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The citizens of Memphis are pleased that TVA is finally seriously considering the wellness of this community by removing an air and water pollution hazard. The Allen Steam Plant has served the energy needs of this community for over 50 years but this coal fired technology has outlived its usefulness and must give way to cleaner sources of energy. The health and well-being of this community should always be paramount in the minds of those who provide the needed services.

The NAACP has made a conscientious effort to identify and evaluate the potential environmental hazards in African American communities across this country in their "Just Energy Policies" report. The proliferation of asthma, and other respiratory ailments are hazards to our children and senior citizens who are relegated to pockets of low income housing within the immediate perimeter of these coal fired plants.

We seek to provide healthy and affordable sources of energy to protect our local and global community while meeting our need for economic sustainability. We call on the Tennessee Valley Authority to help us clean up our community with clean renewable energy sources by closing the Allen Steam Plant.

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