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Hello,

My name is Michelle Luu and I am a lifelong resident of Waukegan, Illinois. Waukegan is a vibrant community where many of my friends and family live. I am writing this email as someone who is concerned for the health of my community members and environment.

As a lifelong resident, I urge the Illinois Pollution Control Board to hold NRG Energy accountable in removing the coal ash from our lakefront. NRG must comply with the Illinois Coal Ash Rules at Waukegan to prevent greater environmental and health consequences from impacting the residents of my community. The coal ash from the Waukegan Coal Plant is sitting on the shores of Lake Michigan, causing groundwater contamination as we speak. Current groundwater monitoring at the site fails to meet the requirements of the Illinois Coal Ash Rule standards.

Waukegan has long carried the disproportionate burden of pollution caused by NRG's coal plant. We deserve clean air. We deserve to use our municipal beach without worrying about how it will impact our health. We deserve environmental justice. Holding NRG Energy accountable in remediating an issue they have contributed to is a significant step in ensuring Waukegan and its residents have a healthier environment to live in.

Thank you,
Michelle Luu