

LEE COUNTY

Committed Today for a Better Tomorrow

RESOLUTION OF THE LEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OPPOSING COAL ASH DISPOSAL IN LEE COUNTY

WHEREAS, on November 13, 2014, Duke Energy and representatives from Charah Inc. and Moore and Van Allen Attorney's notified the Chairman, Vice Chairman and County Manager of their intent to dispose of up to 8 million tons of coal over the next 8 years at the Colon Road Clay Mine of the General Shale, Corporation; and

WHEREAS, legislation that authorized this activity and the subsequent decision were not discussed with Local Government Officials in Lee County prior to the meeting on November 13, 2014, and the press release from Duke Energy on November 14, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the best way to dispose of coal ash is to leave the ash at its current site where the host counties have been paid millions of dollars in ad valorem taxes due to Duke and Progress Energy placing energy generating facilities in their County; and

WHEREAS, that by hosting this type of facility in Lee County, the citizens and businesses who have invested in the community will suffer economic hardships due to the stigma of being the coal ash capital of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 792 takes away important local decision making authority that would allow them to deal with the negative impacts of this type of facility; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 792 contradicts important environmental safe guards that were put in place with the passage of Senate Bill 1492 in 2007.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lee County Board of Commissioners opposes Duke Energy and Charah Inc. coal ash disposal plan in Lee County due to the economic hardship and environmental risks associated with this plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Lee County Board of Commissioners instructs the Clerk to the Board to forward this Resolution to all local representatives at the State and Federal level, plus the leadership of the North Carolina House of Representatives, State Senate and the Governor of the State of North Carolina.

Adopted this 5th day of January 2015.

ATTEST:

Amy M. Dalrymple, Chair
Lee County Board of Commissioners

Gaynell M. Lee, Clerk to the Board