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**ATTORNEY GENERAL COOPER TO BE COMMENDED FOR LATEST
ACTION TO CLEAR THE AIR**

***JOINT STATEMENT OF THE SOUTHERN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW CENTER AND
ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENSE:***

Since passage of North Carolina's Clean Smokestacks Act, Attorney General Roy Cooper has been tenacious in his efforts to secure similar reductions of pollution from power plants in upwind states. TVA sends tremendous amounts of unhealthy air emissions into North Carolina, and one way or another, the Tennessee Valley Authority must reduce its pollution. Environmental Defense and the Southern Environmental Law Center commend Attorney General Cooper for filing this law suit against TVA.

TVA is aware of the health threat its pollution poses to residents of North Carolina. There are reasonable means to reduce the pollution. Attorney General Cooper has done right by the people of North Carolina by holding the giant utility accountable for its pollution. Cleaning up TVA smokestacks would not only be good for North Carolinians, but for people across the Southeast.

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