

Remember Dunkard Creek!

Petition for Tighter Standards & Tougher Enforcement

We, the undersigned residents of West Virginia, urge the state of West Virginia to protect our streams and rivers by strictly upholding the federal Clean Water Act, by providing enforcement to control pollution, and by adopting strict standards for the level of TDS (Total Dissolved Solids) in our streams and rivers.

Pollution from mining and/or gas drilling created conditions in Dunkard Creek in September 2009 that allowed an alien toxic algae bloom to develop, killing more than 30 miles of fish and aquatic organisms. Without implementing water quality standards for Total Dissolved Solids or requiring polluters to stop, the WV-DEP allowed Dunkard Creek's pollution to continue for years. West Virginia still has no enforceable standard for Total Dissolved Solids. We agree that the tragic destruction of Dunkard Creek should never have happened, and without stronger rules and stricter enforcement, this kind of ecological disaster can - and likely will - happen again. Nearly two dozen other streams have pollution levels near Dunkard's. We cannot allow this to continue! We need standards. We need enforcement.

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Return to: WV Sierra Club, P. O. Box 4142, Morgantown, WV 26504. Call 304-594-3322 for more info.