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Illinois Pollution Control Board
Attention: Mr. Don Brown

Do something! Coal plants in Illinois dispose of heavy metals like selenium, mercury, arsenic, cadmium, thallium, and lead into our waterways, polluting our drinking water, fishing areas, and local rivers and streams. Research has shown exposure to these dangerous chemicals can lead to birth defects, cancer, and even death. Groundwater at 22 of 24 coal ash sites tested in Illinois, including impoundments and landfills, had unsafe concentrations of toxic coal ash pollutants. Limiting these pollutants will not only clean up our water, but also save lives.

Do something! Institute stronger regulations on coal ash to save lives and prevent devastating birth defects, cancer, and deaths.

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