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May 11, 2014

Illinois Pollution Control Board
Office of the Clerk
100 W. Randolph St. # 11-500
Chicago, IL 60601

Dear Board Members:

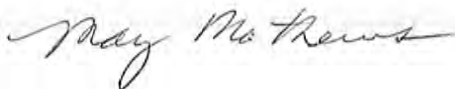
I am writing in response to the IEPA's Proposed Rules to Regulate Coal Combustion Waste at Power Plants. The rules do not go far enough in protecting the health and welfare of residents in northeastern Illinois.

My community's drinking water comes from Lake Michigan. We are only eight miles from the NRG Energy coal plant in Waukegan. This plant with its coal ash pits are a threat to our public health now and will continue to be for a century. Waste is leaking from the pits and contaminating groundwater. This includes such dangerous heavy metals as: arsenic, chloride, chromium, and mercury. These toxic pollutants cause not only cancer and other major medical problems in humans, but also risks to fish and other wildlife. This must stop, our communities must be protected. Waste needs to be removed safely.

The company must be accountable for poisoning our water and storing the waste. NRG Energy should be required to provide the financial assurance to cover the cost of fixing the long term problems caused by the improper storage of coal ash. The City of Waukegan does not have the resources for such a massive undertaking.

Please strengthen the proposed rules and protect the residents of northeastern Illinois.

Thank you for your consideration.



Sincerely,
Mary Mathews

Therriault, John

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From: Sierra Club <information@sierraclub.org> on behalf of April Nielsen <sraba03@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 20, 2014 7:50 AM
To: Therriault, John
Subject: Coal Ash: R14-10

May 20, 2014

John Therriault

Dear Therriault,

As a resident of Illinois, I am concerned about water quality and the future of the waterways in my community and Lake Michigan. In particular, I am concerned about the coal ash pits in Waukegan that sit right next to Lake Michigan and have a history of contamination.

Coal combustion waste is a serious public health threat that has and continues to jeopardize my community and I ask that stronger protections be put in place.

I urge the IEPA to strengthen these proposed rules and to prevent coal combustion waste from continuing to damage the waters used by citizens of Illinois. These power companies with coal ash ponds must be held accountable and demonstrate the financial means to clean them up so communities are not left with the responsibility and the price tag. Should companies close their coal plants they must be required to take care of the coal ash waste so that there can be future opportunities for reuse of these sites.

Sincerely,

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Therriault, John

From: Sierra Club <jennifer.hensley@sierraclub.org> on behalf of Kimberly Williams <miss.kimw@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 20, 2014 6:50 AM
To: Therriault, John
Subject: R14-10: We Need Coal Ash Rules that Protect Public Health and the Environment:

May 20, 2014

Clerk of the IPCB John Therriault

Dear Clerk of the IPCB Therriault,

Coal combustion produces dangerous coal ash waste that contains mercury, arsenic, lead and other health-threatening pollutants that are leaching into our water supplies. These deadly pollutants increase severe health risks including cancer, neurological disorders, birth defects, reproductive failure, asthma and other serious illnesses. We need the proposed rules for regulation coal combustion in Illinois waste to be strengthened!

Rules governing coal ash pits must include key protections!

Groundwater Contamination:

- Impoundments causing groundwater impairment must be closed by a set date to fully protect the environment and human health.
- Complete removal of waste should be considered as the presumptive closure strategy.

Surface water Contamination:

- The draft rules do not require that threats to surface water be assessed and as such leave downstream waterways vulnerable to toxic pollutants. The rules must protect surface waters from contamination.

Public Participation and Notice:

- Citizens should have the right to be informed and participate in decisions regarding what is to be done with coal combustion waste in their communities.
- The rules must give the public ample time (60 days) to comment meaningfully on any facility's plan and allow the IEPA to hold a public meeting on the plan where there is significant interest.

Financial Burden:

- The weight of coal ash problems is a tremendous burden that communities should not have to bear. The rules should require power companies to provide financial assurances for the coal ash pits at all operating and retired power plants.

I urge you to please stand up for the health and safety of Illinois families by strengthening the IEPA's proposed rules on coal combustion waste at power plants in Illinois!

Sincerely,

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From: Sierra Club <information@sierraclub.org> on behalf of Elizabeth D'Amico <edamico89@gmail.com>
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From: Sierra Club <jennifer.hensley@sierraclub.org> on behalf of Patricia Martinez <russnpat_2000@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 20, 2014 12:52 PM
To: Therriault, John
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From: Sierra Club <information@sierraclub.org> on behalf of Steve Kaplan <stevek0100@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 20, 2014 1:24 PM
To: Therriault, John
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