

# Protect our drinking water from the proposed Shepherd Bend Mine

Mr. Ray Hayes, Chancellor | The University of Alabama System | 500 University Blvd E. | Tuscaloosa, AL 35401-1551

Dear Chancellor Hayes,

Our drinking water is being threatened. The proposed Shepherd Bend Mine would discharge wastewater into the Black Warrior River's Mulberry Fork only 800 feet from the Birmingham Water Works Board's intake in Walker County which provides drinking water for 200,000 greater Birmingham-area citizens daily.

The Birmingham Water Works Board and top scientists from around the state and the nation have offered detailed information as to how the wastewater discharges from this mine would introduce toxic pollutants and sediment into the source of our drinking water, potentially leading to increased treatment costs for customers, decreased water quality, and health risks.

Countless citizens, businesses, and organizations have asked UA what its plans are as the major property owner at Shepherd Bend. UA's oft-repeated response: "The University has not been approached about leasing the land and has no current plans to lease or sell the land" is evasive. **UA must announce that it will never sell or lease its land or mineral rights at Shepherd Bend for coal mining so close to the water intake.**

Thank you for informing the UA System Trustees of my position.

Sincerely,

A Concerned Citizen



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## Concerned Citizens: Take Action to Protect our Drinking Water

**Please help us pressure the University of Alabama to not lease or sell their land and mineral rights for coal mining directly across the river from a water intake facility serving water to 200,000 people.**

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