

## House Resolution 257

By: Representatives Williams of the 37<sup>th</sup>, Wilkerson of the 38<sup>th</sup>, Jones of the 53<sup>rd</sup>, Allen of the 40<sup>th</sup>, Buckner of the 137<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Urging Georgia Power to remove the unlined coal ash pile at the McDonough-Atkinson  
2 Power Plant and place the coal ash in a lined landfill; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, there is a mound of six million tons of coal ash situated in an unlined location  
4 at the McDonough-Atkinson Power Plant on the banks of the Chattahoochee River; and

5 WHEREAS, the component residue from this coal ash pile can permeate and contaminate  
6 the ground water and surface water in this state; and

7 WHEREAS, the preferred, and safest, method to dispose of such material is to bury the dry  
8 coal ash in a lined landfill, away from any water source; and

9 WHEREAS, although Georgia Power currently uses such safe practice at the majority of its  
10 coal ash sites, Georgia Power is not adhering to this practice at the Atkinson-McDonough  
11 Power Plant in Cobb County.

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
13 GEORGIA that the members of this body urge Georgia Power to remove the unlined coal  
14 ash pile from the McDonough-Atkinson Power Plant and place such coal ash in a lined  
15 landfill.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
17 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the  
18 Department of Natural Resources, the Environmental Protection Division, and the United  
19 States Environmental Protection Agency.