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**Re: Request for Regional Public Hearings on the Proposed Coal Combustion
Residuals Rule, Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-RCRA-2009-0640**

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Dear Mr. Livnat:

We are writing to request public hearings on the proposed Coal Combustion Residuals Rule. As you can imagine, people in our region have a keen interest in the outcome of this process and for that reason we request that you hold a number of regional meetings throughout the Southeast.

To facilitate participation of the many interested communities, we request that EPA hold hearings in Knoxville, Tennessee; Atlanta, Georgia and; the Raleigh-Durham area of North Carolina in addition to a public hearing in Washington, D.C. We also request that the hearing locations be easily accessible from public transportation and that the hearings extend to at least 9:00 pm to accommodate individuals who work fulltime and who must travel to the hearing sites.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. We appreciate your action on this critical issue and we look forward to a fair and robust comment period in which all stakeholders have the opportunity to participate meaningfully in the rulemaking process.

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