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To the Illinois Pollution Control Board,

I am a concerned longtime resident of Waukegan, deeply troubled by NRG Energy's continued refusal to clean up the coal ash contaminating our lakefront. This toxic waste isn't just an imaginary threat; it is an everyday reality that my children, my grandchildren and I wake up to every day in our town of Waukegan. The famous author Ray Bradberry from Waukegan once labeled Waukegan Greentown. If he were still alive, I'm sure he would feel the shame of the pollution that NRG has brought upon our town, a pollution that makes us all feel a lot less safe and secure for our environment and our drinking water.

We, the people of Waukegan, deserve better. We all deserve clean water, and safe shores for our children to play on, and a vibrant lakefront that beckons us, not repels us. NRG's inaction is a betrayal of that trust, a disregard for the well-being of our community.

The science is clear: this coal ash poses a significant risk. We can't wait any longer for NRG to take responsibility. Their constant attempts to delay and deflect are an insult to our intelligence and a danger to our health.

I urge the Illinois Pollution Control Board to take a stand and hold NRG accountable for their actions. It shouldn't be too much to ask for the complete and safe removal of this toxic burden from our lakefront. Much time has passed, years, with nothing but inaction. All we ask is a clean and healthy environment for us, our children and the generations to come.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Don Blake,

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