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### **Environmental Assessment Supports Demolition of Colbert Fossil Plant**

TUSCUMBIA, Ala. – The Tennessee Valley Authority plans to fully decommission and remove power generation facilities at the retired Colbert Fossil Plant near Tuscumbia, Ala., making it available for commercial or industrial use.

TVA examined four possible alternatives for the site -- maintaining the existing structures and equipment; a no action alternative; and two deconstruction options, one of which would retain the powerhouse for possible future use -- as part of an Environmental Assessment.

A Finding of No Significant Impact was issued on Nov. 9, 2016 in support of TVA's preferred alternative, which is to return the site to a "brownfield" state through demolition to three feet below final grade. The five chimney stacks would be removed using explosives, manual deconstruction, or a combination of both.

The final method of demolition will be determined during development of the deconstruction plan. The EA found only minor impacts associated with the two deconstruction options.

Demolition work is scheduled to begin in late 2017.

This project supports TVA's plan to appropriately manage disposal of buildings and physical structures that are no longer used for power generation or support the TVA mission.

The Final EA and FONSI is available online at [www.tva.com/Environment/Environmental-Stewardship/Environmental-Reviews/Colbert-Fossil-Plant-Decontamination-and-Deconstruction](http://www.tva.com/Environment/Environmental-Stewardship/Environmental-Reviews/Colbert-Fossil-Plant-Decontamination-and-Deconstruction) or in writing by contacting Ashley Farless, Tennessee Valley Authority, 1101 Market St., BR 4A, Chattanooga, TN, 37402.

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