

RESOLUTION No. 2020-~~XX~~ 17

A RESOLUTION BY THE RANDOLPH COUNTY BOARD  
IN SUPPORT OF ENVIRONMENTALLY SAFE AND BALANCED REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CLOSURE  
OF COAL COMBUSTION RESIDUALS SURFACE IMPOUNDMENTS

**WHEREAS**, Randolph County, Illinois, (herein the "County"), by and through its elected County Board, has determined that it is in the County's and its constituents' best interests that the County take an expressed position in support of the Coal-Fired Electric Generating Industry (herein the "Industry") in Randolph County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Industry provides revenue to the County through sales and real estate taxes, employment for many of its citizens, and patronage of businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, the Industry has provided the County with affordable and reliable power for decades; and

**WHEREAS**, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), in Illinois Pollution Control Board docket R2020-019, has proposed a rulemaking setting requirements for the management and closure of coal combustion residuals (CCR) surface impoundments that are broadly applicable in Illinois and environmentally sound; and

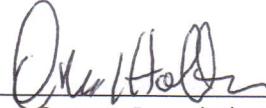
**WHEREAS**, Illinois EPA should be afforded adequate discretion to approve closure applications taking into account site-specific conditions. Science, facts and site-specific analysis should drive regulatory decisions and the rule should not create a preference for one closure method over another; and

**WHEREAS**, the County supports balanced rules providing options for the closure of CCR surface impoundments that are environmentally protective, economically reasonable, and sensitive to local needs and concerns; and

**WHEREAS**, a mandate for closure of all CCR surface impoundments by removal could be detrimental because it could result in increased truck traffic and safety risks for years to come, higher carbon emissions, unavoidable fugitive dust and wear and tear on local roads in this County and its communities.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, for and in consideration of the foregoing recitals, the County hereby resolves that it supports a final rule setting requirements for the safe, economically reasonable, and environmentally protective closure of CCR surface impoundments in Randolph County.

**PASSED** this 4<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2020, by the affirmative vote of the majority of the Randolph County Board members present at a regular meeting of said Board.



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County Board Chairman