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Mr Don Brown - I am writing to comment on R20-10 subdocket A and specifically regarding:

1. Regulation of historic, unconsolidated coal ash fill areas in the State.

Although the rules need to apply to all cases of historic, unconsolidated fill areas I am especially interested in the Waukegan Coal Plant as I live in a nearby community. The Illinois Pollution Control Board has ruled "more probable than not" the high levels of boron, sulfate and other contaminants found during groundwater monitoring at the Waukegan plant was caused by the plant's operations and was coming from either, or perhaps both, the ash ponds still in use and historic ash-disposal sites." per an article in the Chicago Tribune on June 21, 2019. This facility is directly on Lake Michigan with high water tables and old ash disposal sites that have not been properly secured. There is leakage into both ground water and Lake Michigan. Although this determination about the site was made two years ago nothing has been done to clean up these ash disposal sites.

Rulemaking for sites such as these need the strongest regulations possible and should incorporate a requirement for immediate cleanup.

Thank you for your consideration. I hope the rulemaking will be completed soon as cleanup of these sites needs to begin.

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