

Senate Resolution 272

By: Senator Jordan of the 6th

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging Georgia Power to remove the unlined coal ash pile at the McDonough-Atkinson
2 Power Plant and place the coal ash in a lined landfill; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, there is a mound of six million tons of coal ash situated in an unlined location
4 at the McDonough-Atkinson Power Plant on the banks of the Chattahoochee River; and

5 WHEREAS, the component residue from this coal ash pile can permeate and contaminate
6 the ground water and surface water in this state; and

7 WHEREAS, the preferred, and safest, method to dispose of such material is to bury the dry
8 coal ash in a lined landfill, away from any water source; and

9 WHEREAS, although Georgia Power currently uses such safe practice at the majority of its
10 coal ash sites, Georgia Power is not adhering to this practice at the Atkinson-McDonough
11 Power Plant in Cobb County.

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
13 GEORGIA that the members of this body urge Georgia Power to remove the unlined coal
14 ash pile from the McDonough-Atkinson Power Plant and place such coal ash in a lined
15 landfill.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
17 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the Department
18 of Natural Resources, the Environmental Protection Division, and the United States
19 Environmental Protection Agency.