

# AES's coal ash pollutes Puerto Rico

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On April 18, a delegation of Puerto Rican activists and supporters delivered a strong message to the AES stockholders meeting in Arlington, Va. "Get out of Puerto Rico, clean up the mess you made!" they chanted.

AES's toxic coal ash pollutes water and air, sickening and killing people. Why generate electricity by burning coal, they asked, on an island with plentiful sun and

wind?

Another important factor noted is Puerto Rico's colonial status, racism and looting by bankruptcy and developers.

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