

PC#1712

**Therriault, John**

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**From:** Sierra Club <information@sierraclub.org> on behalf of Laura Giosh-Markov <gioshmarkov@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 19, 2014 1:09 AM  
**To:** Therriault, John  
**Subject:** Coal Ash: R14-10

May 19, 2014

John Therriault

Dear Therriault,

As a resident of Illinois, I am concerned about water quality and the future of the waterways in my community and Lake Michigan. In particular, I am concerned about the coal ash pits in Waukegan that sit right next to Lake Michigan and have a history of contamination.

Coal combustion waste is a serious public health threat that has and continues to jeopardize my community and 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 Illinois. These power companies with coal ash ponds must be held accountable and demonstrate the financial means to clean them up so communities are not left with the responsibility and the price tag. Should companies close their coal plants they must be required to take care of the coal ash waste so that there can be future opportunities for reuse of these sites.

Sincerely,

Laura Giosh-Markov  
4124 Woodlawn Ave  
Gurnee, IL 60031-2725

## Therriault, John

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**From:** Sierra Club <information@sierraclub.org> on behalf of Karina Pavlova <apple\_ru2@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 17, 2014 11:28 PM  
**To:** Therriault, John  
**Subject:** Coal Ash: R14-10

May 17, 2014

John Therriault

Dear Therriault,

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Sincerely,

Karina Pavlova  
1336 Coventry Cir  
Vernon Hills, IL 60061-1216

## Therriault, John

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1714

**From:** Sierra Club <jennifer.hensley@sierraclub.org> on behalf of Russell Sutton <squeaky42@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 17, 2014 11:27 PM  
**To:** Therriault, John  
**Subject:** R14-10: We Need Coal Ash Rules that Protect Public Health and the Environment:

May 17, 2014

Clerk of the IPCB John Therriault

Dear Clerk of the IPCB Therriault,

Coal combustion produces dangerous coal ash waste that contains mercury, arsenic, lead and other health-threatening pollutants that are leaching into our water supplies. These deadly pollutants increase severe health risks including cancer, neurological disorders, birth defects, reproductive failure, asthma and other serious illnesses. We need the proposed rules for regulation coal combustion in Illinois waste to be strengthened!

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### Financial Burden:

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I urge you to please stand up for the health and safety of Illinois families by strengthening the IEPA's proposed rules on coal combustion waste at power plants in Illinois!

Sincerely,

Russell Sutton  
189 Meadow Dr  
Bethalto, IL 62010-1888  
(618) 531-2055

## Therriault, John

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**From:** Sierra Club <information@sierraclub.org> on behalf of Leslie Brueggemann <ljbueggemann@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 17, 2014 12:22 PM  
**To:** Therriault, John  
**Subject:** Coal Ash: R14-10

May 17, 2014

John Therriault

Dear Therriault,

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Sincerely,

Leslie Brueggemann  
4821 Dorothy Ct  
Waukegan, IL 60087-1866  
(847) 867-6650

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**Therriault, John**

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**From:** Sierra Club <information@sierraclub.org> on behalf of Gary Hantsbarger <ghantsbarger@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 17, 2014 3:04 AM  
**To:** Therriault, John  
**Subject:** Coal Ash: R14-10

May 17, 2014

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Sincerely,

Gary Hantsbarger  
10 Whitby Ct  
Lincolnshire, IL 60069-3404  
(847) 374-8022

## Therriault, John

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**From:** Sierra Club <information@sierraclub.org> on behalf of Matt Shemluck <matthewrs26@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 17, 2014 2:49 AM  
**To:** Therriault, John  
**Subject:** Coal Ash: R14-10

May 17, 2014

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Sincerely,

Matt Shemluck  
5 Walnut Dr  
Hawthorn Woods, IL 60047-9190  
(847) 981-1731

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**Therriault, John**

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**From:** Sierra Club <jennifer.hensley@sierraclub.org> on behalf of Linda Green <lgreen67@consolidated.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 17, 2014 1:53 AM  
**To:** Therriault, John  
**Subject:** R14-10: We Need Coal Ash Rules that Protect Public Health and the Environment:

May 17, 2014

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Sincerely,

Linda Green  
422 E 450 North Rd  
Morrisonville, IL 62546-6736  
(217) 526-3682

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**From:** Sierra Club <jennifer.hensley@sierraclub.org> on behalf of Nancy Cole <annasaunt@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 16, 2014 5:21 PM  
**To:** Therriault, John  
**Subject:** R14-10: We Need Coal Ash Rules that Protect Public Health and the Environment:

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Sincerely,

Nancy Cole  
405 Winnebago St  
Park Forest, IL 60466-1319  
(708) 738-5225



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**From:** Sierra Club <jennifer.hensley@sierraclub.org> on behalf of Susan Wolfe  
<wolfequincy@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 17, 2014 12:21 AM  
**To:** Therriault, John  
**Subject:** R14-10: We Need Coal Ash Rules that Protect Public Health and the Environment:

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Sincerely,

Susan Wolfe  
50 E Chestnut St  
Chicago, IL 60611-2093  
(312) 475-0132

## Therriault, John

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**From:** Sierra Club <jennifer.hensley@sierraclub.org> on behalf of Myrthe LeBourgeois <mimileb@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 16, 2014 11:53 PM  
**To:** Therriault, John  
**Subject:** R14-10: We Need Coal Ash Rules that Protect Public Health and the Environment:

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Sincerely,

Myrthe LeBourgeois  
360 E Randolph St  
Apt 1207

Chicago, IL 60601-7333  
(610) 368-9504

## Therriault, John

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**From:** Sierra Club <jennifer.hensley@sierraclub.org> on behalf of Gregory Barta <greg.barta@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 16, 2014 9:20 PM  
**To:** Therriault, John  
**Subject:** R14-10: We Need Coal Ash Rules that Protect Public Health and the Environment:

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The state granting Edwards coal plant a 5 year hiatus on improving emissions is not in the interest of the people of Illinois.

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Sincerely,

Gregory Barta

3526 W Grimson Ave  
Peoria, IL 61615-3707  
(309) 687-2644

**Therriault, John**

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**From:** Sierra Club <jennifer.hensley@sierraclub.org> on behalf of J Priske <jlpriske@att.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 16, 2014 6:51 PM  
**To:** Therriault, John  
**Subject:** R14-10: We Need Coal Ash Rules that Protect Public Health and the Environment:

May 16, 2014

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If the coal industry is interested in continuing mining, and power companies are interested in burning coal, the very Least The Industry should do is to be a responsible steward. The nation needs a reasonable transition to alternate energy. Get with the program coal industry and take care of your customers.

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Sincerely,

J Priske

4700 N Council Hill Rd  
Galena, IL 61036-9753  
(815) 777-2975

PC#1724

05/15/2014

Illinois Pollution Control Board

Office of the Clerk

100 W. Randolph St. Ste 11-500

Chicago, IL 60601

RE: R14-10, Coal Combustion Ash Ponds

RECEIVED  
CLERK'S OFFICE  
MAY 19 2014  
STATE OF ILLINOIS  
Pollution Control Board

To the individuals who have the responsibility and opportunity to help protect my health and my families health,

It is past time to act. Now is the time to strength rules to prevent coal ash from contaminating our waters and jeopardizing our public's health.

You have a responsibility and the opportunity to act on behalf of the people of Illinois!

Please do so and strength the laws.

Thank you,

Gregory Barta

3526 W. Grimson Ave.

Peoria, IL 61615

309-687-2644

Two handwritten signatures in cursive. The top signature is "Greg Barta" and the bottom signature is "Mrs Barta".



**Therriault, John**

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PCA# 1725

**From:** Sierra Club <information@sierraclub.org> on behalf of Dawn Fergen  
<angliizz@live.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 19, 2014 10:11 AM  
**To:** Therriault, John  
**Subject:** Coal Ash: R14-10

May 19, 2014

John Therriault

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Sincerely,

Dawn Fergen  
25167 W Lincoln Dr  
Lake Villa, IL 60046-7354  
(224) 627-3658

**Therriault, John**

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**From:** Sierra Club <jennifer.hensley@sierraclub.org> on behalf of Jeannie Edmonds <jmariee1957@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 19, 2014 8:41 AM  
**To:** Therriault, John  
**Subject:** R14-10: We Need Coal Ash Rules that Protect Public Health and the Environment:

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Sincerely,

Jeannie Edmonds  
5352 N Washtenaw Ave  
Chicago, IL 60625-3415

**Therriault, John**

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**From:** Sierra Club <information@sierraclub.org> on behalf of Christy Garcia <christy.stoecker@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 19, 2014 10:40 AM  
**To:** Therriault, John  
**Subject:** Coal Ash: R14-10

May 19, 2014

John Therriault

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Sincerely,

Christy Garcia  
7782 Sawyer Ct  
Gurnee, IL 60031-9133

**Therriault, John**

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1728

**From:** Sierra Club <jennifer.hensley@sierraclub.org> on behalf of Sarah Erickson <sarah.carroll.erickson@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 19, 2014 12:10 PM  
**To:** Therriault, John  
**Subject:** R14-10: We Need Coal Ash Rules that Protect Public Health and the Environment:

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I live super close to coal fired power stations. The toxicity is alarming. Please help us promote healthy community with your legislation. I do not believe that coal companies should be relied upon for future jobs. Jobs should serve the community not destroy our health. This technology is disgusting and outdated. Please help us. Move your ash Illinois! Rules governing coal ash pits must include key protections!

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Sincerely,

Sarah Erickson

3125 Saint Andrews Dr  
Pekin, IL 61554-2636

**Therriault, John**

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**From:** Sierra Club <information@sierraclub.org> on behalf of Stewart G <sgdc@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 19, 2014 3:46 PM  
**To:** Therriault, John  
**Subject:** Coal Ash: R14-10

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Sincerely,

Stewart G  
207 Park  
Libertyville, IL 60048

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**From:** Sierra Club <information@sierraclub.org> on behalf of Kathleen Gates <bigkg@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 19, 2014 5:47 PM  
**To:** Therriault, John  
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Sincerely,

Kathleen Gates  
1190 Twisted Oak Ln  
Buffalo Grove, IL 60089-1678  
(847) 541-4730

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**From:** Sierra Club <information@sierraclub.org> on behalf of Liz Reed  
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**Sent:** Monday, May 19, 2014 8:48 PM  
**To:** Therriault, John  
**Subject:** Coal Ash: R14-10

May 19, 2014

John Therriault

Dear Therriault,

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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 Illinois. These power companies with coal ash ponds must be held accountable and demonstrate the financial means to clean them up so communities are not left with the responsibility and the price tag. Should companies close their coal plants they must be required to take care of the coal ash waste so that there can be future opportunities for reuse of these sites.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Sierra Club <information@sierraclub.org> on behalf of Diana Urbon <flwcrab@aol.com>  
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**From:** Sierra Club <jennifer.hensley@sierraclub.org> on behalf of Bob Rayburn U.S. Veteran 1963-1967 <brayburn44@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 19, 2014 9:48 PM  
**To:** Therriault, John  
**Subject:** R14-10: We Need Coal Ash Rules that Protect Public Health and the Environment:

May 19, 2014

Clerk of the IPCB John Therriault

Dear Clerk of the IPCB Therriault,

Coal combustion produces dangerous coal ash waste that contains mercury, arsenic, lead and other health-threatening pollutants that are leaching into our water supplies. These deadly pollutants increase severe health risks including cancer, neurological disorders, birth defects, reproductive failure, asthma and other serious illnesses. We need the proposed rules for regulation coal combustion in Illinois waste to be strengthened!

Rules governing coal ash pits must include key protections!

**Groundwater Contamination:**

- Impoundments causing groundwater impairment must be closed by a set date to fully protect the environment and human health.
- Complete removal of waste should be considered as the presumptive closure strategy.

**Surface water Contamination:**

- The draft rules do not require that threats to surface water be assessed and as such leave downstream waterways vulnerable to toxic pollutants. The rules must protect surface waters from contamination.

**Public Participation and Notice:**

- Citizens should have the right to be informed and participate in decisions regarding what is to be done with coal combustion waste in their communities.
- The rules must give the public ample time (60 days) to comment meaningfully on any facility's plan and allow the IEPA to hold a public meeting on the plan where there is significant interest.

**Financial Burden:**

- The weight of coal ash problems is a tremendous burden that communities should not have to bear. The rules should require power companies to provide financial assurances for the coal ash pits at all operating and retired power plants.

I urge you to please stand up for the health and safety of Illinois families by strengthening the IEPA's proposed rules on coal combustion waste at power plants in Illinois!

Sincerely,

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**From:** Sierra Club <information@sierraclub.org> on behalf of Stephen Anderson <anderson.e@att.net>  
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**To:** Therriault, John  
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