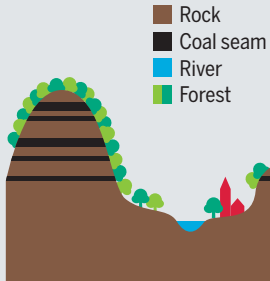


# CHOPPING OFF THE TOP

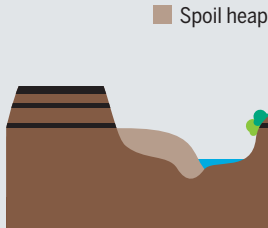
Mountaintop removal in the Appalachians, USA

## Original cross-section



## Summit removal

Overburden dumped in valley, contaminants move downstream



## Post-project

Despite the addition of chemicals, hardly any vegetation grows on the spoil heaps

