We’re closing ash basins in ways that:

- Put safety first
- Protect the environment
- Minimize impact to communities
- Manage costs
Cape Fear Plant Update

Duke Energy has projects underway at the Cape Fear Plant as part of our efforts to decommission the plant and close the ash basins at the site. Over the last two years, we have demolished the main plant structures, including the smokestacks and boilers, and we have begun work to remove the remaining debris and scrap metal. These are important steps as we return the site to ground level and restore the land.

We have recommended excavating ash from the five ash basins at the site and moving the material to a fully lined structural fill at the Brickhaven Mine not far from Cape Fear. Our studies noted the possible risk of flooding during extreme weather events at the plant site, so excavation is the best option to ensure long-term safe storage of the ash. Our focus during excavation and transportation will be on minimizing impact to the community. The Brickhaven site is already receiving ash from other sites in accordance with permits issued by the state.

Thank you for your patience as we make advancements at the site. As we reach milestones in the process, we will continue to update duke-energy.com/cape-fear and duke-energy.com/ash-management so you can stay informed.