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Via email to Don.Brown@Illinois.Gov

Re: Public Comments on Coal Ash Rules (Docket R 20-19(A))

Dear Mr. Brown,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide public comment on these draft rules that will address key gaps in Illinois' new coal ash rules, ensuring that coal ash communities and Illinois' water resources are fully protected from dangerous coal ash pollution.

As a concerned Illinois resident, I strongly support:

- 1) Regulatory protections, as drafted, that would ensure polluting coal ash outside of ponds (coal ash in fill areas and other scattered coal ash) is properly cleaned up and no longer a threat to groundwater.
- 2) Regulatory protections for environmental justice communities.
- 3) Regulations requiring monitoring of and mitigation plans for fugitive dust from coal ash.
- 4) Regulations that set a three-month limit on the use of temporary storage piles for coal ash.

Signed with the additional comments below:

At a previous meeting, covering coal ash ponds was offered as a solution for cleaning them up. As you know that is NOT a viable means of protecting ground water, particularly in unlined ponds and there is not evidence of how long a liner protects the environment under these kind of toxins. I don't live near these ponds but my neighbors do. I love my neighbors and want them protected. Furthermore water contamination effects everyone as water is more and more becoming an endangered resource. I look forward to new protections from coal ash. Coal ash is present even outside the ponds and is available to pollute our water. They are in my community threatening our water. They need to be cleaned out of every neighborhood! I have 15 grandchildren and need a cleaner, safer environment for them.

Mary Anne Michelet, Peoria, IL 5/16/2022

"These proposed rules address scattered ash and other coal ash fill areas outside of impoundments; add requirements for monitoring of and mitigation plans for ?fugitive dust? from coal ash; limit the use of temporary storage piles for coal ash to three months; and also provide additional protections for environmental justice communities.

WHAT'S NOT TO LIKE ABOUT THESE PROTECTIONS FOR OUR FAMILIES & COMMUNITIES?! The fact that the money-grubbers hate us for demanding that they finally take some responsibility for their own kids' health & safety is merely another plus. WE THE PEOPLE WANT & DESERVE STRINGENT RULES AND REGS. PERIOD."

Beth Jones, Galena, IL 5/22/2022

Unless our groundwater is explicitly protected under the law, corporations and other parties likely to pollute coal ash outside of ponds will have no incentive to keep our groundwater clean. We must act on behalf of our fragile ecosystem and future generations, which otherwise have no voice. Protecting our environment is the one issue on which all of humanity must stand united regardless of monetary concerns. It is a matter of the survival and continuity of species.

Evelyn Klein, Deerfield, IL 5/16/2022

Areas of the United States that were always thought to have plenty of water for personal, agricultural, industrial and pleasure uses are now facing huge challenges in having a sufficient supply of water. These crisis situations remind us of just how necessary a sufficient supply of safe water is. We must do everything within our power to protect this valuable resource, including keeping our water resources fully protected from possible coal ash contamination.

John Brady, Peoria, IL 5/16/2022

I need you to finalize the following critical protections in a timely manner to protect Illinois citizens especially those whose health conditions make them vulnerable to the particulate matter within coal ash. It is also important to consider the health of our youth so that they have the strength in the future to be problem solvers and leaders for climate and environmental issues. The USA must remain a major entity of "the good earth" not a destroyer.

Patricia Martin, Indian Head Park, IL 5/17/2022

It is critical that we protect the health and well-being of Illinois citizens from the toxic coal ash pollution and residues. The most important variable in this measure is both the people and non-human animals of the Illinois communities that are directly impacted by coal factories.

Please address these key gaps in Illinois? coal ash rules to ensure this full protection.

Julia Cunningham, Evanston, IL 5/16/2022

Please strengthen the rules for containing coal ash on mine property and requiring them to clean up the site when they are done. For too long the mining industry has polluted local streams and the air that their neighbors breathe. This has to stop! They shouldn't be able to get new permits if they have a history of polluting previous sites.

Rita Kain, Earlville, IL 5/18/2022

Please take the current opportunity to further restrict the damage that coal and coal ash do to the environment by strengthening rules related to coal dust mitigation and requiring that coal ash be

securely confined to designated "ponds" so that it does not threaten groundwater. Thank you for your work in the PUBLIC interest.
Nancy Reed, Oak Park, IL 5/16/2022

I live only 2 miles from the coal ash pits, and personally worked diligently to pass the Coal Ash Bill. Please do all in your power to ensure that the coal ash rules are not watered down, but do the job intended by making sure that coal ash is never stored in any area where it is a threat to groundwater or rivers and streams.
Kristin Camp, Collison, IL 4/20/2022

I am in favor of finalizing the proposed rules to limit coal ash threat to groundwater. I remember criticism of storing coal ash in a quarry inside Chicago, at Halsted and (I think) 33rd Street. The toxic ash was dumped there and it could blow out in dry conditions, into the densely populated neighborhoods nearby.
David Schaefer, Chicago, IL 5/18/2022

With the challenging danger of expanding coal ash ponds, we need the people of Illinois to be protected by the strongest possible limits on coal ash. Currently communities of color and people living in low income areas are suffering greater health effects than others in our population. This is simply wrong.
NANCY LONG, Peoria, IL 5/16/2022

I live in a community that recently had a coal fired power plant close. When the coal is burnt and the energy spent, toxins are left behind in the form of coal ash, potentially poisoning our land, our water, and our people. Please ensure that coal ash is properly managed in our state!
Laura Asher, Alton, IL 5/18/2022

As active canoeist and kayaker, I care very much about keeping Illinois' surface waters clean. Improperly stored coal ash has threatened to pollute many rivers and lakes in this state. Furthermore, as a father of two, I am very concerned about the risks to drinking water.
James Fallaw, Champaign, IL 4/21/2022

No town in Illinois should have to contend with coal ash in their backyards, in their drinking water, or in the air they breathe. I look forward to seeing these draft rules implemented and enforced. Coal companies do not deserve leniency for threatening public health.
Ethan Saltzberg, Chicago, IL 4/23/2022

Dealing with coal ash is not insurmountable! It is simple science that requires the companies to spend a small amount of money to prevent the potential for devastating consequences when the ash pond ruptures by "accident" which is all too frequent!
Olivia Rudnicki, Naperville, IL 5/16/2022

Illinois citizens depend on Pollution Control Board to keep us safe from dangerous heavy metals and poisonous pollution from coal ash residue. PLEASE make sure that all the closing coal fired power plants in IL are closed properly and safely.
Bob Jorgensen, East Peoria, IL 5/16/2022

We need to hold polluters accountable for what they put into Lake Michigan and our other natural sites. If they don't pay, taxpayers will pay eventually. This is critical, and I'm watching to decide who will get my vote in the future.

Lacey Cordero, Chicago, IL 4/21/2022

Remember--We are ALL in the same "Boat"!!! It is CRITICAL we clean up the toxins that are effecting US ALL! We need to clean up after ourselves! Just like our parents taught us when we were children. Have we grown up yet??????

Darcy Gentner, Urbana, IL 5/18/2022

We must mitigate any existing/potential harm/disaster NOW, to have the ability to address what has never even crossed our minds/desks. We need a "rainy day fund" of money and ideas to face the future with speed and efficacy.

Sona Rejebian, Evanston, IL 5/18/2022

I live near the Waukegan Coal Plant. IEPA identifies 3 CCR sites but NRG which owns the coal plant says they only have to clean up two of the sites. They should be required to clean up their entire site.

Douglas Ower, Zion, IL 4/21/2022

Coal ash should be regulated (and cleaned up) no matter where it was stored. The cleanup must be managed so that the dust does not harm nearby residents or the workers tasked with cleaning up the ash.

CAROLE VALENCIA, Granite City, IL 4/21/2022

We are counting on you to clean up the coal ash issue for all of us. Please finalize the critical protections we are recommending and do so in a timely manner for the sake of your family's and mine.

Grant Levitan, Naperville, IL 5/18/2022

We are going in the right direction to have a cleaner environment in Illinois. Let's keep moving forward by protecting our water resources. Thank you for helping us get there.

Martha Mastropolo, Broadview, IL 5/5/2022

I am concerned about the impact of coal ash not only because of the impact on nearby communities, but also because of the potential for contamination of our drinking water.

Susan Willenborg, New Lenox, IL 4/22/2022

Coal ash threatens people, rivers and lakes here in Lake County and throughout Illinois. Please close the gaps in protections against these hazardous chemicals.

Andrew Kimmel, Libertyville, IL 5/16/2022

Clean water is essential to good health. Please remove the coal ash, do not just cap it. It will leach into ground water and cause major problems.

Alicia Timm, Lake Zurich, IL 4/25/2022

I am a registered nurse and see the impact of pollution on health. We must and can do more to stop these preventable health problems.

Marcia Smith, IL 5/17/2022

Properly mitigating the dangers of coal ash contamination is a social justice issue. And, for asthmatics like me a health issue.

Donly Chorn, Lake Villa, IL 5/17/2022

We need to do everything we can to protect our air and water from coal ash. Clean air and water are human rights.

Briana Naseer, Chicago, IL 4/21/2022

Coal ash is a source of major pollution to air we breathe and drinking water we need! This needs to change now!

DEBRA HILL, Glenview, IL 5/16/2022

Coal ash is poison to the local community. We do not have the right to contaminate others at our own benefit.

Shirley Adams, Evanston, IL 5/16/2022

I want to help the Sierra Club do everything possible to maintain a clean environment for all of us.

Joseph Gibbs, Lebanon, IL 4/21/2022

"Illinois can power itself solar panels and wind turbines.

That's the future!!!

Enough said!!!"

David Brayfield, Champaign, IL 5/18/2022

As a citizen concerned with access to clean drinking water this is of major importance to me.

Scott zeh, Antioch, IL 5/17/2022

Strengthen & maintain the new stronger coal ash rules! It's about time. DO IT NOW!! ASAP!!

I W, Itasca, IL 5/16/2022

We need to have the coal ash ponds here in Waukegan safely removed. NRG should pay for it.

Mildred Leonard, Waukegan, IL 5/21/2022

Now is the time to STOP polluting your water; Clean water is a right; our health is key; S.

Mary Shaw, Springfield, IL 5/16/2022

Show the citizens of Central Illinois that our lives have value! Protect our clean water!

Sarah Marie, Dillard, Hanna City, IL 5/17/2022

Take coal ash out of our groundwater! Stop polluting our drinking water! No more coal!
Michele Doyle, Elburn, IL 5/17/2022

As a mother with asthma, this legislation is important to secure clean breathing air.
Kathleen zeh, antioch, IL 5/17/2022

I approve this message about strengthening Illinois' new coal ash rules. Thank-you
Von Stuckert, Bloomington, IL 4/21/2022

I grew up in a community with really poor ground water due to these issues
Essence Walker, Chicago, IL 5/22/2022

As the source of all life, water must be protected, now and in the future
Catherine King, Hinsdale, IL 5/16/2022

clean water is vital for future generations. I have 10 grandchildren!!
sandra white, River Forest, IL 5/12/2022

Coal should clean up their mess and then we should be rid of them
Julie Griffith, Saint Charles, IL 5/16/2022

Let's continue to make Illinois the cleanest state in the US.
Donna Delin, Lombard, IL 5/17/2022

This is long past due. Thank you for hearing me out.
Nicholas Chrisos, Buffalo Grove, IL 5/16/2022

Thanks for your attention to this important matter!
David Sincox, Chicago, IL 5/16/2022

A clean environment is our most precious resource.
Kathleen Brinkmann, Champaign, IL 5/18/2022

We must take action immediately. The time is over.
Nicolette Sonntag, Skokie, IL 4/29/2022

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