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NOTES

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EARTH HOUR 2009

Saturday, MARCH 28, 2009
8:30 – 9:30 PM

EARTH DAY

It's officially on April 22, but there are numerous events planned from April 18 through April 25. Get involved by organizing or participating in one in your community and remember:
Good Planets are hard to find!

We've launched the latest [BALLE network](#) right here in SW Washington. Check us out and take the short local business survey at www.discoverLOCALS.org. Members welcome!

[EFFICIENCY FIRST: Washington passes bills to reduce climate pollution!](#)

Regional
Innovation Forum

March 27 & 28, 2009
Portland, Oregon



CLEAN COAL?

Samuel M. Simpkins/The Tennessean
Perry James' home is flooded with ash and mud in Harriman, TN.

On Dec. 22, 2008, a giant wave of more than **1 billion gallons of toxic coal sludge** came barreling down on a community in eastern Tennessee from the nearby Kingston Coal plant in the middle of the night. It covered 400 acres of land up to 6 feet and flooded into tributaries of the Tennessee River - **the water supply** for Chattanooga, TN and millions of people living downstream in Alabama, Tennessee and Kentucky. The disaster is **48 times larger** than the Exxon Valdez oil spill. For more info and photos, see <http://www.unitedmountaindefense.org/>.

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