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Based on my review of the test results with our state toxicologist, the exposure to hazardous substances (in particular arsenic) in the Delaware River because of the spill from the Martins Creek plant ash basin was minimal at most.

There does not seem to be any health threat from this exposure, based on all the results I have seen.

Regarding possible exposure to arsenic, the organic form of arsenic is less toxic than the inorganic form. Fish taken from the river would have the less toxic organic form of arsenic and would, therefore, be okay to eat.

There is no concern about swimming because of the spill. If you were swimming during the spill, don't worry that your health will be affected down the road. Any exposure to arsenic was very minimal.