STATEMENT OF EMERGENCY

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This emergency administrative regulation is being promulgated in order to meet an imminent threat to public health, safety, or welfare. Kentucky bullfrogs are hunted and eaten; however, sampling tests have shown that bullfrogs in the area around the coal ash accident near Froggy Bottom Lake are testing positive for contaminants that are toxic to humans. This administrative regulation is being filed on an emergency basis in order to ensure that Kentuckians do not eat contaminated frog legs. The Department of Frogs is suspending bullfrog hunting in Kentucky until the bullfrogs are testing negative for the toxic substances. This emergency administrative regulation will be replaced by an ordinary administrative regulation because bullfrog toxicity levels are expected to remain at a toxic level for at least one (1) year. The companion ordinary administrative regulation is identical to this emergency administrative regulation. This emergency administrative regulation differs from one that was filed within the last nine (9) months. The prior version adjusted bullfrog size limits whereas this emergency administrative regulation suspends bullfrog hunting entirely.

Matt Bevin, Governor

David R. Johnson, Secretary