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Mr. John Therriault
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and

Hearing Officer Timothy Fox:

I am writing to provide public comment on the proposed rules for coal ash pits at power plants in Illinois. My name is Kathryn L. Krueger. I am an attorney who has lived in Illinois for over forty years. My ancestors, Johannes and Gesina Ottman, were among the first six European settlers in the area of Palatine and Hoffman Estates, Illinois, their remains buried in the pioneer cemetery in Hoffman Estates. They bought 160 acres of U. S. Government issued land in 1842 and had their farm on that land near Higgins Road in what was then called Plum Grove, Illinois. They invested time and hard work taming and developing their land in natural and healthy ways. I am sure if they had encountered this issue in their day, they would share my views set forth below.

I'm writing because I'm concerned about water quality and the future of the waterways in my community and throughout Illinois. My neighbors and I need fresh, clean water unadulterated by the kinds of toxic metals that are found in coal ash seeping into ground water and winding up in our water supply. We need to be confident that our neighbors downstate are not troubled by coal ash pits near their homes, farmland, or businesses, proximity to which coal ash pits results in an increase in the incidence of cancer among humans and problems for domestic animals and wildlife. Further, I would think that toxic and radioactive materials from coal ash should not wind up in building materials, such as Portland cement, even in small quantities.

Because coal combustion waste is a serious public health threat nationwide that has jeopardized or potentially will jeopardize my community here in Illinois, I ask that stronger protections be put in place.

I urge the IEPA to strengthen these proposed rules and to prevent coal combustion waste from continuing to damage the waters used by citizens of the state. **Please require companies with coal ash ponds to show they have the financial means to clean them up, and then please ride herd on them to make sure they do fully clean up those ponds at their own expense, and NOT at public expense, and that they do not merely divert the coal ash to other areas or into products where its toxicity will continue to do harm to humans and other organisms.**

Sincerely,

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