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The Agency was working on regulations that would be applicable to coal ash impoundments when the hearing was held. Since that time, as I'm sure you're aware, the feds did finalize their coal combustion residuals rules that they had been working on for a long time. I'm not sure where that leaves the rule that we were working on. Technically the answer to the first question is that IEPA was developing rules regulating coal ash ponds. The rules that regulate coal ash pollution are the same that apply to every other type of pollution in the State. The Act and (with regard to groundwater) Part 620. Those regulations and rules aren't changing. Under 620 the only way IEPA can "change" the standard is with a GMZ, which would have to include an approved remediation. The CCA that IEPA approved for Waukegan, didn't include a corrective action (hence no GMZ), because the additional monitoring that was required by the CCA indicated that the active ponds (for which the VN was issued) are not the likely source of contaminants in groundwater. IEPA would have to issue a new VN for some unspecified source in order to take further action. So the answer to the second question is no Midwest Gen has not approached the IEPA to change standards.

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I have a question from the Waukegan Generating Station RS concerning Coal Ash. Provide any assistance you can.

4. I understand the USEPA is currently revising their rules as far as coal ash pollution, the pollutant runoff from the ash ponds. Is that correct? Have they asked the Illinois EPA to try to look at changing their standards?

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To some extent, but so does your group since they'd be issuing the permits for any new impoundments.

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Lynn,

Does your group deal with the new Coal Ash Regulations?

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