A December to Remember.
Courtesy of the Coal Industry.

A year ago today, more than a billion gallons of toxic coal ash — waste from a coal-fired power plant operated by the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) — flooded this quiet residential community along the Clinch and Emory Rivers in Tennessee when the dam holding back the ash failed. There are hundreds of other sites just like this one around the country, threatening nearby residents, drinking water, fish and wildlife with arsenic, lead, mercury, selenium and other dangerous toxins in the ash.

The coal industry is fighting hard to avoid taking full responsibility for their toxic pollution. **EPA Administrator Jackson, you can make sure a disaster like this never happens again. America needs you to adopt strong, federally enforceable regulations to protect us from coal ash before this problem gets any worse.** It is time for the coal industry to clean up its act.

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