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I am a 11 year resident of Waukegan and a strong proponent for the future growth/betterment of the city. The city is no longer, and has not been for a long time, an industrial park. The strongest natural asset of the city is its lakefront. An asset which cannot be developed as long as the area retains the unofficial label of "Industrial wasteland'.

It is unconscionable to me that NRG argues the company assumes no responsibility for the cleanup of the Grassy Field/Old Ash Pond area on their property (an issue NRG was aware of and choose not to remedy) because:

- 1) they did not do it (and yet there it is).
- 2) it was designed to leech into Lake Michigan. (as if this is OK).

I would like to thank you for your time and part with this final thought. The greatness of a society is defined by how it treats the least privileged of its citizens, not how it caters to the wealthiest and most powerful of its citizens. The citizens of Waukegan need your help.

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