

# Win SB 367 and HB 1469: ACT NOW ON COAL ASH

## Legislative Resource Guide

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## Calls to Action

### NO. 1 Call to Action 📞📧📢:

- **Sign our petition** to Chairman Messmer, Chairman Gutwein and the Environmental Affairs Committees: [bit.ly/coalashletter](http://bit.ly/coalashletter)

### URGENT Calls to Action 📞📧📢:

- **Contact Senator Mark Messmer**, Chairman of the Senate Environmental Affairs Committee, to urge him to “schedule a hearing on Senate Bill 367”
  - 📞: 317-232-9840
  - 📧: [s48@iga.in.gov](mailto:s48@iga.in.gov)
- **Contact Representative Doug Gutwein**, Chairman of the House Environmental Affairs Committee, to urge him to “schedule a hearing on House Bill 1469”
  - 📞: 317-234-9139
  - 📧: [h16@iga.in.gov](mailto:h16@iga.in.gov)
- **Contact House Speaker Todd Huston** and urge him to “support coal ash cleanup and ask Chairman Gutwein to give HB 1469 a hearing in the House Environmental Affairs Committee”
  - 📞: 317-232-9677
  - 📧: [h37@iga.in.gov](mailto:h37@iga.in.gov)
- **Contact your Republican Senators and urge them to co sponsor SB 367**
  - Reference [this spreadsheet](#) for republicans to focus on
  - Reference [this doc](#) for an email example
- **\*If they’re your legislators\* contact members of the Senate and House**

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**Environmental Affairs Committees** and urge them to support **SB 367/HB 1469**

- [See tables below](#)

- **Contact your State Legislators** to support **SB 367/HB 1469**

- [Locate your legislators](#)

### ADDITIONAL Calls to Action 📣📣📣:

- **Post to social media** using [this graphic](#) and others from our [social media guidance](#)
- [Participate in these phone banks](#) to put calls into constituents in Chairman Messmer and Chairman Gutwein's districts
- **Check out Sunrise Indy's Choose-Your-Own-Adventure (email, phone, or social media) Activism Guide On Coal Ash:** [bit.ly/sunrisecoalash](http://bit.ly/sunrisecoalash)

## About The Bills

Check out our legislative fact sheet ➡ [tinyurl.com/CoalAshBillFacts](http://tinyurl.com/CoalAshBillFacts)

**Background:** Millions of tons of toxic coal ash - a forever pollutant - are sitting in unlined waste pits in the floodplains of our major rivers and Lake Michigan, contaminating groundwater and threatening the waterways. Indiana is currently allowing coal ash disposal in the floodplain and disposal that contaminates groundwater. These are not the permanent, stable disposal solutions that coal ash needs.

By contrast, many other states are removing coal ash from leaking disposal sites in the floodplain and recycling the ash or taking it to properly lined landfills on high ground. This safe disposal is happening in North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, Florida, Tennessee, and Georgia. In fact, this process has already been completed for millions of tons of coal ash in these other states.

**Solution:** [SB 367](#) and [HB 1469](#) will:

- Protect Indiana's rivers and drinking water resources from coal ash
- Increase safe recycling of coal ash through reuse in concrete, bricks, and roofing material
- Create jobs in coal ash cleanup and recycling
- Improve safety during coal ash cleanup for workers and the community
- Require the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission to review of the ratepayer impacts from utilities' coal ash cleanup and ways to reduce that impact

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## Contacting Your Legislators

### FIND YOUR STATE LEGISLATORS

**Please note:** You should be contacting your state (not federal) legislators: [Click here to find out who your legislators are](#)

### CALLING YOUR LEGISLATORS

You can call daily until they tell you how they vote, or until they have the vote!

**Daytime Calls:** If you're calling during the daytime, you can call the Statehouse Switchboard to reach your State Senator or State Representative's office:

**State Senators:** (317) 232-9400  
(800) 382-9467

**State Representatives:** (317) 232-9600  
(800) 382-9842

**TDD** (317) 232-0404  
(800) 548-9517

**Governor's Office:** (317) 232-4567

**Evening Calls:** Leave a voicemail on your legislator's assistants phone in the evenings when the switchboard is closed. [Find your legislators legislative assistants number here.](#)

### **HOUSE ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:**

NAME	EMAIL	PHONE	LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT
CHAIR: Doug Gutwein	<a href="mailto:h16@iga.in.gov">h16@iga.in.gov</a>	317-234-9139	Jake Carrico
VICE CHAIR: Mike Speedy	<a href="mailto:h90@iga.in.gov">h90@iga.in.gov</a>	317-232-9815	Whitney Peterson
Mike Aylesworth	<a href="mailto:h11@iga.in.gov">h11@iga.in.gov</a>	317-234-9447	Conner McCarthy
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Hal Slager	<a href="mailto:h15@iga.in.gov">h15@iga.in.gov</a>	317-232-9651	Emily Skooglund
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Maureen Bauer	<a href="mailto:h6@iga.in.gov">h6@iga.in.gov</a>	317-234-3101	Jalen Jones
Pat Boy (HB 1469 sponsor)	<a href="mailto:h9@iga.in.gov">h9@iga.in.gov</a>	317-233-5248	Shelby Baumgartner
Carolyn Jackson	<a href="mailto:h1@iga.in.gov">h1@iga.in.gov</a>	317-232-9875	Peter Okefor

### SENATE ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:

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Mark Messmer	<a href="mailto:s48@iga.in.gov">s48@iga.in.gov</a>	317-232-9840	Dawna Smith
Rick Niemeyer	<a href="mailto:s6@iga.in.gov">s6@iga.in.gov</a>	317-232-9489	Michael Conway
Scott Baldwin	<a href="mailto:s20@iga.in.gov">s20@iga.in.gov</a>	317-232-9533	Parker Zent
Jim Buck	<a href="mailto:s21@iga.in.gov">s21@iga.in.gov</a>	317-232-9466	Jared Green
Chris Garten	<a href="mailto:s45@iga.in.gov">s45@iga.in.gov</a>	317-232-9490	Samuel Charron
Mike Gaskill	<a href="mailto:s26@iga.in.gov">s26@iga.in.gov</a>	317-234-9443	Cassie Anderson
Jack Sandlin	<a href="mailto:s36@iga.in.gov">s36@iga.in.gov</a>	317-232-9533	Parker Zent
Andy Zay	<a href="mailto:s17@iga.in.gov">s17@iga.in.gov</a>	317-234-9441	Kate Semmler
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Karen Tallian (HB 367 sponsor)	<a href="mailto:s4@iga.in.gov">s4@iga.in.gov</a>	317-232-9404	Tyler Hempfling

### IN-DISTRICT THIRD HOUSE MEETINGS & FORUMS

[Click here to find upcoming in-district opportunities to interact with your legislators via HEC's webpage](#)

#### Note:

- Each legislative forum is structured differently, generally you'll be able to direct questions while briefly letting your legislators know your position on an issue during the meeting, and there may be time before or after the meeting to speak with them on the side

### TIPS FOR WRITING LETTERS/ EMAILS TO YOUR LEGISLATORS:

**Pre-Written Emails (provided by Sunrise Movement Indy):**

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Email to Chairman Messmer: <https://t.co/PBzVeGduYA?amp=1>

Email to Chairman Gutwein: <https://t.co/1sFZj9PvWv?amp=1>

### ***Economic- Focused Sample Email Structure (NOTE: everything in italics should be personalized):***

Dear (State Senator or Representative) (Last Name):

I am writing to urge you to (*support/co-sponsor/give a hearing to*) (Senate Bill 367/House Bill 1469) which would allow for Clean Closure excavation of coal ash impoundments in Indiana, which is economically advantageous and better for our health, communities, workers and the environment.

(*Briefly state why you support the proposed legislation, using personal experience is vital. In this instance, we are focusing on ECONOMIC IMPACT so in addition, feel free to draw on the below bullet points.*)

I am asking you to support this legislation due to the following economic advantages:

- Clean Closure is superior to the Cap-in-Place alternative. Cap in Place will only allow groundwater contamination to continue and prove costly in the long run.
- By utilizing Clean Closure, more than 24 *job categories* could be created. These jobs will pay in the range of approximately \$30-40 *per hour*.
- Clean Closure provides more than double the amount of jobs than Cap in Place, i.e. *Clean Closure = 218 jobs vs. Cap in Place = 92 jobs*.
- Other states have successfully excavated their coal ash pits with rate increases to the consumer at less than *.50 cents per month*.
- Property values around sites using Clean Closure rose from 11.5%-15%.

I urge you to (*support/co-sponsor/give a hearing to*) (Senate Bill 367/House Bill 1469).

Additionally, to learn more about the economic benefits of Clean Closure of coal ash ponds, please reference this [case study economic analysis](#), [fact sheet](#) and [graphic](#). Lastly, additional information on the issue of coal ash in Indiana can be found [here](#).

Sincerely,  
(Your Name and Address  
Email and Phone)

### ***A couple of notes:***

- In legislative contacts, unless you are acting in an official capacity for an organization, do not mention that the organization asked you to contact the legislator.
- Don't forget mail through the post office takes a couple of days to reach its destination so if you know the bill is being heard the next day, we recommend email or calls. However, handwritten letters are always impressive and encouraged when time allows.

**Emails:** You can also email your Senator or Representative. [Click here to find their email address.](#)

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## *How to Address your Letters*

### **STATE SENATORS**

The Honorable (their name)  
200 West Washington Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46204-2785

Dear Senator (Last Name):

### **STATE REPRESENTATIVES**

The Honorable (their name)  
200 West Washington Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46204-278

Dear Representative (Last Name)

### **GOVERNOR**

The Honorable (First Name) (Last Name)  
Governor of the State of Indiana  
Room 206 State House  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Governor (Last Name):

## **Ways To Engage**

### **Media**

[See resource sheet](#)

### **Phone Banking**

[See resource sheet](#)

### **Public Testimony**

[See HEC advocacy sheet](#)

[See slideshow](#)

### **Hosting a Virtual Screening of *In the Water***

[See resource sheet](#)

[See Director Beth Edwards' slideshow](#)

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## Resources

- [Link to copies of House Bill 1469 and HB 367](#)
- [Links to coal ash bills from other states](#)
- [Hoosier Environmental Council Bill Watch](#)
- [Citizen Action Coalition Bill Watch](#)
- [Hoosier Environmental Council: Legislative Fact Sheet](#)
- [Hoosier Environmental Council: Coal Ash Solutions](#)
- [Indiana Environmental Reporter – In the Water page](#)
- [Colstrip Closure Analysis](#) and [Factsheet](#)
- [Factsheet on Town of Pines Contamination](#)
- [Coal Ash Cleanup Toolkit](#)
- [Coal's Poison Legacy: Groundwater Contaminated by Coal Ash Across the U.S. Report](#)
- [Advocacy Campaign Videos](#)