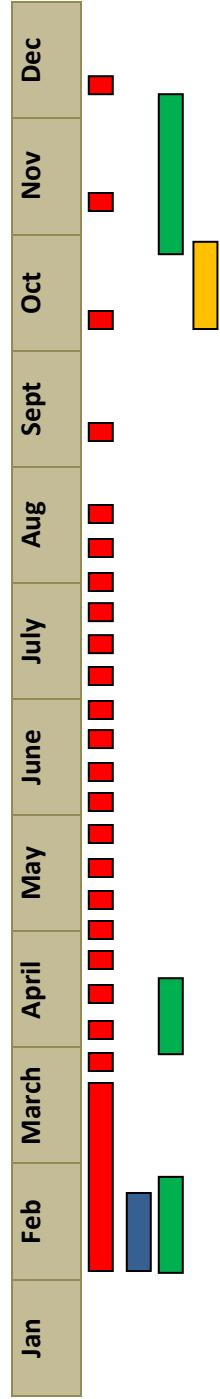


# NC DWR Activities Related to Dan River Coal Ash Spill

## 2014 Monitoring

Surface Water	River Sediment	Fish Tissue	Benthic Community
# of analysis = 7290 Daily through March, Weekly through July, Monthly now	# of analysis = 588 Initial assessment to determine distribution /concentration	# of analysis = 3408 Initial sampling for background levels, long term monitoring for bioaccumulation  (247 sampling events)	# of analysis = 2 Comparative evaluations of upstream/downstream areas.



## Results

### Surface Water

Winston Salem Regional Office and Water Sciences Staff

Arsenic decreased from  $40\mu\text{g/l}$  to  $<2.0\mu\text{g/l}$  by mid March 5 miles downstream of spill.

Aluminum and iron remain high due to natural watershed conditions.

### River Sediment

Water Sciences Staff

100yds downstream of spill  
Aluminum, arsenic, barium, copper, iron and mercury were above EPA screening values.

Danville  
Aluminum, boron, iron, and strontium were above EPA screening values.

### Fish Tissue

Water Sciences Staff

First round of background monitoring showed nothing above state guidelines.

Second round of extended background monitoring showed

10% of samples exceeded mercury fish consumption advisory action levels (NCDPH)

12% of samples exceeded arsenic fish tissue screening levels (NCDPH)

Third round of tissue collection is under way.

Total # of analysis = 3408

### Benthic Community

Water Sciences Staff

Data suggest no significant difference between upstream of spill site and downstream of spill site benthic communities.

### Plan Development/Public Information

Winston Salem Regional Office and Water Sciences Staff  
DWR staff represented NCDENR during all phases of the Dan River event through participating in and/or presenting information at Public Information Sessions, weekly/monthly interagency meetings, and initial response daily/hourly situation briefings (approx 65).

## Duke Power Eden Coal Ash Spill and Monitoring Locations for Dan River, NC

