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Dear Illinois Pollution Control Board,

Coal ash is a waste byproduct of burning coal and contains toxic metals that cause severe, long-term health problems for communities and natural waters located near coal-burning facilities whether operational or retired. It is a problem here with coal ash leaching from the closed coal power plant nearby in Alton for our and yours' Great River, the Mississippi. Now I see in the news that the USEPA has loosened the regulations on coal ash and I am even more concerned. Be assured that one of my goals in 2021 will be to see the new President return to the tight regulations that are needed to protect our natural waters and our health.

In 2019, Illinois stepped up to address this crisis through the Coal Ash Pollution Prevention Act which I wholeheartedly supported. Now, we need to ensure that our state implements this bill in Illinois to its fullest, to protect our communities regardless of USEPA actions.

The risks of coal ash residue leaching near me are great, and monitoring and effective removal measures must be enacted to make sure our communities and the environment are safe.

Sincerely,

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I am a MEGA member and here is my letter for you to send on, per request by Toni Oplt.

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