“We are not dumping fly ash into any river. We are discharging water but that water is carefully treated and monitored before it’s discharged. The ash is maintained on site.”

“We have a system where we filter the water to remove any constituents that are in it before it’s discharged. And to make sure that system is working we take frequent samples and obtain the analytical results so that we can re-assure ourselves and the members of the public that, in fact, the water is fully protective of the environment.”

“Treating the water on-site is preferable and better for the environment then transporting the water to another location and treating it there. We can insure that we treat the water with a system that’s designed specifically for the water that we have on-site. As opposed to putting the water in trucks that would have to travel on the public roads and taken to another water treatment facility where it would be combined with other water and discharged into the environment. Either way the water is discharged into the environment. But at our facility we have a treatment facility that’s been designed specifically for our water and there is no need to transport the water down the public highways.”

“Our plan is to de-water our ponds and then cover them with caps to insure that it’s protective of the environment going forward and that is a far better solution than taking that same ash, putting it in a truck, transporting it down our public highways and putting it in another landfill where it would also be capped.”

“Here at Dominion we have over 100 environmental professionals whose sole responsibility is to insure that we are doing the right thing by the environment. Dominion is a great place to work if the environment is your concern. We have an opportunity to come up with solutions that allow us to meet our customers’ needs for energy but at the same time be in full compliance with the rules and doing the right thing for the environment.”

“I’m extremely confident that what we are doing at our power stations will protect both human health and the environment.”
Cathy Taylor

2:10 – 2:25

“The first thing we are doing is closing our ash ponds. In middle of last year EPA announced, established a rule that encouraged companies that managed ash ponds to close them as quickly as possible. And we are doing just that.”

2:25 – 2:51

“EPA’s laid out a process. The first step in closing an ash pond is to de-water it. So you remove the water that is sitting on top of the pond as well as the water that is sitting in the ash itself. Once you have a dry material that you can close, you cap it and maintain that cap and continue to monitor that pond.”

2:52 – 3:05

“Whether the water is treated on site or whether it’s transported someplace else, the treatment, in all cases, it still has to meet the same water quality standards that are protective of human health and the environment.”

3:06 – 3:43

“What I would tell my neighbor if asked about this project – first of all, there’s been a lot of misinformation about the project. They would need to know that under no circumstances are we dumping ash into the river. And, in fact, we’re doing everything that we possibly can to insure that not only are discharges as part of this project going to be protective of human health and the environment but as we maintain these facilities over the long haul we are going to do that in a way that is protective of the environment as well.”