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To the clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board

Dear Mr. Brown,

I am writing to express my concern about coal ash dumping throughout our state polluting the precious groundwater with unsafe levels of toxic metals known to be carcinogenic. The evidence shows that there is unsafe groundwater contamination at 22 of the 24 coal plants that have available data. This is truly alarming as we know that once these pollutants enter groundwater, they remain there indefinitely.

There is a great deal that our state can do to protect our rivers, lakes and drinking water sources **IF WE ACT NOW** to require companies to dig up coal ash dumped into unlined pits, clean up waters already polluted by coal ash and implement safeguards against continued contamination from other coal ash dumps.

Therefore, I add my voice to the urgent need for the Illinois EPA and the Illinois Pollution Control Board to end this toxic contamination, and to protect our water and the health of Illinois citizens. Please enact strong rules that will permanently stop pollution from **ALL** the coal ash dumps in Illinois, that will prohibit dumping of coal ash where it can contact groundwater and will require the owners of the plants and dumps themselves to bear the cost of cleaning up the land and water already contaminated by ash dumps.

As you develop the details for the management and disposal of coal ash in the coming days, please know that the citizens of Illinois want and need strong regulations and strong protections of our health and safety.

We are counting on you to provide the wise leadership we need at this critical time.

Darlene Dehne, citizen and resident of the Greater Chicago area
Sent from my iPad