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Subject: [External] Public Comment: AS 2021-03: Adjusted Standard for the Waukegan Station"
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Hello Mr. Brown,

My name is Pamela Jeffries and I have been a resident of Lake County for the majority of my life particularly in Waukegan, North Chicago and Zion. Most of my family live in Lake County including my 79 year old father. I said that to say I am in Lake County to stay and I am concerned about the environmental violations that are passed off on the poorest communities of Lake County. From the chemical spills at Abbott in North Chicago when I was growing up to the ETO that was recently being emitted at Medline and Vantage in Gurnee and the coal ash that can potentially cause a crisis here in Lake County similar to the what happened in Flint, Michigan or worst. The tri-city area has had our share of environmental hazards. And it needs to stop. Last year this time I was being treated for cancer that is believed to have been a result of an environmental hazard. It was a very hard time in my life as I am sure you have known someone that has walked the cancer journey. So, I hope you can understand why this means so much to my family and I. I am wife, mother, grandmother, veteran and caregiver and I deserve to live in a community free of environmental hazards just like any 56 year

old woman that lives a few miles South of me. I am writing this public comments to plead with the Illinois Pollution Control Board to consider the negative health impacts that residents would continue to have if all of the coal ash ponds are not properly mitigated. This includes the legacy pond they have tried to cover up. And the only fair mitigation is a complete clean up. Make an example of NRG Energy and other companies will follow suit. They only do this in the most vulnerable communities. Please do not allow NRG Energy any exemptions from the rules and regulations that have been established to protect the residents of the three most vulnerable communities in Lake County and subsequently any community that has Lake Michigan as a water source. Imagine how many people this will affect in the long run.

I noticed on the IPCB website that your mission statement states in summary: Citizens in Illinois have a right to enjoy a clean environment; that the boards decision making will resolve environmental disputes with judicial integrity and that your leadership and policy are for the protection and preservation of Illinois' environment and natural resources so that it can be enjoyed by future generations. Well I say to you there will be no future generations if NRG Energy and companies like it are allowed to literally get away with genocidal murder at your hands. Please consider not allowing NRG Energy any exemptions and an

easy way out of the disaster they have created.

Thank you

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