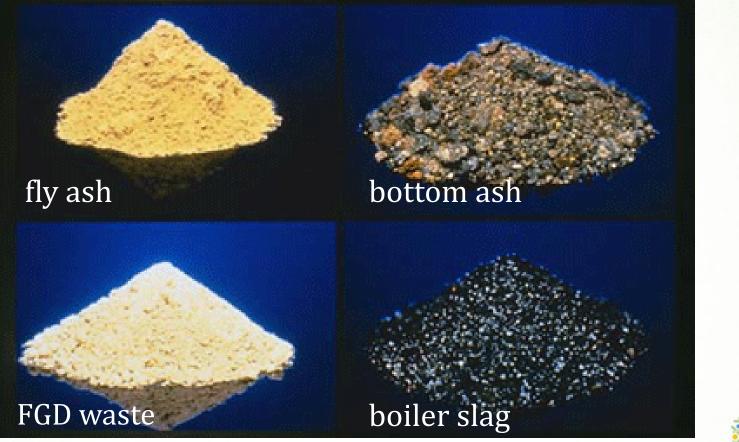
# Coal Ash and Indiana's Water

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#### What is Coal Ash?



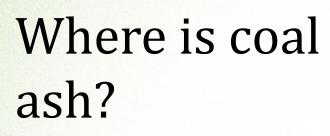


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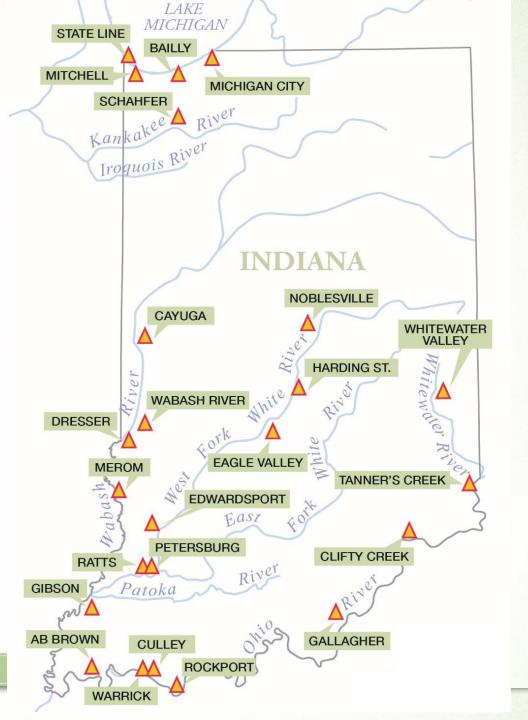
# How much is there?

# Indiana produced 4.9 million tons of coal ash in 2021

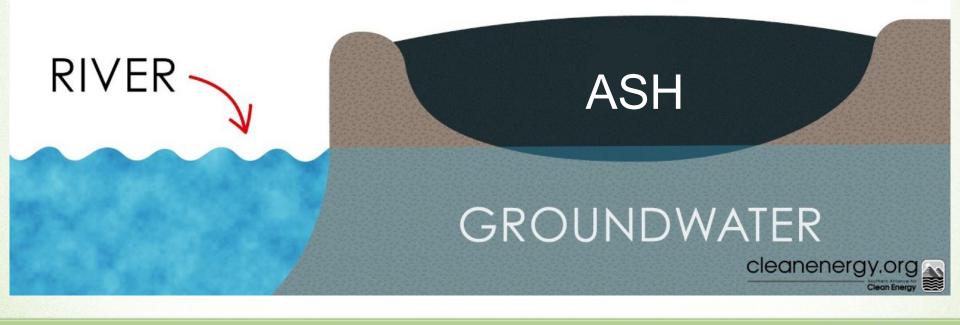
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## The majority is in the floodplain.



#### **Coal Ash in the Floodplain**



#### **Coal Ash & the Ohio River**



#### **Coal Ash & the White River**



#### What are the risks of Coal Ash?





#### What are the risks of Coal Ash?

- Contaminating water
- All but one of Indiana's coal ash sites has contaminated the groundwater



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#### **Coal Ash Contaminates Water**

- With a variable mix of
  - molybdenum, lithium, boron, arsenic, sulfate, cobalt, antimony, radium, lead, selenium and thallium
- Often many times the limit for drinking water



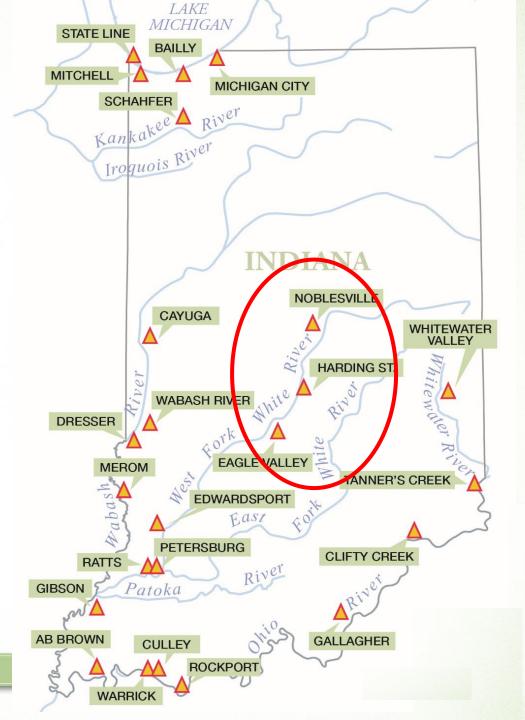
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### What are the risks of Coal Ash?

 The contaminated groundwater is seaping into waterways



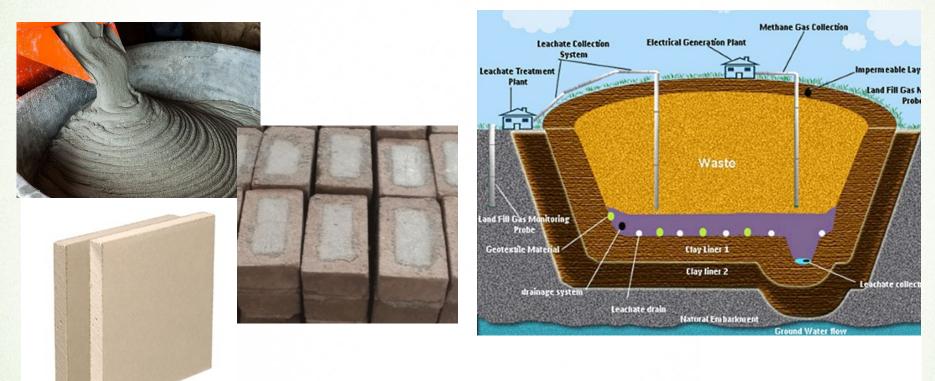
Some sites pump contaminated groundwater into the river.



### **Best Solutions for Coal Ash**

Encapsulated uses: concrete, brick, wallboard

Well-engineered Landfill on high ground



#### **Current Regulation**

#### **Federal**

- EPA rule 2015
- 2023 proposed revision

#### <u>Indiana</u>

- Some landfill requirements since 1990's
- State rule pending
- 2023 legislation



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