

Folksy SC Lawyer Stares Down Duke Energy, Other Utility Giants

Frank Holleman never thought he'd become a nationally recognized authority on coal ash, a toxin-riddled waste that has power companies under scrutiny across the country, but five years after taking a job with a regional conservation group, Holleman is perhaps the one person utilities hate to see coming, writes Sammy Fretwell for *The State* of Columbia, S.C.

He has taken on such big foes as Duke Energy, Santee Cooper and SCE&G, successfully brokering agreements to clean out coal ash waste ponds along South Carolina rivers. And he has obtained legislative help for people who had to fight for the right to sue companies that pollute rivers with coal ash waste.

He is an attorney with the Southern Environmental Law Center.

Holleman says working full-time as an environmental lawyer resulted from his long-time interest in conservation and public service.

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