GOOD NEWS: WE CAN KEEP JOBS IN COLSTRIP!

ASH POND CLOSURE CREATES MANY GOOD-PAYING JOBS. THESE JOBS SHOULD GO TO THE EXISTING WORKFORCE IN COLSTRIP.

In a recent study, we found that regions using robust cleanup strategies involving the removal of coal ash through excavation have retained workforce levels up to 50-90%.

RESponsible cleanUp is key to colstrip’s bright future

- Sites that have removed coal ash using excavation have retained workforce levels up to 90%.
- Sites that use minimal cleanup strategies like cap-in-place require a much smaller workforce and are exposed to ongoing groundwater contamination.

Colstrip has a choice—responsible cleanup with many jobs or minimal cleanup with few jobs.
Even though Castle Rock Lake supplies the town of Colstrip with clean drinking water, the groundwater pollution is still a big problem for county residents and future property values.
Research shows that excavation tends to create more jobs than a minimal “cap-in-place” cleanup approach. North Carolina plants that recently excavated their coal ash ponds required more workers (relative to their size) than plants that used cap-in-place.

For instance, the Asheville pond excavation and cleanup required a workforce 95% the size of its operational plant workforce.

Cleanup that involves excavation and removes contamination requires many different workers with many different skill sets. Here are just SOME of the jobs created by these projects:

- Heavy equipment operator
- Mechanic
- Electrician
- Excavator operator
- Fence erector
- General laborer
- Truck driver
- Site superintendent
- Environmental engineer
- Mechanical engineer
- Civil Engineer
- Computer-aided development and design (CADD) specialist
- Septic systems operator
- Surveyor
- Well driller
- Pump installer
- Demolition specialist
- Security guard
- Construction crews
- Septic system installer
- Groundwater sampling technician
- Water treatment plant operator
- Environmental Health and Safety officer
COLSTRIP AND ROSEBUD COUNTY DESERVE CLEANUP DONE RIGHT!

PLANT OWNERS MUST PAY FOR CLEANUP

Colstrip plant owners are **required by law** to clean up the leaking ash ponds. It’s up to the community and the state of Montana to demand the cleanup that’s best for Colstrip’s future. We need a cleanup strategy that:

- **Stops pollution permanently.** Excavation and active water treatment are responsible, long-term solutions to stopping pollution AND creating jobs. Cap-and-abandon is **NOT** a solution!
- Employs **local workers.**
- Doesn’t push **unnecessary costs** onto Montana taxpayers.