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Mr. Brown:

We appreciate the diligence of the Illinois Pollution Control Board on SB 9 and keeping Sub Docket A open for our comments. We appreciate swift attention to expediting this process. The health of individuals and communities hang in the balance. The sooner this process concludes the better.

We are Kay and Bill Ahaus of Trenton, Illinois. We live in the Metro East and are concerned with the ponds and ash residue that Wood River plant has left behind. The flood plain this ash heap sits on empties into the local creeks and the mighty Mississippi River, a major source of water and commerce for a huge portion of our country.

The only way to protect this irreplaceable national resource is to not let ash come into contact with ground water. Require ash to be stored dry at a safe distance from waterways, all waterways. Line ponds and inspect them. If the ash cannot be kept safely in place, move it to a safe location.

Frequent inspection of the ash ponds, their liners and the result of wind drift must be monitored.

Install effective controls so that none of the coal dust is airborne to neighboring communities and waterways. Then vigorously monitor these airborne particles on a frequent schedule.

Publish the results of these measured outcomes in a public way to hold the owners of ash ponds accountable.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to comment.

Yours truly,

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