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<p><i>Cutting between North Carolinians speaking to camera.</i></p> <p>Associated Press: “NC river turns to gray sludge after coal ash spill.” [Associated Press, 2/5/14]</p> <p>Source: WGHP Fox 8, 2/6/14</p>	<p>WOMAN 1: This election -- wow.</p> <p>WOMAN 2: Wow.</p> <p>MAN 1: Lots of scary ads.</p> <p>MAN 2: But that poison coal ash spill --</p> <p>WOMAN 2: -- the threatened drinking water. That’s really scary.</p>	<p>FOX 8: “Toxic spill where thousands of tons of coal ash leaked into the Dan River.” FOX 8 reported, “Duke Energy, starting the process to clean up its coal ash ponds across North Carolina and it will start in Eden, the site of last month’s toxic spill where thousands of tons of coal ash leaked into the Dan River through a couple of storm drains.” [WGHP Fox 8, 3/13/14]</p> <p>AP: “NC river turns to gray sludge after coal ash spill.” [Associated Press, 2/5/14]</p> <p>Politico headline: “Toxic coal ash poisons North Carolina river.” [Politico.com, 2/5/14]</p> <p>NY Daily News: “Toxic ash poisons North Carolina river, threatens drinking water.” [New York Daily News, 2/6/14]</p> <p>Duke Energy coal ash spill threatened community’s drinking water. WGHP Fox 8 reported that the amount of arsenic in a water sample conducted by the Waterkeeper Alliance was “almost 35 times greater than the maximum contaminant level (MCL) standard that EPA considers acceptable in drinking water.” As CNN reported, “It took nearly a week to stem the spill, which sent millions of gallons of sludge from a retired power plant into a river that supplies drinking water to communities in North Carolina and neighboring Virginia.” The New York Times similarly reported that “[t]he spill ... coated the river bottom 70 miles downstream and threatened drinking water and aquatic life.” [WGHP Fox 8, 2/6/14; CNN, 2/9/14; New York Times, 2/28/14]</p> <p>AP: “Coal ash contains toxic chemicals including arsenic, mercury and lead.” [Associated Press, 8/20/14]</p> <p>EPA: Without proper protections, coal ash contaminants can pose significant public health concerns. According to the</p>

		<p>Environmental Protection Agency, “Coal combustion residuals (CCRs), commonly known as Coal Ash, are byproducts of the combustion of coal at power plants and are disposed of in liquid form at large surface impoundments and in solid form at landfills. These residuals contain contaminants like mercury, cadmium and arsenic associated with cancer and various other serious health effects. EPA’s risk assessment and damage cases demonstrate that, without proper protections, these contaminants can leach into groundwater and often migrate to drinking water sources, posing public significant health concerns.” [EPA, Frequent Questions: Coal Combustion Residues (CCR)]</p> <p>AP: Duke Energy spill “coated 70 miles of the Dan River in gray sludge.” The Associated Press reported, “Environmental groups are calling for new legislation requiring Duke to move all of its coal ash to lined landfills away from waterways following the massive Feb. 2 spill from a collapsed pipe in Eden that coated 70 miles of the Dan River in gray sludge.” [Associated Press, 4/23/14]</p>
<p>Super: Thom Tillis Utility customers could pay for coal ash cleanup</p> <p>Source: SB 729; Charlotte Observer, 7/3/14</p>	<p>MAN 2: Thom Tillis is willing to make us pay.</p> <p>WOMAN 1: To have us clean up their coal ash dumps.</p>	<p>Tillis praised “historic” coal ash bill, built support to pass it through the state House. Tillis voted for Senate Bill 729, the Coal Ash Management Act of 2014, and also encouraged other members to support it. The Associated press reported that Tillis “encouraged members to vote for the bill, even if they disagree with some provisions. ‘This is unlike anything that's been done in any other state. You have an opportunity to vote for something that's historic,’ he said.” In a press release, Tillis said of the coal ash bill: “I am proud of our members who crafted this comprehensive bill, and I am confident that this plan will create a framework to protect North Carolinians now and in future generations.” [Senate Bill 729, House Vote 1769, 7/3/14; Associated Press, 7/3/14; Tillis</p>

		<p>press release, 7/3/14]</p> <p>Moratorium on rate hikes to pay for coal ash cleanup ends in January 2015. Part 1 SECTION 2(a) of the coal ash legislation states: “Moratorium on Cost Recovery -- The Utilities Commission shall not issue an order authorizing an electric public utility the recovery of any costs related to coal S729 [Ratified] Page 3 combustion residuals surface impoundments that were not included in the utility's cost of service approved in its most recent general rate case until the end of the moratorium provided in this section. ... The moratorium in this section shall end January 15, 2015.” [Senate Bill 729]</p> <p>Charlotte Observer: “A moratorium on Duke seeking rate hikes to pay for coal ash cleanup” expires in January 2015. A Charlotte Observer article on the final version of the coal ash bill stated: “A moratorium on Duke seeking rate hikes to pay for coal ash cleanup would expire in January 2015, as the Senate bill had stated. The House had pushed for the moratorium to end in December 2016.” [Charlotte Observer, 8/19/14]</p> <p>Coal ash bill leaves waters vulnerable to contamination and ratepayers at risk of clean-up costs. The coal ash bill passed by the North Carolina state legislature fails to assign financial responsibility for cleanup to Duke Energy and its stockholders, leaving the likelihood that ratepayers will end up paying billions to correct Duke's coal ash management errors. It also allows coal ash pits to be "capped in place", avoiding genuine cleanup and leaving groundwater and surface waters vulnerable to continued leaking and contamination; fails to direct expeditious closure and cleanup of most coal ash pits, allowing long delays before corrective action; and authorizes a newly created Coal Ash Management Commission to delay cleanups and extend deadlines even further if it concludes that needed fixes are too expensive. [North Carolina League of</p>
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<p>Super: Koch brothers Millions to elect Thom Tillis</p> <p>Source: Newsobserver.com, 7/11/14</p>	<p>MAN 1: No wonder polluters like the Koch brothers are spending millions for him.</p>	<p>News & Observer: Americans for Prosperity has spent \$8.9 on ads against Kay Hagan. [Newsobserver.com, 7/11/14]</p> <p>Politico: Americans for Prosperity has spent about \$9 million attacking Kay Hagan. Politico reported, “Americans for Prosperity spent about \$9 million on early attack ads against Hagan and has since directed its money toward the ground game.” [Politico, 10/3/14]</p> <p>Politico: Americans for Prosperity is “[t]he Koch brothers’ main political arm.” Politico reported, “The Koch brothers’ main political arm intends to spend more than \$125 million this year on an aggressive ground, air and data operation benefiting conservatives, according to a memo distributed to major donors and sources familiar with the group. The projected budget for Americans for Prosperity would be unprecedented for a private political group in a midterm, and would likely rival even the spending of the Republican and Democratic parties’ congressional campaign arms. The group already has spent more than \$35 million on ads attacking vulnerable Democrats in key Senate and House races, according to sources.” [Politico, 5/9/14]</p> <p>Politifact: It’s “true” that “Koch brothers are one of the biggest polluters in the country.” [Politifact, 4/9/14]</p>
<p>Super: Thom Tillis is not for us</p>	<p>WOMAN 1:</p>	<p>Koch Brothers are oil industry billionaires</p>

	<p>They're oil billionaires.</p> <p>MAN 1: And Thom Tillis listens to them.</p> <p>WOMAN 3: Not us.</p> <p>MAN 2: Not us.</p>	<p>who are not based in North Carolina. The New Yorker reported, “With his brother Charles, who is seventy-four, David Koch owns virtually all of Koch Industries, a conglomerate, headquartered in Wichita, Kansas, whose annual revenues are estimated to be a hundred billion dollars. The company has grown spectacularly since their father, Fred, died, in 1967, and the brothers took charge. The Kochs operate oil refineries in Alaska, Texas, and Minnesota, and control some four thousand miles of pipeline.” [The New Yorker, 8/30/10]</p> <p>David Koch lives in New York City and Charles Koch lives in Wichita, KS. The New York Times reported, “Charles Koch lives in Wichita, and David lives in New York City.” [The New York Times, 6/17/14]</p> <p>Forbes: David Koch is “New York City’s richest resident.” [Forbes, The World’s Billionaires]</p> <p>Tillis is on the board of directors for the Koch-funded American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC). [American Legislative Exchange Council: Board of Directors; Newsobserver.com, 3/14/13; Union of Concerned Scientists, January 2013]</p> <p>Kochs’ Americans for Prosperity Foundation opposed “costly” EPA coal ash safeguards. According to the Americans for Prosperity Foundation, “The EPA has for the first time proposed to reclassify coal combustion residuals (byproducts of burning coal in power plants, known as ‘coal ash’) as hazardous waste, with the result being costly new requirements for their disposal. Currently, coal ash is recycled by power plants and used in the construction and agriculture industries to produce materials such as concrete mixtures, drywall, and fertilizers – these uses could be disallowed under the new rules.” [Americans for Prosperity Foundation, September 2011]</p>
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