

Board Announces Public Comment Period in CCR Sub-docket

In its rulemaking addressing coal combustion residual (CCR) surface impoundments, the Board, on February 4, 2021, opened a sub-docket to further develop the record on four issues:

1. Historic, unconsolidated coal ash fill in Illinois.
2. The use of temporary storage piles of coal ash, including time and volume limits.
3. Fugitive dust monitoring plans for areas neighboring CCR surface impoundments.
4. The use of environmental justice screening tools.

To solicit public comment on these four issues, the hearing officer issued an order on May 6, 2021, opening a 90-day public comment period that will end on August 6, 2021. The order seeks comment, information, and proposed rule language on the four issues and includes specific additional requests concerning each issue. Anyone may file comments with the Clerk of the Board.

The rulemaking sub-docket is captioned [Standards for the Disposal of Coal Combustion Residuals in Surface Impoundments: Proposed New 35 Ill. Adm. Code 845, R20-19\(A\)](#). Here is a link to [docket R20-19](#), the original rulemaking in which the Board adopted new Part 845 on CCR surface impoundments (35 Ill. Adm. Code 845, eff. April 21, 2021). The Board incorporated the materials from that docket into this sub-docket. Here is a link to [sub-docket R20-19\(A\)](#), where you can view the May 6, 2021 hearing officer order. For more information, please contact Vanessa Horton at 312-814-5053 or vanessa.horton@illinois.gov.