

# TENNESSEE RIVERKEEPER®

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*Founded in 1999 to protect water systems from polluters and unite 190+ Waterkeepers.*

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*Show your support for the Tennessee River by becoming a member today!*

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## ABOUT TENNESSEE RIVERKEEPER

Tennessee Riverkeeper is the only organization enforcing environmental laws in the entire Tennessee River watershed.

The Tennessee River has seen its fair share of industries and commercial traffic, but many parts of the watershed remain biological treasures and vital community assets to the entire American South. The citizens throughout Tennessee, Alabama, and the entire Gulf of Mexico need an institution to defend and restore their Tennessee River.

Tennessee Riverkeeper is a part of Waterkeeper Alliance, which uses a unique approach to environmental law enforcement and advocacy by stressing enforcement of the Clean Water Act and other laws through citizen participation. This approach has proven successful in so many other watersheds and will undoubtedly benefit this river.

Tennessee Riverkeeper founders Mark Martin and David Whiteside have years of experience using Waterkeeper’s approach to environmental enforcement.



Please join us in the battle for cleaner water in the Tennessee River and its tributaries. Tennessee Riverkeeper needs members throughout the river valley to strengthen our crucial membership and attain the legal standing to enforce environmental laws in your communities.



*The Tennessee River and its watershed (lightened)*



**Left to Right:**

**Mark Martin -**  
Prosecuting Attorney

**David Whiteside -**  
Riverkeeper and Executive Director

*Mark and David founded non-profit Tennessee Riverkeeper on September 10, 2009. Here David and Mark stand by the Tennessee in Chattanooga.*

## DID YOU KNOW?

**Headwaters**

*Two headwater tributaries, the French Broad and Holston Rivers, merge near Knoxville, TN to form the main stem of the Tennessee River.*

**Industry**

*The largest concentration of industrial development on the banks of the Tennessee River is in Decatur, Alabama.*

**Dams**

*There are nine TVA dams on the Tennessee River’s main stem: TN: Fort Loudon, Watts Bar, Chickamauga, Nickajack. AL: Guntersville, Wheeler, Wilson, Pickwick and TN / KY: Kentucky.*

# TEPPCO FUEL DEPOT PLANS CANCELLED



*Elected officials speak out against TEPPCO's plan at a press conference*

## TEPPCO Fuel Depot

The TEPPCO company has pulled its plans to build a fuel depot on the Tennessee River that would store and transfer as much as 14 million gallons of fuel. As reported by Eric Fleischauer in [The Decatur Daily](#), TEPPCO Spokesman Rick Rainey said: "public opposition, combined with the October 26 acquisition of TEPPCO by Enterprise Products, convinced the company to cancel its plans."

The TEPPCO fuel depot would have only created 2-5 jobs, as stated by Decatur Mayor Don Stanford. The proposed fuel depot would have been on 20 acres of Wolverine Tube land. Barges would have brought gasoline, ethanol, diesel and jet fuel to the terminal for transfer to fuel trucks. TEPPCO's proposed location was only one-half mile upstream of Decatur Utilities' sole water intake. Any spill could have been catastrophic to Decatur, Alabama and Morgan County, as well as the River. Decatur only has enough water in storage tanks to last 24 hours. A spill could have required the water treatment facility to shut down for weeks. Decatur Utilities and nearly every elected official in the area were opposed to this facility due to its hazardous location. State Senator

Arthur Orr, R-Decatur, led the opposition to the TEPPCO plan. "When the community came together, stood together and presented a united front, I believe our united strength convinced TEPPCO to reconsider their decision on the location," Orr said.

Tennessee Riverkeeper joined with Sen. Arthur Orr (R-Decatur), Rep. Micky Hammon (R-Decatur), Mayor Don Stanford, City Council President Greg Reeves, Decatur Utilities, St. John's Episcopal Church, and other community leaders in opposition to the TEPPCO terminal. David Whiteside, staff Riverkeeper and Executive Director of Tennessee Riverkeeper, produced a video on the proposed fuel terminal and published it online. He interviewed community leaders and presented the argument against the proposal. Meanwhile, Tennessee Riverkeeper's prosecuting attorney, Mark Martin, developed our legal strategy for opposing the anticipated permit application before the Army Corps of Engineers.

The consortium of leaders and groups, as well as public sentiment successfully convinced TEPPCO's executives to seek an alternate location. Tennessee Riverkeeper's mission is

to protect the Tennessee River and its tributaries by enforcing environmental laws and educating the public. This non-profit works to stop illegal pollution, but it is also important to prevent pollution and potential environmental disasters before they happen. To fulfill our mission, Riverkeeper works to unite the community and educate citizens about pollution threats.

### Legislative Solution

- In response to TEPPCO, Sen. Arthur Orr (R-Decatur) proposed a bill in January to the Alabama State Senate for the 2010 legislative session. The bill would provide a protective zone 5,000 feet upstream and 1,000 feet downstream of any water intake in Morgan Co. However, Sen. Orr stated in Riverkeeper's online video that this bill: "...would be a local bill, but I believe statewide that this is a policy measure that we as a state should look into."

*To view David's video on the TEPPCO Fuel Depot, visit [YouTube.com/TennesseeRiverkeeper](http://YouTube.com/TennesseeRiverkeeper) and watch "Proposed TEPPCO Fuel Depot Threatens Drinking Water on Tennessee River"*

# OUR SUPPORTERS

## Drive-By Truckers and Patterson Hood

Originally from Muscle Shoals / Florence, Alabama, Patterson Hood is the lead singer of [Drive-By Truckers](#) (D.B.T.), one of the Tennessee Valley's favorite bands. D.B.T. members who are also from the watershed include: Mike Cooley (guitar, vocals) from Tusculumbia, AL and Shonna Tucker (bass, vocals) from Killen, AL. Additionally we would like to thank Patterson's managers Kevin Morris and Christine Stauder at [Red Light Management](#). Patterson's father, David Hood, was a member of the legendary Muscle Shoals Rhythm Section, also known as "The Swampers," which played on 75 Gold and Platinum best-sellers. Rebecca and Patterson Hood are among the founding members of Tennessee Riverkeeper. Tennessee Riverkeeper would like to thank Drive-By Truckers for their support and acknowledge their cultural contributions to the Tennessee River Valley. Please join D.B.T. and become a Riverkeeper member today!



*Tennessee River native and Drive-By Truckers front man, Patterson Hood (center), with David Whiteside (left) and Riverkeeper Board member Robert F. Kennedy, III (right)*

## About WATERKEEPER ALLIANCE

The first Riverkeeper patrol boat was launched by fishermen and their friends who mobilized in 1966 to challenge polluters on the Hudson River. Hudson Riverkeeper's contributions to the Hudson's amazing recovery has inspired the creation of 190+ locally funded and controlled "Waterkeeper" organizations on waterways across the country and the world. Tennessee Riverkeeper is the first group patrolling a major waterbody in Tennessee. Waterkeepers (including Alabama's [Black Warrior Riverkeeper](#), [Cahaba Riverkeeper](#), [Choctawhatchee Riverkeeper](#), [Hurricane Creekkeeper](#) and [Mobile Baykeeper](#)) patrol local waterways, respond to citizen complaints, and enforce environmental laws.

**The Brick Deli and Tavern in Decatur, Alabama**  
Tennessee Riverkeeper would like to thank "[The Brick](#)" for hosting our concert fundraiser with [Michelle Malone](#), [Katie Herron](#), [Angela Hacker](#), [James](#) and [Dylan LeBlanc](#), [One Eyed Mary](#) and [Tim Tucker](#) on February 19, 2010.

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Waterkeeper Alliance was founded in 1999 to connect and support local Waterkeeper organizations, while allowing them full control over their finances and administrative decisions. Waterkeeper offers legal, scientific, and administrative advice, provides networking opportunities, and often advocates for issues common to local Waterkeepers.

Please visit [www.waterkeeper.org](http://www.waterkeeper.org) to learn more.



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