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## **STATEMENT OF POTOMAC RIVERKEEPER NETWORK ON DOMINION ENERGY'S COAL ASH RECYCLING REPORT**

### ***Report Confirms Recycling and Landfill Disposal as Best Solution for Possum Point Coal Ash***

**Washington, DC – November 14** – Potomac Riverkeeper Network (PRKN) notes, as it predicted, that recycling and landfill disposal are the best solution to the legacy problem of coal ash stored at Dominion Energy's Possum Point plant in Dumfries, VA.

The release of Dominion Energy's report on coal ash recycling confirms that recycling and landfill disposal is the best solution for the four million tons of coal ash at the Possum Point power plant in Dumfries, Virginia. In response to a mandate from the Virginia legislature, Dominion solicited bids from concrete recyclers on the cost and feasibility of recycling and disposing of 27 million tons of coal ash at Dominion's four coal ash dump sites in the Chesapeake Bay watershed. Recyclers' bids included the costs of recycling as much ash as possible and moving the remainder to a lined landfill away from our rivers, all within 15 years.

While the cost of recycling and landfilling this toxic material is not cheap, it would result in the safe and permanent disposal of toxic coal ash from the banks of the Potomac River, where it has already polluted nearby drinking water wells and leached metals into Quantico Creek. Preventing future pollution by recycling and removing ash from Possum Point will provide significant environmental, public health and economic benefits to the Commonwealth, and should be a legislative priority for the General Assembly in the 2019 legislative session.

Potomac Riverkeeper Network looks forward to working with lawmakers to develop and pass legislation to make this happen.

#### **About Potomac Riverkeeper Network**

Potomac Riverkeeper Network is a registered 501(c)3 non-profit organization with three regional Waterkeeper branches: Potomac Riverkeeper, Upper Potomac Riverkeeper and Shenandoah Riverkeeper. Our mission is to protect the public's right to clean water in our rivers and streams. We stop pollution to promote safe drinking water, protect healthy habitats, and enhance public use and enjoyment.

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