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Dear Dr. Smith:

On behalf of the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works, we invite you to testify before the Committee at a hearing entitled, "Oversight Hearing on the Tennessee Valley Authority and the Recent Major Coal Ash Spill" on Thursday, January 8, 2009, beginning at 10:00 a.m. in Room 406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building. The purpose of this hearing is to conduct oversight on the Tennessee Valley Authority and to examine the recent major coal ash spill.

In order to maximize the opportunity to discuss this matter with you, we ask that your oral testimony be limited to five minutes. Your written testimony can be comprehensive and will be included in the printed record in its entirety, together with any other materials you would like to submit.

To comply with Committee rules, please provide 100 double sided copies of your testimony at least 48 hours in advance of the hearing to the Committee at the following address: 410 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510-6175. To ensure timely delivery, the copies of testimony must be hand delivered to 410 Dirksen. Packages sent through FedEx, U.S. Mail, or overnight delivery services will be subject to offsite security measures that will delay delivery. Please also email a copy of your testimony (in both MS Word and as a PDF file) to the attention of Anne Collesano, [Anne\\_Collesano@epw.senate.gov](mailto:Anne_Collesano@epw.senate.gov) at least 48 hours in advance. This email address will be used later to quickly finalize hearing transcripts.

If you plan to use or refer to any charts, graphs, diagrams, photos, maps, or other exhibits in your testimony, please deliver or send one identical copy of such material(s), as well as 100 reduced (8.5" x 11") copies to the Committee, attention of Anne Collesano, [Anne\\_Collesano@epw.senate.gov](mailto:Anne_Collesano@epw.senate.gov), at the above address at least 48 hours in advance of the hearing. Exhibits or other materials that are not provided to the Committee by this time cannot be used for the purpose of presenting testimony.

If you have any questions about this invitation or the hearing, please feel free to contact Grant Cope of the Committee's Majority staff at (202) 224-8832 or James O'Keeffe of the Committee's Minority staff at (202) 224-6176.

Sincerely,

  
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