

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF: \$L\$-17J\$

Jonathan C. Eastvold, Ph.D. Illinois General Assembly Joint Committee on Administrative Rules 700 Stratton Building Springfield, IL 62706

Dr. Eastvold,

On March 2, 2021, the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR) provided EPA with comments it had received from environmental groups on Illinois' proposed Coal Combustion Residuals (CCR) Rules at 35 Ill. Adm. Code 845 (PCB R2020-19).

As noted in the environmental groups' comments, $35 \text{ IAC } \$ 845.750(d)^1$ incorporates provisions allowing for the consolidation of coal ash from one pond into another. EPA agrees that JCAR should remove this language from 35 IAC \$ 845.750 because the proposed requirements have not been incorporated into 40 CFR Part 257, Subpart D.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide further comments on the proposed Illinois CCR Rules. If you would like to discuss the federal CCR program please contact Chris Newman at 312-353-8402 or newman.christopherm@epa.gov, or Ian Cecala in our Office of Regional Council at 312-353-5966 or cecala.ian@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

Edward Nam Director Land, Chemicals, and Redevelopment Division

¹ Please note this was misreferred to as 35 IAC § 845.250(d) in the environmental groups' comments to JCAR. The correct provision is 35 IAC § 845.750(d).