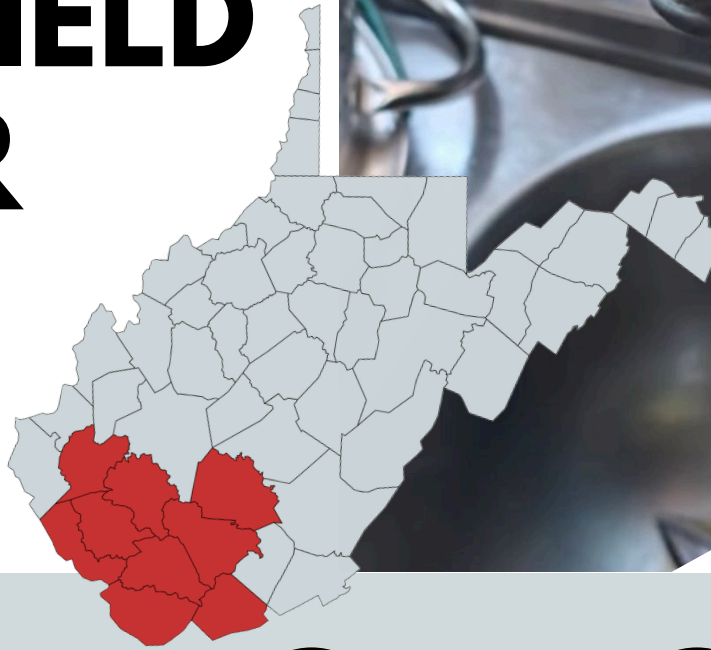


SOUTHERN COALFIELD WATER CRISIS



Straight- piping

Without wastewater infrastructure, many communities dump raw sewage into waterways



Water Infrastructure Funding

State funding for infrastructure projects typically go to other areas of the state



Irresponsible Industrial Practices

Dumping and abandoned industrial sites impacts waterways



Frequent Outages

Residents continue to pay high monthly utility rates despite frequent outages and advisories



Water Treatment Issues

Communities report orange-black water with filmy, thick, or bubbly water with an odor



Compromised source-water

Mine runoff, gas wells, and mountaintop removal mining compromise source water



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FACTS

- Only 161 WV Water Development Authority projects in 2024, only 4, or 2.5%, were in Boone, Logan, McDowell, Mingo, and Wyoming Counties (Charleston Gazette, 1/14/2025).
- Wyoming, Boone, and Mercer have the most public water violations in the nation (The Hill, 4/15/2025).
- 67% of McDowell Co straight-pipes raw sewage into waterways. (Mountain State Spotlight, 6/12/2024).
- 5 southern coalfield counties are classified as being in “persistent poverty.” Economic development in the region is complicated by lack of clean water access (Mountain State Spotlight, 1/16/2024).

THE ASK



Simplify the grant and infrastructure project approval process



Increase and prioritize funding for water and wastewater infrastructure in southern coalfield counties



Oversight of allotted federal funds to ensure fairness for coalfield counties



Provide water to impacted communities until projects are completed



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