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Ms. Barbara Flynn Currie
Chairman
Illinois Pollution Control Board
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Dear Chairman Currie:

The Edwards Power Plant is located right next to the Village of Bartonville. As you may know, Vistra, the parent company of Edwards, announced last year that the plant will retire at the end of 2022.

Of course, I'm aware that work at the site will continue during retirement, specifically, closing coal ash impoundments according to regulatory standards. But as those standards protect the environment, they should also be sensitive to local concerns.

Regarding the proposed rule before the board, Illinois EPA should be given robust discretion to approve closure options based on science, solid engineering and site-specific factors. A closure by removal mandate would not be in the interest of the people of Bartonville since excavating and transporting off site huge amounts of ash over several years would mean heavy truck traffic impacting our air quality, roads and traffic.

Thank you for the opportunity for me to express my view for a rule that not only is environmentally responsible but balanced as well.

Sincerely,



Leon Ricca
Mayor