

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Blue BG 35						
	Referred to Committee: House 3						
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School: South Oldham HS							
City: Creswood							

1 An act to restrict the volume of coal mining slurry ponds.

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3 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**

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5 Section 1: A slurry pond is a body of water filled with coal ash, sludge, and other harmful mining
6 byproducts. These ponds can be over 100 million gallons which is a high risk to the health of the
7 environment if it were to leak or collapse.

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9 Section 2: Leaving ponds of this size unregulated is a danger to not only the environment but public
10 health in the surrounding areas. Ponds of 132,000,000 gallons have broken through dams and flooded
11 over 500 homes, 30 businesses, and left more than 4000 homeless in one flood. Leaving ponds of this
12 size unregulated proposes an extreme risk to public safety and can be easily fixed.

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14 Section 3: Restricting these ponds to sizes of 10 million gallons would greatly reduce the risk of a large
15 scale spill or in the event that one does happen it will be much less dangerous to the people and
16 environment due to the lowered volume of the slurry pond.

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18 Section 4: In addition, no two slurry ponds can be within a square mile of each other.

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20 Section 5: Any companies who currently have slurry ponds that are too large or are too close together
21 will have 10 months to change the ponds the comply with this bill after it is passed.

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23 Section 6: If a company is found to be in violation of any of these laws, there will be three offenses:
24 • First offense: Warning and \$1,000 fine
25 • Second offense: Warning and \$5,000 fine
26 • Third offense or any after: \$20,000 fine

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28 Section 7: This bill will go into effect 6 months after enactment