Delaware Riverkeeper Network (DRN) filed a formal request for a Preliminary Assessment under the Comprehensive Environmental Recovery, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. 9605(d) with USEPA in regards to the coal ash basin blowout at the PPL Martins Creek plant. EPA sent DRN a letter denying the request.

Today DRN was informed that EPA is reconsidering our Petition for a Preliminary Assessment after DRN requested them to reexamine their refusal.

“We believe the EPA is willing to listen to our request because they have been made aware of the severity of the environmental impacts of the coal ash basin failure”, said Maya K. van Rossum, the Delaware Riverkeeper.

“Letters and resolutions sent by the public, townships, and organizations in support of our Petition for EPA review and oversight of the PPL disaster and problematic clean up effort have had a big impact. We urgently encourage people to send letters of support to the EPA, copied to PADEP Secretary Kathleen McGinty and NJDEP Commissioner Bradley Campbell while EPA is conducting its review,” said Tracy Carluccio, Special Projects Director for Delaware Riverkeeper Network.

An Action Alert and sample letter can be found at www.delawareriverkeeper.org

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