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Under the Dome

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Week 4 – Y'all Come! Public Hearing Monday, February 3rd

The WV House of Delegates will hold a **public hearing on Monday, Feb 3, at 5:30 P.M.** in the **House Chamber** to hear citizen comments on **SB 373**, "related to water resources protection", the Senate's response to the Freedom Industries chemical spill that impacted more than 300,000 water customers in nine counties.

This Tuesday, the WV Senate passed [Senate Bill 373](#) on a 33-0 vote, with Sen. Doug Facemire absent due to a broken leg. The bill now goes to the House of Delegates for consideration. It has been referred to three committees in the House; first to Health and Human Resources, then to Judiciary, and finally to Finance. Monday's public hearing was scheduled jointly by the Committee on Health and Human Resources and the Committee on Finance.

SB 373 basically consists of two parts: the first part amends the Water Resources Protection and Management Act and adopts the State Water Resources Management Plan; the second part pertains to aboveground storage tanks. It requires registration of existing aboveground storage tanks and directs the secretary of the Department of Environmental Protection to develop a program to regulate new and existing aboveground storage tanks (the chemical spill that occurred a week earlier was the result of a leaking aboveground storage tank).

So this public hearing is a chance for citizens to demand protection from all contamination threats to our water supplies, demand that the government do a better job of regulating and enforcing protections, and demand that all available government resources be applied to understand and responsibly advise the public on risks and solutions to this health crisis.

If you plan on speaking at the hearing, remember to arrive early to sign up to speak. Each speaker can expect to have only 1 or 2 minutes to speak. But longer written comments can be submitted for the record. Citizens are encouraged to give their own perspective, in their own words, of how the government needs to better protect drinking water supplies and public health.

The WVEC lobby team and our allies are working with several legislators in an attempt to improve SB 373, or whatever legislation is finally adopted. Here are some of the things we think are necessary:

- Close the loopholes – there are many exclusions of tanks that are regulated under the new program. ALL tanks and all additional sources of potential contamination need to be adequately regulated.
- Require individual permits and regular inspections for all potential significant contaminant sources within zones of critical concern for public drinking water systems.
- Require and fund the development of source water protection plans that address all significant contamination threats and include full stakeholder and community involvement.
- Assure that all pollution sources can be regulated and enforced via the Clean Water Act, with provisions for citizen involvement.
- Implement the previous Chemical Safety Board recommendations.
- Continue bottled water distribution to all affected communities.
- Provide an environmentally sound and safe mechanism to flush the chemical from the water treatment plant, distribution lines, sewage systems, residences etc.
- Immediately begin a medical surveillance program.
- And immediately begin studies on the short and long term effects of MCHM and its breakdown chemicals on human health.

The House of Delegates has promised a slower and more deliberate approach in dealing with this legislation. We are hopeful that SB 373 will be improved.

Baby, it's cold outside! So please keep those birdfeeders full.





The Spill Reaches Washington

U.S. Senators Joe Manchin, D-W.Va.; Barbara Boxer, D-Calif. and chairwoman of the Environment and Public Works Committee; and Jay Rockefeller, D-W.Va., on Tuesday introduced the Chemical Safety and Drinking Water Protection Act, which they promised following the leak.

They said the bill gathers into one place the tools to provide oversight of chemical facilities. Key principles include: Requiring regular state inspections of above-ground chemical storage facilities; requiring industry to develop state-approved emergency response plans that meet at least minimum guidelines; allowing states to recoup costs incurred from responding to emergencies; and ensuring drinking water systems have the tools and information to respond to emergencies.

And a U.S. Senate subcommittee will hear testimony on the West Virginia chemical spill in Washington next week. The Committee on Environment and Public Works' water and wildlife subcommittee will convene Tuesday on the spill that left 300,000 people without clean water for days.

Scheduled to testify are West Virginia Secretary of State Natalie Tennant, West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection Secretary Randy Huffman, Natural Resources Defense Council official Erik Olson and Putnam Public Service District General Manager Michael McNulty, among others.

The U.S. House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee will hold its counterpart hearing in Charleston on Feb. 10. The committee includes two West Virginia members. They are the committee's top Democrat, Rep. Nick Rahall, and Republican Shelley Moore Capito.

Update On The Aluminum Standard

By Vickie Wolfe
WVEC Lobbyist

In our Update that went out Monday, January 27, we told you that the Water Quality Standards “rules” bill, SB 136, had unanimously passed the Senate Natural Resources Committee and was headed next to the Judiciary Committee.

One rules change proposed by the DEP in this bill would index the concentration of aluminum allowed in streams to the water’s hardness value. We are strongly opposed to this change, as it would result in a 13-fold and 46-fold increase over the current standards for acute and chronic aluminum toxicity to aquatic life, respectively. On Wednesday, January 29, Senator Bob Beach (D - District 13) issued the following press statement:

Statement From Senator Beach Regarding Water Quality Legislation:

CHARLESTON, W.V. – Water quality issues are on everyone's mind and justly so as Charleston area residents continue to deal with the aftermath of the recent chemical spill. As such it is my desire to see that every precaution is taken to ensure that West Virginia residents have clean water for many years to come.

Beginning later this morning I will have the opportunity to vote in favor of the SB 373 the Storage Tank and Water Resources bill which will start the process of documenting the location of storage tanks and strengthen the regulating process in which Operators must conduct business and maintain tanks and containment fields.

Furthermore, and later today, I will respectfully request the WV Department of Environmental Protection remove Rules Bill SB 136, also known as the Aluminum Standards bill from consideration by the legislature. My inquires with staff counsel have indicated the WDEP may in fact remove the bill for consideration. As a document filed with the WV Secretary of State’s Office only the filing agency has the authority to do so.

The recent spill has caused West Virginians statewide to question the quality and security of their drinking water. Anxiety and tension among our residents remains high in the shadow of chemical leak and legislative members need to be sensitive to their concerns and as such I think it is imperative to forego any conversation that is perceived as weakening water quality here in the mountain state. Removing SB 136 from consideration will lend itself well to relieving the continued anxiety that exists among our residents.

Well, the DEP apparently does not intend to remove the bill, but they have indicated they will not oppose an amendment to remove the aluminum change. Our conversations with senators on the Judiciary Committee have us feeling fairly confident

such an amendment will pass; two senators even said that without such an amendment, they would vote against the bill.

We know some of you have had conversations with senators pertaining to this proposed change, and we say **thanks a million!** Please don't stop yet, however! We expect to see this bill on the Judiciary Committee's agenda very soon, and we hope you will continue to encourage the committee members to support the amendment removing the aluminum change from the bill. You can contact the Senate Judiciary Committee members here:

<http://www.legis.state.wv.us/committees/senate/SenateCommittee.cfm?Chart=jud>



Protesters Take Demand For Clean Water To WV Capitol

By Jim Ross
The State Journal

It started with a Boone County man not being allowed to take West Virginia American Water Co. tap water into the state Capitol Jan. 30 because security didn't know for sure what the orange liquid was.



It ended with petitions being given to a representative of Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin and Senate President Jeff Kessler, D-Marshall, promising that never again would a tank spill contaminate the water of so many West Virginians.

In between, about 60 people protested what they see as inadequate legislation and enforcement of laws to protect drinking water.

Protestors aimed their anger at the chemical industry in light of the Jan. 9 spill in Charleston, at the coal industry

over mountaintop removal mining, at the gas drilling industry over hydraulic fracturing and at state officials who they say do not do enough to protect the health of West Virginians.

Dustin White said his father lives in southern Boone County, and his tap water recently



turned orange and smells of chemicals. When he tried to enter the Capitol with a gallon jug and a 16-ounce bottle filled with orange liquid, security officers escorted him out the door and told him he would be arrested if he tried to bring the water into the Capitol again.

After conferring with security, Delegate Mike Manypenny, D-Taylor, went outside and accepted the gallon jug from White.

Manypenny promised to take the water to his office and send it to the Board of Public Health for analysis.

"This is outrageous," he told White.

The early part of the protest at the Capitol was for people holding signs to stand in the hallway outside the House of Delegates chamber. One of those people was the Rev. Melvin Hoover of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Charleston.

"I think we're killing our state," Hoover said. "Who wants to move to a poisoned state? What families want to live here? We love West Virginia, and we want to take the state back for its people."

Hoover said his water at home smelled of crude MCHM — the chemical that got into the Charleston water supply — the morning of the protest. He fears now that the worst part of the water emergency is over, state officials and others will forget about it and move on to other things.

After the protest outside the House of Delegates chamber, people moved to the area outside the governor's office. Johanna de Graffenreid, campaign coordinator for WV CARE (Citizen Action for Real Enforcement), said she was pleased with the turnout.

"We know that there are thousands of West Virginians who were not able to make it today who are represented by the people who are here in the Capitol," she said.

She said she had petitions signed by 2,000 state residents urging Tomblin to intervene in the Department of Environmental Protection's regulatory activities and require it to enforce laws.

Jim Kotcon, conservation chair of the West Virginia Sierra Club, told his fellow protestors, "Tell your legislators we want a stronger bill. No more loopholes."

Although Tomblin did not meet with the protestors, Kessler walked to the middle of the circle and addressed them.

"I'm here to pledge to you today something like this will never happen again," he said.

Facilities such as the Freedom Industries tank farm will be identified, will be inventoried and will be required to provide appropriate notification, Kessler said.

He also said there needs to be a thorough investigation of what happened Jan. 9.

Eventually, protestors were allowed into Tomblin's outer office, where they handed Becky Neal, executive aide to the governor, their petitions.

*Posted in **The State Journal**, January 30, 2014 reprinted here with permission THE STATE JOURNAL - <http://www.statejournal.com/story/24591827/protesters-take-demand-for-clean-water-to-wv-capitol>*

► In case you missed it, we thought we'd share two quotes from delegates regarding perceptions of the protest Thursday:

This was from the Gazette article about the protest:



One of the only delegates to engage with protestors outside the House chamber was Delegate Randy Smith, R-Preston.

"You guys need to go after some of the other places besides coal," Smith said. "I'm a coal miner, and I take offense to that."

And during the protest, this from Delegate Brady Paxton, D-Putnam:

"Well, the birds and bunnies people are out in force today, aren't they?"

Photo: Rose Edington and Mel Hoover during the protest. *Photo by Denise Poole*

Charleston (The Town for Extreme Tourists)

By Colleen Anderson

Like many others, I'm distressed and angry about the chemical leak that fouled my city's water supply and turned off the taps for three hundred thousand taxpayers. But I can't sustain my outrage without a dose of laughter now and then. And it occurs to me that Charleston may want to consider looking for a niche in the extreme tourism market. So, with the help of my co-writer and accompanist, George Castelle, I've put my thoughts into a song:

Charleston—the town inimical

Charleston—the town inimical
Hip, historic, cool and chemical
Yes, there's sludge, and it could spill
So if you're looking for a thrill...it's

Charleston—we're eccellente
Whole place smells like Good n' Plenty
You'll get accustomed to the stink here
Just don't shower, eat or drink here

Flush your pipes and flush your hoses
Close your eyes and hold your noses
Flush your drain and flush your sink
Now fill your glass...let's have a drink

Charleston's a real big time
Come on in, the water's fine
It's a dandy place for a holiday
Unless you work for the E.P.A.

Methyl cyclo hexane methanol
May not even kill us after all
But downstream they're goin' batty
It's on its way to Cincinnati...from

Charleston—there's no place hotter
Better bring some bottled water
Climb our mountains, if you care to
Y'all come back, now, if you dare to

This appeared on WV Public Broadcasting, and you can listen to it here:
<http://wvpublic.org/post/charleston-town-extreme-tourists>

More Questions Than Answers About Water At Town Hall Meeting

By Kate White
The Charleston Gazette

Frustrated by the chemical spill, Linda Frame doesn't see much of a reason to stay in Charleston.

"My kids want to go to WVU," but if things don't change, "I'm going to encourage them to leave," she said.

Frame made the comment at a town hall meeting held in the gymnasium of St. Matthews Episcopal Church in South Hills on Monday night.

About 100 people gathered at the church to try to get answers about "what's next?" since a coal-processing chemical leaked out of a tank Jan. 9 at Freedom Industries and into the Elk River, contaminating the water supply for 300,000 West Virginians.

Residents were told not to use their water for days after the leak. But since the ban was lifted, many still don't feel comfortable drinking the water -- which many still say smells like licorice.

Nearly everyone raised his or her hand when asked who still wasn't drinking the water. Dozens of questions were asked during the two-hour meeting, but not many answers were provided.

West Virginia House of Delegates members J.B. McCuskey and Eric Nelson, both R-Kanawha, and state Sen. Chris Walters, R-Putnam, attended the meeting. McCuskey and Charleston City Councilman Courtney Persinger organized the discussion.

Dr. Rahul Gupta, health officer for the Kanawha-Charleston Health Department, and Paul Painter, laboratory director for ALS Global in South Charleston, also took questions from residents.

Painter was the only panelist who said he had been drinking water from the tap.

"I did bathe through the ban," he said after the meeting, adding, though, that his water didn't have the licorice smell.

Gupta said he's tried to drink the water, but said the smell makes it difficult.

Many residents had questions about a bill, now on the Senate floor, that would require registration, inspection and regulation of above-ground chemical storage tank farms, and require public water systems to develop emergency plans to respond to contamination of their water sources.

"Are [lawmakers] really doing something with teeth or is this a dog and pony show," one man asked.

Lawmakers admitted that the bill had "imperfect parts" and said they would ask that the process be slowed down to give time for the public's opinion.

"This should be a deliberate, slow study process. This doesn't need to be a knee-jerk reaction," Walters said. "I have a pregnant wife and a three-year-old daughter -- I'm not consuming the water. I'm not cooking with it. I'm worried about my unborn child. I can't get answers."

One woman questioned lawmakers about Chemical Safety Board recommendations made to state officials after prior incidents at the Bayer CropScience plant and the DuPont plant in Belle. In both those reports, the CSB recommended West Virginia establish a program to prevent hazardous chemical releases.

State officials did not heed either recommendation.

"I'd really like to see you all take that up," she told lawmakers. Her comment drew loud applause.

McCuskey, when pushed by a woman about a blog post he wrote about "unreasonable regulations," said he didn't mean "regulations that ensure people and businesses have clean water."

"So you're not talking about the EPA overreaching?" the woman asked.

"There are instances when they do," McCuskey answered, drawing loud questions demanding he give an example.

"I think it's significantly harder to operate coal mines," he said, quickly adding that's not what Monday's meeting was about.

"There's no war on coal, there's a war on us," a man shouted.

Nelson asked residents to stay positive.

"We don't want this one incident to shut us down," he said.

Holding back tears, one woman said she just wanted to know "is our water ever really going to be safe or not?"

This article appeared in [The Charleston Gazette](#) January 27, 2014. Reprinted here with permission. Reach Kate White at kate.wh...@wvgazette.com or 304-348-1723.



WVEC's E-Day at the Capitol

"Water Is Life – Keep It Clean"

Day of ACTION

Monday, February 17, 2014

**Senate Side Hallway & Upper Rotunda Alcoves
State Capitol, Charleston ~ 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

**Displays, Citizen Lobbying, Action
Press Conference at 12:30 p.m. (in Lower Rotunda)**

(If your group would like to participate, please contact Karen Yarnell:
Karen.yarnell@fairmontstate.edu)

E-Day Benefit Dinner & Awards Ceremony

**Woman's Club of Charleston (Corner of Elizabeth St. / Virginia Ave.)
From 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**

Dinner, Awards, Music & Poetry

**Music by Marium Bria & Ammed Solomon; Performance by Jude
Binder – accompanied by Andy Park.
Poetry reading by Crystal Good.**

Donation of \$15 per person



Worth Reading:

Autumn Long: *Water crisis is 'completely unacceptable'*
<http://www.wvgazette.com/Opinion/OpEdCommentaries/201401300046>

Ken Ward on NPR's Fresh Air: *Overregulation Is 'Wildly Exaggerated'*

<http://wvpublic.org/post/ken-ward-nprs-fresh-air-overregulation-wildly-exaggerated#.Uul916b2ROc.facebook>

The Next Accident Awaits, by Rafael Moure-Eraso, Chairman of the United States Chemical Safety Board

http://www.nytimes.com/2014/01/29/opinion/the-next-accident-awaits.html?_r=1

West Virginia's Elk River Chemical Spill and How We Measure Progress

<http://newswatch.nationalgeographic.com/2014/01/28/west-virginias-elk-river-chemical-spill-and-how-we-measure-progress/>

Appalachian Waterwatch (*lots of data*)

http://appalachianwaterwatch.org/major_event/?event=wv-mchm-2014

West Virginia Chemical Spill Even Worse Than Reported

<http://www.commondreams.org/headline/2014/01/28-3>

Medical Monitoring Needed In Wake Of Chemical Spill, Gupta says

<http://www.wvgazette.com/News/201401290246>

Water Related Bill Tracking

SB 136 Water Quality Standards Rule. Weakens aluminum criteria for all state waters. Pending, Senate Judiciary, 01/22/14.

SB 355 Amending Water Resources Protection and Management Act. Pending, Senate Natural Resources Committee, 01/15/14.

SB 373 Adds a new section to SB 355 regulating aboveground storage tanks. This is the "active" bill in the Senate. **Passed the Senate**, 01/28/14. **Introduced in House** 01/29/14. Referred first to Health and Human Resources then Judiciary and then Finance.

SB 417 Creating Source Water Protection Act. This is the Governor's bill. Pending, Senate Natural Resources Committee, 01/22/14.

HB 4255 Water Resources Protection and Management Act. Pending, House Judiciary Committee, 01/22/14. This is the same as SB 355 and is on the agenda for House Judiciary on Monday 01/27/14 at 2:15.

HB 4258 Creating a source water protection program and an industrial aboveground storage tank program to protect source water supplies and systems. Pending, House Judiciary Committee, 01/22/14. This is the Governor's bill.

HB 4285 Amending the Water Resources Protection and Management Act to incorporate recommendations from the state Water Resources Management Plan. Pending, House Judiciary Committee, 01/24/14. This is the same as the original version of SB 373.

HB 4277 Requiring only registration and inventory of existing aboveground storage tanks. Pending, House Judiciary Committee, 01/23/14. This is a bill sponsored by House Republicans.

Calendar of Events

February 3: PUBLIC HEARING – SB 373. House Chambers. Begins at 5:30 p.m. SB 373 is the bill to begin regulation of chemical storage tanks in WV. (See detailed information in this newsletter, “Under The Dome”).

February 6: PUBLIC HEARING – Water Quality Standards Variance. Begins at 6 p.m. in the Coopers Rock Conference Room at the WVDEP Headquarters located at 601 57th St., SE, Charleston, WV. The West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (WVDEP) will hold a public hearing to receive comments on an application for a variance from water quality standards for dissolved aluminum and pH for an unnamed tributary of Slab Fork and Slab Fork River, a tributary of the Guyandotte River near Maben in Wyoming County, West Virginia. The variance request was submitted by Carbon Resources Development, Inc. Any person wishing to comment on the proposed variance is invited to be present or represented at the hearing. In addition to oral comments provided at the hearing, the agency will accept written comments at any time up to the conclusion of the public hearing. No comments will be accepted after that time. Written comments may be submitted to the following address:

Kevin Coyne
Water Quality Standards Program
WV Department of Environmental Protection
601 57th St., SE
Charleston, WV 25304

Comments may also be e-mailed to dep.comments@wv.gov. Copies of all written information pertinent to the proposed variance, including the variance application and the WVDEP's information sheet summarizing the proposed variance may be reviewed by contacting the WVDEP office at 601 57th St., SE, Charleston, WV 25304. Telephone: 304-926-0499 extension 1110; Fax: 304- 926-0496. E-mail: Kevin.R.Coyne@wv.gov Information is [also available here.](#)

February 13: WV Free Day at the Capitol. 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. State Capitol complex.

February 14: Rally For Water. Lower Rotunda, State Capitol Complex. Sponsored by WV Sierra Club. Stay tuned for more details.

February 17: WV Environmental Council’s Annual “E-Day at the Capitol” – ‘Water Is Life – Keep it Clean’. **A Day of Action & Citizen Lobbying.** WV State Capitol - Senate hallway, Upper Rotunda & alcoves. From 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. ► **Press Conference** in the Lower Rotunda at 12:30. Environmental Groups / Organizations / Sustainable Businesses, Citizen Lobbying will be located in Upper Rotunda alcoves & Senate Side Hallway.

For group display registration: Karen.yarnell@fairmontstate.edu
For more information, call the WVEC office: (304) 414-0143

February 17: WV Environmental Council's Annual "E-Day Benefit Dinner & Awards Ceremony". Woman's Club of Charleston. 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Full course dinner, music by Mariam Bria & Ammed Solomon, Poetry by Crystal Good, Performance piece by Jude Binder, cash donation bar. Donation of \$15 per person.
For more information: deniseap@earthlink.net

February 24: WVU Law National Energy Conference 2014. Erickson Alumni Center, WVU. This is a free, one-day conference. Features speakers from air and energy regulatory agencies, electric utilities, energy producers, academic institutions, environmental groups, and public policy organizations to explore legal, policy, economic, and other issues surrounding the new rules, including:

EPA's rule-making process and the likely framework of the EPA rules.

Options available to states for complying with the EPA rules.

Options available to utilities and other energy producers for complying with the EPA rules.

Socio-economic implications for coal dependent states.

Flexibility and the Path Forward for Coal Dependent States

Coal fired power plants supply approximately 40 percent of the electricity generated in the United States, but also contribute 80 percent of the power sector's carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions.

In June 2013 President Obama directed EPA to complete CO₂ emission standards for new and existing power plants by June 1, 2015. In September, 2013 EPA proposed standards for new power plants under Section 111(b) of the Clean Air Act. In June 2014, EPA is expected to propose standards and guidelines for existing power plants under Section 111(d) of the Clean Air Act, which will become effective one year later, in June 2015.

Major coal producing regions of the country and states served by electric utilities relying heavily on coal fired generation potentially will bear disproportionate adverse impacts from the EPA's regulation of CO₂ emissions. At the same time, EPA's rules are expected to provide a number of compliance options for states in achieving the CO₂ emission standards. This conference will examine pending EPA regulation under section 111(d) of the Clean Air Act and explore the policy frameworks available to states for developing CO₂ emission reduction strategies for existing power plants.

Panelists will discuss compliance options likely to be made available to states, potential impacts on the power sector as well as the broader economic implications of the EPA regulations for coal-producing regions.

U.S. Senator **Joe Manchin** (D-W.Va.) has been invited to give the keynote address.

The luncheon speaker will be **Charles Patton**, President and Chief Operating Officer of Appalachian Power.

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Feb 27 - March 1: Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference. To be held at the University of Kentucky, Lexington.

For more information: www.politicaecology.org

March 9 – 16: Mountain Justice Spring Break. North central West Virginia - focused on coal and fracking issues, beautiful location, camping and indoor lodging, all food and programs provided for low cost alternative spring break.

For more information: www.mjsb.org

March 22: WVEC Board of Directors meeting. TBA

June: WVEC Board of Directors June Retreat. TBA

June 21 & 22: 9th Annual Lavender Fair. To be held at the beautiful LaPaix Herb Farm, Alum Bridge WV. Theme: "Choose Love". Tracks: 1) Honoring the Earth. 2) We Are All Connected. 3) Just Herbs. This is a very popular event, so please register early to ensure attendance. Car pooling is encouraged.

Reservations are limited to 100 per day. Cost: \$50 per day per person.

For more information: www.lapaixherbfarm.com

Fall 2014: 25th Annual WVEC Fall Conference! Join us as we celebrate **25 years** of protecting West Virginia's environment and being your voice at the WV state capitol! Exact location and plans TBA. Stay tuned!

► To have your event posted, please contact Denise Poole: deniseap@earthlink.net

Legislative Session 2014 Information Sources:

Legislative Reference & Information Center:

MB-27, Bld. 1 - State Capitol Complex, Charleston WV 25305

WV Legislative web-site: www.legis.state.wv.us

(For bill tracking, bulletin board (journals), legislators' e-mails.)

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WV Environmental Council Web-site: www.wvecouncil.org

WVEC Office: (304) 414-0143

Ohio Valley Environmental Coalition: <http://ohvec.org/news.php>

Every morning, OVEC checks scores of news sources and posts links.

WV Citizen Action Group: <http://www.wvcag.org>

WV -CAG Office: (304) 346-5891

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