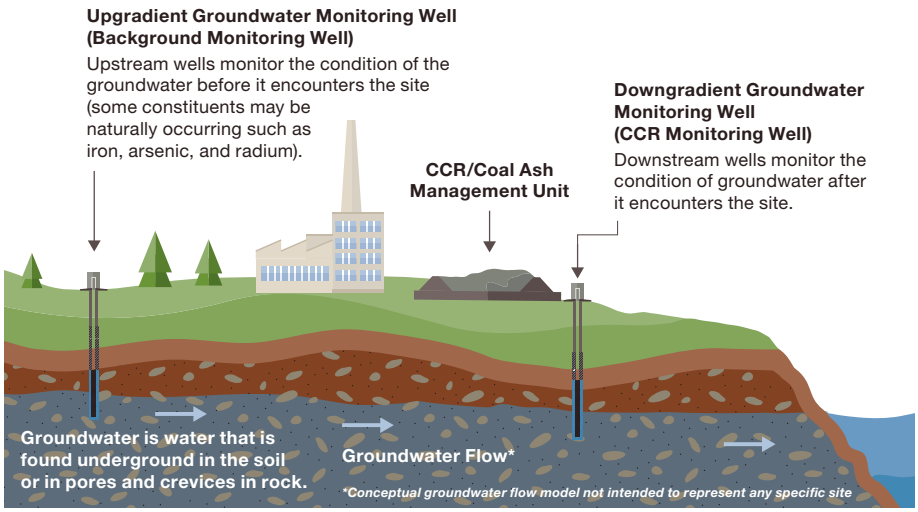
Groundwater Monitoring: Cumberland Fossil Plant

Ensuring the protection of water resources

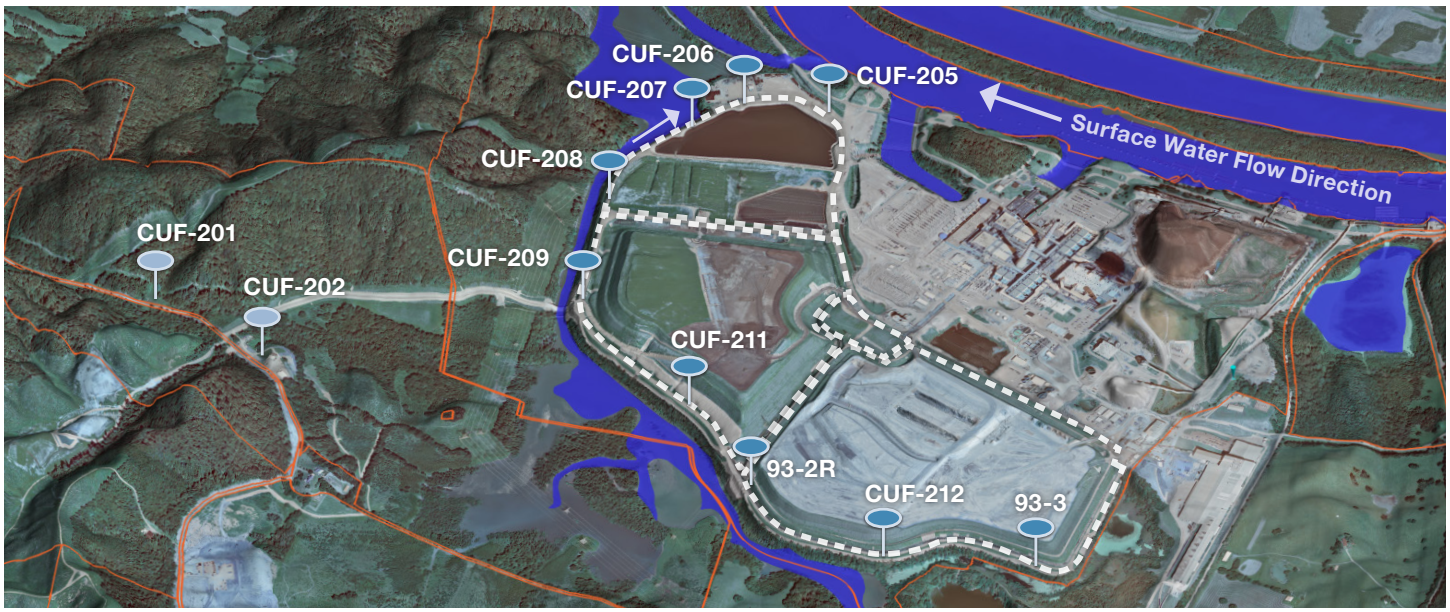
Why We Monitor

As part of our commitment to environmental stewardship and in compliance with state and federal regulations, TVA continues to monitor the groundwater quality at the site to ensure water resources are not impacted by our coal ash management units. This fact sheet summarizes TVA's CCR Rule groundwater monitoring program and provides the most recent results reported under federal regulations. There are more monitoring wells for other monitoring programs at the site which are not included in this fact sheet.



How We Monitor

We maintain a robust network of monitoring wells that we sample regularly for groundwater quality. Many of the constituents in coal ash are naturally occurring in rocks and soil, which makes it important to understand groundwater quality before it reaches the site. That's why we typically install monitoring wells both before and after groundwater reaches the site. We proactively report the results to regulators and post the results on the TVA website.



Background Monitoring Well

CCR Monitoring Well

CCR Unit Subject to CCR Rule

TVA Property Boundary

Image shown is a rendering, well locations are approximate.

For more information on our robust groundwater monitoring program please go to: www.tva.com/coalash

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Results of Assessment Monitoring for Midyear 2026*

Midyear 2026		GROUNDWATER QUALITY MONITORING WELL LOCATIONS										
		Background Wells		CCR Monitoring Wells								
Constituent	GWPS mg/L	CUF-201	CUF-202	CUF-205	CUF-206	CUF-207	CUF-208	CUF-209	CUF-211	93-2R	CUF-212	93-3
Antimony	0.006	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Arsenic	0.01	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Barium	2	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Beryllium	0.004	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Cadmium	0.005	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Chromium	0.1	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Cobalt	0.006	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Fluoride	4	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Lead	0.015	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Lithium	0.04	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Mercury	0.002	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Molybdenum	0.1	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Rad226+228	5 pCi/L	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Selenium	0.05	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Thallium	0.002	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●

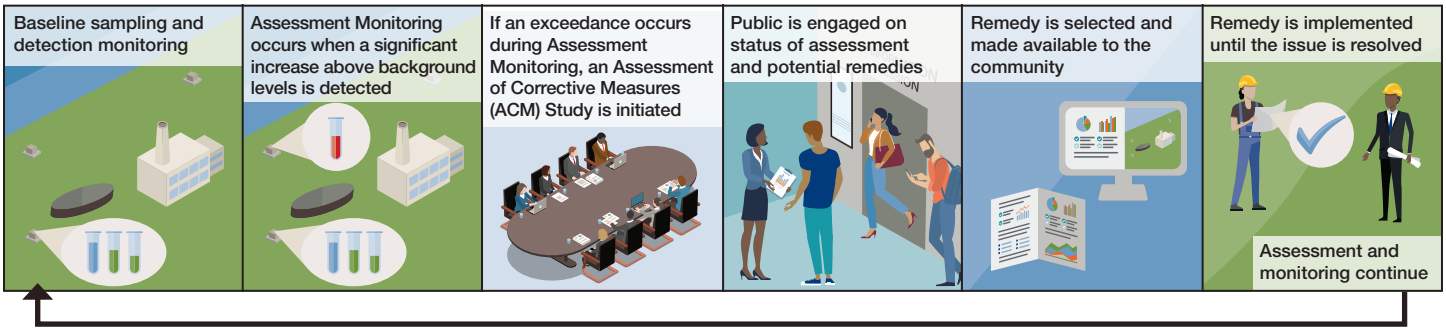
Color Coding Key

- ● Monitoring data results are below groundwater protection standards (GWPS)
- ● Monitoring data results exceed GWPS (TVA completed assessment of corrective measures report)

* The results shown here are representative of the results of the 2026 Midyear Update on Statistically Significant Levels (SSLs) Memorandum submitted on June 26, 2026, and may not be the most recent documented results.

Monitoring and Remedy Process Under Federal Regulations

Below are the steps that TVA takes to understand groundwater conditions and resolve any issues that are detected as a part of our robust monitoring.



Should action be required to address an issue, the public is notified and corrective measures are taken. As the issue is resolved, monitoring continues. This is a cycle that continues as part of our robust monitoring program.

Next Steps

TVA will continue to monitor and assess groundwater testing results and take the steps necessary to preserve and protect the quality of the environment and surrounding community.

TVA will not waver from our commitment to protecting water resources.