



Opponents of coal ash landfill in Perry County file federal lawsuit

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Residents of Perry County who live or work near the Arrowhead landfill filed suit in federal court Friday alleging violations of the **Clean Air Act**.

The lawsuit seeks abatement of odors and asks that penalties be imposed up to \$37,500 per day.

Residents blame problems at the landfill on a huge influx of coal ash being shipped from Tennessee. Earlier this week, they filed a similar suit in state court.

As of June 1, more than 2 million tons of coal ash cleaned up from the December 2008 failure of an ash pond at a **Tennessee Valley Authority** coal-fired plant in Kingston, Tenn., have been disposed up at the landfill in Uniontown.

Mike Smith, a Tuscaloosa attorney who represents the company that operates the landfill, said the company is operating according to the terms of its permit.

"We will be closely reviewing the attorney's allegations and, in the interim, will continue to operate the **Arrowhead Landfill** in full accordance with federal, state, and local laws and regulations," he said.

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