

**BEFORE THE ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD**

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Complainants Sierra Club, Environmental Law and Policy Center, Prairie Rivers Network, and Citizens Against Ruining the Environment (“Complainants”), by their undersigned counsel, hereby submit this Joint Response (“Response”) to Respondent Midwest Generation, LLC’s (“Midwest Generation’s” or “MWG’s” or “Respondent’s”) Motion for Sanctions (“Sanctions Motion”) and Memorandum in Support (“Sanctions Memorandum”) filed March 20, 2018, together with MWG’s Motion for Leave to File *Instanter* (“Motion for Leave to Supplement”) a supplement to its Motion for Sanctions (“Supplemental Memorandum”) filed March 27, 2018.

The Board should deny the Sanctions Motion. Not only is Respondent’s motion baseless, it is also a transparent attempt to malign Complainants. Respondent cannot identify one sanctionable offense, much less a pattern of sanctionable behavior. Although Respondent has

repeatedly tried to claim otherwise, there is nothing frivolous about this case or Complainants' motions. The record shows that the groundwater at Respondents' coal plants is being contaminated by coal ash. Complainants seek to have Respondents remove the source of contamination, and have been trying to secure that remedy for over five years, through several significant delays that were outside of Complainants' control. Complainants moved to strike certain evidence and testimony because Respondent's expert, upon cross-examination, largely conceded that his approach was flawed and his conclusions unsupported. Specifically, the Motion to Strike seeks to exclude inaccurate evidence and testimony that would mislead the Board by showing a "mismatch" between coal ash leachate and groundwater where, as largely conceded by Respondent's expert, there should in fact be a 100% match.

Respondents may disagree with Complainants' legal arguments, but there is nothing sanctionable about raising these arguments. As described in more detail below, Respondent's Motion is built on a series of bizarre distortions of reality, has no basis in fact, has no legal foundation, and should therefore be denied.

The Board also should deny the Motion for Leave to Supplement, both because it offers no additional basis for sanctions, and because it asks for no additional sanctions. There is no dispute that Complainants properly objected to inclusion of Exhibit 649, and Complainants were therefore well within their rights to appeal the Hearing Officer's ruling at trial. Respondent has argued that sanctions should be imposed based on its belief that Complainants mistakenly failed to challenge its inclusion as a public record rather than as a business record. This is a baffling position, because Complainants' appeal in fact raises a full set of arguments challenging Hearing Officer Halloran's application of the public records exception. Complainants can only conclude that Respondent failed to properly read or comprehend Complainants' arguments. Fortunately,

the Board need not make that same mistake; instead, it should summarily dismiss the Motion for Leave to Supplement.

**I. Legal Background**

Section 101.800 of the Illinois Administrative Code authorizes the Board to impose sanctions “[i]f any person unreasonably fails to comply with any provision of 35 Ill. Adm. Code 101 through 130 or any order entered by the Board or the hearing officer.” 35 Ill. Adm. Code § 101.800 (a). Furthermore,

[i]n deciding what sanction to impose the Board will consider factors including: the relative severity of the refusal or failure to comply; the past history of the proceeding; the degree to which the proceeding has been delayed or prejudiced; and the existence or absence of bad faith on the part of the offending party or person.

Ill. Adm. Code § 101.800 (c). The Board rarely imposes sanctions in the absence of a pattern of bad faith. *See, e.g., Freedom Oil Co. v. Illinois EPA*, PCB 03-54 and consolidated appeals, 2006 WL 391850, \*9 (Feb. 2, 2006) (“Freedom Oil has not persuaded the Board that the Agency's handling of these consolidated appeals, while at times tardy, amounts to bad faith, deliberate noncompliance with rules or orders, or a dilatory pattern or scheme designed to stall these proceedings.”); *Illinois E.P.A. v. Celotex Corp.*, 168 Ill. App. 3d 592, 597–98 (1988) (Board granting sanctions because of “a pattern of dilatory response to hearing officer orders, unjustifiable cancellation of depositions, and . . . an intentional pattern of refusal to meet deadlines.”).

**II. Factual background**

On February 26, 2018, Complainants moved to strike evidence and testimony related to a novel and flawed methodology employed by Mr. John Seymour, expert for Respondents

("Motion to Strike," attached hereto as Attachment A).<sup>1</sup> On March 20, 2018, Respondents filed their response to the motion to strike ("Response"), along with the Sanctions Motion.

Complainants intend to move for leave to file a reply to the Response on the same day that they file this response to the sanctions motion ("Reply," attached hereto as Attachment B). As described in more detail in the Motion to Strike and in the Reply, Mr. Seymour's testimony at the 2018 hearing in this matter established that his methodology was both novel and unreliable, and would mislead the Board by conveying inaccurate and unsupported conclusions with a false sense of certainty. Complainants moved to strike the relevant testimony and portions of evidence admitted into the record as soon as practicable after reviewing the hearing transcripts. Specifically, the transcripts became available on February 20, and Complainants filed the Motion to Strike six days later. As laid out in more detail in the attached Reply, the issues raised in the Motion to Strike have not been waived.

On March 21, 2018, Complainants appealed a ruling by Hearing Officer Halloran allowing admission of Exhibit 649, an email between Illinois EPA staff, over an objection by Complainants' counsel ("Exhibit 649 Appeal"). In Complainants' Exhibit 649 Appeal, Complainants argued that Exhibit 649 was inadmissible hearsay because it did not satisfy either the (1) public records exception or (2) the business record exception. *See* Complainants' Exhibit 649 Appeal at ¶ 19-24.

Only six days later, on March 27, 2018, Respondent filed a Motion for Leave to Supplement its Sanctions Motion ("Motion for Leave"), together with a proposed Supplemental Memorandum to add an argument that Complainants' Exhibit 649 Appeal is frivolous because it

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<sup>1</sup> The Motion to Strike was amended on March 21, 2018 to include Attachments that had been inadvertently omitted from the original filing. All attachments are in the record, but were attached for the convenience of the Hearing Officer. The amended version, with attachments, is attached here.

failed to address the public record exception to hearsay. In fact, as explained further below, Paragraph 19 of the 649 Appeal squarely addresses the public record exception to hearsay.

**III. Respondent has not presented any legitimate grounds for sanctions**

Respondent has been unsuccessful in its attempts to identify any failure on the part of Complainants to comply with Board rules or orders of the Board or the Hearing Officer. This is true in both Respondent's original Sanctions Motion targeting Complainants' Motion to Strike, and Respondent's Supplemental Memorandum adding arguments relating to Complainants' appeal of Hearing Officer Halloran's ruling on Exhibit 649.

**A. Complainants properly filed the Motion to Strike**

To begin with, Respondent argues that Complainants' Motion to Strike is actually an appeal of the Hearing Officer's order to admit certain evidence. Sanctions Motion at 3; Sanctions Memorandum at 10. This is incorrect. Complainants' Motion to Strike is exactly what it claims to be. Complainants do not disagree with the Hearing Officer's orders to admit evidence, and are not appealing those orders. Instead, Complainants are seeking to strike specific novel, unreliable, and misleading material from the admitted exhibits. The basis for Complainants' Motion to Strike is Mr. Seymour's cross-examination testimony, which was given after the relevant exhibits were introduced. There is nothing improper about moving to strike evidence after it has been admitted. *See, e.g., Netto v. Goldenberg*, 266 Ill. App. 3d 174, 178 (1994) ("A motion to strike is required to preserve errors in the admission of evidence. If the objectionable nature of evidence is not apparent until after it is admitted, the opponent should move to strike the offending evidence.").

Respondent then argues that Complainants do not “properly apply the applicable law” on the admission of evidence and that Complainants “assert[] a proposition contrary to established precedent.” Sanctions Motion at 3-4; Sanctions Memorandum at 6. Specifically, Respondent asserts that Complainants “fail[ed] to address the first step (whether an opinion is new or novel) in the two-part analysis for admission of expert reports.” Sanctions Motion at 3-4; Memorandum at 12-13. This is plainly wrong. Respondent chooses to ignore the repeated references to Mr. Seymour’s “novel” methodology in the Motion to Strike. Memorandum in Support of Motion to Strike at 5 (“Seymour’s methods violate Rule 702 because they are novel...”); *Id.* at 16 (“The fact that his inherently unreliable and biased methodology is novel, untested, and not generally accepted in his field makes it inadmissible under Rule 702.”); *Id.* at 17 (“[A]s far as Seymour is aware, this is the first time anyone has ever approached groundwater data with this methodology. Rule 702 plainly prohibits the use of novel and untested methods in expert testimony.”). The Motion to Strike clearly states, supported by Mr. Seymour’s testimony, that his methodology had not been used by anyone, including Mr. Seymour himself, prior this case. Complainants therefore both stated and demonstrated that the methodology was novel in their Motion to Strike. Complainants cannot explain how or why Respondent missed Complainants’ ample briefing on the novelty of Mr. Seymour’s analysis.

Furthermore, even if it were true that Complainants did not properly apply the applicable law, that failure would not be sanctionable. *See, e.g., McClaughry v. Village of Antioch* 296 Ill.App.3d 636, 645 (1998) (citing *Ambrose v. Thornton Township School Trustees*, 274 Ill.App.3d 676, 685 (1995)) (“[A] court should not impose sanctions on a party who presents objectively reasonable arguments for his position, regardless of whether the arguments are deemed to be unpersuasive or incorrect” ); *Gambino v. Blvd. Mrtg. Corp.*, 398 Ill. App. 3d 21, 73



(2009) (citing *Shea, Rogal & Associates, Ltd. V. Leslie Volkswagen, Inc.*, 250 Ill. App. 3d 149, 154 (1993)) (“In order to avoid sanctions, parties must present objectively reasonable arguments for their view, regardless of whether they are found to be correct.”).<sup>2</sup> Complainants have presented objectively reasonable arguments in support of their Motion to Strike, and sanctions are therefore unwarranted.

**B. Complainants have not delayed the proceedings**

Respondent next argues that Complainants intentionally wasted hearing time through an elaborate ruse, pretending to be disorganized and strategically employing a “pattern and practice of confusion and disorganization.” Sanctions Motion at 4. This is another, particularly strange, strawman. Complainants did not make a strategic decision to irritate the Hearing Officer. *See* Sanctions Memorandum at 11. This case has an unusually large record, consisting of over 60,000 pages of discovery material. Any disorganization in Complainants’ hearing exhibits was genuine and unintentional. Complainants made a concerted effort to move their presentation along as quickly as possible. The hearing lasted a total of ten days, five in October of 2017, and five in January and February of 2018. Of those ten days, Complainants’ presentation of its case took roughly five days, and Respondents’ rebuttal, some of which occurred in 2017, took roughly five days. In the end, there were no meaningful delays in the hearing. In fact, the second phase of the hearing concluded two trial days earlier than the originally scheduled date of February 6, 2018. Notice of Hearing (Dec. 13, 2017). In short, the two parties used roughly equal hearing time, Complainants did not intentionally or accidentally cause any significant delays, and there were no “substantial increased costs” to Respondents. Motion at 4.

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<sup>2</sup> Complainants note here that while Respondent cites Gambino for the proposition that “[s]anctions are appropriate where a party asserts a proposition contrary to established precedent,” Sanction Motion at 4, the trial court in Gambino declined to impose sanctions, and the appellate court affirmed. *Gambino*, 398 Ill. App. 3d at 73.

Respondent is correct that there were repeated delays in the proceedings prior to the 2018 hearing, but they were not caused by Complainants. First, the case was stayed for a year while Midwest Generation went through bankruptcy. Notice of Bankruptcy Stay (Dec. 28, 2012) and Notice of Lift of Stay by Bankruptcy Court (Jan. 10, 2014). Shortly after the bankruptcy stay was lifted, Respondent moved to indefinitely stay proceedings, though that motion was denied. Respondent's Motion to Stay Proceedings (Feb. 19, 2014). At the initiation of discovery, Complainants proposed a thirteen-month discovery schedule, and Respondent responded with a fifteen-month discovery schedule. Proposed Discovery Schedule (May 8, 2014). After Complainants agreed to Respondent's schedule, Respondent requested another month, extending its proposed deadline to September 25, 2015. *Id.* The final discovery schedule established by the Hearing Officer ended on September 18, 2015, one week short of what Respondent requested. Hearing Officer Order (June 9, 2014).<sup>3</sup> In late 2015, Complainants requested a one-week extension of briefing deadlines, which Respondent did not oppose. Citizens Groups' Motion for Extension of Time (Dec. 28, 2015). In May 2016, Respondents requested a one-week extension of briefing deadlines, which Complainants did not oppose. Motion for Extension of Time (May 26, 2016). In June 2017, Respondent requested a one-month extension of briefing deadlines, and was given a three-week extension over Complainants' opposition. Motion for Extension of Time (June 14, 2016); Hearing Officer Order (June 21, 2016). A hearing in this matter was initially scheduled for July 2017. Notice of Hearing (June 5, 2017). Shortly thereafter, Respondent requested a two-month delay in the hearing. Motion for Extension of Hearing Date (June 13, 2017), and subsequently asked for an additional month, with the only stated reason being that "MWG's in-house counsel found that he is unavailable" on the original hearing dates. Affidavit

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<sup>3</sup> The discovery schedule was subsequently revised by agreed joint motions.

of Kristen L. Gale in Support of Motion to Extend Dates of Hearing (June 20, 2017). The three-month delay was granted. Notice of Hearing (Aug. 31, 2017).

In short, Respondent's suggestion that Complainants have caused undue delay is misplaced. If there has been any "pattern of delay" in this case (Memorandum at 14), it has been Respondent, not Complainants, demonstrating such a pattern.

**C. Complainants properly filed the Exhibit 649 appeal**

Respondent also argues in its proposed Supplemental Memorandum that Complainants' Exhibit 649 Appeal is sanctionable because it discusses the business records exception to Illinois evidentiary rules on hearsay. Respondent's argument suggests that Complainants' Exhibit 649 Appeal is frivolous because it did not discuss the public records exception as applied to Exhibit 649. Motion for Leave at ¶ 4-7; Supplemental Memorandum at 2 ("Complainants' Motion Ignores the Basis for Admission of MWG exhibit 649."). This assumption is incorrect: in fact, Complainants' Exhibit 649 Appeal argues fully that Exhibit 649 was not a public record. Paragraph 19 of the Appeal, which contains the bulk of Complainants' arguments on the public record exception, reads in full:

19. First, Respondent failed to establish that the document falls within the public records exception to the rule prohibiting the admission of hearsay. "The admissibility of public records depends on custody and authenticity." *Castellari v. Prior*, PCB 86-79, 1987 WL 56063 (May 28, 1987) (citing *Bell v. Bankers Life & Casualty Co.*, 327 Ill. App. 321, 64 N.E.2d 204, 208 (1st Dist. 1945)). Respondent did not offer any testimony as to the custody or authenticity of the email. Respondent did not offer any testimony from Mr. Dunaway, Mr. Rabins, or the custodian of records at IEPA. Respondent did not offer any testimony that the statements in the document set forth "the activities of the office or the agency." Ill. R. Evid. 803. Finally, Respondent did not establish through Ms. Race whether the email accurately set forth the activities of the office or agency. Ms. Race's testimony was confined to repeating the contents of the email in Exhibit 649 (Jan. 30 Hr'g Trans. 173:13-174:24) and how and when Ms. Race obtained the email (Jan. 30 Hr'g Trans. 176:12-18).

Complainants' Exhibit 649 Appeal at ¶ 19 (emphasis added).

Not only does Respondents' failure to acknowledge Complainants' public records argument render its Motion for Leave frivolous, Respondents' complaint about Complainants' business records argument is similarly misplaced. Respondent suggests that it is clear that Exhibit 649 came in under the public records exception but the Respondent's suggestions regarding the basis for the Hearing Officer's ruling are not supported by the hearing transcript. Neither counsel for Respondent nor the Hearing Officer ever referenced the public records exception. The Hearing Officer did not rule on whether Exhibit 649 fell under the public records exception or the business records exception.

MS. FRANZETTI: I would renew my request to admit Exhibit 649.

THE HEARING OFFICER: Ms. Bugel?

MS. BUGEL: We maintain our hearsay objection.

THE HEARING OFFICER: Okay. Overruled then, 101.626. Respondent's Exhibit 649 is admitted.

(Jan. 30 Hr'g Trans. 176:12-18). Under these circumstances, it is perfectly reasonable and appropriate for Complainants to argue both the business records exemption and the public records exemption. Further, the use of alternative arguments is routine in the practice of law and before the Illinois Pollution Control Board, and Respondent cites no case law to the contrary, and no case law to support levying sanctions for this routine practice.

**D. Sierra Club's motives are irrelevant**

Finally, Respondent tries, again, to use Sierra Club's Beyond Coal Campaign against Complainants. As the Hearing Officer recently held, Sierra Club's possible motives in this case are irrelevant:

The Board has previously found that motive is irrelevant when there is a clear and justifiable basis in law for the party's action. *E.g.*, *Ashland Chemical Company v. Environmental Protection Agency*, PCB 76-186, slip op. at 4 (Feb. 17, 1977). Complainants' allegations are directly relevant to enforcement. Thus, there is a clear and justifiable basis in the law and Sierra Club's motives are irrelevant.

Hearing Officer Order (Mar. 1, 2018). Respondent tried and failed to dismiss the case as frivolous in 2012. Respondent's Motion to Dismiss (Nov. 5, 2012); Order of the Board (Oct. 3, 2013) (denying Motion to Dismiss). Since this action is not frivolous, Complainants' allegations are not frivolous, and there is a clear and justifiable basis in law, Sierra Club's motives are irrelevant to Complainants' allegations. Sierra Club's motives are equally irrelevant to the Sanctions Motion unless Respondent can identify some sanctionable behavior, which it cannot and has not done.

#### **IV. Respondent's Sanctions Motion is Inconsistent with Board Rules**

As Respondent notes, in deciding when sanctions should be imposed, the Board considers factors including "the relative severity of the refusal or failure to comply; the past history of the proceeding; the degree to which the proceeding has been delayed or prejudiced; and the existence of bad faith on the part of the offending party or person." 35 Ill. Adm. Code 101.800(c). Respondent has failed to demonstrate that any of these factors support sanctions. Most importantly, there has been no non-compliance, and therefore no sanctionable behavior, either related to the Motion to Strike or the Exhibit 649 Appeal, or over the history of the case. The "past history of the proceeding" shows that Respondent, not Complainants, has caused repeated delays. The proceeding has not been delayed by the Motion to Strike, and Respondent does not allege that it has. Finally, Respondent's allegations of bad faith are unsupported and inconsistent with Complainants' actions.

Furthermore, even if Respondent had identified sanctionable behavior, the sanctions that Respondent seeks are not sanctions that the Board can grant. Respondent has requested two key remedies in its Sanctions Memorandum. First, it urges the Board to "bar the Complainants from making any of the arguments made in their untimely Motion to Strike in any of Complainant's

future briefs or motions in this matter.” 35 Ill. Adm. Code 101.800(b) lists six specific sanctions that the Board can grant. This list includes a bar against “pleading[s] or other document[s]” relating to the issue “to which the refusal or failure relates,” and a bar against claims or defenses related to those issues, but does not include a bar against “arguments.” Granting the requested relief would exceed the scope of the sanctions rule and would unduly prejudice Complainants by precluding a complete and coherent argument.

Second, Respondent asks the Board to “overrule the Hearing Officers’ [sic\*] exclusion of MWG Exhibit 662,” which is far outside the scope of permissible sanctions granted to the Board. None of the six specific sanctions listed in 35 Ill. Adm. Code 101.800(b) could possibly be interpreted as allowing the Board to overturn the Illinois Rules of Evidence and admit an exhibit that is otherwise inadmissible. Complainants have explained separately in their response to Respondent’s Appeal of the Hearing Officer’s ruling on Exhibit 662 why that Exhibit is inadmissible, and it is appropriate for the Board to consider those arguments and make a decision. It would not be appropriate for the Board to admit a piece of evidence that is irrelevant (as Exhibit 662 clearly is), in order to “punish” Complainants for filing an unrelated motion to strike or evidentiary appeal.

#### **V. Conclusion**

Respondents’ Motion for Sanctions is baseless and should be denied. Complainants have not violated any Hearing Officer order, Board order, or Board rule; have not intentionally (or unintentionally) delayed proceedings or caused undue cost and expense to Respondent; have not shown a pattern of bad faith or other sanctionable behavior; and have not misapplied the law relating to the admission of expert opinions. Complainants understand that respondent does not like or agree with Complainants’ positions. This is to be expected. It is not sanctionable. And

even were it sanctionable, Respondent's requested sanctions are completely inappropriate and outside the scope of the Board's authority to impose sanctions. For all of these reasons, the Board should deny MWG's Sanctions Motion, with or without the Supplemental Memorandum included in its Motion for Leave to Amend the Sanctions Motion.

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**ATTACHMENT A**

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**COMPLAINANTS’ AMENDED<sup>1</sup> MOTION TO STRIKE PORTIONS OF RESPONDENT EXPERT’S REPORTS AND TESTIMONY**

Pursuant to 35 Ill. Adm. Code 101.500 and 101.502, Complainants Sierra Club, Environmental Law and Policy Center, Prairie Rivers Network, and Citizens Against Ruining the Environment (“Complainants”) respectfully request that the Hearing Officer enter an order striking the portions of the reports and demonstrative exhibits produced by Respondent’s expert, John Seymour, that describe his analysis of the “matching percentages” between leachate and groundwater (hereinafter “matching analysis”). The relevant sections include Tables 5-4 and 5-5 of the *Expert Report of John Seymour, P.E.* (“Expert Report”); all references thereto in the Expert Report, including Section 5.5.2; the *Supplement to the Expert Report of John Seymour, P.E.* (“Supplement”) in its entirety; portions of the demonstrative exhibit introduced as Ex. 901; and all testimony on the matching analysis.

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<sup>1</sup> Complainants inadvertently omitted the attachments to the original filing. All of the attachments are already in the record as exhibits or transcripts, but to assist the Hearing Officer we are filing this amended motion with the attachments. The text of the motion is unchanged.

Seymour's matching analysis violates rule 702 of the Illinois Rules of Evidence because it is based on methods that have not gained general acceptance, and because the analysis is inherently unreliable, and will therefore undermine the fact-finder's ability to understanding the evidence in this case. In support of its Motion, Complainants submit a Memorandum in Support of this Motion and state as follows:

- 1) On November 2, 2015, pursuant to the discovery schedule established and modified by the Hearing Officer, Respondents submitted an expert report by John Seymour ("Expert Report," Exhibit 903). In the Expert Report, Seymour purports to "match" the concentrations of various constituents in coal ash leachate and in groundwater, and to calculate "matching percentages." (Ex. 903, pp. 5, 6, 42-43, 49, 51, 52, and Tables 5-4 and 5-5).
- 2) On February 29, 2016, Respondents submitted a supplement to the Expert Report ("Supplemental Report," Exhibit 904), which was intended to "replace[] the original §5.5.2 in its entirety, including Tables 5-4 and 5-5." Ex. 904, p. 1.
- 3) Seymour testified in this matter on February 1 and 2, 2018. During his testimony, Seymour referred to a demonstrative exhibit that Respondent Midwest Generation entered as Exhibit 901. Exhibit 901 includes new versions of Table 5-4 and 5-5, using more recent data but generated using the same methods used to generate earlier versions of these tables.
- 4) The methods that Seymour uses to "match" constituents are inherently unreliable for two basic reasons. First, as largely conceded by Seymour in his testimony, his methods draw inaccurate conclusions from the presence of non-coal ash constituents in groundwater. Second, again as largely conceded by Seymour in his testimony, his methods make inappropriate comparisons between two sets of data to draw inaccurate conclusions that the data do not support.

5) Furthermore, again as largely conceded by Seymour in his testimony, his methods are unique, have never been used before, and have not gained acceptance in his field.

6) Since Seymour's methods are inherently unreliable, the conclusions he draws from the methods are unsupported, and both his methods and his conclusions will undermine the fact-finder's ability to understand and interpret the evidence presented in this case. This renders the evidence inadmissible under Illinois Evidence Rule 702, which establishes the *Frye* test for the admission of scientific evidence. The purpose of the *Frye* test "is to exclude new or novel scientific evidence that undeservedly creates a perception of certainty when the basis for the evidence or opinion is actually invalid." *In re Det. of New*, 2014 IL 116306, ¶ 26, 21 N.E.3d 406, 411-12 (2014) (internal citations omitted). According to Rule 702, "[w]here an expert witness testifies to an opinion based on a new or novel scientific methodology or principle, the proponent of the opinion has the burden of showing the methodology or scientific principle on which the opinion is based is sufficiently established to have gained general acceptance in the particular field in which it belongs." Ill. Rules of Evid. 702. Here, the methodology has never been used before, much less "gained general acceptance," and again, it is inherently flawed and unreliable.

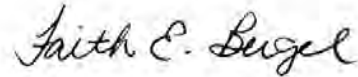
7) WHEREFORE, Complainants respectfully request that the hearing officer enter an order striking Expert Report section 5.5.2 and Tables 5-4 and 5-5; all references to Tables 5-4 and 5-5 in the Expert Report; all references to Seymour's "matching" analysis in the Expert Report; the "Supplemental Report" in its entirety; Pages \*37, \*46, \*47, \*61, \*62, \*75, \*76, \*89, and \*90 of Ex. 901;<sup>2</sup> and all testimony on Seymour's matching analysis, which includes PCB 13-

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<sup>2</sup> These page numbers reflect the pages of the pdf document as filed by Respondent Midwest Generation on January 30, 2018. Some of these pages also have page numbers in the lower left corner; these page numbers are not the same as the corresponding page of the pdf document. To be clear, Complainants are referring to pages titled "Comparison with Groundwater" (pdf page \*37, also labelled as page number 12); and all pages titled "[Site name] – Updated Table 5-4" or "[Site name] – Updated Table 5-5."

15 Hearing Transcript, Feb. 1, pages 281:4-284:4, and PCB 13-15 Hearing Transcript, Feb. 2, pages 15:4-20:17, 69:4-70:8, 92:11-93:2, 118:18-119:18, 231:2-280:22.

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**BEFORE THE ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD**

In the Matter of:	)	
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SIERRA CLUB, ENVIRONMENTAL	)	
LAW AND POLICY CENTER,	)	
PRAIRIE RIVERS NETWORK, and	)	
CITIZENS AGAINST RUINING THE	)	
ENVIRONMENT	)	
	)	PCB No-2013-015
Complainants,	)	(Enforcement – Water)
	)	
v.	)	
	)	
MIDWEST GENERATION, LLC,	)	
	)	
Respondents	)	

**COMPLAINANTS’ MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF THEIR MOTION TO STRIKE PORTIONS OF RESPONDENT EXPERT’S REPORTS TESTIMONY**

Complainants Sierra Club, Environmental Law and Policy Center, Prairie Rivers Network, and Citizens Against Ruining the Environment (“Complainants”) submit this Memorandum in Support of their Motion to Strike Portions of Respondent Expert’s Report and Testimony.

**I. FACTUAL BACKGROUND**

On November 2, 2015, pursuant to the discovery schedule established and modified by the Hearing Officer, Respondents submitted an expert report by John Seymour (“Expert Report,” Exhibit 903, attached in excerpted form as Attachment A). In the Expert Report, Seymour purports to “match” the concentrations of various constituents in coal ash leachate and in groundwater, and to calculate “matching percentages.” (Attachment A, pp. 5, 6, 42-43, 49, 51, 52, and Tables 5-4 and 5-5). On February 29, 2016, Respondents submitted a supplement to the



Expert Report (“Supplemental Report,” Exhibit 904, attached as Attachment B), which was intended to “replace[] the original §5.5.2 in its entirety, including Tables 5-4 and 5-5.”

Attachment B, p. 1.

Seymour testified in this matter on February 1 and 2, 2018. Excerpts of PCB 13-15 Hearing Transcript, Feb. 2 are attached hereto as Attachment C. During his testimony, Seymour referred to a demonstrative exhibit that Respondent Midwest Generation entered as Exhibit 901 (attached in excerpted form as Attachment D). Exhibit 901 included updated versions of Tables 5-4 and 5-5, generated using the same methodology as the Tables 5-4 and 5-5 found in Seymour’s Supplemental Report, but with groundwater data from a different period of time. Attachment C, pp. 15:4-18:5 and 232:1-233:5.

To summarize, Seymour’s initial Expert Report, his Supplemental Report, and demonstrative Exhibit 901 contain three versions of a set of tables identified as Tables 5-4 and 5-5.<sup>2</sup> Each of these tables, in turn, refer back to either Table 5-1 or Table 5-2 of Seymour’s initial Expert Report (Attachment A), which provide the leach test data that Seymour used for his analysis.

## II. LEGAL BACKGROUND

The admissibility of expert opinions is governed by Illinois Evidence Rule 702:

If scientific, technical, or other specialized knowledge will assist the trier of fact to understand the evidence or to determine a fact in issue, a witness qualified as an expert by knowledge, skill, experience, training, or education, may testify thereto in the form of an opinion or otherwise. Where an expert witness testifies to an opinion based on a new or novel scientific methodology or principle, the proponent of the opinion has the burden of showing the methodology or scientific principle on which the opinion is based is

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<sup>2</sup> Each Table 5-4 or 5-5 is in fact a series of sub-tables, one for each of the four sites at issue in this proceeding.

sufficiently established to have gained general acceptance in the particular field in which it belongs.

Ill. Rules of Evid. 702. Rule 702 establishes the Frye standard for the admission of scientific evidence:

Illinois law is unequivocal: the exclusive test for the admission of expert testimony is governed by the standard first expressed in *Frye v. United States*, 293 F. 1013 (D.C.Cir.1923). *Miller*, 173 Ill.2d at 187–88, 219 Ill.Dec. 43, 670 N.E.2d 721; *People v. Thomas*, 137 Ill.2d 500, 517, 148 Ill.Dec. 751, 561 N.E.2d 57 (1990); *Eyler*, 133 Ill.2d at 211–12, 139 Ill.Dec. 756, 549 N.E.2d 268; *People v. Zayas*, 131 Ill.2d 284, 293, 137 Ill.Dec. 568, 546 N.E.2d 513 (1989); *People v. Jordan*, 103 Ill.2d 192, 208, 82 Ill.Dec. 925, 469 N.E.2d 569 (1984); *People v. Baynes*, 88 Ill.2d 225, 241, 58 Ill.Dec. 819, 430 N.E.2d 1070 (1981). The *Frye* standard, commonly called the “general acceptance” test, dictates that scientific evidence is only admissible at trial if the methodology or scientific principle upon which the opinion is based is “sufficiently established to have gained general acceptance in the particular field in which it belongs.” *Frye*, 293 F. at 1014.

*Donaldson v. Cent. Illinois Pub. Serv. Co.*, 199 Ill. 2d 63, 76-77, 767 N.E.2d 314, 323-324 (2002) abrogated on other grounds by *In re Commitment of Simons*, 213 Ill. 2d 523, 821 N.E.2d 1184 (2004). Although decisions about the admissibility of scientific evidence are sometimes made after a “*Frye* hearing,” the “trial court can render a decision utilizing *Frye* without actually holding a *Frye* hearing.” *Donaldson v. Cent. Illinois Pub. Serv. Co.*, 313 Ill. App. 3d 1061, 1075, 730 N.E.2d 68, 78 (2000), *aff'd*, 199 Ill. 2d 63, 767 N.E.2d 314 (2002).

Reliability is an important piece of the *Frye* inquiry because it informs the extent to which a method has been established or accepted in the scientific community. Although Illinois does not apply a “*Frye* plus reliability” standard (*Donaldson*, 199 Ill. 2d 80-81), “a principle or technique is not generally accepted in the scientific community if it is by nature unreliable.” *Id.* at 81. Put another way, “[g]eneral acceptance and reliability are not two separate questions. The determination of the reliability of an expert's methodology is naturally subsumed by the inquiry into its general acceptance in the scientific community.” *In re Commitment of Field*, 349 Ill. App. 3d 830, 836, 813 N.E.2d 319, 325 (2004).

The Illinois Supreme Court recently described the purpose of Rule 702 as follows:

The purpose of the *Frye* test is to exclude new or novel scientific evidence that undeservedly creates a perception of certainty when the basis for the evidence or opinion is actually invalid. Imposition of the test serves to prevent the jury from simply adopting the judgment of an expert because of the natural inclination of the jury to equate science with truth and, therefore, accord undue significance to any evidence labeled scientific.

*In re Det. of New*, 2014 IL 116306, ¶ 26, 21 N.E.3d 406, 411-12 (2014) (internal citations omitted). Here, Seymour's "matching" methodology is invalid, unreliable, "undeservedly creates a perception of certainty" (*id.*), and is not generally accepted. Seymour himself concedes that there are errors in his approach and his results, and that his methodology is not generally accepted, having been used for the first time in this proceeding. The methodology therefore plainly violates Rule 702 and must be excluded.

### III. DISCUSSION

In the Expert Report, the Supplemental Report, and his testimony, Seymour attempts to evaluate whether groundwater reflects coal ash contamination by "matching" constituents found in groundwater to constituents found in the results of leach tests performed on coal ash.

Attachment A, pp. 42-43; Attachment B, p. 1. Seymour approaches his "matching" analysis as follows:

Conceptually, if all the constituents detected in groundwater samples from a monitoring well match the constituents detected in leachate from ash currently stored in ponds, and if the constituents not detected in groundwater match the constituents not detected in leachate from ash currently stored in ponds, then it would be probable that leachate from ash currently stored in ponds is impacting groundwater.

Attachment B, p. 1. Seymour quantifies the degree of matching by calculating, for each monitoring well, the "Percentage of Observed Constituents that are Not Consistent with Indicators of Leachate from Ash Currently Stored in Impoundments." *See, e.g.*, Attachment B,

Table 5-4. In other words, Seymour calculates a percentage of “mismatches.” Any “mismatch” in Seymour’s analysis counts against a conclusion that coal ash has contaminated the groundwater:

BY MR. RUSS: Q. And to simplify a little, mismatches in your approach count against the possibility that groundwater has been contaminated by coal ash; is that right?

MR. SEYMOUR: A. Yes, in the increase in the likelihood that it’s not from the ash in the pond.

Attachment C, p. 235:8-13. The Tables 5-4 and 5-5 in Seymour’s Supplemental Report and Exhibit 901 show mismatch percentages ranging from 0% to 75%. In other words, to take the inverse percentages, they show matching percentages for each well that range from 25% to 100%. Due to errors in Seymour’s approach, these percentages are in error. In fact, as described in more detail below, Seymour’s primary analysis, if done correctly, would show a 100% match between coal ash leachate and groundwater quality data for every monitoring well at all four sites.

Seymour’s methods violate Rule 702 because they are novel, deviate significantly from standard practice, and are not used, much less generally accepted, in his field. As described in detail below, Seymour’s methods are also inherently flawed and unreliable, in at least two ways. First, as Seymour largely concedes, his methods draw inappropriate conclusions from the presence of non-coal ash constituents in groundwater. Second, again as largely conceded by Seymour, his methods produce inaccurate results that skew his conclusions. The result is that Seymour’s methods and conclusions are likely to “instill a false confidence,” *Donaldson*, 199 Ill. 2d 86 (internal citations omitted). Allowing Seymour’s analysis and conclusions to remain in the record would clearly not “assist the trier of fact to understand the evidence or to determine a fact in issue,” (Ill. Rules of Evid. 702), and would in fact undermine the fact-finder’s role.

**A. SEYMOUR'S METHODS ARE UNRELIABLE AND BIASED**

Seymour uses two sets of data to represent the content of coal ash leachate. The first is a set of leach test measurements collected by Midwest Generation from bottom ash at the Powerton, Waukegan, and Will County plants ("MWG leach test data"). Attachment A, Table 5-1; Attachment B, Table 5-5). The second is a set of leach test measurements collected by the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) for subbituminous or lignite coal ash in impoundments ("EPRI leach test data"). Attachment A, Table 5-2; Attachment B, Table 5-4. According to Seymour, the analysis using MWG leach test data – the Table 5-5 analysis – was his primary analysis, and the analysis using EPRI leach test data – the Table 5-4 analysis – was a "backup" analysis. Attachment C, pp. 18:17-19:16. In his Supplemental Report, Seymour compared each set of leach test data to Midwest Generation's groundwater monitoring results for 2014. Attachment B, p. 1. In his testimony, Seymour compared each set of leach test data to groundwater monitoring results from 2016-2017, with the same methodology that he used in his Supplemental Report. Attachment C, pp. 17:20-18:15 and 232:1-233:5.

As discussed in detail below, Seymour's two matching analyses, one using MWG leach test data (Table 5-5) and the other using EPRI leach test data (Table 5-4), are each associated with unique methodological flaws that lead to inaccurate results and conclusions, and are therefore unreliable.

**1) SEYMOUR'S HANDLING OF NON-INDICATOR CONSTITUENTS PRODUCES CRITICAL ERRORS IN HIS ANALYSIS**

Seymour identified coal ash "indicators" as anything that was detected in coal ash leach tests. Attachment A, p. 42 and Tables 5-1 through 5-3. Everything else could be described as "non-indicators." According to Seymour's description of his approach, the presence of a non-

indicator in groundwater counts as a “mismatch,” and counts against the possibility of contamination:

BY MR. RUSS: Q. Okay. For purposes of this table [Attachment B, Table 5-4], you counted the presence of non-indicator[s] as evidence against the possibility of contamination, isn't that right?

MR. SEYMOUR: A. Yes.

Attachment C, page 241:1-5. *See also* Attachment B, p. 1. This approach introduces an inappropriate assumption – that contaminated groundwater should look exactly like leachate – which ignores all other potential sources of non-indicators. Even naturally occurring constituents would count against the possibility of coal ash contamination. This is plainly irrational, and a critical flaw in Seymour's methodology, as Seymour concedes in his testimony:

BY MR. RUSS: Q. A non-indicator, something that's not – a constituent that's not an indicator of coal ash, the presence or absence of that chemical in groundwater shouldn't have any bearing on your conclusion about the presence or absence of coal ash; is that right?

MR. SEYMOUR: A. That's kind of complicated. I'm sorry, Mr. Russ. One more time. I'll try to concentrate very carefully.

Q. What you said about benzene, I believe, is that it shouldn't have any – it shouldn't be in the analysis?

A. It would not be in the analysis.

Q. And why is that?

A. It's not an indicator of coal ash.

Q. Okay. Right. And that's what I'm asking. So something that's not an indicator of coal ash shouldn't have any bearing on your determination of whether or not there's coal ash in groundwater?

A. I would think – yes, I think that would be correct.

Attachment C, pp. 237:6-238:4. In short, Seymour concedes that non-indicators should not be included in his analysis, and yet his analysis repeatedly uses non-indicators to discount the possibility of coal ash contamination. During his testimony, Seymour admitted that his approach was flawed in this regard:

BY MR. RUSS: Q. Okay. For purposes of this table [Attachment B, Table 5-4], you counted the presence of non-indicator[s] as evidence against the possibility of contamination, isn't that right?

MR. SEYMOUR: A. Yes.

Q. And I believe you just said you shouldn't do that?

A. You're right.

Attachment C, p. 241:1-8. This flaw in Seymour's approach critically undermines his conclusions. Taking as an example Table 5-5 of Attachment B, which showed Seymour's primary matching analysis, all of the "mismatches" in this table are the result of non-indicators being detected in groundwater, as indicated by the blue shading in that Table.<sup>3</sup> Again, upon looking at this table, Seymour admitted his error:

BY MR. RUSS: Q. So all of these blue cells, though, are non-indicators that were found in groundwater and you counted that against the possibility of contamination; isn't that right?

MR. SEYMOUR: A. Well, because it wasn't found in the leachate, but it was found in the groundwater, so it did not match. It's not consistent.

Q. Right. But I believe you said earlier if you find a non-indicator in groundwater, you shouldn't contribute that to your analysis; is that right?

A. I understand, yes.

Q. So there's a series of errors in this table?

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<sup>3</sup> "Blue shading indicates that a constituent that is not an indicator of leachate from ash stored in the impoundments was detected during at least one quarterly groundwater event in 2014" (Attachment B, Table 5-5, p. 5).

A. Mr. Russ, I – I would agree that it looks that way. I – as I said, I am a little bit confused. I have to kind of go back to the whole discussion in the report. It may take a while.

Attachment C, p. 243:4-24. The same observations apply equally to the versions of Table 5-5 found in Exhibit 901 (Attachment D), where all of the mismatches are the result of non-indicators being detected in groundwater. Since all of the “mismatches” in Table 5-5 are in error, there are in fact no mismatches at all. In fact, the coal ash indicators identified by Seymour – barium, boron and sulfate – were found in all wells at all four Midwest Generation sites at issue in this case; after correcting the errors admitted by Seymour, this leads to a 100% match, as Seymour concedes:

BY MR. RUSS: Q. So the three indicators that you have in this table were found in all of the wells at the Waukegan site?

MR. SEYMOUR: A. Yes.

Q. So if we take the non-indicators out, that would be a 100 percent match, wouldn't it?

A. Yes. In fact they did – in the analysis, the new percent is correct. But again, I have to go back and refresh my memory.

Attachment C, p. 245:14-21. The same is true for all four sites in all versions of Table 5-5. In short, despite the fact that all three coal ash indicators selected by Seymour – barium, boron, and sulfate – were detected in every single well at the four sites, Seymour's analysis leads him to conclude that the groundwater is not affected by coal ash. This is of course an absurd conclusion, and as Seymour concedes, it is the product of a critical flaw in his analytical approach. In this situation, Seymour's methods “undeservedly create[] a perception of certainty when the basis for the evidence or opinion is actually invalid.” *In re Det. of New*, 2014 IL 116306, ¶ 26 (internal citations omitted).



**2) SEYMOUR'S ANALYSIS OF ONSITE LEACH TEST DATA PRODUCES UNRELIABLE RESULTS AND BIASES HIS CONCLUSIONS**

An additional flaw in Seymour's methodology is that he compares sources of data that are not amenable to comparison. Seymour analyzes the extent to which pollutants are detected, but the datasets being compared have very different sensitivities, as indicated by their detection limits. As described in more detail below, this produces results that are not only unreliable, but biased against the possibility of coal ash contamination.

Seymour's primary analysis uses leach test methods that are much less sensitive than the groundwater test. For example, the arsenic results for MWG leachate were all reported as "<0.05" mg/L. Attachment A, Table 5-1.<sup>4</sup> In this case, as Seymour admits, the true concentration of arsenic in leachate could be anything up to 0.049 mg/L. Attachment C, pp. 247:23-248:15. Midwest Generation's groundwater monitoring for 2014, by comparison, could detect arsenic concentrations down to a detection limit of 0.001 mg/L. Exhibit 268P, NRG Energy, Annual and Quarterly Groundwater Monitoring Results, Fourth Quarter 2014, Waukegan Generating Station, Ash Impoundments, Table 2 (Jan. 22, 2015), excerpt attached as Attachment E. Here, there is a wide range of arsenic concentrations – anything between 0.001 and 0.05 mg/L – that would be detected by one method (the groundwater test) and not the other (the leach test). In this situation, as explained below, the two tests would produce results that appear inconsistent even if the two samples were identical.

If arsenic is detected in groundwater at a concentration less than 0.05 mg/L, Seymour's approach counts it as a "mismatch" (because it was not detected in leachate), and counts it against the possibility of groundwater contamination. However, the data do not support this

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<sup>4</sup> At the hearing, Seymour added an additional, slightly more sensitive leach test result, which shows arsenic in leachate at "<0.01" mg/L. Ex. 901, slide 8. This is not a material change for purposes of this motion; the four other leachate samples used by Seymour all had "<0.05" mg/L, or up to 0.049 mg/L.

interpretation. For example, arsenic in Waukegan well MW-02 ranged between 0.0062 mg/L and 0.0095 mg/L in 2014. Attachment E, Table 2. This is perfectly consistent with groundwater having the same amount of arsenic as pure, undiluted leachate (which has anywhere between zero and 0.05 mg/L of arsenic), but due to differences in the sensitivity of the tests, it is not possible to say whether the leach test data and the groundwater data are a “match” or a “mismatch;” the answer is unknown. Yet Seymour concludes, without any factual support, that the data are a “mismatch.” Attachment B, Table 5-5, p. 3.<sup>5</sup>

Again, Seymour effectively concedes that this approach could produce inaccurate results:

BY MR. RUSS: Q. So the question I’m asking is since the leachate [and] the groundwater could have the same concentration of arsenic given these numbers, you can’t really say for sure [] that it’s a mismatch; is that right?

MR. SEYMOUR: A. Well, if you don’t have the data, you can’t say it’s a match either.

Q. Right. You can’t say that it’s a match and you can’t say that it’s a mismatch. I would call it unknown; is that fair?

A. Okay.

Q. Yet you coded it as a mismatch, I believe and...

A. Yes, I understand that. And as mentioned, I think I’m confused. I have to go back and look at it.

Q. So is that potentially an error in your table?

A. It’s possible it’s an error, yes. I have to look at it. I am confused.

Attachment C, pp. 252:8-253:3. Seymour’s approach takes something that he concedes is “unknown,” and treats it as a “known” mismatch, in effect making an assumption that supports his preferred conclusion. Again, the leach test data and the groundwater data could be a perfect

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<sup>5</sup> “Blue shading indicates that a constituent that is not an indicator of leachate from ash stored in the impoundments was detected during at least one quarterly groundwater event in 2014” Attachment B, Table 5-5, p. 5.

match, with the exact same arsenic concentration, and Seymour's approach would reach the opposite conclusion.

In general, as Seymour concedes, his approach could produce a false "mismatch" whenever the two tests being compared have different sensitivities:

BY MR. RUSS: Q. Okay. To generalize beyond arsenic, this kind of – this kind of phenomenon, when you detect a constituent in groundwater, but not a leach test, even if groundwater and the leachate [have] the same concentration, it's possible [when]ever the groundwater test is, it's more sensitive than the leach test; isn't that right?

MR. SEYMOUR: A. That's – yes, it could be.

Q. Do you know how many of the results in your Table 5-5 might be affected by that circumstance?

A. I would have to add them, but you know that it would be quite a few.

Q. Okay. Thanks.

A. Presuming, in fact, I'm – I'm a little confused. If it's correct, there would be errors in the table.

Attachment C, pp. 256:12-257:5. In fact, the same error illustrated above is repeated for multiple constituents at each site.<sup>6</sup> For example, the MWG leach test could not detect selenium below 0.05 mg/L, Attachment A, Table 5-1, but the groundwater test could detect concentrations as low as 0.0025 mg/L. Attachment E, Table 2. Anything between those two concentrations would only be detected by one method, and not by the other, giving the appearance of a mismatch even if the samples were identical.

In short, Seymour's methods frequently assume "mismatches," and count these mismatches against the possibility of contamination, when the data do not support such a

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<sup>6</sup> Arsenic, copper, lead, manganese, nickel, and selenium all had lower detection limits in groundwater than in MWG leach tests, making them all susceptible to the flaw in Seymour's methodology (Attachment A, Table 5-1, Attachment E, Table 2).

conclusion. This renders his approach unreliable and biased toward finding no contamination, and creates “false confidence” and a “misleading sense of scientific infallibility.” *Donaldson*, 199 Ill. 2d 86 (internal citations omitted).

**3) SEYMOUR’S ANALYSIS OF EPRI LEACH TEST DATA PRODUCES UNRELIABLE RESULTS AND BIASES HIS CONCLUSIONS**

Seymour’s methods produce the inverse error with respect to his “backup” analysis of EPRI leachate data. In this case, the EPRI leach test was much more sensitive than the test that Midwest Generation used to analyze groundwater. For example, the EPRI leach test was able to detect antimony concentrations as low as 0.00024 mg/L (Attachment A, Table 5-2), while the 2014 groundwater monitoring could not detect antimony at concentrations below 0.003 mg/L – a difference of more than an order of magnitude. Attachment E, Table 2. As a result, there is a wide range of antimony concentrations – anything between 0.00024 and 0.003 mg/L – that would be detected by one method (the EPRI leach test) and not the other (the groundwater test).

Seymour observes that antimony was detected in EPRI leach test data, but not in any groundwater monitoring data, and concludes that the two datasets do not match. This can be seen, for example, in Table 5-4 of Attachment B, where the antimony cells are all shaded green.<sup>7</sup> Antimony is one of the constituents that Seymour includes in his tally of “constituents that are not consistent with indicators of leachate.” *Id.* In short, Seymour concludes, for each well at the four sites, that antimony is a “mismatch,” and he counts that against the possibility that coal ash has contaminated the groundwater.

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<sup>7</sup> Green shading in Seymour’s tables indicates that “a constituent that is an indicator of leachate from ash stored in the impoundments was not detected during quarterly groundwater monitoring in 2014.” Attachment B, Table 5-4.

Again, Seymour's approach fails because the data do not support his results or his conclusions. Continuing with the example of the Waukegan site, the groundwater results are all reported as "ND," or "not detected." This does not mean that there is no antimony in these wells. It only means that the concentration of antimony was less than the detection limit. In this case, the detection limit was 0.003 mg/L, so the groundwater had something between zero and 0.003 mg/L of antimony. This is perfectly consistent with the range of antimony concentrations found in the EPRI leach test data – 0.00024 to 0.00062 mg/L. Given these concentrations, it is inaccurate and misleading to say that the leach test data and the groundwater data do not match. Even if the groundwater were pure, undiluted leachate with the maximum concentration of antimony (0.00062 mg/L), the antimony would not be detected by the groundwater test. In short, Seymour assumes that there is a "mismatch" without any factual support.

This flaw is made clear in Seymour's testimony, where he concedes that leachate and groundwater could have the same concentration of antimony – a situation that should be a "match" – and his analysis would nonetheless describe it as a "mismatch." Attachment C, pp. 265:16-267:4 (Seymour agreeing that 0.6 micrograms of antimony per liter would be detected in the EPRI leach test, but not in the Midwest Generation groundwater test). Again, the leachate and the groundwater could be a perfect match, with the exact same concentration of antimony, and Seymour's methods would find a "mismatch."

The same error illustrated above is repeated for several constituents at each site.<sup>8</sup> For example, the EPRI leach test could detect chromium concentrations as low as 0.00066 mg/L

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<sup>8</sup> Antimony, chromium, cobalt, lead, manganese, mercury, nickel, selenium, and zinc all had detection limits and minimum concentrations in the EPRI leach test data that were lower than the detection limits in groundwater, making them all susceptible to the flaw in Seymour's methodology. Attachment A, Table 5-2, and Attachment E, Table 2.

(Attachment A, Table 5-2), but Midwest Generation's groundwater monitoring could not detect concentrations lower than 0.005 mg/L (Attachment E, Table 2). The EPRI leach test data could detect mercury concentrations as low as 0.0000054 mg/L (Attachment A, Table 5-2), but Midwest Generation's groundwater monitoring could not detect concentrations lower than 0.0002 mg/L. These are just two additional examples of a pervasive flaw in Seymour's approach.

Again, Seymour's methods frequently assume "mismatches," and count these mismatches against the possibility of contamination, when the data do not support such a conclusion. Seymour's methodology is therefore inherently unreliable in a way that biases his conclusions; this "undeservedly creates a perception of certainty when the basis for the evidence or opinion is actually invalid." *In re Det. of New*, 2014 IL 116306, ¶ 26 (internal citations omitted). As a result, Seymour's matching analysis and all discussions of his matching analysis should be excluded from expert testimony.

## II. SEYMOUR'S METHODS ARE NOT ACCEPTED IN HIS FIELD

Given the multiple flaws in Seymour's methodology, it is not surprising that no one in his field, to his knowledge, has ever used this kind of "matching analysis" before, including Seymour himself:

BY MR. RUSS: Q. Have you ever used this particular quantitative method?

MR. SEYMOUR: A. Again, this is a method that looks at the numbers and accumulates a percentage and presents a percentage. I have not used that presentation before.

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BY MR. RUSS: Q. Are you aware if anyone else using this particular quantitative method before?

MS. NIJMAN: Vague.

HEARING OFFICER HALLORAN: He can answer if he is able.

A. I mean, it implies a very broad understanding of what all the industry does. So I think it's a little bit – I would answer no, but I think it's – there's a lot of ideas out there and I don't know if I could know.

...

BY MR. RUSS: Q. Are you aware of anyone – are you – has this particular quantitative method ever been published in any journal or academic publication?

A. It's a similar question that you asked before, if I knew of anybody who had done it. There's lots of publications. I've not read all the publications. So I don't know if I – even if I say I don't know, that doesn't mean it hasn't been used.

Q. Are you aware of any?

A. As I said, I don't know. But it's a little unfair because there's lots of journals and I've not read all the journals.

Attachment C, pp. 278:11-280:17. Midwest Generation, as the proponent of the evidence in question, has the burden of showing that the methodology is “sufficiently established to have gained general acceptance in the particular field in which it belongs.” Ill. Rules of Evid. 702. In this case, there is no plausible way that Midwest Generation could meet its burden, because its expert has already admitted that he is unaware of anyone (including himself) using this method before. The fact that his inherently unreliable and biased methodology is novel, untested, and not generally accepted in his field makes it inadmissible under Rule 702.

### III. CONCLUSION

Seymour's “matching” analysis must be excluded from evidence because it would frustrate the purpose of expert testimony. His methodology is inherently flawed and unreliable, as he himself acknowledges. Far from “assist[ing] the trier of fact to understand the evidence” (Ill. Rules of Evid. 702), Seymour's methodology, and the results he obtains using that methodology, could only serve to confuse the fact-finder by presenting a false sense of certainty.

Moreover, Seymour's methodology is not merely unreliable, it is also inherently biased against the possibility of contamination. In this case, his results and conclusions would almost certainly mislead the fact-finder.

Using his flawed methodology, Seymour concluded that "there are substantial and widespread mismatches between the characteristics of recent groundwater analyzed near the ash ponds and the characteristics of leachate from ash currently stored in the ash basins." Attachment B, p. 3. The data do not even remotely support this conclusion. In fact, the record shows that Seymour's matching analysis, if done correctly, would have found a 100% match between coal ash leachate and groundwater quality at all four sites at issue here. The stark contrast between what Seymour should have found and his stated conclusions underscores the fact that his methodology is not just unreliable, but systematically inaccurate and biased against an honest interpretation of the data.

Furthermore, as far as Seymour is aware, this is the first time anyone has ever approached groundwater data with this methodology. Rule 702 plainly prohibits the use of novel and untested methods in expert testimony. Where Rule 702 states that "the proponent of the opinion has the burden of showing the methodology or scientific principle on which the opinion is based is sufficiently established," in this case the methodology has not been established at all.

For the aforementioned reasons, we urge the Hearing Officer to strike Expert Report section 5.5.2 and Tables 5-4 and 5-5; all references to Tables 5-4 and 5-5 in the Expert Report; all references to Seymour's "matching" analysis in the Expert Report; the "Supplemental Report" in its entirety; Pages \*37, \*46, \*47, \*61, \*62, \*75, \*76, \*89, and \*90 of Ex. 901;<sup>9</sup> and all

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<sup>9</sup> These page numbers reflect the pages of the pdf document as filed by Respondent Midwest Generation on January 30, 2018. Some of these pages also have page numbers in the lower left corner; these page numbers are not the same as the corresponding page of the pdf document. To be clear, Complainants are



testimony on Seymour's matching analysis, which includes PCB 13-15 Hearing Transcript, Feb. 1, pages 281:4-284:4, and PCB 13-15 Hearing Transcript, Feb. 2, pages 15:4-20:17, 69:4-70:8, 92:11-93:2, 118:18-119:18, 231:2-280:22.

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referring to pages titled "Comparison with Groundwater" (pdf page \*37, also labelled as page number 12); and all pages titled "[Site name] – Updated Table 5-4" or "[Site name] – Updated Table 5-5."

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that the foregoing **NOTICE OF FILING, COMPLAINANTS' AMENDED MOTION TO STRIKE PORTIONS OF RESPONDENT EXPERT'S REPORTS AND TESTIMONY**, and **COMPLAINANTS' MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF THEIR MOTION TO STRIKE PORTIONS OF RESPONDENT EXPERT'S REPORTS TESTIMONY** were served electronically to all parties of record listed below, on March 21, 2018.

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ATTACHMENT A

Excerpts of Exhibit 903, Expert Report of John Seymour, P.E., Nov. 2, 2015

## Expert Report of John Seymour, P.E.

I have prepared this Expert Report on behalf of Midwest Generation, LLC (MWG) to present my opinions and to address the two expert reports issued by M. James R. Kunkel in the Matter of:

SIERRA CLUB, ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND POLICY CENTER, PRAIRIE RIVERS NETWORK,  
and CITIZENS AGAINST RUINING THE ENVIRONMENT  
Complainants,  
v  
MIDWEST GENERATION, LLC,  
Respondent  
PCB 2013-0015

### Section 1: INTRODUCTION

#### 1.1. Background

Since 1999, MWG has operated four electric generating stations at issue in this matter: the Joliet #29 Generating Station ("Joliet #29") located in Joliet, Will County, Illinois; the Powerton Generating Station ("Powerton") located in Pekin, Tazewell County, Illinois; the Waukegan Generating Station ("Waukegan") located in Waukegan, Lake County, Illinois; and the Will County Generating Station ("Will County") located in Romeoville, Will County, Illinois. Prior to 1999, the stations were operated by other entities and pre-1999 documents identify historic areas where ash was placed.<sup>1</sup>

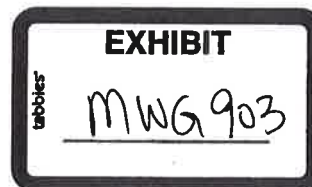
Each of the generating stations includes active ash ponds as an integral part of the generating stations' wastewater treatment systems (MWG Facility NPDES Permits).<sup>2</sup> All of the ash ponds are permitted pursuant to MWG's NPDES permits (IL0064254, IL0002232, IL0002259, and IL0002208) and operate pursuant to the limits, terms, and conditions of the permits. All of the active ash ponds at the MWG facilities are fully lined with 60 mil-thick high density polyethylene (HDPE) liners.

In 2010, MWG voluntarily agreed to Illinois EPA's request to perform hydrogeological assessments around the ash ponds at its generating stations.<sup>3</sup> On June 11, 2012, based on the results of the hydrogeological assessments, Illinois EPA issued Violation Notices (VN) to MWG alleging violations of

<sup>1</sup> MWG13-15\_8502-8536, MWG13-15\_11966-12040, MWG13-15\_29502-29532, MWG13-15\_25139-25167

<sup>2</sup> MWG's Answer and Defenses to Second Complaint, Answers to Complaint ¶¶ 1, 3, 5, 7

<sup>3</sup> MWG13-15\_364; MWG13-15\_384; MWG13-15\_407; MWG13-15\_421



groundwater quality standards purportedly caused by the ash ponds.<sup>4</sup> The VNs listed exceedances of the groundwater quality standards for specific constituents at each station, such as chloride, antimony, and boron.<sup>5</sup>

MWG responded to the VNs, disputing that the ponds were the cause of groundwater exceedances.<sup>6</sup> MWG explained that the ash ponds are not disposal sites because the ash is routinely removed and that the alleged groundwater exceedances were inconsistent and did not show a connection to the ash ponds. Illinois EPA and MWG agreed on a Compliance Commitment Agreement (CCA) for each MWG station to resolve the VNs.<sup>7</sup>

As the CCAs were finalized,<sup>8</sup> Complainants filed a Complaint against MWG alleging open dumping violations, violations of Section 12 of the Illinois Environmental Protection Act, and violations of the Pollution Control Board groundwater regulations (35 Ill. Adm. Code 620.115, 620.301(a), and 620.405). Complainants later amended their Complaint to include historic filled areas on the sites. In support of their Complaint, Complainants presented two reports by James R. Kunkel.<sup>9</sup>

## 1.2. Contents of Opinion

I have reviewed the Kunkel reports and provide my assessment and opinions, below. In addition, I reviewed operational information, monitoring data, construction data and other documents for each of the stations to develop my opinions. Each of my opinions is supported by a reasonable degree of scientific certainty. The following outlines my approach to support my opinion:

- Section 2: Overview of Opinions
- Section 3: Credentials of John Seymour, P.E.
- Section 4: Summary of Current Conditions and Conceptual Site Models (CSM)
- Section 5: Opinion 1—MWG's Actions are Appropriate for the Sites and are Protective of Human Health and the Environment
- Section 6: Opinion 2—The Remedial Approach Provided in the Kunkel Remedy Report is Not Warranted

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<sup>4</sup> MWG13-15\_328-358

<sup>5</sup> MWG13-15\_328-358

<sup>6</sup> MWG13-15\_364-437

<sup>7</sup> MWG13-15\_553-572, 553-575

<sup>8</sup> MWG13-15\_795-806

<sup>9</sup> Kunkel, 2015a and 2015b

- Section 7: Opinion 3—Kunkel Underestimates the Costs to Implement the Unwarranted Cleanup
- Section 8: Reservation
- Section 9: Signature
- Section 10: Acronyms
- Section 11: Works Cited
- Figures and Tables
- Appendix A: John Seymour Curriculum Vitae
- Appendix B: Surface Water Risk Characterization

## Section 2: Overview of Opinions

### Opinion 1: MWG's Actions are Appropriate for the Sites and are Protective of Human Health and the Environment.

It is my opinion that MWG's actions at each plant site are appropriate for the measured groundwater impacts and are protective of human health and the environment. This opinion is based on the following:

- An approach that eliminates the exposure pathways to address the potential groundwater impacts is appropriate.
- Establishment of administrative controls such as Groundwater Management Zones (GMZ) and/or Environmental Land Use Controls (ELUC) are effective remedial approaches to reduce the exposure of potential groundwater impacts, are remediation industry-accepted approaches, and are approved State of Illinois methods.
  - GMZs are specified for sites undergoing corrective actions under Title 35, IAC Sections 620 (Bureau of Water) and 740 (Bureau of Land).
  - A minimum of 10 sites in Illinois currently have GMZs established by the IEPA Bureau of Water. IEPA Bureau of Water has not reported any groundwater violations for sites with GMZs.
  - The IEPA Bureau of Land has implemented on the order of 100 ELUCs.<sup>10</sup>
  - ELUCs and GMZs allow control of groundwater use along the exposure pathways by eliminating the ingestion pathway and dermal contact pathway while corrective action is underway.
    - The groundwater ingestion pathway is eliminated by restricting the installation of potable water wells in the area of the GMZs and ELUCs.
    - The dermal contact pathway is eliminated by restricting the access of the industrial properties to only trained workers.
- All of the active ponds were relined to eliminate a potential exposure pathway.
  - The relining of the CCR Ponds with 60-mil thick HDPE is an industry-accepted remediation approach to reduce the potential for groundwater impacts.

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<sup>10</sup> The IEPA Bureau of Land also has approved GMZs for many sites.



- The relining of the CCR Ponds was completed and inspected by an independent third party under construction quality assurance protocols and documented to be completed in accordance with the design documents or subsequently inspected by a qualified third party.
- The lined ponds are properly operated and maintained, which is the industry-accepted standard approach to preclude groundwater impacts. The operation and maintenance is being completed under consistent protocols.
- Groundwater monitoring is an accepted method to assess a remedial approach.
- I reviewed recent groundwater monitoring data and literature on liners to identify if liner defects were likely and if leaks of leachate through alleged liner defects could be impacting groundwater at the subject sites. It is my opinion that groundwater concentrations are not the result of leaks of leachate from the ash currently stored in lined ponds, as outlined below.
  - The leachate from bottom ash currently stored in ash ponds contains constituents at levels that do not exceed IEPA Class I groundwater standards based on neutral leaching analyses of site-specific samples, indicating that the bottom ash in the ponds is not a source of impact to groundwater.
  - The characteristics of ash leachate were identified based on site-specific impounded ash data or on published leachate data from ponds of subbituminous CCR sourced from the Powder River Basin (PRB) in Wyoming that is the source of coal ash from the Plants.
  - The profiles of the constituents in the groundwater do not match the profiles of leachate constituent indicators in the ponds at all four plant sites. This is based on a comparison of the occurrence of groundwater constituents detected in 2014 compared to minimum and maximum sets of indicators of leachate from ash stored in ponds.
- Groundwater conditions do not pose risks to surface water based on Illinois Water Quality Standards and Illinois Water Quality Criteria that are issued by the State of Illinois to be protective of human health and the environment. An assessment of human and ecological receptors in surface water indicates that there is no risk to the surface water environment at each site based on regulatory risk standards and standards of practice for risk assessments. The potential surface water risks were evaluated using a screening level

approach that compared concentrations in groundwater to Illinois Water Quality Standards (WQS) or Water Quality Criteria (WQC).

- Historical ash in fill materials outside of the ponds is not a source and is not a risk to human health and the environment.
  - Ash generated by coal combustion may be classified as CCB when there is beneficial use determined by IEPA as established in 415 Illinois Compiled Statutes 5/3.135. It is analogous to compare the current condition of CCB to the current IEPA criteria. In my opinion, the presence of CCB outside of the pond areas is acceptable for engineering considerations when compared to Illinois requirements.
  - Data obtained from recent samples of ash used as fill from multiple sites show that leachate from the ash meets IEPA Class I standards based on leaching from a soil-like environment.

**Opinion 2: The Remedial Approach Provided in the Kunkel Remedy Report is Not Warranted.**

It is my opinion that the remedial approach in the Kunkel Remedy Report, which is removal of all CCRs and the ash ponds, is not warranted. In addition to Opinion 1, removal is unwarranted because:

1. based on the concentrations of COIs that have been observed in groundwater around the ponds, MWG's remedial approach is protective of human health and the environment;
2. the concentrations of bottom ash indicator constituents from leachate do not match the groundwater chemistry. This shows that the constituents in groundwater are not from the ponds, the ponds are functioning in accordance with the design, and the ponds do not need to be removed;
3. there is no evidence that historical coal ash outside of the ash ponds is a current source of groundwater impact that needs to be removed; and
4. Kunkel did not follow the Illinois procedures for investigations and remedial activities.

Further, there are many inaccuracies in the Kunkel Expert Report on Ground-Water Contamination that, in general, incorrectly imply that groundwater is more threatened than supported by the data.

The following is provided to demonstrate this opinion:

### 5.5.1.3. *Constituent Indicators for Leachate from Ash Stored in Ponds*

Because there are differences between the set of constituents that leach based on site-specific data and published leachate data, I developed two sets of constituent indicators for leachate from ash currently stored in ponds. The first set is the minimum set of constituent indicators that would be expected under neutral conditions. This minimum set of constituent indicators is defined as the constituents that were observed in NLET analyses of bottom ash stored in site ponds. The second set is the maximum set of constituent indicators that may be expected based on other facility leachate data published by EPRI (2006). This maximum set of constituent indicators is defined as all constituents observed in analyses of leachate samples from other facility ponds containing CCR from subbituminous/lignite coal sources (see Table 5-2).

I reviewed the summary of leachate data in Table 5-3, and constituent indicators for leachate from ash currently stored in ponds include at a minimum: barium, boron, and sulfate, and at a maximum: antimony, arsenic, barium, boron, cadmium, chromium, cobalt, copper, lead, manganese, mercury, nickel, selenium, sulfate, and zinc.

### 5.5.2. Recent Groundwater Concentrations do Not Match Constituent Indicators for Leachate from Ash Stored in Ponds

I compared the occurrence of constituents during groundwater monitoring events in the most recent year, 2014, to the minimum and maximum sets of constituent indicators of leachate from ash currently stored in ponds. Conceptually, if all the constituents detected in groundwater samples from a monitoring well match the constituents detected in leachate from ash currently stored in ponds, and if constituents *not* detected in groundwater samples match the constituents *not* detected in leachate from ash currently stored in ponds, then it would be probable that leachate from ash currently stored in ponds is impacting groundwater. To evaluate whether or not groundwater concentrations match leachate constituent indicators, I calculated the percentage of constituents detected at each groundwater monitoring well that match constituent indicators of leachate from ash currently stored in the ponds ("matching percentages"). I restricted my analysis to the most recent full year of groundwater monitoring, 2014, to account for seasonal variations in constituent concentrations and to reflect groundwater concentrations after MWG's pond relining and pond decommissioning had been completed.

In summary, if the constituents match then it is likely that the leachate from the ash is impacting the groundwater. If the constituents *do not* match then it is likely that the leachate *is not* impacting the groundwater.

My results are tabulated in Tables 5-4 and 5-5 and are summarized as follows:

- At Joliet #29, the percentage of constituents at groundwater monitoring wells that match constituent indicators of leachate from ash currently stored in the ponds ranges from
  - 11 percent to 37 percent based on the minimum set of indicators, and
  - 37 percent to 53 percent based on the maximum set of indicators.
- At Powerton, the percentage of constituents at groundwater monitoring wells that match constituent indicators of leachate from ash currently stored in the ponds ranges from
  - 5 percent to 37 percent based on the minimum set of indicators, and
  - 32 percent to 58 percent based on the maximum set of indicators.
- At Waukegan, the percentage of constituents at groundwater monitoring wells that match constituent indicators of leachate from ash currently stored in the ponds ranges from
  - 16 percent to 26 percent based on the minimum set of indicators, and
  - 42 percent to 58 percent based on the maximum set of indicators.
- At Will County, the percentage of constituents at groundwater monitoring wells that match constituent indicators of leachate from ash currently stored in the ponds ranges from
  - 21 percent to 37 percent based on the minimum set of indicators, and
  - 37 percent to 53 percent based on the maximum set of indicators.

The low matching percentages demonstrate that there are substantial and widespread mismatches between the characteristics of recent groundwater analyzed near the ash ponds and the characteristics of leachate from ash currently stored in the ash basins. Thus, it is my opinion that the recent groundwater impacts are not a result of the ash currently stored in ponds at the sites, but instead are more likely than not a result of historical uses at the sites and the surrounding industrial companies and conditions.<sup>139</sup>

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<sup>139</sup> IEPA, 2015 and MWG13-15\_29975-29776.

## **Section 6: Opinion 2—The Remedial Approach Provided in the Kunkel Remedy Report is Not Warranted**

It is my opinion that the remedial approach in the Kunkel Remedy Report, which is removal of all CCRs and the ash ponds, is not warranted because:

1. the concentrations of COIs that have been observed in groundwater around the ponds are low, such that MWG's remedial approach to protect human health and the environment is in accordance with Illinois standards (Section 6.1);
2. the bottom ash indicator constituents from leachate do not match the groundwater chemistry, indicating that the constituents in groundwater are not from the ponds, the ponds are functioning in accordance with the design, and the ponds do not need to be removed (Section 6.2), and
3. there is no evidence that coal ash currently outside of the ash ponds is a source of groundwater impacts (Section 6.3).

Further, Kunkel did not follow the Illinois procedures his opinions concerning remedial activities. After the completion of a site investigation, groundwater and soil remediation objectives would need to be developed that consider exposure routes and would be protective of human health and the environment. The selection of remedial technologies needs to consider the feasibility of implementation, whether the technologies will perform satisfactorily and reliably, and whether remediation objectives will be achieved within a reasonable period of time (Section 6.4).

I also found many inaccuracies in the Kunkel Report on Ground-Water Contamination that, in general, portray conditions that imply that groundwater is more threatened than is actually supported by the data.

The following is provided in support of Opinion 2:

- Ash ponds are for wastewater treatment purposes and are not landfills for permanent ash disposal (Section 6.5.1).
- Ash ponds are lined with 60-mil HDPE, which is the accepted standard of the ash pond lining industry. Further, the liner construction quality is consistent with the ash pond lining quality management standards for long-term use based on available construction documentation. (Section 6.5.2)

- O&M of the ash ponds are conducted in accordance with consistent operating protocols. (Section 6.5.3)
- Kunkel incorrectly concludes that all of the former ash ponds leaked and the current ash ponds are leaking. He asserts that the groundwater elevations are above the bottom of the ponds or pond water surface and in turn causing bottom heave. His analysis is incorrect on several bases. First, an uplift pressure argument is relative to the top of the bottom liner. Second, an uplift argument is an issue for soil liners, not geomembrane liners that are at all of the ponds. Third, groundwater levels are rarely above the top of the bottom liners and when they are above the bottom liner there are other opposing forces or controls to eliminate uplift. (Section 6.5.4)
- In addition to errors in Kunkel's groundwater elevation analysis, Kunkel fails to consider the weight of the Poz-o-Pac liner (where present), sand cushion, and limestone warning layers. An appropriate hydrostatic uplift calculation should include at a minimum the weight of sand cushion layers and limestone warning layers that provide downward forces that counteract the upward hydrostatic uplift force. The presence of bottom ash and pond water provide further downward forces that counteract the upward hydrostatic uplift force. (Section 6.5.5)
- Groundwater mounding that the Kunkel Groundwater Contamination Report concluded was an indication of an ongoing leak has not been observed at Joliet #29 monitoring well MW-9. Kunkel alleges that mounding is occurring at Joliet 29 because the groundwater elevation in downgradient MW-9 is higher than upgradient MW-8. However, the majority of the data show that the average water level in MW-9 is lower than MW-8. (Section 6.5.6)
- Kunkel incorrectly portrays background concentrations by using state-wide data for groundwater at the Joliet #29, Waukegan, and Will County sites. It is my opinion that this approach is inappropriate and fails to account for those sites where upgradient groundwater is impacted prior to migrating on-site. (Section 6.5.7)

#### 6.1. MWG's Remedial Approach to Protect Human Health and the Environment is in Accordance with Illinois Standards

Kunkel states that his professional analyses and opinions have an "emphasis on remedy options which, if implemented, would stop or minimize the continuing ground-water contamination

from MWG's ash ponds and/or other coal ash disposal areas at the four power plant sites."<sup>148</sup> Kunkel alleges that "[t]he remedy for continued long-term ground-water contamination at the four power plant sites is removal of the leaking ash ponds as well as all or a portion of the coal ash which has been deposited outside the ash ponds. The conclusions in my previous report ([Kunkel Groundwater Contamination Report]) form the bases for this remedy report."<sup>149</sup>

I conclude that further source remediation is not warranted. Observed COI concentrations in groundwater around the ponds are low, such that MWG's remedial approach to protect human health and the environment is in accordance with Illinois standards.

- Bottom ash indicator constituents from leachate do not match the groundwater chemistry (see Section 5.5).
- There is no evidence that historical ash in fill materials outside of the ash ponds is a source of groundwater impacts based on leaching analyses of the existing weathered ash in fill materials and observed groundwater concentrations (see Section 5.7.2).
- Administrative controls eliminate the completion of the groundwater ingestion pathway and dermal exposure pathway (see Section 5.2).
- Groundwater conditions do not pose unacceptable risks to surface water receptors (see Section 5.6).

## 6.2. Bottom Ash Indicator Constituents from Leachate Do Not Match the Groundwater Chemistry

Kunkel alleges that boron, sulfate, and manganese are valid indicators of groundwater contamination because "EPRI and IEPA deem them to be of concern at all four of the power plant sites and they are typically present in high concentrations in coal ash leachate...." However, the sources cited by Kunkel (EPRI, 2012; Kosson, 2009; and IEPA, 2010) are not specific to the four MWG sites. As demonstrated in Section 5.5.1.3, constituent indicators for leachate from ash currently stored in ponds include at a minimum: barium, boron, and sulfate, and at a maximum: antimony, arsenic, barium, boron, cadmium, chromium, cobalt, copper, manganese, nickel, selenium, silver, sulfate, and zinc. In order to compare the constituents in the ponds with the groundwater conditions, a more complete selection of constituent indicators should be used.

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<sup>148</sup> Kunkel Remediation Report, Page 2

<sup>149</sup> Kunkel Remediation Report, Page 2

Kunkel includes removal of the ash ponds as part of his remedy and alleges that “[p]oor liner construction is an initial cause of liner defects which results in leaking ponds and release of contaminated fluids into the underlying ground water.”<sup>150</sup> This allegation would imply that recent groundwater concentrations would be substantially impacted by the leachate from bottom ash currently stored in ash ponds. If this were true, constituents that are indicator chemicals for the ash currently stored in ash ponds would match the constituents actually observed in groundwater near the ponds. However, bottom ash indicator constituents from leachate do not match the groundwater chemistry (see Section 5.5). Thus, constituents in groundwater are not from the ponds and the ponds are functioning in accordance with the design.

I conclude that the ponds do not need to be removed.

### 6.3. There is No Evidence That Historical Coal Ash Outside of the Ash Ponds is a Source of Groundwater Impacts

Kunkel’s proposed remedy includes removal of coal ash historically deposited outside the ash ponds, which includes coal ash “utilized in the construction of roadways, pond dikes and also for general land leveling at all four power plants.”<sup>151</sup> He further states, without supporting data, that “[t]his coal ash is subject to leaching by rainfall and snowmelt, rising and falling ground-water levels, and this leachate is transported downward causing contamination of the ground water.”<sup>152</sup> However, Kunkel’s remediation approach is inconsistent with construction practices in Illinois and ASTM standards. The appropriate approach in Illinois for the evaluation of ash used beneficially as fill is to conduct leaching evaluations on actual fill at the sites (see Section 5.7.1). There is no evidence that historical ash in fill materials outside of the ash ponds is a source of groundwater impacts based on leaching analyses of the existing weathered ash in fill materials and observed groundwater concentrations (see Section 5.7.2). I conclude that there is no evidence supporting Kunkel’s allegation that leachate from ash used as fill is causing groundwater contamination.

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<sup>150</sup> Kunkel Remediation Report, Page 2

<sup>151</sup> Kunkel Remediation Report, Page 2

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**Table 5-1  
Summary of Neutral Leachate Extraction Test (NLET) Analyses of Bottom Ash at  
MWG Generating Stations**

<b>Analytical Results for Leachate Analyses Performed on Settled Coal Combustion Residuals as Reported in MWG Documents</b>				
<b>Generating Station:</b>	<b>Powerton</b>	<b>Waukegan</b>		<b>Will County</b>
<b>Sample Date:</b>	March 2007	July 2004	July 2004	December 2010
<b>Sample ID:</b>	Powerton Bottom Ash	Bottom Ash-1	Bottom Ash-2	3 South Bottom Ash
<b>Methods 6010B/6020/7041A/7470A/7841 (mg/L)</b>				
Antimony	<0.0060	<0.0060	<0.0060	<0.0060
Arsenic	<0.050	<0.050	<0.050	<0.050
Barium	0.27	0.19	0.12	<0.50
Beryllium	<0.0040	<0.004	<0.004	<0.0040
Boron	<0.10	1.1	2	1.3
Cadmium	<0.0050	<0.005	<0.005	<0.0050
Chromium	<0.025	<0.050	<0.050	<0.025
Cobalt	<0.025	<0.050	<0.050	<0.025
Copper	<0.025	<0.050	<0.050	<0.025
Iron	<0.10	<0.10	<0.10	<0.10
Lead	<0.0075	<0.0075	<0.0075	<0.0075
Manganese	<0.025	<0.050	<0.050	<0.025
Mercury	<0.0020	<0.0020	<0.0020	<0.0020
Nickel	<0.025	<0.050	<0.050	<0.050
Selenium	<0.050	NA	NA	<0.050
Silver	<0.025	<0.050	<0.050	<0.025
Thallium	<0.0020	<0.0020	<0.0020	<0.0020
Zinc	<0.10	<0.10	<0.10	<0.10
<b>Methods 8260B and 8270C</b>				
VOCs and SVOCs	NA	NA	NA	NA
<b>Methods 8081A and 8151A</b>				
Pesticides	NA	NA	NA	NA
<b>Method 9056 (mg/L)</b>				
Sulfate	NA	NA	NA	49
<b>SM 2540C (mg/L)</b>				
Total dissolved solid	NA	NA	NA	200
<b>Sources</b>	MWG13-15_10948	MWG13-15_12809	MWG13-15_12809	MWG13-15_14713

**Abbreviations:**

- "mg/L" = milligrams per liter
- "NA" = not analyzed by the laboratory
- "<" = less than the indicated analytical detection limit
- "MWG" = Midwest Generation
- "NLET" = Neutral Leaching Extraction Test (ASTM D3987-85)

**Table 5-2  
Summary of Ash Leachate Samples by Management Method and Coal Type (Source: EPRI, 2006)  
Analytical Results for Samples of Leachate Collected from Landfills and Impoundments as Reported  
by EPRI, 2006**

Analytical Constituent or Parameter	Facility Type:		Landfill		Impoundment	
	Coal Source Type:	Facility Type:	Bituminous	Subbituminous/ Lignite	Bituminous	Subbituminous/ Lignite
Leachate pH (SU)	Minimum value		6.5	8.8	4.3	8.0
	Median value		6.9	10.0	7.6	8.9
	Maximum value		7.4	11.0	11.0	12.0
Aluminum Leachate Concentration (mg/L) <sup>1</sup>	Minimum value		<0.002	0.1	<0.0059	0.7
	Median value		0.0	2.9	0.1	4.2
	Maximum value		0.1	17.5	15.1	5.9
Antimony Leachate Concentration (mg/L) <sup>1</sup>	Minimum value		0.00014	0.00067	0.00029	0.00024
	Median value		0.00250	0.00090	0.00610	0.00048
	Maximum value		0.00910	0.00520	0.05900	0.00062
Arsenic Leachate Concentration (mg/L) <sup>1</sup>	Minimum value		0.0014	0.0041	0.0051	0.0041
	Median value		0.0062	0.0450	0.0580	0.0051
	Maximum value		0.0110	0.0840	1.3800	0.0064
Boron Leachate Concentration (mg/L) <sup>1</sup>	Minimum value		11.10	6.08	0.21	0.47
	Median value		23.05	18.40	1.09	0.86
	Maximum value		89.50	41.50	112.00	3.89
Barium Leachate Concentration (mg/L) <sup>1</sup>	Minimum value		0.023	<0.018	<0.030	0.036
	Median value		0.045	0.018	0.141	0.140
	Maximum value		0.050	0.063	0.545	0.350
Beryllium Leachate Concentration (mg/L) <sup>1</sup>	Minimum value		<0.0002	<0.0002	<0.0002	<0.0002
	Median value		<0.0002	<0.001	<0.0004	<0.001
	Maximum value		<0.0008	<0.001	0.0	<0.001
Calcium Leachate Concentration (mg/L)	Minimum value		235.0	6.3	12.0	<2.5
	Median value		405.0	19.0	51.0	43.0
	Maximum value		431.0	596.0	681.0	81.0

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 by EPRI, 2006

Analytical Constituent or Parameter	Facility Type:		Landfill		Impoundment	
	Coal Source Type:	Bituminous	Subbituminous/ Lignite	Bituminous	Subbituminous/ Lignite	
Cadmium Leachate Concentration (mg/L) <sup>1</sup>	Minimum value	0.0	0.0	<0.0002	<0.0003	
	Median value	0.0	0.0	0.0	<0.0003	
	Maximum value	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	
Chloride Leachate Concentration (mg/L)	Minimum value	15.0	11.0	4.5	31.0	
	Median value	29.0	28.0	15.0	72.0	
	Maximum value	73.0	92.0	87.0	85.0	
Cobalt Leachate Concentration (mg/L) <sup>1</sup>	Minimum value	0.0	<0.00042	<0.0002	<0.00004	
	Median value	0.0	0.0	0.0	<0.001	
	Maximum value	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0011	
Carbonate Leachate Concentration (mg/L)	Minimum value	0.0	2.5	<0.01	1.1	
	Median value	0.1	50.0	0.1	4.4	
	Maximum value	0.2	152.0	16.0	36.0	
Chromium Leachate Concentration (mg/L) <sup>1</sup>	Minimum value	<0.0002	0.0005	<0.0002	0.00066	
	Median value	0.0002	2.0000	<0.0005	0.0028	
	Maximum value	0.0200	5.1000	0.0290	0.1030	
Copper Leachate Concentration (mg/L) <sup>1</sup>	Minimum value	<0.00091	0.0016	<0.00038	0.0024	
	Median value	0.0011	0.0430	0.0019	0.0071	
	Maximum value	0.0028	0.4940	0.4520	0.0120	
Iron Leachate Concentration (mg/L) <sup>1</sup>	Minimum value	<0.008	<0.003	<0.005	<0.025	
	Median value	0.0	<0.050	0.0	<0.050	
	Maximum value	0.1	0.0	14.7	<0.050	
Lead Leachate Concentration (mg/L) <sup>1</sup>	Minimum value	<0.00012	<0.0002	<0.0001	<0.00014	
	Median value	<0.00014	0.0	<0.00015	<0.0002	
	Maximum value	0.00012	0.00029	0.00800	0.00021	

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Analytical Constituent or Parameter	Analytical Results for Samples of Leachate Collected from Landfills and Impoundments as Reported by EPRI, 2006					
	Facility Type: Coal Source Type:	Landfill		Impoundment		
		Bituminous	Subbituminous/ Lignite	Bituminous	Subbituminous/ Lignite	
Lithium Leachate Concentration (mg/L) <sup>1</sup>	Minimum value	0.4	<0.0044	0.0	<0.007	
	Median value	5.7	<0.020	0.2	<0.020	
	Maximum value	23.600	0.027	1.060	0.016	
Magnesium Leachate Concentration (mg/L)	Minimum value	69.0	0.5	0.1	<0.05	
	Median value	188.0	6.7	6.8	21.0	
	Maximum value	236.0	57.0	72.0	28.0	
Manganese Leachate Concentration (mg/L) <sup>1</sup>	Minimum value	0.1	<0.0015	<0.0002	<0.0002	
	Median value	2.1	0.0	0.1	<0.004	
	Maximum value	4.110	0.008	4.170	0.014	
Mercury Leachate Concentration (mg/L) <sup>2</sup>	Minimum value	0.0000021	0.0000140	0.0000004	0.0000054	
	Median value	0.0000030	0.0000180	0.0000014	0.0000074	
	Maximum value	0.0000038	0.0000370	0.0000052	0.0000094	
Molybdenum Leachate Concentration (mg/L) <sup>1</sup>	Minimum value	0.8	2.7	0.0	<0.030	
	Median value	3.28	5.72	0.21	0.08	
	Maximum value	9.63	25.40	6.03	0.52	
Nickel Leachate Concentration (mg/L) <sup>1</sup>	Minimum value	0.0	0.0	<0.0006	<0.0006	
	Median value	0.0180	0.0080	0.0071	0.0037	
	Maximum value	0.1890	0.0750	0.0720	0.0071	
Potassium Leachate Concentration (mg/L)	Minimum value	23.0	73.0	<2.2	5.5	
	Median value	170.0	80.0	9.2	7.7	
	Maximum value	219.0	120.0	277.0	40.0	
Selenium Leachate Concentration (mg/L) <sup>1</sup>	Minimum value	0.0007	0.0066	0.0001	0.0018	
	Median value	0.0490	0.4130	0.0130	0.0025	
	Maximum value	0.0910	1.7600	0.2830	0.1810	

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Summary of Ash Leachate Samples by Management Method and Coal Type (Source: EPRI, 2006)**

Analytical Constituent or Parameter	Analytical Results for Samples of Leachate Collected from Landfills and Impoundments as Reported by EPRI, 2006					
	Facility Type:		Landfill		Impoundment	
	Coal Source Type:	Bituminous	Subbituminous/ Lignite	Bituminous	Subbituminous/ Lignite	
Silicon Leachate Concentration (mg/L) <sup>1</sup>	Minimum value	2.3	0.2	0.7	2.2	
	Median value	6.1	1.5	4.7	3.4	
	Maximum value	9.4	9.9	18.5	10.3	
Silver Leachate Concentration (mg/L) <sup>1</sup>	Minimum value	<0.0002	<0.0002	<0.0002	<0.0002	
	Median value	<0.0002	<0.0002	<0.0002	<0.0002	
	Maximum value	<0.0002	0.0	0.0	<0.0002	
Sodium Leachate Concentration (mg/L)	Minimum value	80.0	840.0	3.8	53.0	
	Median value	188.0	1700.0	19.0	56.0	
	Maximum value	455.0	3410.0	72.0	653.0	
Strontium Leachate Concentration (mg/L) <sup>1</sup>	Minimum value	1.3	<0.030	0.2	0.5	
	Median value	4.6	0.3	0.7	0.6	
	Maximum value	10.3	12.0	5.6	1.8	
Thallium Leachate Concentration (mg/L) <sup>1</sup>	Minimum value	<0.0001	<0.0001	<0.0001	<0.0001	
	Median value	0.0	<0.0001	0.0	<0.0001	
	Maximum value	0.0	<0.0005	0.0	<0.0001	
Uranium Leachate Concentration (mg/L) <sup>1</sup>	Minimum value	0.0	0.0	<0.0001	<0.00002	
	Median value	0.0190	0.0057	0.0007	0.0011	
	Maximum value	0.0370	0.0210	0.0610	0.0012	
Vanadium Leachate Concentration (mg/L) <sup>1</sup>	Minimum value	<0.00083	0.004	0.003	0.010	
	Median value	0.003	0.635	0.039	0.017	
	Maximum value	0.044	5.020	0.754	0.236	
Zinc Leachate Concentration (mg/L) <sup>1</sup>	Minimum value	<0.002	<0.002	0.0	<0.002	
	Median value	0.0450	<0.005	0.0087	0.0084	
	Maximum value	0.2890	0.0120	0.0900	0.0110	

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Analytical Constituent or Parameter	Analytical Results for Samples of Leachate Collected from Landfills and Impoundments as Reported by EPRI, 2006					
	Facility Type:		Landfill		Impoundment	
	Coal Source Type:		Bituminous	Subbituminous/ Lignite	Bituminous	Subbituminous/ Lignite
Bicarbonate Leachate Concentration (mg/L)	Minimum value	100.0	1.0	0.0	1.1	
	Median value	229.0	108.0	28.0	110.0	
	Maximum value	265.0	481.0	535.0	241.0	
Carbonic Acid Leachate Concentration (mg/L)	Minimum value	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	
	Median value	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	
	Maximum value	0.0	<0.01	3.4	<0.01	
Sulfate Leachate Concentration (mg/L)	Minimum value	845.0	2870.0	45.0	91.0	
	Median value	2350.0	3830.0	171.0	131.0	
	Maximum value	2440.0	6690.0	1830.0	1120.0	
Total Inorganic Carbon Leachate Concentration (mg/L)	Minimum value	24.0	1.7	0.8	5.9	
	Median value	55.0	32.0	5.5	22.0	
	Maximum value	80.0	105.0	115.0	49.0	
Total Organic Carbon Leachate Concentration (mg/L)	Minimum value	1.3	5.3	<0.09	0.4	
	Median value	4.1	49.0	0.6	6.0	
	Maximum value	4.6	55.0	22.0	7.9	
Dissolved Oxygen Leachate Concentration (%)	Minimum value	16.0	0.2	2.9	1.6	
	Median value	53.0	14.0	40.0	4.5	
	Maximum value	95.0	87.0	165.0	35.0	
Leachate Oxidation-Reduction Potential (mV)	Minimum value	213.0	111.0	41.0	225.0	
	Median value	247.0	240.0	240.0	289.0	
	Maximum value	280.0	276.0	409.0	303.0	
Leachate Electrical Conductivity (umho/cm)	Minimum value	2000.0	6174.0	174.0	680.0	
	Median value	3682.0	7690.0	578.0	990.0	
	Maximum value	4915.0	12760.0	2980.0	4020.0	

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Analytical Constituent or Parameter	Facility Type:		Landfill		Impoundment	
	Coal Source Type:	Bituminous	Subbituminous/ Lignite	Bituminous	Subbituminous/ Lignite	
Leachate Temperature (°C)	Minimum value	14.0	11.0	10.0	16.0	
	Median value	15.0	17.0	22.0	30.0	
	Maximum value	17.0	22.0	32.0	36.0	

1. Leachate concentration was reported in micrograms per liter (µg/L) in EPRI, 2006. The reported concentrations were converted to milligrams per liter (mg/L) by dividing the reported concentration by 1,000 µg/mg.

Table 5-3  
Comparison of Ash Leachate Characteristic Values to IEPA Class I Groundwater Standards

Constituent	MWG Bottom Ash Samples			Impoundments from PRB-Sourced Coal by EPRI			IEPA Class I Groundwater Standards
	Samples of leachate						
	Min	Max		Min	Median	Max	
Antimony	<0.0060	<0.0060		0.00024	0.00048	0.00062	0.006
Arsenic	<0.050	<0.050		0.0041	0.0051	0.0064	0.01
Barium	<0.50	0.27		0.036	0.14	0.35	2
Beryllium	<0.0040	<0.0040		<0.0002	<0.001	<0.001	0.004
Boron	<0.10	2		0.47	0.86	3.89	2
Cadmium	<0.0050	<0.0050		<0.0003	<0.0003	0.0021	0.005
Chromium	<0.025	<0.050		0.00066	0.0028	0.108	0.1
Cobalt	<0.025	<0.050		<0.00004	<0.001	0.0011	1
Copper	<0.025	<0.050		0.0024	0.0071	0.012	0.65
Iron	<0.10	<0.10		<0.025	<0.05	<0.05	5
Lead	<0.0075	<0.0075		<0.00014	<0.0002	0.00021	0.0075
Manganese	<0.025	<0.050		<0.0002	<0.004	0.014	0.15
Mercury	<0.0020	<0.0020		0.0000054	0.0000074	0.0000094	0.002
Nickel	<0.050	<0.050		<0.0006	0.0037	0.0071	0.1
Selenium	<0.050	<0.050		0.0018	0.0025	0.18	0.05
Silver	<0.025	<0.050		<0.0002	<0.0002	<0.0002	0.05
Sulfate	49	49		91	131	1120	400
Thallium	<0.0020	<0.0020		<0.0001	<0.0001	<0.0001	0.002
Zinc	<0.10	<0.10		<0.002	0.0084	0.011	5

**Abbreviations:**

- "mg/L" = milligrams per liter
- "NA" = not analyzed by the laboratory
- "<" = less than the indicated analytical detection limit
- "MWG" = Midwest Generation
- "NLET" = Neutral Leaching Extraction Test (ASTM D3987-85)
- "PRB" = Powder River Basin

**Notes:**

- Bold font** indicates a detection above IEPA Class I Groundwater Standards.
- Underlined values indicate detections relevant to Section 5.5.1.3 of the report text.



**Table 5-4**  
**Summary of Constituents Detected during Most Recent Year (2014) of Quarterly Groundwater Monitoring Compared to**  
**Indicators of Leachate from Ash Currently Stored in Impoundments**  
**Based on Site-Specific NLET Results for Bottom Ash and Actual Leachate Sample Results for Bituminous Ash Stored in Impoundments**

Constituent	Indicator of Leachate from Ash Currently Stored in Impoundments <sup>(1)</sup>	Constituents Detected during Most Recent Year (2014) of Quarterly Groundwater Monitoring <sup>(2)</sup>																						
		Joliet No. 29 Generating Station																						
		MW-1	MW-2	MW-3	MW-4	MW-5	MW-6	MW-7	MW-8	MW-9	MW-10	MW-11												
Antimony	Yes (Table 5-2)																							
Arsenic	Yes (Table 5-2)																							
Barium	Yes (Table 5-2)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Beryllium																								
Boron	Yes (Table 5-2)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Cadmium	Yes (Table 5-2)																							
Chromium	Yes (Table 5-2)																							
Cobalt	Yes (Table 5-2)																							
Copper	Yes (Table 5-2)																							
Iron																								
Lead	Yes (Table 5-2)																							
Manganese	Yes (Table 5-2)	x																						
Mercury	Yes (Table 5-2)																							
Nickel	Yes (Table 5-2)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Selenium	Yes (Table 5-2)																							
Silver																								
Sulfate	Yes (Table 5-2)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Thallium																								
Zinc	Yes (Table 5-2)																							
Number of Observed Constituents that are not Consistent with Indicators of Leachate from Ash Currently Stored in Impoundments <sup>(3)</sup>		10	10	9	10	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	10	10	10	9							
Percentage of Observed Constituents that are not Consistent with Indicators of Leachate from Ash Currently Stored in Impoundments <sup>(3)</sup>		53%	53%	47%	53%	37%	37%	37%	37%	37%	37%	37%	37%	53%	53%	53%	47%							

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**Indicators of Leachate from Ash Currently Stored in Impoundments**  
**Based on Site-Specific NLET Results for Bottom Ash and Actual Leachate Sample Results for Bituminous Ash Stored in Impoundments**

Constituent	Constituent is an Indicator of Leachate from Ash Currently Stored in Impoundments <sup>(1)</sup>	Constituents Detected during Most Recent Year (2014) of Quarterly Groundwater Monitoring <sup>(2)</sup>															
		Powerton Generating Station															
		MW-1	MW-2	MW-3	MW-4	MW-5	MW-6	MW-7	MW-8	MW-9	MW-10	MW-11	MW-12	MW-13	MW-14	MW-15	MW-16
Antimony	Yes (Table 5-2)																
Arsenic	Yes (Table 5-2)																
Barium	Yes (Table 5-2)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Beryllium																	
Boron	Yes (Table 5-2)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Cadmium	Yes (Table 5-2)																
Chromium	Yes (Table 5-2)																
Cobalt	Yes (Table 5-2)																
Copper	Yes (Table 5-2)			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Iron																	
Lead	Yes (Table 5-2)		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Manganese	Yes (Table 5-2)																
Mercury	Yes (Table 5-2)																
Nickel	Yes (Table 5-2)			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Selenium	Yes (Table 5-2)	X															
Silver																	
Sulfate	Yes (Table 5-2)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Thallium																	
Zinc	Yes (Table 5-2)			X													
Number of Observed Constituents that are not Consistent with Indicators of Leachate from Ash Currently Stored in Impoundments <sup>(3)</sup>		11	11	8	9	9	8	11	6	7	9	10	10	9	9	11	11
Percentage of Observed Constituents that are not Consistent with Indicators of Leachate from Ash Currently Stored in Impoundments <sup>(3)</sup>		58%	58%	42%	47%	47%	42%	58%	32%	37%	47%	53%	53%	47%	47%	58%	58%

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**Summary of Constituents Detected during Most Recent Year (2014) of Quarterly Groundwater Monitoring Compared to**  
**Indicators of Leachate from Ash Currently Stored in Impoundments**  
**Based on Site-Specific NLET Results for Bottom Ash and Actual Leachate Sample Results for Bituminous Ash Stored in Impoundments**

Constituent	Constituent is an Indicator of Leachate from Ash Currently Stored in Impoundments <sup>(a)</sup>	Constituents Detected during Most Recent Year (2014) of Quarterly Groundwater Monitoring <sup>(b)</sup>						
		Waukegan Generating Station						
		MW-1	MW-2	MW-3	MW-4	MW-5	MW-6	MW-7
Antimony	Yes (Table 5-2)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Arsenic	Yes (Table 5-2)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Barium	Yes (Table 5-2)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Beryllium								
Boron	Yes (Table 5-2)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Cadmium	Yes (Table 5-2)							
Chromium	Yes (Table 5-2)							
Cobalt	Yes (Table 5-2)							
Copper	Yes (Table 5-2)	x					x	
Iron			x			x	x	x
Lead	Yes (Table 5-2)			x				
Manganese	Yes (Table 5-2)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Mercury	Yes (Table 5-2)							
Nickel	Yes (Table 5-2)					x		
Selenium	Yes (Table 5-2)	x	x	x	x		x	
Silver								
Sulfate	Yes (Table 5-2)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Thallium								
Zinc	Yes (Table 5-2)							
Number of Observed Constituents that are not Consistent with Indicators of Leachate from Ash Currently Stored in Impoundments <sup>(c)</sup>		8	10	8	9	10	9	11
Percentage of Observed Constituents that are not Consistent with Indicators of Leachate from Ash Currently Stored in Impoundments <sup>(c)</sup>		42%	53%	42%	47%	53%	47%	58%

**Table 5-4**  
**Summary of Constituents Detected during Most Recent Year (2014) of Quarterly Groundwater Monitoring Compared to Indicators of Leachate from Ash Currently Stored in Impoundments**  
**Based on Site-Specific NLET Results for Bottom Ash and Actual Leachate Sample Results for Bituminous Ash Stored in Impoundments**

Constituent	Indicator of Leachate from Ash Currently Stored in Impoundments <sup>(1)</sup>	Constituents Detected during Most Recent Year (2014) of Quarterly Groundwater Monitoring <sup>(2)</sup>																		
		Will County Generating Station																		
		MW-1	MW-2	MW-3	MW-4	MW-5	MW-6	MW-7	MW-8	MW-9	MW-10									
Antimony	Yes (Table 5-2)																			
Arsenic	Yes (Table 5-2)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Barium	Yes (Table 5-2)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Beryllium																				
Boron	Yes (Table 5-2)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Cadmium	Yes (Table 5-2)																			
Chromium	Yes (Table 5-2)																			
Cobalt	Yes (Table 5-2)	x		x	x															
Copper	Yes (Table 5-2)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Iron		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Lead	Yes (Table 5-2)																			
Manganese	Yes (Table 5-2)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Mercury	Yes (Table 5-2)																			
Nickel	Yes (Table 5-2)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Selenium	Yes (Table 5-2)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Silver																				
Sulfate	Yes (Table 5-2)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Thallium																				
Zinc	Yes (Table 5-2)																			
Number of Observed Constituents that are not Consistent with Indicators of Leachate from Ash Currently Stored in Impoundments <sup>(3)</sup>		9	10	8	7	8	8	9	9	9	9	9	8	8	10					
Percentage of Observed Constituents that are not Consistent with Indicators of Leachate from Ash Currently Stored in Impoundments <sup>(3)</sup>		47%	53%	42%	37%	42%	42%	47%	47%	47%	47%	47%	42%	42%	53%					

**Abbreviations:**

"TCIP" = Toxicity Characteristic Leaching Procedure (USEPA Method 1311)

"x" = constituent was detected above analytical detection limits during at least one quarterly groundwater monitoring event in 2014

**Table 5-4**  
**Summary of Constituents Detected during Most Recent Year (2014) of Quarterly Groundwater Monitoring Compared to**  
**Indicators of Leachate from Ash Currently Stored in Impoundments**  
**Based on Site-Specific NLET Results for Bottom Ash and Actual Leachate Sample Results for Bituminous Ash Stored in Impoundments**

**Notes:**

1. Indicators of leachate from ash currently stored in impoundments are based on leachate sample results for bituminous ash stored in impoundments (Table 5-2) as denoted in this table as "Y TCLP)", and actual leachate sample results for bituminous ash stored in imp

2. Shading of cells is described below.  
 Green shading indicates that a constituent that is an indicator of leachate from ash currently stored in the impoundments was not detected during quarterly groundwater monitoring in 2014.

 Blue shading indicates that a constituent that is not an indicator of leachate from ash currently stored in the impoundments was detected during at least one quarterly groundwater monitoring event in 2014.

No shading indicates that either (1) a constituent that is an indicator of leachate from ash currently stored in the impoundments was detected during at least one quarterly groundwater monitoring event in 2014, or (2) a constituent that is not an indicator of leachate from ash currently stored in the impoundments was not detected during quarterly groundwater monitoring in 2014.

3. Green and blue shading (see Note 2) demonstrate observed constituents that are not consistent with indicators of leachate from ash currently stored in impoundments.

**Table 5-5**  
**Summary of Constituents Detected during Most Recent Year (2014) of Quarterly Groundwater Monitoring Compared to**  
**Indicators of Leachate from Ash Currently Stored in Impoundments**  
**Based on Site-Specific NLET Results for Bottom Ash**

Constituent	Constituent is an Indicator of Leachate from Ash Currently Stored in Impoundments <sup>(1)</sup>	Constituents Detected during Most Recent Year (2014) of Quarterly Groundwater Monitoring <sup>(2)</sup>																					
		Joliet No. 29 Generating Station																					
		MW-1	MW-2	MW-3	MW-4	MW-5	MW-6	MW-7	MW-8	MW-9	MW-10	MW-11											
Antimony																							
Arsenic			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Barium	Yes (Table 5-1)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Beryllium																							
Boron	Yes (Table 5-1)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Cadmium																							
Chromium																							
Cobalt																							
Copper																							
Iron																							
Lead																							
Manganese																							
Mercury																							
Nickel																							
Selenium																							
Silver																							
Sulfate	Yes (Table 5-1)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Thallium																							
Zinc																							
Number of Observed Constituents that are not Consistent with Indicators of Leachate from Ash Currently Stored in Impoundments <sup>(3)</sup>		2	2	3	4	5	5	5	7	4	2	3											
Percentage of Observed Constituents that are not Consistent with Indicators of Leachate from Ash Currently Stored in Impoundments <sup>(3)</sup>		11%	11%	16%	21%	26%	26%	26%	37%	21%	11%	16%											

Table 5-5  
Summary of Constituents Detected during Most Recent Year (2014) of Quarterly Groundwater Monitoring Compared to  
Indicators of Leachate from Ash Currently Stored in Impoundments  
Based on Site-Specific NLET Results for Bottom Ash

Constituent	Constituents Detected during Most Recent Year (2014) of Quarterly Groundwater Monitoring <sup>(2)</sup>															
	Powerton Generating Station															
Constituent is an Indicator of Leachate from Ash Currently Stored in Impoundments <sup>(1)</sup>	MW-1	MW-2	MW-3	MW-4	MW-5	MW-6	MW-7	MW-8	MW-9	MW-10	MW-11	MW-12	MW-13	MW-14	MW-15	MW-16
Antimony																
Arsenic																
Barium																
Yes (Table 5-1)		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Beryllium																
Boron																
Yes (Table 5-1)		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Cadmium																
Chromium																
Cobalt																
Copper																
Iron																
Lead																
Manganese																
Mercury																
Nickel																
Selenium																
Silver																
Sulfate																
Yes (Table 5-1)		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Thallium																
Zinc																
Number of Observed Constituents that are not Consistent with Indicators of Leachate from Ash Currently Stored in Impoundments <sup>(3)</sup>	1	1	4	3	4	5	6	3	6	7	5	4	4	7	5	1
Percentage of Observed Constituents that are not Consistent with Indicators of Leachate from Ash Currently Stored in Impoundments <sup>(3)</sup>	5%	5%	21%	16%	21%	26%	32%	16%	32%	37%	26%	21%	21%	37%	26%	5%

**Table 5-5**  
**Summary of Constituents Detected during Most Recent Year (2014) of Quarterly Groundwater Monitoring Compared to**  
**Indicators of Leachate from Ash Currently Stored in Impoundments**  
**Based on Site-Specific NLET Results for Bottom Ash**

Constituent	Constituent is an Indicator of Leachate from Ash Currently Stored in Impoundments <sup>(1)</sup>	Constituents Detected during Most Recent Year (2014) of Quarterly Groundwater Monitoring <sup>(2)</sup>						
		Waukegan Generating Station						
		MW-1	MW-2	MW-3	MW-4	MW-5	MW-6	MW-7
Antimony								
Arsenic		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Barium	Yes (Table 5-1)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Beryllium								
Boron	Yes (Table 5-1)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Cadmium								
Chromium								
Cobalt								
Copper								
Iron		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Lead								
Manganese		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Mercury								
Nickel								
Selenium		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Silver								
Sulfate	Yes (Table 5-1)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Thallium								
Zinc								
Number of Observed Constituents that are not Consistent with Indicators of Leachate from Ash Currently Stored in Impoundments <sup>(3)</sup>		4	4	4	3	4	5	3
Percentage of Observed Constituents that are not Consistent with Indicators of Leachate from Ash Currently Stored in Impoundments <sup>(3)</sup>		21%	21%	21%	16%	21%	26%	16%



Table 5-5  
 Summary of Constituents Detected during Most Recent Year (2014) of Quarterly Groundwater Monitoring Compared to  
 Indicators of Leachate from Ash Currently Stored in Impoundments  
 Based on Site-Specific NLET Results for Bottom Ash

Constituent	Constituent is an Indicator of Leachate from Ash Currently Stored in Impoundments <sup>(a)</sup>	Constituents Detected during Most Recent Year (2014) of Quarterly Groundwater Monitoring <sup>(2)</sup>																			
		Will County Generating Station																			
		MW-1	MW-2	MW-3	MW-4	MW-5	MW-6	MW-7	MW-8	MW-9	MW-10										
Antimony																					
Arsenic		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Barium	Yes (Table 5-1)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Beryllium																					
Boron	Yes (Table 5-1)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Cadmium																					
Chromium																					
Cobalt		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Copper																					
Iron		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Lead																					
Manganese		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Mercury																					
Nickel		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Selenium		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Silver																					
Sulfate	Yes (Table 5-1)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Thallium																					
Zinc																					
Number of Observed Constituents that are not Consistent with Indicators of Leachate from Ash Currently Stored in Impoundments <sup>(a)</sup>		5	4	4	6	7	7	4	5	5	5	5	5	4	4						
Percentage of Observed Constituents that are not Consistent with Indicators of Leachate from Ash Currently Stored in Impoundments <sup>(a)</sup>		26%	21%	21%	32%	37%	21%	26%	26%	26%	26%	26%	26%	21%	21%						



**Abbreviations:**

"NLET" = neutral leaching extraction test (ASTM D3987-85)

"x" = constituent was detected above analytical detection limits during at least one quarterly groundwater monitoring event in 2014

**Table 5-5**  
**Summary of Constituents Detected during Most Recent Year (2014) of Quarterly Groundwater Monitoring Compared to**  
**Indicators of Leachate from Ash Currently Stored in Impoundments**  
**Based on Site-Specific NLET Results for Bottom Ash**

**Notes:**

1. Indicators of leachate from ash currently stored in impoundments is based on site-specific NLET results for bottom ash (Table 5-1).
2. Shading of cells is described below.
  -  Green shading, which is not applicable to this Table 2-6, would indicate that a constituent that is an indicator of leachate from ash currently stored in the impoundments was not detected during quarterly groundwater monitoring in 2014.
  -  Blue shading indicates that a constituent that is not an indicator of leachate from ash currently stored in the impoundments was detected during at least one quarterly groundwater monitoring event in 2014.
  - No shading indicates that either (1) a constituent that is an indicator of leachate from ash currently stored in the impoundments was detected during at least one quarterly groundwater monitoring event in 2014, or (2) a constituent that is not an indicator of leachate from ash currently stored in the impoundments was not detected during quarterly groundwater monitoring in 2014.
3. Green and blue shading (see Note 2) demonstrate observed constituents that are not consistent with indicators of leachate from ash currently stored in impoundments.

ATTACHMENT B

Exhibit 904, Supplement to the Expert Report of John Seymour, P.E., Feb. 29, 2016

## Supplement to the Expert Report of John Seymour, P.E.

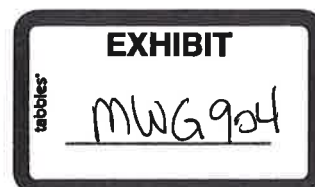
I have prepared this Supplement to the Expert Report on behalf of Midwest Generation, LLC (MWG) to address a mathematical issue in § 5.5.2 of my Expert Report. This supplemental § 5.5.2 replaces the original §5.5.2 in its entirety, including Tables 5-4 and 5-5. This supplemental does not change my opinions presented in my Expert Report in the Matter of:

SIERRA CLUB, ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND POLICY CENTER, PRAIRIE RIVERS NETWORK,  
and CITIZENS AGAINST RUINING THE ENVIRONMENT  
Complainants,  
v  
MIDWEST GENERATION, LLC,  
Respondent  
PCB 2013-0015

### Revised Section 5.5.2: Recent Groundwater Concentrations do Not Match Constituent Indicators for Leachate from Ash Stored in Ponds

I compared the occurrence of constituents during groundwater monitoring events in the most recent year, 2014, to the minimum and maximum sets of constituent indicators of leachate from ash currently stored in ponds. Conceptually, if all the constituents detected in groundwater samples from a monitoring well match the constituents detected in leachate from ash currently stored in ponds, and if constituents *not* detected in groundwater samples match the constituents *not* detected in leachate from ash currently stored in ponds, then it would be probable that leachate from ash currently stored in ponds is impacting groundwater (i.e. as of sample dates). To evaluate whether or not groundwater concentrations match leachate constituent indicators, I calculated the percentage of constituents detected at each groundwater monitoring well that match constituent indicators of leachate from ash currently stored in the ponds ("matching percentages"). I restricted my analysis to the most recent full year of groundwater monitoring, 2014, to account for seasonal variations in constituent concentrations and to reflect groundwater concentrations after MWG's pond relining and pond decommissioning had been completed.

For the maximum set of constituent indicators, indicators included constituents that were detected by EPRI (2006) and were detected in groundwater monitoring wells. The percentage of observed constituents that are not consistent with indicators of leachate from ash that was stored in impoundments based on EPRI 2006 is based on the following formula based on a maximum set of



indicator parameters. A division is performed with a numerator of the number of indicator constituents that are not consistent and with a denominator of the total number of indicators and constituents detected in groundwater monitoring wells. The formula result is expressed as a percentage by multiplying by 100 percent. (See Table 5-4.)

For the minimum set of constituent indicators, detection limits for MWG site specific data meet current IEPA Class I groundwater goals with the exception of arsenic, which met the former Class I groundwater goal that was applicable at the time of analysis. The percentage of observed constituents that are not consistent with indicators of leachate from ash currently stored in impoundments is based on the following corrected formula based on a minimum set of indicator parameters. A division is performed with a numerator of the minimum number of indicator constituents and with a denominator of the total number of constituents observed at that monitoring well. The denominator includes constituents that are both consistent and not consistent with the indicator parameters. The formula result is expressed as a percentage by multiplying by 100 percent. (See Table 5-5.)

In summary, if the constituents match then it is likely that the leachate from the ash is impacting the groundwater. Moreover, if the constituents *do not* match then it is likely that the leachate from ash currently in ponds *is not* impacting the groundwater.

My results are tabulated in Tables 5-4 and 5-5 and are summarized as follows:

- At Joliet #29, the percentage of constituents at groundwater monitoring wells that do not match constituent indicators of leachate from ash currently stored in the ponds ranges from
  - 40 percent to 70 percent based on the minimum set of indicators (MWG specific data), and
  - 44 percent to 63 percent based on the maximum set of indicators (EPRI data).
- At Powerton, the percentage of constituents at groundwater monitoring wells that do not match constituent indicators of leachate from ash currently stored in the ponds ranges from
  - 25 percent to 70 percent based on the minimum set of indicators (MWG specific data), and
  - 38 percent to 69 percent based on the maximum set of indicators (EPRI data).
- At Waukegan, the percentage of constituents at groundwater monitoring wells that do not match constituent indicators of leachate from ash currently stored in the ponds ranges from

- 50 percent to 63 percent based on the minimum set of indicators (MWG specific data), and
- 50 percent to 69 percent based on the maximum set of indicators (EPRI data).
- At Will County, the percentage of constituents at groundwater monitoring wells that do not match constituent indicators of leachate from ash currently stored in the ponds ranges from
  - 57 percent to 70 percent based on the minimum set of indicators (MWG specific data), and
  - 44 percent to 63 percent based on the maximum set of indicators (EPRI data).

The non-matching percentages demonstrate that there are substantial and widespread mismatches between the characteristics of recent groundwater analyzed near the ash ponds and the characteristics of leachate from ash currently stored in the ash basins. Thus, it is my opinion that the recent groundwater impacts are not a result of the ash currently stored in ponds at the sites, but instead are more likely than not a result of historical uses at the sites and the surrounding industrial companies and conditions.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> IEPA, 2015 and MWG13-15\_29775-29776.

## **Reservation**

I am reserving the ability to supplement my opinions in response to any documents or bases for Dr. Kunkel's reports that are presented by the Complainants. In addition, my opinions may be supplemented based on future changes in the construction or operation of the generating stations and in response to any future changes in groundwater conditions observed at the sites.

**Signature**

This supplement contains 15 pages, including tables.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Seymour". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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John Seymour, P.E.

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29 February 2016

DATE



**Table 5-4**  
**Summary of Constituents Detected during Most Recent Year (2014) of Quarterly Groundwater Monitoring Compared to**  
**Indicators of Leachate from Ash Currently Stored in Impoundments**  
**Based on Actual Leachate Sample Results for Bituminous Ash Stored in Impoundments (EPRI, 2006)**

Constituent	Indicator of Leachate from Ash Currently Stored in Impoundments <sup>(1)</sup>	Constituents Detected during Most Recent Year (2014) of Quarterly Groundwater Monitoring <sup>(2)</sup>																					
		Joliet No. 29 Generating Station																					
		MW-1	MW-2	MW-3	MW-4	MW-5	MW-6	MW-7	MW-8	MW-9	MW-10	MW-11											
Antimony	Yes (Table 5-2)																						
Arsenic	Yes (Table 5-2)																						
Barium	Yes (Table 5-2)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Boron	Yes (Table 5-2)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Cadmium	Yes (Table 5-2)					X																	
Chromium	Yes (Table 5-2)																						
Cobalt	Yes (Table 5-2)				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Copper	Yes (Table 5-2)																						
Iron					X																		
Lead	Yes (Table 5-2)																						
Manganese	Yes (Table 5-2)	X				X																	
Mercury	Yes (Table 5-2)																						
Nickel	Yes (Table 5-2)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Selenium	Yes (Table 5-2)		X	X		X																	
Sulfate	Yes (Table 5-2)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Zinc	Yes (Table 5-2)																						
Number of Observed Constituents that are not Consistent with Indicators of Leachate from Ash Currently Stored in Impoundments <sup>(3)</sup>		10	10	9	10	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	9
Percentage of Observed Constituents that are not Consistent with Indicators of Leachate from Ash Currently Stored in Impoundments <sup>(4)</sup>		63%	63%	56%	63%	44%	44%	44%	44%	44%	44%	44%	44%	63%	63%	63%	63%	63%	63%	63%	63%	63%	56%

Table 5-4  
Summary of Constituents Detected during Most Recent Year (2014) of Quarterly Groundwater Monitoring Compared to Indicators of Leachate from Ash Currently Stored in Impoundments  
Based on Actual Leachate Sample Results for Bituminous Ash Stored in Impoundments (EPRI, 2006)

Constituent	Indicator of Leachate from Ash Currently Stored in Impoundments <sup>(1)</sup>	Constituents Detected during Most Recent Year (2014) of Quarterly Groundwater Monitoring <sup>(2)</sup>															
		Powerton Generating Station															
		MW-1	MW-2	MW-3	MW-4	MW-5	MW-6	MW-7	MW-8	MW-9	MW-10	MW-11	MW-12	MW-13	MW-14	MW-15	MW-16
Antimony	Yes (Table 5-2)																
Arsenic	Yes (Table 5-2)																
Barium	Yes (Table 5-2)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Boron	Yes (Table 5-2)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Cadmium	Yes (Table 5-2)																
Chromium	Yes (Table 5-2)																
Chromium	Yes (Table 5-2)																
Cobalt	Yes (Table 5-2)																
Copper	Yes (Table 5-2)																
Iron	Yes (Table 5-2)																
Lead	Yes (Table 5-2)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Manganese	Yes (Table 5-2)																
Mercury	Yes (Table 5-2)																
Nickel	Yes (Table 5-2)																
Selenium	Yes (Table 5-2)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Sulfate	Yes (Table 5-2)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Zinc	Yes (Table 5-2)																
Number of Observed Constituents that are not Consistent with Indicators of Leachate from Ash Currently Stored in Impoundments <sup>(3)</sup>		11	11	8	9	8	9	8	11	6	7	9	10	10	9	9	11
Percentage of Observed Constituents that are not Consistent with Indicators of Leachate from Ash Currently Stored in Impoundments <sup>(4)</sup>		69%	69%	50%	56%	50%	56%	50%	69%	38%	44%	56%	63%	63%	56%	56%	69%

**Table 5-4**  
**Summary of Constituents Detected during Most Recent Year (2014) of Quarterly Groundwater Monitoring Compared to**  
**Indicators of Leachate from Ash Currently Stored in Impoundments**  
**Based on Actual Leachate Sample Results for Bituminous Ash Stored in Impoundments (EPRI, 2006)**

Constituent	Constituent is an Indicator of Leachate from Ash Currently Stored in Impoundments <sup>(1)</sup>	Constituents Detected during Most Recent Year (2014) of Quarterly Groundwater Monitoring <sup>(2)</sup>										
		Waukegan Generating Station										
		MW-1	MW-2	MW-3	MW-4	MW-5	MW-6	MW-7				
Antimony	Yes (Table 5-2)											
Arsenic	Yes (Table 5-2)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Barium	Yes (Table 5-2)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Boron	Yes (Table 5-2)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Cadmium	Yes (Table 5-2)											
Chromium	Yes (Table 5-2)											
Cobalt	Yes (Table 5-2)											
Copper	Yes (Table 5-2)	x									x	
Iron			x						x			x
Lead	Yes (Table 5-2)			x								
Manganese	Yes (Table 5-2)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Mercury	Yes (Table 5-2)											
Nickel	Yes (Table 5-2)							x				
Selenium	Yes (Table 5-2)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Sulfate	Yes (Table 5-2)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Zinc	Yes (Table 5-2)											
Number of Observed Constituents that are not Consistent with Indicators of Leachate from Ash Currently Stored in Impoundments <sup>(3)</sup>		8	10	8	9	10	9	10	9	11		
Percentage of Observed Constituents that are not Consistent with Indicators of Leachate from Ash Currently Stored in Impoundments <sup>(4)</sup>		50%	63%	50%	56%	63%	56%	63%	56%	69%		



**Table 5-4**  
**Summary of Constituents Detected during Most Recent Year (2014) of Quarterly Groundwater Monitoring Compared to**  
**Indicators of Leachate from Ash Currently Stored in Impoundments**  
**Based on Actual Leachate Sample Results for Bituminous Ash Stored in Impoundments (EPRI, 2006)**

Constituent	Constituent is an Indicator of Leachate from Ash Currently Stored in Impoundments <sup>(1)</sup>	Constituents Detected during Most Recent Year (2014) of Quarterly Groundwater Monitoring <sup>(2)</sup>																		
		Will County Generating Station																		
		MW-1	MW-2	MW-3	MW-4	MW-5	MW-6	MW-7	MW-8	MW-9	MW-10									
Antimony	Yes (Table 5-2)																			
Arsenic	Yes (Table 5-2)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Barium	Yes (Table 5-2)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Boron	Yes (Table 5-2)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Cadmium	Yes (Table 5-2)																			
Chromium	Yes (Table 5-2)																			
Cobalt	Yes (Table 5-2)	x		x																
Copper	Yes (Table 5-2)																			
Iron	Yes (Table 5-2)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Lead	Yes (Table 5-2)																			
Manganese	Yes (Table 5-2)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Mercury	Yes (Table 5-2)																			
Nickel	Yes (Table 5-2)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Selenium	Yes (Table 5-2)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Sulfate	Yes (Table 5-2)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Zinc	Yes (Table 5-2)																			
Number of Observed Constituents that are not Consistent with Indicators of Leachate from Ash Currently Stored in Impoundments <sup>(3)</sup>		9	10	8	7	8	9	9	9	9	9	9	8	8	10					
Percentage of Observed Constituents that are not Consistent with Indicators of Leachate from Ash Currently Stored in Impoundments <sup>(4)</sup>		56%	63%	50%	44%	50%	56%	56%	56%	56%	56%	56%	50%	50%	63%					

**Abbreviations:**  
"x" = constituent was detected above analytical detection limits during at least one quarterly groundwater monitoring event in 2014

**Table 5-4**  
**Summary of Constituents Detected during Most Recent Year (2014) of Quarterly Groundwater Monitoring Compared to**  
**Indicators of Leachate from Ash Currently Stored in Impoundments**  
**Based on Actual Leachate Sample Results for Bituminous Ash Stored in Impoundments (EPRI, 2006)**

**Notes:**

1. Indicators of leachate from ash stored in impoundments are based on leachate sample results for bituminous ash stored in impoundments (Table 5-2) as denoted in this table as "yes (Table 5-2)". Indicator include constituents that were detected by EPRI (2006) and were detected in groundwater monitoring wells. (Thallium, which was detected only at Powerton MW-14, was not included as an indicator.)
2. Shading of cells is described below.
  -  Green shading indicates that a constituent that is an indicator of leachate from ash stored in the impoundments was not detected during quarterly groundwater monitoring in 2014.
  -  Blue shading indicates that a constituent that is not an indicator of leachate from ash stored in the impoundments was detected during at least one quarterly groundwater monitoring event in 2014.
3. No shading indicates that either (1) a constituent that is an indicator of leachate from ash stored in the impoundments was detected during at least one quarterly groundwater monitoring event in 2014, or (2) a constituent that is not an indicator of leachate from ash stored in the impoundments was not detected during quarterly groundwater monitoring in 2014.
4. Green and blue shading (see Note 2) demonstrate observed constituents that are not consistent with indicators of leachate from ash stored in impoundments. The percentage of observed constituents that are not consistent with indicators of leachate from ash stored in impoundments is based on the following formula based on a maximum set of indicator parameters. A division is performed with a numerator of the number of indicator constituents that are not consistent and corrected a denominator of the total number of constituents detected at that groundwater monitoring well. The denominator includes observed constituents that are both consistent and not consistent with the indicator parameters. The formula result is expressed as a percentage by multiplying by 100 percent.

**Table 5-5**  
**Summary of Constituents Detected during Most Recent Year (2014) of Quarterly Groundwater Monitoring Compared to**  
**Indicators of Leachate from Ash Currently Stored in Impoundments**  
**Based on Site-Specific NILET Results for Bottom Ash (Midwest Generation Site-Specific Analyses)**

Constituent	Constituent is an Indicator of Leachate from Ash Currently Stored in Impoundments <sup>(1)</sup>	Constituents Detected during Most Recent Year (2014) of Quarterly Groundwater Monitoring <sup>(2)</sup>														
		Joliet No. 29 Generating Station														
		MW-1	MW-2	MW-3	MW-4	MW-5	MW-6	MW-7	MW-8	MW-9	MW-10	MW-11				
Arsenic		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Barium	Yes (Table 5-1)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Boron	Yes (Table 5-1)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Cadmium					X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Cobalt				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Copper				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Iron				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Lead				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Manganese				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nickel				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Selenium				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Sulfate	Yes (Table 5-1)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Zinc																
Number of Observed Constituents that are not Consistent with Indicators of Leachate from Ash Currently Stored in Impoundments <sup>(3)</sup>		2	2	3	4	5	5	5	5	7	4	4	2	2	3	3
Percentage of Observed Constituents that are not Consistent with Indicators of Leachate from Ash Currently Stored in Impoundments <sup>(4)</sup>		40%	40%	50%	57%	63%	63%	63%	63%	70%	57%	57%	40%	40%	50%	50%

**Table 5-5**  
**Summary of Constituents Detected during Most Recent Year (2014) of Quarterly Groundwater Monitoring Compared to**  
**Indicators of Leachate from Ash Currently Stored in Impoundments**  
**Based on Site-Specific NLET Results for Bottom Ash (Midwest Generation Site-Specific Analyses)**

Constituent	Constituents Detected during Most Recent Year (2014) of Quarterly Groundwater Monitoring <sup>(2)</sup>															
	Powerton Generating Station															
	MW-1	MW-2	MW-3	MW-4	MW-5	MW-6	MW-7	MW-8	MW-9	MW-10	MW-11	MW-12	MW-13	MW-14	MW-15	MW-16
Constituent is an Indicator of Leachate from Ash Currently Stored in Impoundments <sup>(1)</sup>																
Yes (Table 5-1)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Yes (Table 5-1)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Cadmium																
Cobalt																
Copper																
Iron																
Lead																
Manganese																
Nickel																
Selenium																
Sulfate	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Zinc																
Number of Observed Constituents that are not Consistent with Indicators of Leachate from Ash Currently Stored in Impoundments <sup>(3)</sup>	1	1	4	3	4	5	6	3	6	7	5	4	4	7	5	1
Percentage of Observed Constituents that are not Consistent with Indicators of Leachate from Ash Currently Stored in Impoundments <sup>(4)</sup>	25%	25%	57%	50%	57%	63%	67%	50%	67%	70%	63%	57%	57%	70%	63%	25%

Table 5-5  
Summary of Constituents Detected during Most Recent Year (2014) of Quarterly Groundwater Monitoring Compared to Indicators of Leachate from Ash Currently Stored in Impoundments  
Based on Site-Specific NLET Results for Bottom Ash (Midwest Generation Site-Specific Analyses)

Constituent	Constituent is an Indicator of Leachate from Ash Currently Stored in Impoundments <sup>(1)</sup>	Constituents Detected during Most Recent Year (2014) of Quarterly Groundwater Monitoring <sup>(2)</sup>						
		Waukegan Generating Station						
		MW-1	MW-2	MW-3	MW-4	MW-5	MW-6	MW-7
Arsenic		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Barium	Yes (Table 5-1)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Boron	Yes (Table 5-1)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Copper		X					X	X
Iron		X				X	X	X
Lead				X				
Manganese		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nickel						X		
Selenium		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Sulfate	Yes (Table 5-1)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Number of Observed Constituents that are not Consistent with Indicators of Leachate from Ash Currently Stored in Impoundments <sup>(3)</sup>		4	4	4	3	4	5	3
Percentage of Observed Constituents that are not Consistent with Indicators of Leachate from Ash Currently Stored in Impoundments <sup>(4)</sup>		57%	57%	57%	50%	57%	63%	50%



**Table 5-5**  
**Summary of Constituents Detected during Most Recent Year (2014) of Quarterly Groundwater Monitoring Compared to**  
**Indicators of Leachate from Ash Stored in Impoundments**  
**Based on Site-Specific NLET Results for Bottom Ash (Midwest Generation Site-Specific Analyses)**

Constituent	Indicator of Leachate from Ash Stored in Impoundments <sup>(1)</sup>	Constituents Detected during Most Recent Year (2014) of Quarterly Groundwater Monitoring <sup>(2)</sup>												
		Will County Generating Station												
		MW-1	MW-2	MW-3	MW-4	MW-5	MW-6	MW-7	MW-8	MW-9	MW-10			
Arsenic		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Barium	Yes (Table 5-1)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Boron	Yes (Table 5-1)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Cobalt		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Iron		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Manganese		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Mercury		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nickel		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Selenium		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Sulfate	Yes (Table 5-1)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Number of Observed Constituents that are not Consistent with Indicators of Leachate from Ash Stored in Impoundments <sup>(3)</sup>		5	4	6	7	4	5	5	5	4	4	4	4	4
Percentage of Observed Constituents that are not Consistent with Indicators of Leachate from Ash Stored in Impoundments <sup>(4)</sup>		63%	57%	67%	70%	57%	63%	63%	63%	57%	57%	63%	57%	57%



**Abbreviations:**

"NLET" = neutral leaching extraction test (ASTM D3987-85)

"X" = constituent was detected above analytical detection limits during at least one quarterly groundwater monitoring event in 2014

**Table 5-5**  
**Summary of Constituents Detected during Most Recent Year (2014) of Quarterly Groundwater Monitoring Compared to**  
**Indicators of Leachate from Ash Stored in Impoundments**  
**Based on Site-Specific NLET Results for Bottom Ash (Midwest Generation Site-Specific Analyses)**

**Notes:**

1. Indicators of leachate from ash stored in impoundments is based on site-specific NLET results for bottom ash (Table 5-1). Detection limits presented in Table 5-1 meet current IEPA Class I groundwater goals with the exception of arsenic, which met the former Class I groundwater goal that was applicable at the time of analysis.
2. Shading of cells is described below.
  -  Green shading, which is not applicable at this Table 5-5, would indicate that a constituent that is an indicator of leachate from ash stored in the impoundments was not detected during quarterly groundwater monitoring in 2014.
  -  Blue shading indicates that a constituent that is not an indicator of leachate from ash stored in the impoundments was detected during at least one quarterly groundwater monitoring event in 2014.
  - No shading indicates that either (1) a constituent that is an indicator of leachate from ash stored in the impoundments was detected during at least one quarterly groundwater monitoring event in 2014, or (2) a constituent that is not an indicator of leachate from ash stored in the impoundments was not detected during quarterly groundwater monitoring in 2014.
3. Green and blue shading (see Note 2) demonstrate observed constituents that are not consistent with indicators of leachate from ash stored in impoundments.
4. The percentage of observed constituents that are not consistent with indicators of leachate from ash stored in impoundments is based on the following corrected formula based on a minimum set of indicator parameters. A division is performed with a numerator of the minimum number of observed constituents that are not consistent and with a denominator of the total number of indicators and constituents observed at that monitoring well. The denominator includes observed constituents that are both consistent and not consistent with the indicator parameters. The formula result is expressed as a percentage by multiplying by 100 percent.



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1 **the same coal in the same way, that's why you**  
2 **combined those?**

3 A. Yes, exactly.

4 **Q. If you turn to that next page,**  
5 **Page 21 of the slides, what is this table?**

6 A. This is a data -- a presentation  
7 of the comparison of the constituents on  
8 the left that were found in groundwater and  
9 the next column is the constituent that we  
10 look at in leachate from ash that had been  
11 stored in the -- in the ponds.

12 And you can see where it  
13 says barium, boron and sulfate here, is what  
14 we're -- what we're focusing this table on.  
15 Then across, you see each monitoring well.  
16 So we -- we've looked at, you know, a year's  
17 worth -- the most recent year's worth of data  
18 to evaluate what was found in each -- each  
19 well, each constituent, and where you see the  
20 dark shading, that's where that -- the result  
21 was inconsistent meaning what was found in  
22 the groundwater was inconsistent with what was  
23 found in the ash leachate.

24 That goes to what was -- if it

1 was inconsistent, it was because something  
2 in the groundwater was not in leachate or  
3 something that is in leachate is not in  
4 groundwater.

5 And so we summed to the  
6 number of times that the data were inconsistent  
7 and then calculated a percentage. And at the  
8 bottom, you see that the percentage's range  
9 sort of focused mainly around 40 to 60 percent  
10 inconsistent. When it's inconsistent, the  
11 conclusion what we made is that what's in the  
12 groundwater is not -- the data is not consistent  
13 with what's found in the ash.

14 **Q. And turning to the next page, there**  
15 **is an additional updated Table 5-4. I should**  
16 **say on the prior page, Page 21, updated Table**  
17 **5-5, is that Table 5-5 from your expert report?**

18 A. The expert report relied on previous  
19 data. This includes all of the updated -- the  
20 updated data obtained through the second quarter  
21 of 2017.

22 **Q. And same for Page 22, the updated**  
23 **Table 5-4, is that updated with the additional**  
24 **2017 data?**

1           A.       Yes. This is the same presentation  
2 with the updated groundwater data.

3           **Q.       And why did you --**

4                   MR. RUSS: Can I ask for a  
5 clarification? I'm sorry.

6                           It says from '16 --

7                   HEARING OFFICER HALLORAN: Let's  
8 hold on. Ask me and then go ahead,  
9 Mr. Russ. Objection?

10                  MR. RUSS: Objection. Misstates  
11 the exhibit.

12                           It looks like this data is  
13 from 2016 to 2014. So it's not the 2014  
14 updated through 2017?

15                  MS. NIJMAN: I can ask the  
16 witness --

17                  HEARING OFFICER HALLORAN: You  
18 can clarify that. All right. Thank you.

19 BY MS. NIJMAN:

20           **Q.       Mr. Seymour, would you explain what**  
21 **data -- which years of data are included in**  
22 **this exhibit?**

23           A.       Yes. It begins -- it covers four  
24 quarters of data beginning in the third

1 quarter of 2016 through the most recent data  
2 that has been admitted to this hearing, the  
3 second quarter of 2017. So that is the  
4 updated data. It does not include the previous  
5 data.

6 **Q. And is that the same for the next**  
7 **slide, Slide 22?**

8 A. Yes, it is.

9 **Q. So your prior charts in your report**  
10 **deal with the pre-2016 or up to your report,**  
11 **the date of 2015, correct?**

12 A. What we agreed to do is that we would  
13 have a full calendar year representing all the  
14 seasons in 2014. So that data ended December of  
15 2014.

16 **Q. Thank you.**

17 **Now, this Table 5-4 on Page 22,**  
18 **what did you do here? Why -- you site to EPRI.**

19 **What does that mean?**

20 A. That's the Electric Power Research  
21 Institute. It's an independent corporation  
22 that does research for the power industry and  
23 they had conducted research at many different  
24 facilities as to what could be found in leachate

1 from CCRs. So we took their data, which  
2 is -- and again compared their data to what  
3 was found in groundwater and so you had a  
4 dozen or so constituents in groundwater and  
5 compared it to the dozen or so constituents  
6 identified by EPRI.

7 **Q. And did you do that, as you said**  
8 **yesterday, as a sort of a backup to the site**  
9 **data?**

10 A. Yeah. As I mentioned yesterday, if  
11 we start with the site-specific data, that's  
12 the best data. And when we go to the lit- --  
13 this is basically a literature study and  
14 research. You go to that as a backup or a  
15 corroboration to make sure we -- we're on  
16 target with our conclusions.

17 **Q. And did it corroborate generally?**

18 A. Yes, it did. We followed the same  
19 process and that -- at the bottom, you see  
20 the percentages. They're still maybe the  
21 50 to 60 percent consistent. So actually,  
22 it's a little more -- I'd say, on average,  
23 it's a little more inconsistent with the  
24 EPRI data than with the site data.

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1 Q. And when you --

2 A. But essentially, it's the same  
3 conclusion.

4 Q. When you say it's inconsistent,  
5 do you mean there are constituents in  
6 either the ash or groundwater that don't  
7 match the other ash, the ash that's in  
8 the EPRI report?

9 What are you saying?

10 A. Yeah. The groundwater constituents  
11 found at the site are inconsistent with the  
12 ash data constituents. As I said, that  
13 inconsistency is either when you find  
14 something in one and not the other or you  
15 don't find something in one, but you find  
16 it in the other. That's what we define  
17 inconsistent as.

18 Q. If you would, turn to the next  
19 slide, Page 23, of the binder in front of  
20 you.

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. That's been marked as Exhibit 901  
23 in the hearing here. Turning to what we've been  
24 calling the historic ash filled areas at Joliet,

1 THE WITNESS: I'll take any  
2 compliment I can get, Mr. Hearing Officer.

3 BY MS. NIJMAN:

4 Q. Okay. If you would, turn to the  
5 next slide. There are two slides that again  
6 are -- and I think we can move a little more  
7 quickly now that you've explained what these  
8 are.

9 The next two slides are your  
10 updated tables 5-5 and 5-4 from your report;  
11 is that accurate?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. And did you do the same analysis  
14 of comparing the groundwater data to the  
15 leachate data as you did with Joliet?

16 A. Yes, I did.

17 Q. Just generally, what are your  
18 conclusions here at Powerton?

19 A. At Powerton, again you see a lot  
20 of the data spread over a little wider range,  
21 but in general, around 50 percent or so to 60  
22 percent are inconsistent.

23 So that means again that  
24 the -- what we found in groundwater compared

1 to the site-specific ash leachate doesn't  
2 match meaning that the ponds aren't the source.

3 **Q. When you say "the ponds aren't the**  
4 **source," this is one of the pieces of evidence**  
5 **you used for that conclusion?**

6 A. Yes. As I mentioned, we also  
7 looked at the construction of the ponds and  
8 the operation of the ponds as well.

9 **Q. Thank you.**

10 **Turning to Slide 38, this**  
11 **was discussed in previous testimony as**  
12 **identifying a former ash basin and the**  
13 **limestone -- former limestone runoff basin**  
14 **at Powerton.**

15 **Do you see that?**

16 A. Yes.

17 **Q. Are there any groundwater monitoring**  
18 **wells around the former ash basin at Powerton?**

19 A. Yes. There's approx- -- I think  
20 there are five wells beginning with Monitor  
21 Well 1 on the far right, sort of, a little  
22 bit upgradient/sidegradient of the pond.

23 **Going counterclockwise, you**  
24 **have Monitor Wells 2, 3, 4 and 5, 5 as being**



1           **Q.       And generally, what did you find?**

2           A.       I found that upgradient of the  
3 ponds was higher concentrations than  
4 downgradient.

5           **Q.       What does that tell you?**

6           A.       Well, it's sort of the opposite.  
7 I mean, it tells you it's not the pond,  
8 number one. It's kind of like the -- it  
9 tells me that the source is to the west  
10 of the ponds.

11          **Q.       We've already briefly touched upon**  
12 **the analysis that you conducted -- the**  
13 **comparison of the indicators on the next**  
14 **two slides.**

15          A.       Yes.

16          **Q.       Turning to -- just generally your**  
17 **conclusions on that comparison, what did you**  
18 **find?**

19          A.       Well, if you look at the bottom  
20 line again, you know, 40, 50, 60 percent,  
21 kind of focus here on the mid-50 percentages,  
22 if -- the data don't match. So if I were to  
23 make a conclusion as to a source, which is a  
24 very important conclusion, I would want to

1 have the groundwater data match, the ash data,  
2 much more closely.

3 Q. If you turn to Slide 52, and again  
4 I apologize, some of the page numbers got cut  
5 off in the photocopying, this is the Waukegan  
6 map of the established environmental land use  
7 control boundaries.

8 Do you see that?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Could you describe in the entirety  
11 where the -- well, let me ask it this way.

12 Does this map accurately  
13 reflect the environmental land use controls  
14 across the property at Waukegan?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. And as you did with Powerton, did  
17 you assess the spacial trends at Waukegan?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. And again, that's to assess a source  
20 or a plume, is that a fair description?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Turning to the next slide, Slide 53,  
23 what are you showing here?

24 A. We have a similar graph where those

1 1, 2, 3, 5 and 9 are upgradient; is that  
2 correct?

3 A. I don't think that's what --

4 Q. Oh, I'm sorry. Go ahead. Why don't  
5 you tell me.

6 A. I -- I would have said that Monitoring  
7 Wells 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 would be upgradient.

8 Q. Thank you.

9 And looking at the next  
10 slide, Slide 63, we heard Mr. Gnat discuss  
11 the groundwater flow direction. This is the  
12 groundwater contour map dated 5 of 2017 at  
13 Will County.

14 Did you agree or do you agree  
15 with Mr. Gnat's description of the groundwater  
16 flow as depicted here?

17 A. Yes, I do.

18 Q. And again for Will County, if you  
19 look at the next two slides, 64 and 65, you  
20 did a comparison of the ash data from ponds --  
21 constituents from ash data and ponds with  
22 constituents in the groundwater.

23 What were your conclusions?

24 A. Well, we followed the same process

1 and my main conclusion was that at the bottom  
2 line, 50 to 60 percent of the data, the  
3 constituents in the groundwater do not match  
4 the constituents in the ash.

5 **Q. In the ponds?**

6 A. Excuse me. Yes, the ash in the ponds.

7 **Q. And --**

8 A. This first table is using the  
9 site-specific data at Table 5-5.

10 **Q. And as we've said earlier, the**  
11 **second table at 5-4 is the comparison with**  
12 **the constituents of ash from the EPRI**  
13 **published data, correct?**

14 A. Correct. And we found a little  
15 more consistency oddly, but it was still  
16 about 50 percent of the data are inconsistent  
17 meaning the data between the groundwater and  
18 the ash in the ponds don't match.

19 **Q. Turning to the next slide, Slide 66.**

20 A. Okay.

21 **Q. We heard from Maria Race some**  
22 **discussion about this area at the bottom,**  
23 **alleged slag bottom ash placement area?**

24 A. On the bottom southern property

1 for the reader.

2 Q. So I want to move on to your matching  
3 analysis.

4 I would like you to turn to --  
5 I think we might have to flip back and forth  
6 between your first report and your supplemental  
7 report, which I think are both in your binder.

8 The supplemental report, if I  
9 remember correctly, is exhibit -- I can't  
10 remember the exact numbers right now. Exhibit  
11 904, I think, is your supplemental report?

12 A. What are you asking me again? I'm  
13 sorry. What? 904?

14 Q. Yes. I'm just going to be asking  
15 you a couple questions about your supplemental  
16 report and your original report.

17 Your supplemental report  
18 is Exhibit 904; is that right?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. And your original report is Exhibit  
21 903; is that right?

22 A. It's within there, yes.

23 Q. Sorry. I just want to make sure I  
24 have this right.

1                   **Now, the supplemental report**  
2 **replaced Tables 5-4 and 5-5 in your first**  
3 **report; is that right?**

4           A.       It looks like, yes, that's what we've  
5 done.

6           **Q.       Okay. And the updated tables that**  
7 **you've been talking about this morning with**  
8 **Ms. Nijman are an updated version of the same**  
9 **table; is that right?**

10          A.       Yes. With the new data with the  
11 different time series, I believe.

12          **Q.       Were the methods you used to generate**  
13 **the new tables the same as --**

14          A.       Excuse me. This is the -- the data  
15 in the supplement is 2014. This is a corrected  
16 data table.

17          **Q.       Right.**

18          A.       So it's not the data tables we had  
19 been presented, the updated 2017.

20          **Q.       Exactly. Thank you for clarifying.**

21                   **So the data in your**  
22 **supplemental report from 2014, the data in**  
23 **the demonstrative exhibits are 2016 to 2017?**

24          A.       Correct.

1           **Q.       Were the methods you used to generate**  
2 **what is shown here as Table 5-4 the same methods**  
3 **that you used to generate the new Table 5-4?**

4           A.       The method in the Exhibit 904 is the  
5 same method that we used for the demonstratives.

6           **Q.       Okay. Thank you.**

7                       **Now, the Tables 5-4 and 5-5,**  
8 **the reason why I was mentioning your original**  
9 **report here, they refer back to Tables 5-1 and**  
10 **5-2 for the leachate data; is that right?**

11          A.       For the comparison data, yes.

12          **Q.       Okay. In your original report?**

13          A.       Yes.

14          **Q.       Okay. So we might have to go back**  
15 **and forth between the two.**

16                       **Now, if you had a leachate**  
17 **value and a groundwater value that were**  
18 **identical, that would be a match in your match**  
19 **analysis, correct?**

20          A.       Well, even if it wasn't necessarily  
21 identical, if they are the same constituent,  
22 we -- we'd call that a match.

23          **Q.       Yeah. But if -- if you had a boron**  
24 **concentration of three in leachate milligrams**

1 per liter, a boron concentration of three  
2 milligrams per liter in groundwater, that  
3 would be a match, right?

4 A. Yeah. I think that would be unusual.  
5 It doesn't happen quite that simply, but it  
6 would be a match.

7 Q. Okay. Thank you.

8 Now, on these tables for  
9 each well, you derived a percentage that  
10 you described as a percentage of observed  
11 constituents that are not consistent with  
12 indicators with leachate from ash currently  
13 stored in impoundment; is that right?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Did you intend for this matching  
16 analysis to support conclusions about ash  
17 outside of the impoundment?

18 A. Only to the sense that we can  
19 understand what is in it, that could be.

20 Q. Okay.

21 A. It's a good baseline to start.

22 Q. Would it be fair to describe the  
23 observations in the numerator of these  
24 percentages as a mismatch?



1           A.       For this, because it's inconsistent,  
2 we're showing that -- I guess, as I said early  
3 today, it goes in a numerator if it is  
4 inconsistent, a mismatch.

5           **Q.       So a mismatch is a fair**  
6 **characterization?**

7           A.       I think that's okay.

8           **Q.       And to simplify a little, mismatches**  
9 **in your approach count against the possibility**  
10 **that groundwater has been contaminated by coal**  
11 **ash; is that right?**

12          A.       Yes, in the increase in the likelihood  
13 that it's not from the ash in the pond.

14          **Q.       Okay. In your deposition, you were**  
15 **asked about benzene.**

16                   **Do you remember this?**

17          A.       I don't recall.

18          **Q.       And we will turn to Page 79 of your**  
19 **deposition to refresh your memory.**

20          A.       Page 79, did you say?

21          **Q.       Yes.**

22          A.       I see it.

23          **Q.       Without going through and reading**  
24 **the transcript into the record, if you could**

1 just look at that to refresh your memory,  
2 I'll just ask you a question about it.

3 Would the presence of benzene  
4 in the groundwater effect --

5 A. Do you want me to read this?

6 Q. Just to refresh your memory.

7 A. I haven't finished yet.

8 Q. Oh, okay. I'm sorry. I'm sorry.

9 A. Okay I've read it.

10 Q. Okay. Is benzene a constituent of  
11 coal ash?

12 A. No. I think the discussion here,  
13 though, doesn't define it.

14 Q. That's okay. I'm just asking -- I'm  
15 just giving you that to refresh your memory and  
16 I'm just asking you now.

17 So benzene is not a  
18 constituent of coal ash. Would finding benzene  
19 in groundwater affect your conclusions about  
20 the presence or absence of coal ash?

21 A. As long as -- I mean, to me, it's  
22 almost data that you would not consider in  
23 your analysis.

24 Q. Okay. Thank you.

1                   So a non-indicator, something  
2 that's not in coal ash, does not say anything  
3 about the presence or absence of coal ash; is  
4 that fair to say?

5           A.     Say that again, please.

6           Q.     A non-indicator, something that's  
7 not -- a constituent that's not an indicator  
8 of coal ash, the presence or absence of that  
9 chemical in groundwater shouldn't have any  
10 bearing on your conclusion about the presence  
11 or absence of coal ash; is that right?

12          A.     That's kind of complicated. I'm  
13 sorry, Mr. Russ. One more time. I'll try  
14 to concentrate very carefully.

15          Q.     What you said about benzene, I  
16 believe, is it shouldn't have any -- it  
17 shouldn't be in the analysis?

18          A.     It would not be in the analysis.

19          Q.     And why is that?

20          A.     It's not an indicator of coal ash.

21          Q.     Okay. Right. And that's what I'm  
22 asking.

23                   So something that's not an  
24 indicator of coal ash shouldn't have any

1 **bearing on your determination of whether or**  
2 **not there's coal ash in groundwater?**

3 A. I would think -- yes, I think that  
4 would be correct.

5 Q. Okay. Can you turn to Table 5-4  
6 in your supplement? You had it arranged by  
7 site. So there's a Table 5-4 in Waukegan.  
8 That site had the fewest wells so I think  
9 it will be the easiest to look at.

10 A. I see it.

11 Q. Some of these are highlighted in  
12 blue, right?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. What does that signify?

15 A. It was not matching.

16 Q. And some of the cells are white  
17 and some of the cells are green. Can you  
18 just explain what the different colors mean?

19 A. The whites where they match and  
20 the green where they don't match. The data  
21 are inconsistent in the green.

22 Q. So what's the difference between  
23 green and blue?

24 A. It was flagged, as you can see, in

1 the ash. It was not found in the EPRI data.

2 I believe that's why it's flagged.

3 **Q. Okay. Okay. And --**

4 A. It also may not have been analyzed in  
5 the EPRI data. I'd have to look.

6 **Q. Okay. Let me -- I believe you have**  
7 **a legend for this table someplace. Do you**  
8 **remember where that was?**

9 A. I think it's at the end.

10 **Q. Yep. Can you -- can you read for me**  
11 **what the -- what you wrote that the blue cells**  
12 **mean?**

13 A. Blue shading indicates the constituents  
14 had not -- that is not an indicator of leachate  
15 from ash stored in the impoundments was detected  
16 during at least one quarterly groundwater  
17 monitoring event in 2014.

18 **Q. Right. Okay. Thank you.**

19 **And then turning back to the**  
20 **Waukegan table, all of the blue cells are in a**  
21 **row for iron; is that right?**

22 A. Yes.

23 **Q. And for purposes of this table,**  
24 **iron is not a coal ash indicator, is it?**

1 A. It isn't.

2 **Q. Iron can be naturally occurring; is**  
3 **that right?**

4 A. It can be. And actually although  
5 it was not found in this analyses, it can  
6 come also from coal ash.

7 HEARING OFFICER HALLORAN: You  
8 have to speak up.

9 BY THE WITNESS:

10 A. Although iron was shaded blue here,  
11 we do also note that -- and it was not found  
12 in this EPRI data, we also find it in coal  
13 ash. It is present.

14 BY MR. RUSS:

15 **Q. Okay. Now, for iron, you have an X**  
16 **for MW-2. You have an X for iron.**

17 **Does that mean you coded as a**  
18 **mismatch?**

19 A. Yes, I believe so.

20 **Q. Even though you just said it was in**  
21 **coal ash?**

22 A. I -- I agree.

23 **Q. Is that an error in your report?**

24 A. I'd have to think about it.

1           **Q.**     **Okay. For purposes of this table,**  
2           **you counted the presence of non-indicator**  
3           **as evidence against the possibility of**  
4           **contamination; isn't that right?**

5           **A.**     **Yes.**

6           **Q.**     **And I believe you just said you**  
7           **shouldn't do that?**

8           **A.**     **You're right.**

9           **Q.**     **Okay. Thank you.**

10                   **Table 5-5 for Waukegan again,**  
11           **there are a lot of blue cells; is that right?**

12           **A.**     **Yes, I did see.**

13           **Q.**     **Those are all instances in which**  
14           **you coded the presence of non-indicator as**  
15           **a mismatch and counted it against the**  
16           **possibility of contamination, is that**  
17           **right?**

18           **A.**     **Yes. To be honest, I'm a little**  
19           **confused. This says that green and blue**  
20           **shading demonstrate observed constituents**  
21           **that are not consistent with indicators of**  
22           **leachate from ash stored in impoundments**  
23           **and that's what I'm relying on.**

24           **Q.**     **Rights. So these are non-indicators**

1 of ash for purposes of this table that you  
2 found in groundwater?

3 A. It says not consistent with indicators  
4 of leachate for ash stored in the impoundments.

5 Q. Right. If you look in the column  
6 labeled "Constituent is an indicator of  
7 leachate," there are only three where the  
8 answer is yes on Table 5-5; isn't that right?

9 A. That's from the ash in the ponds.

10 Q. Everything that's not marked yes,  
11 I assume the answer is no and it's not  
12 an indicator?

13 A. I'm sorry. Say that again, please.

14 Q. This column purports to show  
15 indicators of coal ash -- leachate from coal  
16 ash stored in the ponds; is that right?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. And some are marked yes and some  
19 that are blank?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Is it safe to call the blank row  
22 as non-indicators?

23 A. It was not found in the ash.

24 Q. There's not --



1           A.       It was not an indicator in this  
2 situation. But in general, it could -- you  
3 know, we find it in other places.

4           **Q.       So all of these blue cells, though,**  
5 **are non-indicators that were found in**  
6 **groundwater and you counted that against**  
7 **the possibility of contamination; isn't**  
8 **that right?**

9           A.       Well, because it wasn't found in  
10 the leachate, but it was found in the  
11 groundwater, so it did not match. It's not  
12 consistent.

13           **Q.       Right. But I believe you said**  
14 **earlier if you find a non-indicator in**  
15 **groundwater, you shouldn't contribute that**  
16 **to your analysis; is that right?**

17           A.       I understand, yes.

18           **Q.       So there's a series of errors in**  
19 **this table?**

20           A.       Mr. Russ, I -- I -- I would agree  
21 that it looks that way. I -- as I said, I  
22 am a little bit confused. I have to kind  
23 of go back to the whole discussion in the  
24 report. It may take a while.

1 Q. Okay. All right. Well, that's --  
2 we'll move on for now.

3 Just one more question about  
4 Table 5-5 actually. Are there any mismatches  
5 in Table 5-5 other than those blue cells?

6 A. They're all -- I think they're  
7 blue, yes. There's lots of blue that are  
8 labeled as mismatched. Let me see. One,  
9 two, three, yes.

10 Q. So if we were to take the  
11 non-indicators out of this table, you would  
12 have a 100 percent match; is that right?

13 A. Again, I would have to go back  
14 and refresh my memory on how it was established.

15 Q. Okay. Let me just walk through  
16 a few of these. You have three indicators  
17 so it won't take too long.

18 You have barium, right? Barium  
19 was found in leachate. How many of the wells  
20 was barium found in?

21 A. All of them?

22 Q. All of them.

23 How many boron? Boron was  
24 found in leachate. How many wells was boron

1 **fond in?**

2 A. Let me -- I'm sorry. I might not  
3 be on the right table. Waukegan. Okay.

4 **Q. How many of those wells was boron found**  
5 **in?**

6 A. All of them.

7 **Q. How about sulfate?**

8 A. It was found on all of them.

9 HEARING OFFICER HALLORAN: Could  
10 you keep your voice up, Mr. Seymour? Thank  
11 you.

12 THE WITNESS: Sorry.

13 BY MR. RUSS:

14 **Q. So the three indicators that you**  
15 **have in this table were found in all of the**  
16 **wells at the Waukegan site?**

17 A. Yes.

18 **Q. So if we take the non-indicators**  
19 **out, that would be a 100 percent match,**  
20 **wouldn't it?**

21 A. Yes. In fact, they did -- in  
22 the analysis, the new percent is correct.  
23 But again, I have to go back and refresh  
24 my memory.

1 Q. Okay. Thank you.

2 Now, is there arsenic in  
3 coal ash?

4 A. It has been found in coal ash.

5 Q. Is arsenic in coal ash leachate?

6 A. I believe so. In general, it has  
7 been found.

8 Q. How much arsenic was there in the  
9 leachate that was used for Table 5-5? You  
10 might have to refer back to Table 5-1 of your  
11 original report.

12 A. For which site?

13 Q. For the -- the leachate.

14 A. Which --

15 Q. Well, I believe --

16 THE COURT REPORTER: Wait.  
17 You've got to wait. One at a time.

18 BY THE WITNESS:

19 A. For --

20 BY MR. RUSS:

21 Q. The leachate data has --

22 A. -- Waukegan?

23 Q. The --

24 A. -- which table?

1           **Q.       The?**

2                       HEARING OFFICER HALLORAN:  Come  
3           on, gentlemen, please.  You have to help  
4           me and the court reporter.  Speak one at  
5           a time.

6                       MR. RUSS:  I'm just trying  
7           to answer his question.

8                       HEARING OFFICER HALLORAN:  One  
9           at a time.

10          BY MR. RUSS:

11           **Q.       You -- you have one set of leachate**  
12           **data that you used for all the sites in Table**  
13           **5-5; is that right?**

14           A.       Yes.

15           **Q.       And that's found in -- the data are**  
16           **found in Table 5-1 of your original report?**

17           A.       5-1 is one set of data, I believe,  
18           and 5-2 is second set of data.  I would have  
19           to look.

20           **Q.       And I'm -- I'm just reading off**  
21           **Table 5-5 where you said Table 5-1.**

22           A.       Okay.  Yes.

23           **Q.       Okay.  So in Table 5-1, what is**  
24           **the arsenic value for the leachate that you**

1 **used?**

2 MS. NIJMAN: Do you have a  
3 page number?

4 MR. RUSS: The tables aren't --  
5 I don't think the tables have page  
6 numbers. Oh, they do. I'm sorry.  
7 Table 5-1 is on Page -- well, it  
8 says Page 1 of 1 at the bottom. So  
9 I don't know how helpful that is.

10 THE WITNESS: There's no  
11 Bates number but it's Table 5-1 in  
12 my report.

13 BY MR. RUSS:

14 **Q. How much arsenic is in the leachate?**

15 A. There wasn't any site-related leachate.

16 **Q. Now, you say there wasn't any, but  
17 what is the number that you show in Table 5-1?**

18 A. Less than .006 milligrams per liter.

19 **Q. I'm sorry. I'm asking about arsenic.**

20 A. I -- I apologize. Arsenic is less  
21 than 0.050.

22 **Q. Okay. So that's what you call  
23 non-detect, right?**

24 A. Yes.

1 Q. And that might mean that there's  
2 no arsenic. It might also mean that there's  
3 0.049 milligrams per liter of arsenic, right?

4 A. Yeah. The test is geared to run  
5 at or below the drinking water standard in  
6 Illinois. So if it's less than that number,  
7 it could be present, but you would never  
8 know.

9 Q. Right. It could be present at up  
10 to 49 micrograms per liter?

11 A. You'd never know if it was, like,  
12 one or zero.

13 Q. Right. But is that true to say that  
14 it could be as high as 49 micrograms per liter?

15 A. Yes, it could be.

16 Q. Can you tell me what concentrations  
17 were observed in groundwater in 2014?

18 To look at -- to do this, I  
19 think you're going to have to look at Exhibit  
20 268-P, which should be there in front of you.

21 At Waukegan, at MW-5, what  
22 are arsenic concentrations in that well in  
23 this period of time?

24 A. They are low right around .01 to

1 .009, .0013 milligrams per liter.

2 Q. Okay. So is it safe to say that  
3 the groundwater had concentrations of arsenic  
4 between roughly two and ten micrograms per  
5 liter?

6 A. Micrograms per liter or milligrams  
7 per liter?

8 Q. Two and ten micrograms.

9 A. Yes, micrograms per liter.

10 Q. Thank you.

11 So the leachate had something  
12 less than 50 micrograms per liter, the  
13 groundwater had something between two and ten  
14 micrograms per liter, the leachate could have  
15 the same amount of arsenic as the groundwater;  
16 isn't that right?

17 A. The leachate from the test?

18 Q. Yes.

19 A. The leachate, as you indicated,  
20 could have a concentration of less than the --  
21 than the -- what was detected, which again  
22 is a test from the leachate just to give  
23 us some kind of an idea what's there, right.

24 HEARING OFFICER HALLORAN: We're



1 getting soft again, gentlemen. If you  
2 could, raise your voices. Thank you.

3 MR. RUSS: Sorry. Maybe I  
4 should stay standing.

5 BY MR. RUSS:

6 Q. So the leachate could have between  
7 two and ten micrograms or arsenic per liter?

8 A. It could have concentrates that are  
9 lower.

10 Q. Yes. And the leachate in the  
11 groundwater, using these tests and these  
12 data, could have the exact same concentration  
13 of arsenic; isn't that correct?

14 A. It's possible.

15 Q. Uh-huh. And that would be a match?

16 A. If they were present and we were  
17 confident that the leach data were accurate,  
18 yes.

19 Q. And you don't really know whether  
20 these data are a mismatch or not because of  
21 the relative difference in the detection  
22 limits, right?

23 A. Well, we are looking at this data  
24 to see if it matches.

1           **Q.       Uh-huh.**

2           A.       And sometimes it will match and  
3 won't match and then we fall back to  
4 the analysis that it's not in the ash in  
5 accordance with the test procedure, which  
6 is at the groundwater protective standards  
7 or slightly less.

8           **Q.       So the question I'm asking is since**  
9 **the leachate in the groundwater could have**  
10 **the same concentration of arsenic given these**  
11 **numbers, you can't really say for sure it's**  
12 **that it's a mismatch; is that right?**

13          A.       Well, if you don't have the data,  
14 you can't say it is a match either.

15          **Q.       Right. You can't say that it's a**  
16 **match and you can't say that it's a mismatch.**  
17 **I would call it unknown; is that fair?**

18          A.       Okay.

19          **Q.       Yet you coded it as a mismatch, I**  
20 **believe and --**

21          A.       Yes, I understand that. And as  
22 mentioned, I think I'm confused. I have to  
23 go back and look at it.

24          **Q.       So is that potentially an error in**

1 your table?

2 A. It's possible it's an error, yes.

3 I have to look at it. I am confused.

4 Q. And to generalize, I'd like to  
5 consider a hypothetical situation. You have  
6 a sample of water with eight micrograms of  
7 arsenic per liter and you subject it to the  
8 leach test, you subject it to the groundwater  
9 test, same sample of water, that would be a  
10 match?

11 A. If you analyzed it and found the  
12 same constituents, you mean?

13 Q. If you took the -- yeah. If you  
14 took one sample of water that you knew had  
15 eight micrograms per liter of arsenic and  
16 subjected it to both tests, you would get  
17 the same result and you would find the match,  
18 theoretically, right?

19 A. I'm sorry. Are you saying take  
20 the same water and test it to -- I'm sorry.  
21 Please repeat it.

22 Q. Say you took a gallon of water --

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. -- with eight micrograms of arsenic

1 per liter, you took some of it and you tested  
2 it with a leach test that was used for Table  
3 5-1 and you took some of it and you tested it  
4 with a groundwater test that was used by  
5 Midwest Generation in 2014, that should be a  
6 match with the same sample of water, right?

7 A. Well, the leach test adds the ash  
8 material to it and then shakes it. So if  
9 there's arsenic, you'd be adding to it. But  
10 there's absolutely no arsenic, then you would  
11 have a similar concentration.

12 Q. Okay. And the leach test would not  
13 be able to detect that amount of arsenic; is  
14 that right?

15 A. Not necessarily, but I would have  
16 to look at that detection levels that were  
17 run at the time.

18 Q. I think we just looked at the leach  
19 test in Table 5-1 and it looked like it was --

20 A. I think you said eight?

21 Q. I said eight micrograms.

22 A. Yes. Then it would be above what  
23 the -- it would be detected in the groundwater  
24 test and I would have to look --

1 Q. And not --

2 A. Because you're converting from  
3 milligrams to micrograms. It's slightly  
4 confusing.

5 Q. Okay. I'm sorry.

6 So let's just -- I'll stick  
7 with micrograms. So eight micrograms in the  
8 sample you're testing, with the leach test  
9 table, would you be able to detect that?

10 A. I would have to look at the detection  
11 limits.

12 Q. Yep. Sure. Go ahead and look. The  
13 leach test is in Table 5-1 of your report.

14 A. It's 50 micrograms -- net micrograms,  
15 which is greater than eight.

16 Q. So that leach test would not be able  
17 to detect the arsenic; is that right?

18 A. That's correct.

19 Q. The groundwater test would be able  
20 to detect the arsenic; is that correct?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. So the exact same sample of water,  
23 you would end up coding that as a mismatch  
24 using your method; is that right?

1 A. Yes, and it wouldn't.

2 **Q. Is that an error in your method?**

3 MS. NIJMAN: Objection, same  
4 error. You are giving the impression  
5 that there was -- well, I'm speaking.  
6 Objection, misstates the testimony.

7 HEARING OFFICER HALLORAN: Well,  
8 overruled. He can answer if he is able.

9 BY THE WITNESS:

10 A. I said what I said. It may be.

11 BY MR. RUSS:

12 **Q. Okay. To generalize beyond arsenic,**  
13 **this kind of -- this kind of phenomenon, when**  
14 **you detect a constituent in groundwater, but**  
15 **not a leach test, even if groundwater and the**  
16 **leachate has the same concentration, it's**  
17 **possible whatever the groundwater test is, it's**  
18 **more sensitive than the leach test; isn't that**  
19 **right?**

20 A. That's -- yes, it could be.

21 **Q. Do you know how many of the results**  
22 **in your Table 5-5 might be affected by that**  
23 **circumstance?**

24 A. I would have to add them, but you

1 know that there would be quite a few.

2 **Q. Okay. Thanks.**

3 A. Presuming, in fact, I'm -- I'm a  
4 little confused. If it's correct, there would  
5 be errors in the table.

6 **Q. Okay. Now, in your deposition, you**  
7 **said that boron is a good indicator of coal**  
8 **ash contamination; is that right?**

9 A. In the deposition, I have probably  
10 said that it was, but it's one of many. And  
11 again, to be able to prove it's from an ash,  
12 you have to have more than one constituent  
13 to make that case.

14 HEARING OFFICER HALLORAN: Keep  
15 your voice up, please, Mr. Seymour. You are  
16 trailing off again at the end. Thank you.

17 BY MR. RUSS:

18 **Q. And one of the reasons that boron,**  
19 **in particular, is a good indicator of coal**  
20 **ash, is -- that it's often found in areas**  
21 **contaminated by coal ash; is that right?**

22 A. Studies show that it's in the  
23 leachate and it's found in the groundwater  
24 also in some sites.

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1           **Q.       And another reason that boron is**  
2 **a good indicator is because it's mobile in**  
3 **the environment; is that right?**

4           A.       It moves with the water.

5           **Q.       Okay.  Would you call it a**  
6 **conservative constituent in that way?**

7           A.       If you think it's -- conservative  
8 is a relative thing.  I would say that if  
9 it's mobile, then it's there and with others  
10 that would support it.  Then it would be --  
11 it may be conservative.

12          **Q.       Okay.  Are there any other**  
13 **indicators of coal ash with similar**  
14 **characteristics?**

15          A.       I know that sulfate is one.  That  
16 is generally accepted.  It's fairly mobile.

17          **Q.       Okay.  So is it safe to say boron**  
18 **and sulfate are better coal ash indicators**  
19 **than other constituents of coal ash?**

20          A.       Not necessarily.  Because again,  
21 it's all what you find.  They may be there,  
22 but there may be other things also.

23          **Q.       Okay.  I want to go back to the**  
24 **matching analysis.  I'm sorry.  My outline**



1 is a little bit disjointed. These questions  
2 are going to sound similar, but it's a  
3 different set of tables and different issues  
4 so bear with me.

5 If you look at Table 5-4  
6 of your supplemental report, in the Waukegan --  
7 we'll stick with Waukegan to keep it simple,  
8 I want to talk about antimony.

9 Based on this table --

10 A. I'm sorry. Let me find Waukegan.

11 Q. Oh, sure. I'm sorry. It's the  
12 smallest of the four.

13 A. I found it.

14 Q. For purposes of this table, were you  
15 treating antimony as an indicator of coal ash  
16 leachate?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. How much antimony was there in the  
19 leachate that EPRI tested? You might have  
20 to look at Table 5-2 of your original report.

21 A. Antimony?

22 Q. Yes.

23 A. For an antonina, we found a range in  
24 EPRI the data --

1 Q. Uh-huh.

2 A. -- of .2 to .6 micrograms per liter.

3 Q. Okay. So for shorthand, we can say  
4 less than one microgram?

5 A. Okay.

6 Q. Is that fair?

7 Not nothing, but less than  
8 one microgram?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Was the groundwater test used by  
11 Midwest Generation in 2014 sensitive enough  
12 to detect that amount of antimony?

13 A. I don't recall. I would have to look.

14 Q. You can look at 268-P. That should  
15 show you.

16 HEARING OFFICER HALLORAN: 268-P,  
17 as in Patrick?

18 MR. RUSS: P, as in Patrick.

19 BY THE WITNESS:

20 A. The results for antimony looks to be  
21 less than three micrograms per unit, I believe.  
22 I'd have to check the units. It's less than  
23 three micrograms per unit.

24

1 BY MR. RUSS:

2 Q. Okay. That's -- the detection limit  
3 was three?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. So was that test sensitive enough to  
6 detect the concentrations you saw in every  
7 leachate?

8 A. That doesn't look to be.

9 Q. Okay. Now, Table 5-4 shows empty  
10 green cells for antimony across the board.

11 Does that mean no antimony  
12 was detected in Waukegan in 2014?

13 A. Well, we are looking at -- I apologize.  
14 It's hard to flip back and forth.

15 Q. No, I know. I'm sorry about that.

16 A. We are saying that there was no  
17 antimony detected at those levels and that  
18 it is an indicator in coal ash.

19 Q. Okay. So since it was reported to  
20 be less than three micrograms per liter, it's  
21 possible that it had one or two micrograms per  
22 liter; is that right?

23 A. But what you're doing is you're --  
24 you're taking the -- again the leachate and

1 comparing it to groundwater. The leachate  
2 test is to see if it's there, not at what  
3 connotation.

4 So if it's found in the  
5 leachate, it's -- it's there. Whatever  
6 concentration that the lab is using, if it's  
7 not there, it would be inconsistent if it's  
8 in the leachate and not in the ground?

9 **Q. The concentration that you saw in**  
10 **the leachate, which was, I believe, between**  
11 **0.2 and 0.6 micrograms per liter --**

12 A. Yes.

13 **Q. -- if that exact same concentration**  
14 **was in the groundwater, that should be a match**  
15 **according to your earlier definition of a**  
16 **match?**

17 A. Well, it actually is. You can see  
18 the level and the EPRI data has a lower  
19 detection level.

20 **Q. Right.**

21 A. So it is finding a more conservative  
22 characterization of the data than what we've  
23 used in that it includes more things than what  
24 we've found. And so if you look at the

1 groundwater data, the groundwater data is at a  
2 detection level that's different. But again,  
3 it's the standard detection level for the water  
4 in these wells.

5 **Q. Right.**

6 A. It's an accepted test by the state  
7 of Illinois.

8 **Q. I understand.**

9 **The question I'm asking is**  
10 **it's possible that the groundwater had the**  
11 **same concentration of antimony as leachate;**  
12 **is that right?**

13 A. It's irrelevant.

14 **Q. I don't believe it --**

15 A. It's only relevant that it's there  
16 in the leachate, not at what concentration.

17 **Q. Could you answer the question, please?**

18 A. Repeat the question.

19 **Q. Is it possible that the groundwater**  
20 **had the same amount antimony as the leachate?**

21 A. Again, it could be, but it's really  
22 irrelevant.

23 **Q. Okay. If it did have the same**  
24 **concentration as the leachate, that should**

1 **be a match, right?**

2 A. If the -- say if the concentration  
3 and where.

4 **Q. The groundwater in the leachate were**  
5 **the same?**

6 A. Well, and the concentration in  
7 the groundwater is at a different detection.

8 **Q. I'm not asking --**

9 A. You have to --

10 **Q. I'm simply asking if the two**  
11 **concentrations were the same, that should**  
12 **be a match, right?**

13 A. If you found antimony in groundwater  
14 and you found antimony in leachate, it would  
15 be a match.

16 **Q. I'm asking if the same concentration**  
17 **of antimony exists in both the leachate and the**  
18 **groundwater, that should be a match?**

19 A. If they are above the detection limit  
20 and you detect them, that would be a match.

21 **Q. The exact same concentration would**  
22 **be not a match only as a function of the**  
23 **defection limit, is that what you're saying?**

24 A. No. I am a saying that if you find

1 it in the coal ash and you find it in the  
2 groundwater, that would be a match.

3 Q. I guess what I'm asking you is  
4 isn't it possible that you wouldn't find  
5 it in the groundwater because the groundwater  
6 test was not as sensitive a test as the  
7 leachate test?

8 MS. NIJMAN: I'm just going  
9 to object as to asked and answered.

10 HEARING OFFICER HALLORAN: I  
11 don't think so. Overruled.

12 BY THE WITNESS:

13 A. So the -- please, again. Repeat the  
14 question, Mr. Russ.

15 BY MR. RUSS:

16 Q. Let me go about this a different way.  
17 Let's do the same kind of scenario.

18 You have a gallon of water  
19 with antimony. It has 0.6 micrograms per  
20 liter. According to the EPRI leach test,  
21 you would detect it.

22 A. I would -- 0.6 micrograms per liter  
23 and in the leach test used by EPRI, I think,  
24 yes, the -- the level was less than one.

1           **Q.       Yeah. It was a range of 0.2 to 0.6.**  
2           **You can check, but that's -- so at 0.6, you**  
3           **would find it in the leach test, right?**

4           A.       Yes.

5           **Q.       Would you find it in the groundwater**  
6           **test?**

7           A.       Six micrograms?

8           **Q.       0.6.**

9           A.       The groundwater detection level is  
10          established at, I believe, we said...

11          **Q.       Three.**

12          A.       Three?

13          **Q.       Yes.**

14          A.       And so that -- but again, the  
15          groundwater detection level is a state method.

16          **Q.       I understand that.**

17          A.       And that you can't measure below  
18          that.

19          **Q.       I understand. I'm simply asking**  
20          **whether that groundwater test would detect**  
21          **that amount of antimony?**

22          A.       The groundwater test is at a higher  
23          detection level.

24          **Q.       Would it detect that amount of**



1 **antimony?**

2 A. .6?

3 **Q. Yes.**

4 A. It would not.

5 **Q. So if the exact same sample of water**  
6 **detected in the leachate, not in the**  
7 **groundwater, should be a match, your result --**  
8 **your method counts it as a mismatch; is that**  
9 **right?**

10 A. Well, again, I think you're missing  
11 what I'm trying to say as far as the groundwater  
12 test is as low as the state standard test. You  
13 won't know if it's there.

14 **Q. That's right.**

15 A. Okay.

16 **Q. Thank you.**

17 A. So you can see that -- you can find  
18 it in the lower detection level in the leachate  
19 tests. So if you feel comfortable -- more  
20 comfortable it's there, but in the state test,  
21 it's at a higher level. So yeah, again, it's  
22 at the level the state accepts. So you don't  
23 report or test it that low.

24 **Q. So you don't know whether the antimony**

1 level in the groundwater is the same as it is  
2 in the leachate, but it could be; is that right?

3 A. Overall, in a laboratory analysis,  
4 there's always something that could be there,  
5 but you will never know.

6 Q. Is it possible that the groundwater  
7 in the leachate has the same concentration of  
8 antimony?

9 A. It's possible.

10 Q. And it's, therefore, possible that  
11 they match?

12 A. If there -- again, I keep going  
13 back to as you know, this is an interesting  
14 discussion on detection levels. If it's  
15 above the state detection level, and it's --  
16 and obviously we found it in the EPRI leachate,  
17 it would be a match.

18 Q. So I just want to make it clear  
19 for the record. What you're saying, I think,  
20 is that it could have the exact same  
21 concentration. Your approach would count  
22 that as mismatch and count it against the  
23 possibility of contamination; is that right?

24 A. Again, it's a theoretical argument

1 because you won't know in the groundwater  
2 sample if it's there.

3 **Q. Is it --**

4 A. If it's -- if it is there and we  
5 could measure it, then it would be there  
6 and it would be a match, but again, you can't  
7 test it below the detection level.

8 **Q. I'm simply asking if it's possible**  
9 **it could be a match.**

10 MS. NIJMAN: Asked and answered  
11 now.

12 HEARING OFFICER HALLORAN: Yes.  
13 You know, I think Mr. Seymour has answered  
14 it or at least qualified his answer. So  
15 you can move on now.

16 BY MR. RUSS:

17 **Q. Okay. So let me just ask a slightly**  
18 **different question now. Well, let me think**  
19 **about this for a second.**

20 **Let me ask it this way. The**  
21 **leachate has less than one microgram per liter**  
22 **of antimony, correct?**

23 A. The leachate detection level, we're  
24 saying, for now is one.

1 Q. I don't --

2 A. It's less than that actually.

3 Q. The leachate has less than that is one  
4 microgram per liter, right?

5 MR. HALLORAN: You have to keep  
6 your voice up, Mr. Russ.

7 MR. RUSS: Okay.

8 HEARING OFFICER HALLORAN: Thank  
9 you.

10 BY THE WITNESS:

11 A. Again, I think so. I would have to  
12 look.

13 BY MR. RUSS:

14 Q. Yes. And in order for that to be  
15 detected in the groundwater, it would have  
16 to be at least three times higher than the  
17 leachate sample; is that right?

18 A. Again, I'm -- it's -- it's -- the  
19 leachate is like a separate test in a way.  
20 It's -- so it's hard to equate. If you're  
21 talking about laboratory analysis, if it's  
22 three times less, it would have to be three  
23 times.

24 Say that again. It would have

1 to be three times less?

2 **Q. The leachate has less than one**  
3 **microgram per liter of antimony. In order**  
4 **for the groundwater test to detect that**  
5 **amount of antimony -- I'm sorry -- in order**  
6 **for -- you'd have to have three times the**  
7 **amount of antimony you have in leachate for**  
8 **the groundwater test to defect it; is that**  
9 **right?**

10 A. Correct, but you can't assume that  
11 the leachate test is the groundwater. It's  
12 not the same. It's again indicating that  
13 it's there or not.

14 **Q. So the only --**

15 A. You really can't -- I don't think,  
16 Mr. Russ, you can use that as a comparison.

17 **Q. Why is that?**

18 A. Well, you're saying that in the  
19 leachate, which is .2 or .6, you're saying  
20 .1 -- 1, and the groundwater is 3, so you --  
21 if you're saying the an- -- the concentration  
22 of leachate in the lab sample would have to  
23 be three times larger to detect in groundwater,  
24 it's like making a non- -- it's a non-comparison

1 to me.

2 **Q. I'm sorry. I might have misspoken.**

3 **The groundwater would have**  
4 **to have three times more antimony than the**  
5 **leachate in order for it to be detected by**  
6 **the groundwater test; is that right?**

7 A. The groundwater -- I'm very sorry.  
8 It's difficult to track.

9 The groundwater concentration  
10 would have to be three times larger than --

11 **Q. Than what we saw in leachate for it**  
12 **to be detected by the groundwater test that**  
13 **Midwest Generation was using in 2014?**

14 A. Again, I think they are independent.  
15 The leachate test is to see if it's there.  
16 It's to see if it's there. Once we say it's  
17 there, then the concentration is irrelevant in  
18 the laboratory leachate. It's just that it is  
19 there.

20 **Q. I don't think you're answering the**  
21 **question.**

22 A. Yeah. Maybe I'm not understanding.  
23 I'll try harder.

24 **Q. The leachate concentration is less**

1 than one microgram per liter, correct?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. The groundwater would have to have  
4 at least three times that before it was detected  
5 by the groundwater test that Midwest Generation  
6 was using in 2014 --

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. -- is that right?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Okay. Thank you.

11 For the groundwater to have  
12 three times more antimony than the leachate,  
13 given what we've seen earlier that there's  
14 some attenuation and it's unlikely to increase  
15 from the source to a downgradient receptor  
16 well, it's impossible for that leachate to  
17 ever be detected in a downgradient groundwater  
18 well using those tests; is that right?

19 MS. NIJMAN: Object to overbreadth  
20 and ever.

21 HEARING OFFICER HALLORAN: I'm  
22 sorry, Ms. Nijman?

23 MS. NIJMAN: Object to overbreadth  
24 and the word ever.

1 HEARING OFFICER HALLORAN: Can  
2 you rephrase, please?

3 BY MR. RUSS:

4 Q. If a source of coal ash like the  
5 one you sampled or the one that was sampled  
6 for the purposes of Table 5-2 in your report  
7 has less than one microgram per liter of  
8 antimony, would a downgradient well ever  
9 have enough antimony to be detected by the  
10 groundwater test that Midwest Generation  
11 was using in 2014 from that source?

12 A. You know, it -- it boils down to  
13 fundamentals. Okay. I -- I think there's  
14 maybe a misunderstanding of the fundamentals  
15 detect -- how we used the data.

16 In my view, when we take  
17 the data from the groundwater, which state  
18 the method of detection level, right? It's  
19 low. It's less than the groundwater standard.  
20 I'm talking about the method of detection  
21 level in the laboratory. And even though the  
22 laboratory test that was used by the EPRI  
23 data to test the leachate, the detection  
24 levels aren't an important part.



1                   It's just whether it is there.  
2           And so it doesn't matter from Point A to B in  
3           the groundwater. It's just whether or not it  
4           is present. It's not -- concentration is not  
5           the point. If you don't -- and if you have  
6           groundwater less than the EPRI -- less than  
7           the method test, you're not going to -- you  
8           shouldn't -- you shouldn't detect it anywhere  
9           else. I mean, you know, downgradient if, in  
10          fact, it increases downgradient, as we talked  
11          about theoretically.

12           **Q.       Thank you. And that's exactly what**  
13           **I was trying to elicit.**

14                    **So you shouldn't see it at**  
15           **a concentration that's greater than it is in**  
16           **the leachate in a downgradient well?**

17           A.       Again, it has nothing to do with  
18           the concentration of leachate. If it migrates  
19           and it is diluted as it moves, then it would  
20           be less than the detection level that we use  
21           in groundwater. It's still higher than this  
22           theoretical concentration that you're talking  
23           about.

24           **Q.       So you wouldn't expect to see it in**

1 a downgradient well and yet when you found it  
2 in leachate and not in a downgradient well,  
3 which is what you're saying you would expect,  
4 you counted that as a mismatch; is that right?

5 A. It doesn't matter upgradient or  
6 downgradient, if it's there, it's not the  
7 concentration if it's detected if the detection  
8 level is the same in both of these wells.

9 Q. But the detection level is not the  
10 same, I think you've testified to?

11 A. The concentration in the groundwater --  
12 excuse me.

13 The detection levels in the  
14 groundwater, I thought, are the same in the  
15 laboratory. I mean, we looked at one in the  
16 lab, right? I believe it was one result --  
17 one detection level we looked at for the  
18 groundwater.

19 Q. You can look at the summary tables  
20 for the groundwater data in that report and  
21 you will see that it's consistently reported  
22 at less than 0.003 milligrams per liter?

23 A. Just three, right, three micrograms.

24 Q. And you wouldn't detect the leachate

1 **with that groundwater test is what we've**  
2 **established.**

3 A. But it -- you cannot equate what's  
4 in the leachate as being put in the groundwater.  
5 Okay? It's just what is detected in the  
6 leachate that's important, not the absolute  
7 concentration.

8 **Q. So are you suggesting then that**  
9 **the groundwater might have much more of a**  
10 **constituent than the leachate?**

11 MS. NIJMAN: Objection,  
12 mischaracterizes his testimony.

13 HEARING OFFICER HALLORAN: I'm  
14 sorry?

15 MS. NIJMAN: Objection,  
16 mischaracterizes his testimony.

17 HEARING OFFICER HALLORAN: He  
18 can answer if he is able.

19 BY THE WITNESS:

20 A. Whether -- if it -- if it's three  
21 times higher than what's -- what we detect  
22 in the lab, it's irrelevant. It's either  
23 detected in the groundwater at those detection  
24 levels or not. If it's less than that, it's

1 considered as a non-detect. So even though  
2 it could be three times, it's irrelevant.

3 BY MR. RUSS:

4 **Q. Okay. I'm going to move on for now.**

5 **This matching analysis in**  
6 **Tables 5-4 and 5-5, have you ever used this**  
7 **before.**

8 A. I do groundwater comparisons that  
9 match before and it's a common tool and we  
10 use it in these comparisons at all my sites.

11 **Q. Have you ever used this particular**  
12 **quantitative method?**

13 A. Again, this is a method that looks  
14 at the numbers and accumulates a percentage  
15 and presents a percentage. I have not used  
16 that presentation before.

17 **Q. Okay. Can you name anyone else who**  
18 **has done it this way before?**

19 MS. NIJMAN: I'm sorry. Vague.

20 HEARING OFFICER HALLORAN: Can  
21 you rephrase, please?

22 MR. RUSS: Okay. Sure. Yeah.

23 BY MR. RUSS:

24 **Q. Are you aware of anyone else using**

1 **this particular quantitative method before?**

2 MS. NIJMAN: Vague.

3 HEARING OFFICER HALLORAN: He  
4 can answer if he is able.

5 BY THE WITNESS:

6 A. I mean, it implies a very broad  
7 understanding of what all the industry does.  
8 So I think it's a little bit -- I would  
9 answer no, but I think it's -- there's a  
10 lot of ideas out there and I don't know if  
11 I could know.

12 BY MR. RUSS:

13 **Q. And are you aware of this particular**  
14 **quantitative method where you compare a source**  
15 **characteristic to groundwater data, calculate**  
16 **a percentage of matching that has ever been**  
17 **published in a journal or academic publication?**

18 A. I don't know.

19 MS. NIJMAN: I'm going to  
20 object to the form of the question  
21 as mischaracterizing. He said a  
22 percentage only.

23 HEARING OFFICER HALLORAN: Okay.

24 Mr. Russ?

1 MR. RUSS: I can reask the  
2 question.

3 BY MR. RUSS:

4 Q. Are you aware of anyone -- are you --  
5 has this particular quantitative method ever  
6 been published in any journal or academic  
7 publication?

8 A. It's a similar question that you  
9 asked before, if I knew of anybody who had  
10 done it. There's lots of publications.  
11 I've not read all the publications. So I  
12 don't know if I -- even if I say I don't  
13 know, that doesn't mean it hasn't been used.

14 Q. Are you aware of any?

15 A. As I said, I don't know. But it's  
16 a little unfair because there's lots of  
17 journals and I've not read all the journals.

18 Q. I'm just asking if you're aware  
19 of any publications --

20 HEARING OFFICER HALLORAN: I  
21 think he said no.

22 MR. RUSS: I'll move on.

23 BY MR. RUSS:

24 Q. Okay. Let's talk about your temporal

ATTACHMENT D

Excerpts of Exhibit 901, John Seymour Testimony/PowerPoint Presentation and Updates

*Sierra Club Environmental, et al. v.  
Midwest Generation, LLC.*

**Defense Expert John Seymour**

Monday, February 5, 2018



# Comparison With Groundwater Conditions

- ▶ Conducted a comparison of the occurrence of groundwater constituents detected in 2014 [and updated to 2017] compared to sets of indicators of leachate from ash stored in ponds and from EPRI research.
- ▶ The profiles of the constituents in the groundwater do not match the profiles of leachate constituent indicators in the ponds at the plant sites.
- ▶ Groundwater impacts are not the result of ash stored in the ponds at sites

# Joliet #29 – Updated Table 5-5

Quarterly Groundwater Monitoring (2016-Q3 to 2017-Q2) Compared to Indicators in Impoundments/ponds (MWG site specific analyses)

		Constituents Detected During Most Recent Year (2016-Q3 to 2017-Q2) of Quarterly Groundwater Monitoring <sup>(2)</sup>										
Constituent	Constituent is an Indicator of Leachate from Ash Currently Stored in Impoundments <sup>(1)</sup>	Joliet No. 29 Generating Station										
		MW-1	MW-2	MW-3	MW-4	MW-5	MW-6	MW-7	MW-8	MW-9	MW-10	MW-11
Arsenic				x	x		x	x		x		x
Barium	Yes (Table 5-1)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Boron	Yes (Table 5-1)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Cobalt					x					x		
Iron				x			x			x		
Manganese		x					x	x	x	x		
Mercury										x		
Nickel		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x
Selenium		x		x		x	x					x
Sulfate	Yes (Table 5-1)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Number of Observed Constituents that are not Consistent with Indicators of Leachate from Ash Currently Stored in Impoundments <sup>(3)</sup>		3	1	4	3	2	5	3	2	6	0	3
Percentage of Observed Constituents that are not Consistent with Indicators of Leachate from Ash Currently Stored in Impoundments <sup>(4)</sup>		50%	25%	57%	50%	40%	63%	50%	40%	67%	0%	50%

# Joliet #29 – Updated Table 5-4

## Quarterly Groundwater Monitoring (2016-Q3 to 2017-Q2) Compared to Indicators in Impoundments/ponds (EPRI, 2006)

		Constituents Detected during Most Recent Year (2016-Q3 to 2017-Q2) of Quarterly Groundwater Monitoring <sup>(2)</sup>											
Constituent	Constituent is an Indicator of Leachate from Ash in Impoundments <sup>(1)</sup>	Joliet No. 29 Generating Station											
		MW-1	MW-2	MW-3	MW-4	MW-5	MW-6	MW-7	MW-8	MW-9	MW-10	MW-11	
Antimony	Yes (Table 5-2)												
Arsenic	Yes (Table 5-2)			x	x		x	x		x		x	
Barium	Yes (Table 5-2)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	X	x	
Boron	Yes (Table 5-2)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	X	x	
Cadmium	Yes (Table 5-2)												
Chromium	Yes (Table 5-2)												
Cobalt	Yes (Table 5-2)				x					x			
Copper	Yes (Table 5-2)												
Iron				x			x			x			
Lead	Yes (Table 5-2)												
Manganese	Yes (Table 5-2)	x					x	x	x	x			
Mercury	Yes (Table 5-2)									x			
Nickel	Yes (Table 5-2)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	
Selenium	Yes (Table 5-2)	x		x		x	x					x	
Sulfate	Yes (Table 5-2)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	X	x	
Zinc	Yes (Table 5-2)												
<b>Number of Observed Constituents that are not Consistent with Indicators of Leachate from Ash in Impoundments <sup>(3)</sup></b>		9	11	10	9	10	9	9	10	8	12	9	
<b>Percentage of Observed Constituents that are not Consistent with Indicators of Leachate from Ash in Impoundments <sup>(4)</sup></b>		56%	69%	63%	56%	63%	56%	56%	63%	50%	75%	56%	

# Powerton – Updated Table 5-5

Quarterly Groundwater Monitoring (2016-Q3 to 2017-Q2) Compared to Indicators in Impoundments/ponds (MWG site specific analyses)

Constituent	Constituent is an Indicator of Leachate from Ash Currently Stored in Impoundments <sup>(1)</sup>	Constituents Detected during Most Recent Year (2016-Q3 to 2017-Q2) of Quarterly Groundwater Monitoring <sup>(2)</sup>															
		Powerton Generating Station															
		MW-1	MW-2	MW-3	MW-4	MW-5	MW-6	MW-7	MW-8	MW-9	MW-10	MW-11	MW-12	MW-13	MW-14	MW-15	MW-16
Arsenic			x														
Barium	Yes (Table 5-1)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Boron	Yes (Table 5-1)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Cadmium																	
Cobalt																	
Copper																	
Iron																	
Lead																	
Manganese		x															
Nickel																	
Selenium																	
Sulfate	Yes (Table 5-1)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Number of Observed Constituents that are not Consistent with Indicators of Leachate from Ash Currently Stored in Impoundments <sup>(3)</sup>		1	1	1	3	2	3	5	4	2	7	5	4	4	8	5	1
Percentage of Observed Constituents that are not Consistent with Indicators of Leachate from Ash Currently Stored in Impoundments <sup>(4)</sup>		25%	25%	25%	50%	40%	50%	63%	57%	40%	70%	63%	57%	57%	73%	63%	25%

# Powerton – Updated Table 5-4

## Quarterly Groundwater Monitoring (2016-Q3 to 2017-Q2) Compared to Indicators in Impoundments/ponds (EPRI, 2006)

		Constituents Detected During Most Recent Year (2016-Q3 to 2017-Q2) of Quarterly Groundwater Monitoring <sup>(2)</sup>															
Constituent	Constituent is an Indicator of Leachate from Ash in Impoundments <sup>(1)</sup>	Powerton Generating Station															
		MW-1	MW-2	MW-3	MW-4	MW-5	MW-6	MW-7	MW-8	MW-9	MW-10	MW-11	MW-12	MW-13	MW-14	MW-15	MW-16
Antimony	Yes (Table 5-2)																
Arsenic	Yes (Table 5-2)		x				x	x	x			x	x	x	x	x	
Barium	Yes (Table 5-2)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Boron	Yes (Table 5-2)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Cadmium	Yes (Table 5-2)														x		
Chromium	Yes (Table 5-2)																
Cobalt	Yes (Table 5-2)							x			x	x			x		
Copper	Yes (Table 5-2)				x						x						
Iron							x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	
Lead	Yes (Table 5-2)										x						
Manganese	Yes (Table 5-2)	x			x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Mercury	Yes (Table 5-2)																
Nickel	Yes (Table 5-2)					x		x	x		x	x	x		x	x	
Selenium	Yes (Table 5-2)			x	x					x	x			x	x	x	
Sulfate	Yes (Table 5-2)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Zinc	Yes (Table 5-2)																
<b>Number of Observed Constituents that are not Consistent with Indicators of Leachate from Ash in Impoundments <sup>(3)</sup></b>		11	11	11	9	10	11	9	10	10	7	9	10	10	8	9	11
<b>Percentage of Observed Constituents that are not Consistent with Indicators of Leachate from Ash in Impoundments <sup>(4)</sup></b>		69%	69%	69%	56%	63%	69%	56%	63%	63%	44%	56%	63%	63%	50%	56%	69%

# Waukegan – Updated Table 5-5

Quarterly Groundwater Monitoring (2016-Q3 to 2017-Q2) Compared to Indicators in Impoundments/ponds (MWG site specific analyses)

Constituent	Constituent is an Indicator of Leachate from Ash Currently Stored in Impoundments <sup>(1)</sup>	Constituents Detected During Most Recent Year (2016-Q3 to 2017-Q2) of Quarterly Groundwater Monitoring <sup>(2)</sup>						
		Waukegan Generating Station						
		MW-1	MW-2	MW-3	MW-4	MW-5	MW-6	MW-07
Arsenic		x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Barium	Yes (Table 5-1)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Boron	Yes (Table 5-1)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Copper								x
Iron					x	x	x	x
Lead								x
Manganese			x	x	x	x	x	x
Nickel						x		
Selenium		x	x	x	x	x	x	
Sulfate	Yes (Table 5-1)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Number of Observed Constituents that are not Consistent with Indicators of Leachate from Ash Currently Stored in Impoundments <sup>(3)</sup>		2	3	3	4	5	4	5
Percentage of Observed Constituents that are not Consistent with Indicators of Leachate from Ash Currently Stored in Impoundments <sup>(4)</sup>		40%	50%	50%	57%	63%	57%	63%

# Waukegan – Updated Table 5-4

## Quarterly Groundwater Monitoring (2016-Q3 to 2017-Q2) Compared to Indicators in Impoundments/ponds (EPRI, 2006)

		Constituents Detected during Most Recent Year (2016-Q3 to 2017-Q2) of Quarterly Groundwater Monitoring <sup>(2)</sup>						
Constituent	Constituent is an Indicator of Leachate from Ash in Impoundments <sup>(1)</sup>	Waukegan Generating Station						
		MW-1	MW-2	MW-3	MW-4	MW-5	MW-6	MW-7
Antimony	Yes (Table 5-2)							
Arsenic	Yes (Table 5-2)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Barium	Yes (Table 5-2)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Boron	Yes (Table 5-2)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Cadmium	Yes (Table 5-2)							
Chromium	Yes (Table 5-2)							
Cobalt	Yes (Table 5-2)							
Copper	Yes (Table 5-2)							x
Iron					x	x	x	x
Lead	Yes (Table 5-2)							x
Manganese	Yes (Table 5-2)		x	x	x	x	x	x
Mercury	Yes (Table 5-2)							
Nickel	Yes (Table 5-2)					x		
Selenium	Yes (Table 5-2)	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Sulfate	Yes (Table 5-2)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Zinc	Yes (Table 5-2)							
Number of Observed Constituents that are not Consistent with Indicators of Leachate from Ash in Impoundments <sup>(3)</sup>		10	9	9	10	9	10	9
Percentage of Observed Constituents that are not Consistent with Indicators of Leachate from Ash in Impoundments <sup>(4)</sup>		63%	56%	56%	63%	56%	63%	56%

# Will County – Updated Table 5-5

Quarterly Groundwater Monitoring (2016-Q3 to 2017-Q2) Compared to Indicators in Impoundments/ponds (MWG site specific analyses)

		Constituents Detected During Most Recent Year (2016-Q3 to 2017-Q2) of Quarterly Groundwater Monitoring <sup>(2)</sup>									
Constituent	Constituent is an Indicator of Leachate from Ash Currently Stored in Impoundments <sup>(1)</sup>	Will County Generating Station									
		MW-1	MW-2	MW-3	MW-4	MW-5	MW-6	MW-7	MW-8	MW-9	MW-10
Arsenic			x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x
Barium	Yes (Table 5-1)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Boron	Yes (Table 5-1)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Cobalt				x	x				x		
Iron		x	x		x		x	x	x		x
Lead			x								
Manganese		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Mercury		x			x						
Nickel		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Selenium		x			x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Sulfate	Yes (Table 5-1)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Number of Observed Constituents that are not Consistent with Indicators of Leachate from Ash Currently Stored in Impoundments <sup>(3)</sup>		5	5	4	6	4	5	5	6	4	5
Percentage of Observed Constituents that are not Consistent with Indicators of Leachate from Ash Currently Stored in Impoundments <sup>(4)</sup>		63%	63%	57%	67%	57%	63%	63%	67%	57%	63%



# Will County – Updated Table 5-4

## Quarterly Groundwater Monitoring (2016-Q3 to 2017-Q2) Compared to Indicators in Impoundments/ponds (EPRI, 2006)

		Constituents Detected During Most Recent Year (2016-Q3 to 2017-Q2) of Quarterly Groundwater Monitoring <sup>(2)</sup>									
Constituent	Constituent is an Indicator of Leachate from Ash in Impoundments <sup>(1)</sup>	Will County Generating Station									
		MW-1	MW-2	MW-3	MW-4	MW-5	MW-6	MW-7	MW-8	MW-9	MW-10
Antimony	Yes (Table 5-2)										
Arsenic	Yes (Table 5-2)		x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x
Barium	Yes (Table 5-2)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Boron	Yes (Table 5-2)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Cadmium	Yes (Table 5-2)										
Chromium	Yes (Table 5-2)										
Cobalt	Yes (Table 5-2)			x	x				x		
Copper	Yes (Table 5-2)										
Iron		x	x		x		x	x	x		x
Lead	Yes (Table 5-2)		x								
Manganese	Yes (Table 5-2)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Mercury	Yes (Table 5-2)	x			x						
Nickel	Yes (Table 5-2)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Selenium	Yes (Table 5-2)	x			x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Sulfate	Yes (Table 5-2)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Zinc	Yes (Table 5-2)										
Number of Observed Constituents that are not Consistent with Indicators of Leachate from Ash in Impoundments <sup>(3)</sup>		9	9	8	8	8	9	9	8	8	9
Percentage of Observed Constituents that are not Consistent with Indicators of Leachate from Ash in Impoundments <sup>(4)</sup>		56%	56%	50%	50%	50%	56%	56%	50%	50%	56%

ATTACHMENT E

Excerpts of Exhibit 268P, NRG Energy, Annual and Quarterly Groundwater Monitoring Results, Fourth Quarter 2014, Waukegan Generating Station, Ash Impoundments, Table 2 (Jan. 22, 2015)



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**ANNUAL and QUARTERLY GROUNDWATER MONITORING REPORT**  
**WAUKEGAN GENERATING STATION**

January 22, 2015

VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

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Re: Annual and Quarterly Groundwater Monitoring Results – Fourth Quarter 2014  
Waukegan Generating Station – Ash Impoundments  
Compliance Commitment Agreement VN W-2012-00056; ID# 6281

Dear Ms. Rhodes:

The fourth quarterly groundwater sampling for 2014 has been completed for the ash pond monitoring wells located at the Midwest Generation, LLC (Midwest Generation) Waukegan Generating Station in accordance with the Compliance Commitment Agreement (CCA) with Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) dated October 24, 2012. This quarterly monitoring report summarizes the results of the monitoring event and is also intended to serve as the Annual Report and includes historical data analysis/summaries.

Well Inspection and Sampling Procedures

The groundwater monitoring network around the ash ponds at this facility consists of seven wells (MW-01 through MW-07) as shown on Figure 1. As part of sampling procedures, the integrity of all monitoring wells was inspected and water levels were obtained using an electronic water level meter (see summary of water level discussion below). Wells MW-01 through MW-04 are completed as flush-mounts at ground surface. The concrete anchors, protector boxes and interior casings were in good condition. Wells MW-05 through MW-07 are completed with stick-up protector casings. The wells were found in good condition with locked protector casings and the concrete surface seals were intact. Well MW-05 has a slightly damaged hinge on the protective casing lid, but the hinge is still functional and the integrity of the protective casing is intact.

Groundwater samples at well locations MW-01 through MW-07 were collected using the low-flow sampling technique.

One duplicate sample (well MW-07) was collected for quality assurance purposes. In addition, a deionized water trip blank was placed with the sample bottle shipment by the laboratory and accompanied the groundwater sample bottles from and back to the laboratory. The groundwater monitoring samples and the duplicate sample were analyzed for the inorganic compounds listed in Illinois Administrative Code (IAC) 620.410(a), 620.410(d) and 620.410(e), excluding radium 226/228. The trip blank was analyzed for the volatile organic compounds (VOCs) listed in IAC 620.410(d).

#### Groundwater Flow Evaluation

Water level data from the most recent round of sampling along with historical water levels obtained from each well are summarized in Table 1. The water levels from the most recent sampling were used to generate a groundwater flow map which is provided on Figure 2. The water elevation data indicates a general southeasterly flow of groundwater. The flow conditions observed during this sampling are generally consistent with historical conditions reported for the site.

Relative to an annual evaluation of groundwater levels, a historical hydrograph is presented in Attachment 1. The hydrograph indicates that after a groundwater elevation low noted in 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2012 sampling, groundwater levels at all wells have recovered approximately 2 feet overall and that water levels have stabilized. Highest water levels were associated with the spring sampling event (May 2014) and the lowest water levels were associated with the summer sampling event (August 2014) suggesting some seasonal variations on the order of 2 to 2.5 feet.

#### Summary of Analytical Data

A copy of the analytical data package is provided in Attachment 2. The field parameter and analytical data from the most recent sampling, along with the previous eight quarters of data, are summarized in Table 2. The duplicate sample was collected from well MW-07. The data are generally consistent with previous data generated for the site. Any exceptions are discussed in greater detail below. All wells for which the sampling data reports a value above one or more groundwater standards are located within the area of the approved Environmental Land Use Control (ELUC).

At this time a statistical evaluation of background water quality for comparing against downgradient wells has not been completed. Data from the initial anticipated background well installation (MW-05) indicated impacts that are not associated with the ash ponds at the site and therefore, IEPA does not recognize the water quality data from this well as representative of background. A new potential background monitoring well (MW-06) has been installed and is included within the quarterly sampling. An initial review of the MW-06 data suggests that this well location may provide a representative background water quality with which to perform a statistical evaluation, however there are some detections of boron above the Class I standard which may be originating from off-site. In general, a minimum of eight quarters of data are required to provide a meaningful statistical analysis of background water quality. The exact nature of the statistics that will be required by IEPA is still in the process of being finalized.

Relative to an annual evaluation of the water chemistry data, time versus concentration curves are provided in Attachment 3 for each parameter analyzed. The curves include the Class I drinking water standard for reference, where appropriate. The following noteworthy observations are made for 2014:

- Arsenic detections at well MW-01 are consistently higher than at the other well locations. The arsenic concentration at this well has been overall decreasing since the 2nd quarter 2011 sampling, however a spike in concentration is noted for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2014. The nature of this spike will be evaluated as additional quarterly data is collected. Arsenic concentrations at the remaining wells have been overall stable.
- Boron concentrations at wells MW-05 and MW-07 are consistently higher than at the other locations. Well MW-05 is immediately upgradient of the ash ponds and MW-07 is slightly sidegradient and to the south. This suggests that the elevated boron concentrations at these locations are not associated with the subject ash ponds.
- Chloride concentration curves are overall stable with the exception of well MW-05 where some temporal scatter is apparent. In 2013, there was spike in chloride concentrations at this well location which have subsequently diminished to below the Class I groundwater standard in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2013 sampling and throughout 2014.
- There was some variability in iron concentrations at wells MW-05 and MW-06 over 2014 with overall increasing trends at these locations. Both of these wells are upgradient of the ash ponds being monitored. Well MW-07 consistently shows dissolved iron concentrations higher than the remaining wells, however with an overall decreasing trend.
- Wells MW-05, MW-06 and MW-07 were the only wells with detections of dissolved manganese above the groundwater standard since the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2011 sampling. Manganese concentrations at all other locations appear fairly stable and are generally below the comparison standard.
- Wells MW-05 and MW-07 are the only wells with historic detections of dissolved sulfate above the comparison groundwater standard. The remaining sulfate concentrations appear to be fairly stable over the last year.
- Wells MW-05 and MW-07 are the only wells with historic detections of Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) above the comparison groundwater standard. The concentrations at these wells and the remaining wells appear overall stable with the exception of a non-reproducible spike in TDS at well MW-05 in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2013.

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- The 4th quarter sampling for vanadium at well MW-01 appears to show a spike in concentration that is not consistent with historical data. Subsequent quarterly sampling will determine the nature of this spike in concentration at this location.

As noted previously, all wells for which the sampling data reports a value above one or more applicable groundwater standards are located within the area of the approved ELUC.

If there are any questions, please contact either James DiCola of NRG Energy at 815-207-5968 or Richard Gnat of KPRG at 262-781-0475.

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**FIGURES**



NOTE:  
BACKGROUND MAP RETRIEVED FROM MAPQUEST 2012

LOCATION:  
SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 45 N, RANGE 12 E

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APPROXIMATE SCALE

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**GROUNDWATER CONTOUR MAP 10/2014**

WAUKEGAN STATION  
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**TABLES**

Table 1. Groundwater Elevations - Midwest Generation, LLC, Waukegan Station, Waukegan, IL

Well ID	Date	Top of Casing (TOC) Elevation (ft above MSL)	Ground Elevation (ft above MSL)	Groundwater Elevation (ft above MSL)	Sampling Groundwater Elevation (ft above MSL)	Bottom of Well Elevation (ft above MSL)	Depth to Groundwater (ft below TOC)	Sampling Depth to Groundwater (ft below TOC)	Depth to Bottom of Well (ft below TOC)
MW-01	6/13/2011	603.14	603.46	583.34	583.33	570.96	19.80	19.81	32.18
	9/13/2011	603.14	603.46	581.14	581.14	570.96	22.00	22.00	32.18
	12/6/2011	603.14	603.46	581.15	581.15	570.96	21.99	21.99	32.18
	3/14/2012	603.14	603.46	581.18	581.18	570.96	21.96	21.96	32.18
	6/18/2012	603.14	603.46	580.86	580.86	570.96	22.28	22.28	32.18
	9/28/2012	603.14	603.46	579.65	579.65	570.96	23.49	23.49	32.18
	12/19/2012	603.14	603.46	579.42	579.42	570.96	23.72	23.72	32.18
	3/7/2013	603.14	603.46	580.35	580.35	570.96	22.79	22.79	32.18
	6/6/2013	603.14	603.46	582.38	582.31	571.30	20.76	20.83	31.84
	7/25/2013	603.14	603.46	581.40	581.36	571.30	21.74	21.78	31.84
	11/4/2013	603.14	603.46	581.32	581.31	571.30	21.82	21.83	31.84
	3/10/2014	603.14	603.46	581.94	581.96	571.30	21.20	21.18	31.84
	5/16/2014	603.14	603.46	583.07	583.09	571.30	20.07	20.05	31.84
	8/21/2014	603.14	603.46	581.81	581.82	571.30	21.33	21.32	31.84
11/6/2014	603.14	603.46	582.01	582.01	571.30	21.13	21.13	31.84	
MW-02	6/13/2011	603.04	603.28	583.31	583.31	573.48	19.73	19.73	29.56
	9/13/2011	603.04	603.28	581.19	581.19	573.48	21.85	21.85	29.56
	12/6/2011	603.04	603.28	581.22	581.22	573.48	21.82	21.82	29.56
	3/14/2012	603.04	603.28	581.23	581.21	573.48	21.81	21.83	29.56
	6/18/2012	603.04	603.28	580.89	580.89	573.48	22.15	22.15	29.56
	9/28/2012	603.04	603.28	579.73	579.73	573.48	23.31	23.31	29.56
	12/19/2012	603.04	603.28	579.27	579.27	573.48	23.77	23.77	29.56
	3/7/2013	603.04	603.28	580.50	580.50	573.48	22.54	22.54	29.56
	6/6/2013	603.04	603.28	582.34	582.34	573.48	20.70	20.70	29.56
	7/25/2013	603.04	603.28	581.34	581.33	573.48	21.70	21.71	29.56
	11/4/2013	603.04	603.28	581.23	581.23	573.48	21.81	21.81	29.56
	3/10/2014	603.04	603.28	581.84	581.84	573.48	21.20	21.20	29.56
	5/15/2014	603.04	603.28	582.95	582.95	573.48	20.09	20.09	29.56
	8/21/2014	603.04	603.28	581.76	581.76	573.48	21.28	21.28	29.56
11/6/2014	603.04	603.28	581.91	581.91	573.48	21.13	21.13	29.56	
MW-03	6/13/2011	602.90	603.18	583.34	583.34	573.06	19.56	19.56	29.84
	9/13/2011	602.90	603.18	581.18	581.18	573.06	21.72	21.72	29.84
	12/6/2011	602.90	603.18	581.22	581.22	573.06	21.68	21.68	29.84
	3/14/2012	602.90	603.18	581.22	581.22	573.06	21.68	21.68	29.84
	6/18/2012	602.90	603.18	580.92	580.92	573.06	21.98	21.98	29.84
	9/28/2012	602.90	603.18	579.68	579.68	573.06	23.22	23.22	29.84
	12/19/2012	602.90	603.18	579.45	579.45	573.06	23.45	23.45	29.84
	3/7/2013	602.90	603.18	580.49	580.49	573.06	22.41	22.41	29.84
	6/6/2013	602.90	603.18	582.38	582.36	573.10	20.52	20.54	29.80
	7/25/2013	602.90	603.18	581.41	581.39	573.10	21.49	21.51	29.80
	11/4/2013	602.90	603.18	581.29	581.29	573.10	21.61	21.61	29.80
	3/10/2014	602.90	603.18	581.88	581.89	573.10	21.02	21.01	29.80
	5/16/2014	602.90	603.18	583.02	583.04	573.10	19.88	19.86	29.80
	8/21/2014	602.90	603.18	581.87	581.85	573.10	21.03	21.05	29.80
11/6/2014	602.90	603.18	581.97	581.98	573.10	20.93	20.92	29.80	
MW-04	6/13/2011	603.15	603.53	583.35	583.35	573.30	19.80	19.80	29.85
	9/13/2011	603.15	603.53	581.19	581.19	573.30	21.96	21.96	29.85
	12/6/2011	603.15	603.53	581.23	581.23	573.30	21.92	21.92	29.85
	3/14/2012	603.15	603.53	581.20	581.20	573.30	21.95	21.95	29.85
	6/18/2012	603.15	603.53	580.88	580.88	573.30	22.27	22.27	29.85
	9/28/2012	603.15	603.53	579.55	579.55	573.30	23.60	23.60	29.85
	12/19/2012	603.15	603.53	579.34	579.34	573.30	23.81	23.81	29.85
	3/7/2013	603.15	603.53	580.36	580.36	573.30	22.79	22.79	29.85
	6/6/2013	603.15	603.53	582.38	582.30	573.57	20.77	20.85	29.58
	7/25/2013	603.15	603.53	581.33	581.27	573.57	21.82	21.88	29.58
	11/4/2013	603.15	603.53	581.13	581.13	573.57	22.02	22.02	29.58
	3/11/2014	603.15	603.53	581.87	581.87	573.57	21.28	21.28	29.58
	5/16/2014	603.15	603.53	583.11	583.11	573.57	20.04	20.04	29.58
	8/21/2014	603.15	603.53	581.69	581.68	573.57	21.46	21.47	29.58
11/6/2014	603.15	603.53	581.86	581.88	573.57	21.29	21.27	29.58	
MW-05	6/13/2011	604.84	601.53	584.55	584.56	572.92	20.29	20.28	31.92
	9/13/2011	604.84	601.53	582.66	582.64	572.92	22.18	22.20	31.92
	12/6/2011	604.84	601.53	582.82	582.82	572.92	22.02	22.02	31.92
	3/14/2012	604.84	601.53	582.98	582.98	572.92	21.86	21.86	31.92
	6/18/2012	604.84	601.53	582.22	582.22	572.92	22.62	22.62	31.92
	9/28/2012	604.84	601.53	581.13	581.13	572.92	23.71	23.71	31.92
	12/19/2012	604.84	601.53	580.65	580.65	572.92	24.19	24.19	31.92
	3/7/2013	604.84	601.53	582.18	582.18	572.92	22.66	22.66	31.92
	6/6/2013	604.84	601.53	583.44	583.44	572.92	21.40	21.40	31.92
	7/25/2013	604.84	601.53	582.60	582.59	572.92	22.24	22.25	31.92
	11/5/2013	604.84	601.53	582.03	582.04	572.92	22.81	22.80	31.92
	3/11/2014	604.84	601.53	582.88	582.88	572.92	21.96	21.96	31.92
	5/16/2014	604.84	601.53	583.71	583.72	572.92	21.13	21.12	31.92
	8/21/2014	604.84	601.53	582.36	582.32	572.92	22.48	22.52	31.92
11/5/2014	604.84	601.53	582.54	582.55	572.92	22.30	22.29	31.92	

Table 1. Groundwater Elevations - Midwest Generation, LLC, Waukegan Station, Waukegan, IL

Well ID	Date	Top of Casing (TOC) Elevation (ft above MSL)	Ground Elevation (ft above MSL)	Groundwater Elevation (ft above MSL)	Sampling Groundwater Elevation (ft above MSL)	Bottom of Well Elevation (ft above MSL)	Depth to Groundwater (ft below TOC)	Sampling Depth to Groundwater (ft below TOC)	Depth to Bottom of Well (ft below TOC)
MW-06	12/19/2012	589.73	586.75	580.89	580.89	572.03	8.84	8.84	17.70
	3/7/2013	589.73	586.75	582.63	582.63	572.03	7.10	7.10	17.70
	6/6/2013	589.73	586.75	583.58	583.54	572.03	6.15	6.19	17.70
	7/25/2013	589.73	586.75	582.71	582.71	572.03	7.02	7.02	17.70
	11/5/2013	589.73	586.75	582.71	582.71	572.03	7.02	7.02	17.70
	3/10/2014	589.73	586.75	583.83	583.84	572.03	5.90	5.89	17.70
	5/15/2014	589.73	586.75	584.56	584.56	572.03	5.17	5.17	17.70
	8/21/2014	589.73	586.75	582.70	582.70	572.03	7.03	7.03	17.70
	11/5/2014	589.73	586.75	582.92	582.91	572.03	6.81	6.82	17.70
MW-07	12/19/2012	598.29	595.87	579.57	579.57	570.33	18.72	18.72	27.96
	3/7/2013	598.29	595.87	580.83	580.83	570.33	17.46	17.46	27.96
	6/6/2013	598.29	595.87	582.61	582.60	570.39	15.68	15.69	27.90
	7/25/2013	598.29	595.87	581.28	581.27	570.39	17.01	17.02	27.90
	11/4/2013	598.29	595.87	580.80	580.80	570.39	17.49	17.49	27.90
	3/10/2014	598.29	595.87	582.04	582.10	570.39	16.25	16.19	27.90
	5/15/2014	598.29	595.87	584.35	584.35	570.39	13.94	13.94	27.90
	8/21/2014	598.29	595.87	581.13	581.14	570.39	17.16	17.15	27.90
	11/5/2014	598.29	595.87	581.39	581.40	570.39	16.90	16.89	27.90

Table 2. Groundwater Analytical Results - Midwest Generation LLC, Waukegan Station, Waukegan, IL

Sample: MW-01	Date	12/19/2012		3/7/2013		6/7/2013		7/25/2013		11/4/2013		3/10/2014		5/16/2014		8/21/2014		11/6/2014	
		Standards	DL	Result	DL	Result	DL	Result	DL	Result	DL	Result	DL	Result	DL	Result	DL	Result	DL
Antimony	0.006	0.0030	ND	0.0030	ND	0.0030	ND	0.0030	ND	0.0030	ND	0.0030	ND	0.0030	ND	0.0030	ND	0.0030	ND ^
Arsenic	0.010	0.0010	0.091	0.0010	0.098	0.0010	0.036	0.0010	0.055	0.0010	0.046	0.0010	0.031	0.0010	0.036	0.0010	0.019	0.0010	0.21
Barium	2.0	0.0025	0.013	0.0025	0.033	0.0025	0.052	0.0025	0.040	0.0025	0.065	0.0025	0.031	0.0025	0.025	0.0025	0.032	0.0025	0.0094
Beryllium	0.004	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND
Boron	2.0	0.050	1.9	0.50	2.2	0.50	2.2	0.50	2.3	0.25	3.1	0.25	1.9	0.050	2.0	0.25	2.0	0.50	2.2
Cadmium	0.005	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND
Chloride	200.0	2.0	48	2.0	45	2.0	34	2.0	42	2.0	28	2.0	33	2.0	31	10	79	2.0	70
Chromium	0.1	0.0050	ND	0.0050	ND	0.0050	ND	0.0050	ND	0.0050	ND	0.0050	ND	0.0050	ND	0.0050	ND	0.0050	ND
Cobalt	1.0	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND
Copper	0.65	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	0.0022	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	0.0024
Cyanide	0.2	0.010	ND	0.010	ND	0.010	ND	0.010	ND	0.010	ND	0.010	0.013	0.010	0.029	0.010	ND	0.010	ND
Fluoride	4.0	0.10	0.41 ^	0.10	0.50	0.10	0.41	0.10	0.45	0.10	0.28	0.10	0.27	0.10	0.46	0.10	0.76	0.10	0.56
Iron	5.0	0.10	ND	0.10	ND	0.10	ND	0.10	ND	0.10	ND	0.10	ND	0.10	ND	0.10	ND	0.10	ND
Lead	0.0075	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND
Manganese	0.15	0.0025	ND	0.0025	0.0047	0.0025	0.011	0.0025	0.011	0.0025	0.021	0.0025	0.0073	0.0025	ND	0.0025	0.026	0.0025	0.0054
Mercury	0.002	0.00020	ND	0.00020	ND	0.00020	ND	0.00020	ND	0.00020	ND	0.00020	ND	0.00020	ND	0.00020	ND	0.00020	ND
Nickel	0.1	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND
Nitrogen/Nitrate	10.0	0.10	ND	0.10	ND	0.10	1.0	0.10	0.10	0.10	ND	0.10	ND	0.10	ND	0.10	ND	0.10	ND
Nitrogen/Nitrate, Nitrite	NA	0.10	ND	0.10	ND	0.10	1.1	0.10	0.10	0.10	ND	0.10	ND	0.10	ND	0.10	ND	0.10	ND
Nitrogen/Nitrite	NA	0.020	0.055	0.020	ND	0.020	0.058	0.020	ND	0.020	ND	0.020	ND	0.020	ND	0.020	0.024	0.020	0.078
Perchlorate	0.0049	0.004	ND	0.004	ND	0.0040	ND	0.0040	ND	0.0040	ND	0.0040	ND	0.0040	ND	0.0040	ND	0.0040	ND
pH	6.5 - 9.0	NA	10.47	NA	9.85	NA	8.37	NA	8.81	NA	8.42	NA	8.99	NA	8.88	NA	7.92	NA	10.54
Selenium	0.05	0.0025	ND	0.0025	0.056	0.0025	0.043	0.0025	0.031	0.0025	0.013	0.0025	ND	0.0025	ND	0.0025	ND	0.0025	0.035
Silver	0.05	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND
Sulfate	400.0	50	200	50	250	100	260	100	300	50	260	50	130	50	170	50	130	50	270
Thallium	0.002	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND
Total Dissolved Solids	1,200	10	460	10	510	10	660	10	580	10	580	10	290	10	300	10	460	10	450
Vanadium	0.049	0.0050	0.026	0.0050	0.018	0.0050	0.056	0.0050	0.042	0.0050	0.0067	0.0050	ND	0.0050	ND	0.0050	ND	0.0050	0.49
Zinc	5.0	0.020	ND	0.020	ND	0.020	ND	0.020	ND	0.020	ND	0.020	ND	0.020	ND	0.020	ND	0.020	ND
Benzene	0.005	0.0005	ND	0.0005	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND
BETX	11.705	0.0025	ND	0.0025	ND	0.0025	ND	0.0025	ND	0.0025	ND	0.0025	ND	0.0025	ND	0.0025	ND	0.0025	ND
Temperature	NA	NA	14.17	NA	12.8	NA	12.94	NA	14.93	NA	13.41	NA	13.79	NA	9.41	NA	16.04	NA	11.91
Conductivity	NA	NA	0.53	NA	0.60	NA	0.655	NA	0.65	NA	0.51	NA	0.41	NA	0.36	NA	0.638	NA	0.616
Dissolved Oxygen	NA	NA	0.45	NA	0.36	NA	0.39	NA	0.28	NA	0.55	NA	1.21	NA	1.46	NA	0.43	NA	1.75
ORP	NA	NA	-205	NA	-98.2	NA	-109.4	NA	-133.6	NA	-213.3	NA	-98.4	NA	42.7	NA	22.7	NA	-37.2

Notes: Standards obtained from IAC, Title 35, Chapter I, Part 620, Subpart D, Section 620.410 - Groundwater Quality Standards for Class I: Potable Resource Groundwater. All values are in mg/L (ppm) unless otherwise noted.

DL - Detection limit  
NA - Not Applicable  
ND - Not Detected  
NM - Not Measured

NR - Not Required  
NS - Not Sampled  
^ - Denotes instrument related QC exceeds the control limits

Temperature °C degrees Celcius  
Conductivity ms/cm<sup>2</sup> millisiemens/centimeters  
Dissolved Oxygen mg/L milligrams/liter  
Oxygen Reduction Potential (ORP) mV millivolts

Table 2. Groundwater Analytical Results - Midwest Generation LLC, Waukegan Station, Waukegan, IL

Sample: MW-02		Date		12/19/2012		3/7/2013		6/7/2013		7/25/2013		11/4/2013		3/10/2014		5/15/2014		8/21/2014		11/6/2014	
Parameter	Standards	DL	Result	DL	Result	DL	Result	DL	Result	DL	Result	DL	Result	DL	Result	DL	Result	DL	Result	DL	Result
Antimony	0.006	0.0030	ND	0.0030	ND	0.0030	ND	0.0030	ND	0.0030	ND	0.0030	ND	0.0030	ND	0.0030	ND	0.0030	ND	0.0030	ND ^
Arsenic	0.010	0.0010	0.0089	0.0010	0.012	0.0010	0.0090	0.0010	0.0087	0.0010	0.0091	0.0010	0.0085	0.0010	0.0062	0.0010	0.0081	0.0010	0.0081	0.0010	0.0095
Barium	2.0	0.0025	0.016	0.0025	0.020	0.0025	0.021	0.0025	0.026	0.0025	0.028	0.0025	0.046	0.0025	0.086	0.0025	0.029	0.0025	0.029	0.0025	0.029
Beryllium	0.004	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND
Boron	2.0	0.050	1.9	0.50	2.2	0.50	1.9	0.50	2.1	0.25	2.2	0.25	2.8	0.25	2.6	0.25	3.0	0.50	3.0	0.50	3.0
Cadmium	0.005	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND
Chloride	200.0	2.0	54	2.0	50	2.0	52	2.0	47	2.0	55	2.0	51	2.0	57	2.0	47	2.0	47	2.0	48
Chromium	0.1	0.0050	ND	0.0050	ND	0.0050	ND	0.0050	ND	0.0050	ND	0.0050	ND	0.0050	ND	0.0050	ND	0.0050	ND	0.0050	ND
Cobalt	1.0	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND
Copper	0.65	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND
Cyanide	0.2	0.010	ND	0.010	ND	0.010	ND	0.010	ND	0.010	ND	0.010	ND	0.010	ND	0.010	ND	0.010	ND	0.010	ND
Fluoride	4.0	0.10	1.3 ^	0.10	1.2	0.10	1.3	0.10	0.93	0.10	0.60	0.10	0.60	0.10	0.70	0.10	0.76	0.10	0.76	0.10	0.61
Iron	5.0	0.10	ND	0.10	ND	0.10	ND	0.10	ND	0.10	ND	0.10	ND	0.10	0.16	0.10	ND	0.10	ND	0.10	ND
Lead	0.0075	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND
Manganese	0.15	0.0025	0.023	0.0025	0.039	0.0025	0.051	0.0025	0.069	0.0025	0.034	0.0025	0.085	0.0025	0.16	0.0025	0.050	0.0025	0.050	0.0025	0.041
Mercury	0.002	0.00020	ND	0.00020	ND	0.00020	ND	0.00020	ND	0.00020	ND	0.00020	ND	0.00020	ND	0.00020	ND	0.00020	ND	0.00020	ND
Nickel	0.1	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND
Nitrogen/Nitrate	10.0	0.10	ND	0.10	ND	0.10	ND	0.10	ND	0.10	ND	0.10	ND	0.10	ND	0.10	ND	0.10	ND	0.10	ND
Nitrogen/Nitrate, Nitrite	NA	0.10	ND	0.10	ND	0.10	ND	0.10	ND	0.10	ND	0.10	ND	0.10	ND	0.10	ND	0.10	ND	0.10	ND
Nitrogen/Nitrite	NA	0.020	ND	0.020	ND	0.020	ND	0.020	ND	0.020	ND	0.020	ND	0.020	ND	0.020	ND	0.020	ND	0.020	ND
Perchlorate	0.0049	0.004	ND	0.004	ND	0.0040	ND	0.0040	ND	0.0040	ND	0.0040	ND	0.0040	ND	0.0040	ND	0.0040	ND	0.0040	ND
pH	6.5 - 9.0	NA	7.94	NA	8.95	NA	7.63	NA	7.61	NA	7.97	NA	8.38	NA	7.65	NA	8.13	NA	8.13	NA	8.61
Selenium	0.05	0.0025	ND	0.0025	0.0084	0.0025	ND	0.0025	0.015	0.0025	ND	0.0025	ND	0.0025	ND	0.0025	0.0060	0.0025	0.0060	0.0025	0.0045
Silver	0.05	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND
Sulfate	400.0	50	210	50	230	50	220	50	260	100	290	50	370	100	280	50	210	50	210	50	350
Thallium	0.002	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND
Total Dissolved Solids	1,200	10	500	10	520	10	550	10	530	10	770	10	670	10	710	10	550	10	550	10	510
Vanadium	0.049	0.0050	ND	0.0050	ND	0.0050	ND	0.0050	ND	0.0050	ND	0.0050	ND	0.0050	ND	0.0050	ND	0.0050	ND	0.0050	ND
Zinc	5.0	0.020	ND	0.020	ND	0.020	ND	0.020	ND	0.020	ND	0.020	ND	0.020	ND	0.020	ND	0.020	ND	0.020	ND
Benzene	0.005	0.0005	ND	0.0005	ND	0.0005	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND
BETX	11.705	0.0025	ND	0.0025	ND	0.0025	ND	0.0025	ND	0.0025	ND	0.0025	ND	0.0025	ND	0.0025	ND	0.0025	ND	0.0025	0.00077
Temperature	NA	NA	13.01	NA	12.2	NA	12.99	NA	14.79	NA	13.16	NA	12.72	NA	11.00	NA	15.15	NA	15.15	NA	11.87
Conductivity	NA	NA	0.54	NA	0.62	NA	0.55	NA	0.59	NA	0.62	NA	0.72	NA	0.79	NA	0.684	NA	0.684	NA	0.647
Dissolved Oxygen	NA	NA	0.33	NA	0.18	NA	0.32	NA	0.42	NA	0.60	NA	0.81	NA	0.79	NA	0.32	NA	0.32	NA	0.47
ORP	NA	NA	-43	NA	-66.4	NA	-124.3	NA	-90.4	NA	-129.8	NA	-121.9	NA	-18.2	NA	-58.2	NA	-58.2	NA	-145.3

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Table 2. Groundwater Analytical Results - Midwest Generation LLC, Waukegan Station, Waukegan, IL

Sample: MW-03		Date		12/19/2012		3/7/2013		6/7/2013		7/25/2013		11/4/2013		3/10/2014		5/15/2014		8/21/2014		11/6/2014	
Parameter	Standards	DL	Result	DL	Result	DL	Result	DL	Result	DL	Result	DL	Result	DL	Result	DL	Result	DL	Result	DL	Result
Antimony	0.006	0.0030	ND	0.0030	ND	0.0030	ND	0.0030	ND	0.0030	ND	0.0030	ND	0.0030	ND	0.0030	ND	0.0030	ND	0.0030	ND ^
Arsenic	0.010	0.0010	0.0031	0.0010	0.0018	0.0010	0.0014	0.0010	0.0025	0.0010	0.0050	0.0010	0.0013	0.0010	0.0020	0.0010	0.0041	0.0010	0.0029		
Barium	2.0	0.0025	0.011	0.0025	0.015	0.0025	0.039	0.0025	0.017	0.0025	0.015	0.0025	0.012	0.0025	0.0061	0.0025	0.012	0.0025	0.013		
Beryllium	0.004	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND
Boron	2.0	0.050	1.9	0.50	2.0	0.50	2.5	0.50	1.8	0.25	1.9	0.25	1.1	0.050	1.2	0.25	2.3	0.50	2.3		
Cadmium	0.005	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND
Chloride	200.0	2.0	49	2.0	45	2.0	39	2.0	43	2.0	25	2.0	37	2.0	37	10	89	2.0	64		
Chromium	0.1	0.0050	ND	0.0050	ND	0.0050	ND	0.0050	ND	0.0050	ND	0.0050	ND	0.0050	ND	0.0050	ND	0.0050	ND	0.0050	ND
Cobalt	1.0	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND
Copper	0.65	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND
Cyanide	0.2	0.010	ND	0.010	ND	0.010	ND	0.010	ND	0.010	ND	0.010	ND	0.010	ND	0.010	ND	0.010	ND	0.010	ND
Fluoride	4.0	0.10	1.1 ^	0.10	0.99	0.10	0.48	0.10	0.83	0.10	0.63	0.10	0.74	0.10	0.57	0.10	0.55	0.10	0.65		
Iron	5.0	0.10	ND	0.10	ND	0.10	ND	0.10	ND	0.10	ND	0.10	ND	0.10	ND	0.10	ND	0.10	ND	0.10	ND
Lead	0.0075	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	0.0015
Manganese	0.15	0.0025	0.0034	0.0025	0.015	0.0025	0.0062	0.0025	0.0031	0.0025	0.0082	0.0025	0.0069	0.0025	0.0028	0.0025	0.0083	0.0025	0.0035		
Mercury	0.002	0.00020	ND	0.00020	ND	0.00020	ND	0.00020	ND	0.00020	ND	0.00020	ND	0.00020	ND	0.00020	ND	0.00020	ND	0.00020	ND
Nickel	0.1	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND
Nitrogen/Nitrate	10.0	0.10	ND	0.10	ND	0.10	13	0.10	ND	0.10	ND	0.10	0.11	0.10	ND	0.10	ND	0.10	ND	0.10	ND
Nitrogen/Nitrate, Nitrite	NA	0.10	ND	0.10	ND	0.50	13	0.10	ND	0.10	ND	0.10	0.11	0.10	0.15	0.10	ND	0.10	ND	0.10	ND
Nitrogen/Nitrite	NA	0.020	ND	0.020	ND	0.020	ND	0.020	ND	0.020	ND	0.020	ND	0.020	0.072	0.020	ND	0.020	ND	0.020	ND
Perchlorate	0.0049	0.004	ND	0.004	ND	0.0040	ND	0.0040	ND	0.0040	ND	0.0040	ND	0.0040	ND	0.0040	ND	0.0040	ND	0.0040	ND
pH	6.5 - 9.0	NA	8.22	NA	8.55	NA	7.13	NA	7.46	NA	7.26	NA	7.38	NA	8.47	NA	7.82	NA	6.95		
Selenium	0.05	0.0025	ND	0.0025	0.011	0.0025	0.067	0.0025	0.0085	0.0025	0.0045	0.0025	0.0028	0.0025	ND	0.0025	ND	0.0025	ND	0.0025	ND
Silver	0.05	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND
Sulfate	400.0	50	240	50	240	100	290	100	240	50	140	50	170	25	100	50	110	50	240		
Thallium	0.002	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND
Total Dissolved Solids	1,200	10	520	10	470	10	860	10	530	10	380	10	340	10	210	10	470	10	400		
Vanadium	0.049	0.0050	ND	0.0050	ND	0.0050	0.0055	0.0050	ND	0.0050	ND	0.0050	ND	0.0050	ND	0.0050	ND	0.0050	ND	0.0050	ND
Zinc	5.0	0.020	ND	0.020	ND	0.020	ND	0.020	ND	0.020	ND	0.020	ND	0.020	ND	0.020	ND	0.020	ND	0.020	ND
Benzene	0.005	0.0005	ND	0.0005	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND
BETX	11.705	0.0025	ND	0.0025	ND	0.0025	ND	0.0025	ND	0.0025	ND	0.0025	ND	0.0025	ND	0.0025	ND	0.0025	ND	0.0025	ND
Temperature	NA	NA	13.02	NA	12.6	NA	12.87	NA	13.95	NA	15.35	NA	11.89	NA	8.47	NA	18.83	NA	13.28		
Conductivity	NA	NA	0.55	NA	0.61	NA	0.86	NA	0.580	NA	0.40	NA	0.37	NA	0.27	NA	0.600	NA	0.513		
Dissolved Oxygen	NA	NA	0.27	NA	0.4	NA	0.59	NA	0.31	NA	0.54	NA	0.78	NA	0.40	NA	1.05	NA	1.43		
ORP	NA	NA	17	NA	40.8	NA	-84.1	NA	0.80	NA	-128.2	NA	-78.5	NA	90.5	NA	4.2	NA	13.2		

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Conductivity ms/cm<sup>2</sup> millisiemens/centimeters  
Dissolved Oxygen mg/L milligrams/liter  
Oxygen Reduction Potential (ORP) mV millivolts

Table 2. Groundwater Analytical Results - Midwest Generation LLC, Waukegan Station, Waukegan, IL

Sample: MW-04		Date		12/19/2012		3/7/2013		6/6/2013		7/25/2013		11/4/2013		3/11/2014		5/16/2014		8/21/2014		11/6/2014	
Parameter	Standards	DL	Result	DL	Result	DL	Result	DL	Result	DL	Result	DL	Result	DL	Result	DL	Result	DL	Result	DL	Result
Antimony	0.006	0.0030	ND	0.0030	ND	0.0030	ND	0.0030	ND	0.0030	ND	0.0030	ND	0.0030	ND	0.0030	ND	0.0030	ND	0.0030	ND
Arsenic	0.010	0.0010	0.0080	0.0010	0.0081	0.0010	0.0032	0.0010	0.0044	0.0010	0.0055	0.0010	0.0062	0.0010	0.0061	0.0010	0.0064	0.0010	0.0080	0.0010	0.0080
Barium	2.0	0.0025	0.031	0.0025	0.031	0.0025	0.049	0.0025	0.049	0.0025	0.047	0.0025	0.071	0.0025	0.053	0.0025	0.029	0.0025	0.024	0.0025	0.024
Beryllium	0.004	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND
Boron	2.0	0.50	2.5	0.50	2.4	0.50	2.3	0.50	2.5	0.25	2.8	0.25	3.0	0.25	2.7	0.25	1.5	0.50	1.6	0.50	1.6
Cadmium	0.005	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND
Chloride	200.0	2.0	55	2.0	50	2.0	51	2.0	42	2.0	46	2.0	41	2.0	34	2.0	33	2.0	36	2.0	36
Chromium	0.1	0.0050	ND	0.0050	ND	0.0050	ND	0.0050	ND	0.0050	ND	0.0050	ND	0.0050	ND	0.0050	ND	0.0050	ND	0.0050	ND
Cobalt	1.0	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND
Copper	0.65	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND
Cyanide	0.2	0.010	ND	0.010	ND	0.010	ND	0.010	ND	0.010	ND	0.010	ND	0.010	ND	0.010	ND	0.010	ND	0.010	ND
Fluoride	4.0	0.10	0.72 ^	0.10	0.73	0.10	0.67	0.10	0.60	0.10	0.48	0.10	0.28	0.10	0.27	0.10	0.26	0.10	0.23	0.10	0.23
Iron	5.0	0.10	ND	0.10	ND	0.10	ND	0.10	ND	0.10	ND	0.10	ND	0.10	ND	0.10	ND	0.10	ND	0.10	ND
Lead	0.0075	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND
Manganese	0.15	0.0025	0.031	0.0025	0.034	0.0025	0.016	0.0025	0.024	0.0025	0.036	0.0025	0.074	0.0025	0.052	0.0025	0.046	0.0025	0.035	0.0025	0.035
Mercury	0.002	0.00020	ND	0.00020	ND	0.00020	ND	0.00020	ND	0.00020	ND	0.00020	ND	0.00020	ND	0.00020	ND	0.00020	ND	0.00020	ND
Nickel	0.1	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND
Nitrogen/Nitrate	10.0	0.10	0.31	0.10	ND	0.10	0.21	0.10	0.12	0.10	ND	0.10	ND	0.10	ND	0.10	ND	0.10	ND	0.10	ND
Nitrogen/Nitrate, Nitrite	NA	0.10	0.31	0.10	ND	0.10	0.21	0.10	0.12	0.10	ND	0.10	ND	0.10	ND	0.10	ND	0.10	ND	0.10	ND
Nitrogen/Nitrite	NA	0.020	ND	0.020	ND	0.020	ND	0.020	ND	0.020	ND	0.020	ND	0.020	ND	0.020	ND	0.020	ND	0.020	ND
Perchlorate	0.0049	0.004	ND	0.004	ND	0.0040	ND	0.0040	ND	0.0040	ND	0.0040	ND	0.0040	ND	0.0040	ND	0.0040	ND	0.0040	ND
pH	6.5 - 9.0	NA	8.41	NA	8.93	NA	7.25	NA	7.18	NA	7.35	NA	7.99	NA	7.76	NA	7.74	NA	7.53	NA	7.53
Selenium	0.05	0.0025	ND	0.0025	0.0043	0.0025	0.028	0.0025	0.050	0.0025	0.011	0.0025	0.0034	0.0025	ND	0.0025	ND	0.0025	ND	0.0025	ND
Silver	0.05	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND
Sulfate	400.0	50	220	50	230	50	260	100	300	50	270	100	360	50	140	25	130	50	200	50	200
Thallium	0.002	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND
Total Dissolved Solids	1,200	10	510	10	460	10	660	10	610	10	630	10	680	10	470	10	370	10	280	10	280
Vanadium	0.049	0.0050	ND	0.0050	ND	0.0050	ND	0.0050	ND	0.0050	ND	0.0050	ND	0.0050	ND	0.0050	ND	0.0050	ND	0.0050	ND
Zinc	5.0	0.020	ND	0.020	ND	0.020	ND	0.020	ND	0.020	ND	0.020	ND	0.020	ND	0.020	ND	0.020	ND	0.020	ND
Benzene	0.005	0.0005	ND	0.0005	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND
BETX	11.705	0.0025	ND	0.0025	ND	0.0025	ND	0.0025	ND	0.0025	ND	0.0025	ND	0.0025	ND	0.0025	ND	0.0025	ND	0.0025	ND
Temperature	NA	NA	13.11	NA	11.9	NA	12.91	NA	14.1	NA	13.17	NA	10.93	NA	10.27	NA	16.85	NA	10.41	NA	10.41
Conductivity	NA	NA	0.57	NA	0.56	NA	0.666	NA	0.70	NA	0.59	NA	0.65	NA	0.59	NA	0.43	NA	0.374	NA	0.374
Dissolved Oxygen	NA	NA	0.07	NA	0.14	NA	0.37	NA	0.35	NA	0.37	NA	1.28	NA	0.52	NA	0.43	NA	4.55	NA	4.55
ORP	NA	NA	-151	NA	-54.3	NA	-55.9	NA	13.7	NA	-166.2	NA	-99.2	NA	13.8	NA	-48.2	NA	-56.8	NA	-56.8

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Table 2. Groundwater Analytical Results - Midwest Generation LLC, Waukegan Station, Waukegan, IL

Sample: MW-05		Date		12/19/2012		3/7/2013		6/6/2013		7/25/2013		11/5/2013		3/11/2014		5/16/2014		8/21/2014		11/5/2014	
Parameter	Standards	DL	Result	DL	Result	DL	Result	DL	Result	DL	Result	DL	Result	DL	Result	DL	Result	DL	Result	DL	Result
Antimony	0.006	0.0030	ND	0.0030	ND	0.0030	ND	0.0030	ND	0.0030	ND	0.0030	ND	0.0030	ND	0.0030	ND	0.0030	ND	0.0030	ND ^
Arsenic	0.010	0.0010	0.011	0.0010	0.012	0.0010	ND	0.0010	0.0013	0.0010	0.0086	0.0010	0.0097	0.0010	0.0090	0.0010	0.0019	0.0010	0.0019	0.0010	0.0097
Barium	2.0	0.0025	0.070	0.0025	0.060	0.0025	0.045	0.0025	0.037	0.0025	0.054	0.0025	0.051	0.0025	0.036	0.0025	0.031	0.0025	0.031	0.0025	0.046
Beryllium	0.004	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND
Boron	2.0	5.0	27	5.0	33	5.0	12	5.0	29	1.0	32	2.5	31	5.0	36	5.0	35	5.0	35	5.0	36
Cadmium	0.005	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND
Chloride	200.0	10	220	2.0	68	50	600	10	210	2.0	49	2.0	45	2.0	47	2.0	47	2.0	47	2.0	42
Chromium	0.1	0.0050	ND	0.0050	ND	0.0050	ND	0.0050	ND	0.0050	ND	0.0050	ND	0.0050	ND	0.0050	ND	0.0050	ND	0.0050	ND
Cobalt	1.0	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND
Copper	0.65	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND
Cyanide	0.2	0.010	ND	0.010	ND	0.010	ND	0.010	ND	0.010	ND	0.010	ND	0.010	ND	0.010	ND	0.010	ND	0.010	ND
Fluoride	4.0	0.10	0.36 ^	0.10	0.36	0.10	0.21	0.10	0.32	0.10	0.32	0.10	0.29	0.10	0.31	0.10	0.31	0.10	0.31	0.10	0.29
Iron	5.0	0.10	3.9	0.10	4.0	0.10	0.41	0.10	1.1	0.10	4.6	0.10	5.5	0.10	5.5	0.10	4.0	0.10	4.0	0.10	8.6
Lead	0.0075	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND
Manganese	0.15	0.0025	0.48	0.0025	0.51	0.0025	0.17	0.0025	0.44	0.0025	0.54	0.0025	0.62	0.0025	0.49	0.0025	0.65	0.0025	0.65	0.0025	0.62
Mercury	0.002	0.00020	ND	0.00020	ND	0.00020	ND	0.00020	ND	0.00020	ND	0.00020	ND	0.00020	ND	0.00020	ND	0.00020	ND	0.00020	ND
Nickel	0.1	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	0.0026	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	0.0020
Nitrogen/Nitrate	10.0	0.10	ND	0.10	ND	0.10	0.45	0.10	ND	0.10	ND	0.10	ND	0.10	ND	0.10	ND	0.10	ND	0.10	ND
Nitrogen/Nitrate, Nitrite	NA	0.10	ND	0.10	ND	0.10	0.45	0.10	ND	0.10	ND	0.10	ND	0.10	ND	0.10	ND	0.10	ND	0.10	ND
Nitrogen/Nitrite	NA	0.020	ND	0.020	ND	0.020	ND	0.020	0.033	0.020	ND	0.020	ND	0.020	ND	0.020	0.047	0.020	0.047	0.020	ND
Perchlorate	0.0049	0.004	ND	0.004	ND	0.0040	ND	0.0040	ND	0.0040	ND	0.0040	ND	0.0040	ND	0.0040	ND	0.0040	ND	0.0040	ND
pH	6.5 - 9.0	NA	7.36	NA	7.33	NA	6.61	NA	6.74	NA	7.20	NA	7.64	NA	7.07	NA	7.06	NA	7.06	NA	7.30
Selenium	0.05	0.0025	ND	0.0025	ND	0.0025	0.0037	0.0025	ND	0.0025	ND	0.0025	ND	0.0025	ND	0.0025	ND	0.0025	ND	0.0025	ND
Silver	0.05	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND
Sulfate	400.0	250	550	250	650	250	1200	250	890	250	870	250	640	100	630	130	640	200	640	200	840
Thallium	0.002	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND
Total Dissolved Solids	1,200	10	1800	10	1600	17	3500	10	2000	10	1600	10	1400	10	1500	10	1600	10	1600	10	1500
Vanadium	0.049	0.0050	ND	0.0050	ND	0.0050	ND	0.0050	ND	0.0050	ND	0.0050	ND	0.0050	ND	0.0050	ND	0.0050	ND	0.0050	ND
Zinc	5.0	0.020	ND	0.020	ND	0.020	ND	0.020	ND	0.020	ND	0.020	ND	0.020	ND	0.020	ND	0.020	ND	0.020	ND
Benzene	0.005	0.0005	ND	0.0005	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND
BETX	11.705	0.0025	ND	0.0025	ND	0.0025	ND	0.0025	ND	0.0025	ND	0.0025	ND	0.0025	ND	0.0025	ND	0.0025	ND	0.0025	ND
Temperature	NA	NA	12.46	NA	12.5	NA	13.12	NA	15.7	NA	13.34	NA	10.19	NA	10.13	NA	19.08	NA	19.08	NA	11.27
Conductivity	NA	NA	1.74	NA	1.48	NA	3.118	NA	2.18	NA	1.24	NA	0.86	NA	1.33	NA	1.509	NA	1.509	NA	1.316
Dissolved Oxygen	NA	NA	0.10	NA	0.22	NA	0.63	NA	0.50	NA	0.47	NA	1.45	NA	0.59	NA	4.09	NA	4.09	NA	1.61
ORP	NA	NA	-101	NA	-129.7	NA	18.4	NA	22.3	NA	-107.0	NA	-94.3	NA	-28.2	NA	-80	NA	-80	NA	-53

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Sample: MW-06		Date		12/19/2012		3/7/2013		6/6/2013		7/25/2013		11/5/2013		3/10/2014		5/15/2014		8/21/2014		11/5/2014	
Parameter	Standards	DL	Result	DL	Result	DL	Result	DL	Result	DL	Result	DL	Result	DL	Result	DL	Result	DL	Result	DL	Result
Antimony	0.006	0.0030	ND	0.0030	ND	0.0030	ND	0.0030	ND	0.0030	ND	0.0030	ND	0.0030	ND	0.0030	ND	0.0030	ND	0.0030	ND ^
Arsenic	0.010	0.0010	0.0029	0.0010	0.0019	0.0010	0.0065	0.0010	0.0096	0.0010	0.0034	0.0010	0.0017	0.0010	0.0043	0.0010	0.0083	0.0010	0.0045		
Barium	2.0	0.0025	0.11	0.0025	0.088	0.0025	0.077	0.0025	0.092	0.0025	0.13	0.0025	0.012	0.0025	0.061	0.0025	0.089	0.0025	0.10		
Beryllium	0.004	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND		
Boron	2.0	0.25	1.1	0.50	2.8	0.50	6.7	2.5	4.3	0.25	2.4	0.25	2.0	0.25	2.2	0.25	2.9	0.50	3.7		
Cadmium	0.005	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND		
Chloride	200.0	10	110	2.0	61	2.0	48	2.0	69	10	85	2.0	8.0	10	84	10	98	10	97		
Chromium	0.1	0.0050	ND	0.0050	ND	0.0050	ND	0.0050	ND	0.0050	ND	0.0050	ND	0.0050	ND	0.0050	ND	0.0050	ND		
Cobalt	1.0	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND	0.0010	0.0015	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND		
Copper	0.65	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	0.0025	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND		
Cyanide	0.2	0.010	ND	0.010	ND	0.010	ND	0.010	ND	0.010	ND	0.010	ND	0.010	ND	0.010	ND	0.010	ND		
Fluoride	4.0	0.10	0.43 ^	0.10	0.27	0.10	0.30	0.10	0.34	0.10	0.30	0.10	0.17	0.10	0.22	0.10	0.35	0.10	0.29		
Iron	5.0	0.10	2.6	0.10	2.0	0.10	6.2	0.10	16	0.10	4.1	0.10	0.19	0.10	3.0	0.10	9.2	0.10	6.7		
Lead	0.0075	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND		
Manganese	0.15	0.0025	0.21	0.0025	0.36	0.0025	0.75	0.0025	0.72	0.0025	0.44	0.0025	0.0073	0.0025	0.17	0.0025	0.38	0.0025	0.44		
Mercury	0.002	0.00020	ND	0.00020	ND	0.00020	ND	0.00020	ND	0.00020	ND	0.00020	ND	0.00020	ND	0.00020	ND	0.00020	ND		
Nickel	0.1	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	0.0039	0.0020	0.0029	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND		
Nitrogen/Nitrate	10.0	0.10	ND	0.10	ND	0.10	1.1	0.10	ND	0.10	ND	0.10	0.54	0.10	ND	0.10	ND	0.10	ND		
Nitrogen/Nitrate, Nitrite	NA	0.10	ND	0.10	ND	0.10	1.1	0.10	ND	0.10	ND	0.10	0.54	0.10	ND	0.10	ND	0.10	ND		
Nitrogen/Nitrite	NA	0.020	ND	0.020	ND	0.020	ND	0.020	ND	0.020	ND	0.020	ND	0.020	ND	0.020	ND	0.020	ND		
Perchlorate	0.0049	0.004	ND	0.004	ND	0.0040	ND	0.0040	ND	0.0040	ND	0.0040	ND	0.0040	ND	0.0040	ND	0.0040	ND		
pH	6.5 - 9.0	NA	7.52	NA	7.42	NA	6.83	NA	6.88	NA	7.24	NA	7.94	NA	7.18	NA	7.11	NA	7.33		
Selenium	0.05	0.0025	ND	0.0025	ND	0.0025	ND	0.0025	ND	0.0025	ND	0.0025	0.014	0.0025	ND	0.0025	0.0033	0.0025	0.0034		
Silver	0.05	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND		
Sulfate	400.0	50	160	100	380	100	390	100	360	100	350	25	93	50	170	50	120	50	240		
Thallium	0.002	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND		
Total Dissolved Solids	1,200	10	940	10	1100	10	1100	10	1100	10	1200	10	190	10	870	10	950	10	890		
Vanadium	0.049	0.0050	ND	0.0050	ND	0.0050	ND	0.0050	ND	0.0050	ND	0.0050	0.0050	0.0050	ND	0.0050	ND	0.0050	ND		
Zinc	5.0	0.020	ND	0.020	ND	0.020	ND	0.020	ND	0.020	ND	0.020	ND	0.020	ND	0.020	ND	0.020	ND		
Benzene	0.005	0.0005	ND	0.0005	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND		
BETX	11.705	0.0025	ND	0.0025	ND	0.0025	ND	0.0025	ND	0.0025	ND	0.0025	ND	0.0025	ND	0.0025	ND	0.0025	ND		
Temperature	NA	NA	11.32	NA	7.1	NA	9.68	NA	12.92	NA	13.14	NA	5.14	NA	8.91	NA	17.83	NA	12.69		
Conductivity	NA	NA	1.05	NA	1.01	NA	0.911	NA	1.18	NA	1.10	NA	0.21	NA	0.9	NA	1.179	NA	1.092		
Dissolved Oxygen	NA	NA	0.07	NA	0.33	NA	0.40	NA	0.28	NA	0.22	NA	7.07	NA	0.51	NA	0.97	NA	1.37		
ORP	NA	NA	-128	NA	-99.4	NA	-72.7	NA	-109.7	NA	-126.3	NA	-9.90	NA	-36.7	NA	-116.9	NA	-94.1		

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Sample: MW-07		Date		12/19/2012		3/7/2013		6/6/2013		7/25/2013		11/4/2013		3/10/2014		5/15/2014		8/21/2014		11/5/2014	
Parameter	Standards	DL	Result	DL	Result	DL	Result	DL	Result	DL	Result	DL	Result	DL	Result	DL	Result	DL	Result	DL	Result
Antimony	0.006	0.0030	ND	0.0030	ND	0.0030	ND	0.0030	ND	0.0030	ND	0.0030	ND	0.0030	ND	0.0030	ND	0.0030	ND	0.0030	ND ^
Arsenic	0.010	0.0010	0.0099	0.0010	0.012	0.0010	0.010	0.0010	0.011	0.0010	0.012	0.0010	0.0096	0.0010	0.0098	0.0010	0.011	0.0010	0.0095		
Barium	2.0	0.0025	0.080	0.0025	0.082	0.0025	0.082	0.0025	0.083	0.0025	0.082	0.0025	0.073	0.0025	0.089	0.0025	0.072	0.0025	0.062		
Beryllium	0.004	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND		
Boron	2.0	5.0	43	5.0	49	5.0	42	5.0	44	1.0	45	2.5	39	5.0	27	5.0	40	5.0	41		
Cadmium	0.005	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND		
Chloride	200.0	2.0	60	2.0	54	2.0	44	2.0	33	2.0	53	2.0	34	2.0	35	2.0	36	2.0	48		
Chromium	0.1	0.0050	ND	0.0050	ND	0.0050	ND	0.0050	ND	0.0050	ND	0.0050	ND	0.0050	ND	0.0050	ND	0.0050	ND		
Cobalt	1.0	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND	0.0010	ND		
Copper	0.65	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND		
Cyanide	0.2	0.010	ND	0.010	ND	0.010	ND	0.010	ND	0.010	ND	0.010	ND	0.010	ND	0.010	ND	0.010	ND		
Fluoride	4.0	0.10	0.48	0.10	0.50	0.10	0.46	0.10	0.46	0.10	0.44	0.10	0.39	0.10	0.30	0.10	0.47	0.10	0.45		
Iron	5.0	0.10	12	0.10	12	0.10	13	0.10	13	0.10	13	0.10	11	0.10	12	0.10	11	0.10	9.4		
Lead	0.0075	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND		
Manganese	0.15	0.0025	0.46	0.0025	0.49	0.0025	0.48	0.0025	0.46	0.0025	0.46	0.0025	0.46	0.0025	0.60	0.0025	0.40	0.0025	0.34		
Mercury	0.002	0.00020	ND	0.00020	ND	0.00020	ND	0.00020	ND	0.00020	ND	0.00020	ND	0.00020	ND	0.00020	ND	0.00020	ND		
Nickel	0.1	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND	0.0020	ND		
Nitrogen/Nitrate	10.0	0.10	ND	0.10	ND	0.10	0.11	0.10	ND	0.10	ND	0.10	ND	0.10	0.11	0.10	ND	0.10	ND		
Nitrogen/Nitrate, Nitrite	NA	0.10	ND	0.10	ND	0.10	0.11	0.10	ND	0.10	ND	0.10	ND	0.10	0.11	0.10	ND	0.10	ND		
Nitrogen/Nitrite	NA	0.020	ND	0.020	ND	0.020	ND	0.020	ND	0.020	ND	0.020	ND	0.020	ND	0.020	ND	0.020	ND		
Perchlorate	0.0049	0.004	ND	0.004	ND	0.0040	ND	0.0040	ND	0.0040	ND	0.0040	ND	0.0040	ND	0.0040	ND	0.0040	ND		
pH	6.5 - 9.0	NA	7.27	NA	8.24	NA	7.09	NA	7.10	NA	7.18	NA	7.67	NA	6.89	NA	7.25	NA	7.46		
Selenium	0.05	0.0025	ND	0.0025	ND	0.0025	ND	0.0025	ND	0.0025	0.0025	0.0025	ND	0.0025	ND	0.0025	ND	0.0025	ND		
Silver	0.05	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND	0.00050	ND		
Sulfate	400.0	250	630	250	710	250	650	250	860	250	770	250	540	100	330	130	690	200	880		
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BETX	11.705	0.0025	ND	0.0025	ND	0.0025	ND	0.0025	ND	0.0025	ND	0.0025	ND	0.0025	ND	0.0025	ND	0.0025	ND		
Temperature	NA	NA	12.99	NA	1.5	NA	12.46	NA	13.99	NA	12.92	NA	12.33	NA	9.89	NA	18.25	NA	13.37		
Conductivity	NA	NA	1.54	NA	1.17	NA	1.385	NA	1.52	NA	1.01	NA	0.98	NA	1.26	NA	1.607	NA	1.394		
Dissolved Oxygen	NA	NA	0.05	NA	0.33	NA	0.80	NA	0.28	NA	0.54	NA	1.19	NA	0.62	NA	1.18	NA	2.35		
ORP	NA	NA	-129	NA	-111.6	NA	-151.7	NA	-125.8	NA	-127.7	NA	-116.8	NA	-16.9	NA	-143.6	NA	-112.5		

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Dissolved Oxygen mg/L milligrams/liter  
Oxygen Reduction Potential (ORP) mV millivolts

**ATTACHMENT B**

**BEFORE THE ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD**

**SIERRA CLUB, ENVIRONMENTAL  
LAW AND POLICY CENTER,  
PRAIRIE RIVERS NETWORK, and  
CITIZENS AGAINST RUINING THE  
ENVIRONMENT**

**Complainants,**

**v.**

**MIDWEST GENERATION, LLC,**

**Respondent.**

**PCB 13-15  
(Enforcement -  
Water)**

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that I have filed today with the Illinois Pollution Control Board the attached **COMPLAINANTS’ MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE *INSTANTER A REPLY TO RESPONDENT’S RESPONSE TO COMPLAINANTS’ MOTION TO STRIKE***, copies of which are served on you along with this notice.

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that the foregoing **COMPLAINANTS' MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE *INSTANTER* A REPLY TO RESPONDENT'S RESPONSE TO COMPLAINANTS' MOTION TO STRIKE**, was served electronically to all parties of record listed below on April 3, 2018.

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**COMPLAINANTS’ MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE *INSTANTER* A REPLY TO RESPONDENT’S RESPONSE TO COMPLAINANTS’ MOTION TO STRIKE**

Complainants Sierra Club, Environmental Law and Policy Center, Prairie Rivers Network, and Citizens Against Ruining the Environment (“Complainants”) submit this motion for leave to file *instanter* Complainants’ Reply to Respondent Midwest Generation’s (“Respondent”) reply to Complainants’ Motion to Strike. In support of this motion, Complainants state as follows:

1. On March 26, 2018, Complainants moved to strike portions of Respondent expert’s reports and testimony (“Motion to Strike”).
2. On March 20, 2018, Respondent filed a response to the Motion to Strike (“Response”). While only providing a limited response to the substance of Complainants’ Motion to Strike, the Response raised several new procedural and legal arguments. Specifically, Respondent argued, among other things, that Complainants had waived any objection to the evidence and testimony

at issue, and that Complainants had violated Hearing Officer orders and Illinois Pollution Control Board ("Board") rules by filing the Motion to Strike.

3. Complainants would be prejudiced if they were not allowed to address these new and harmful arguments.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons stated above, Complainants request that the Hearing Officer grant leave to file *instanter* the attached Reply brief.

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**COMPLAINANTS’ REPLY TO RESPONDENT’S RESPONSE TO COMPLAINANTS’  
MOTION TO STRIKE PORTIONS OF RESPONDENT EXPERT’S REPORTS AND  
TESTIMONY**

Complainants’ Motion to Strike Portions of Respondent Expert’s Reports and Testimony (“Motion to Strike”) was timely, was not in violation of any Hearing Officer order or Illinois Pollution Control Board (“Board”) rule, and supports the removal of the relevant evidence and testimony from the record. Respondent Midwest Generation (“Respondent”) filed a Response to the Motion to Strike (“Response”) on March 20, 2018. In its Response, Respondent largely ignored the substance of Complainants’ Motion, presumably because their expert conceded that his methodology was flawed. *See* Complainants’ Memorandum in Support of Motion to Strike at 7-9, 11-12. Instead, Respondent focuses its argument on the incorrect claim that Complainants’ Motion was not properly filed. In fact, Board rules are silent on this issue, and post-hearing Motions to Strike are not prohibited. Furthermore, the facts here clearly indicate that Complainants filed the Motion at the first proper procedural opportunity.

Complainants moved to strike parts of certain exhibits and testimony of Respondent's expert—Mr. John Seymour—as soon as they had an opportunity to review the hearing transcript. Contrary to Respondent's assertions, Mr. Seymour's hearing testimony was significantly more illuminating than his deposition testimony. For example, it was only at the hearing that Mr. Seymour conceded error (in fact, multiple errors) and admitted that his approach should have shown a 100% match between coal ash leachate and groundwater. It was only after reviewing the transcript that Complainants were able to compile a motion detailing how his methodology failed the Illinois standard for expert opinions. Since there was nothing improper about the Motion to Strike, and because the evidence at issue in the Motion has a high likelihood of misleading the Board, the Motion should be granted and the evidence and related testimony struck from the record.

**I. Controlling case law does not prohibit post-hearing motions to strike.**

As an initial matter, there is no rule or precedent disallowing parties from filing motions to strike like the Motion Complainants filed here. Respondent cites numerous examples of evidentiary objections being waived for purposes of appeal, MWG Response at 4 – 7, but none of these cases suggest that a motion to strike without a prior objection is inconsistent with Board or Illinois precedent. Because Complainants' did not file the Motion to Strike as part of any appeal, and Respondent does not cite any precedent suggesting that a post-hearing motion to strike is waived if no objection was made, there is no basis for dismissing Complainants' Motion.

What Respondent's cited research and other controlling law does indicate is that, for purposes of appeal, "[a] party must make a timely objection" or they waive their right to do so. *People v. Carlson*, 70 Ill. 2d 564, 576 (1980), citing *People v. Roberts*, 75 Ill. 2d 1, 10 (1979).

Again, this case refers to waiver on appeal, but even were the waiver doctrine to apply to post-hearing motions before the Board, it would not justify dismissing Complainants' Motion to Strike, because the Motion was timely. Case law indicates that whether an objection is "timely" depends on the circumstances. Objections can be timely even when raised after evidence is introduced, in motions to strike, and in post-trial or post-hearing motions. *See, e.g., Netto v. Goldenberg*, 266 Ill. App. 3d 174, 178 (1994), ("A motion to strike is required to preserve errors in the admission of evidence. If the objectionable nature of evidence is not apparent until after it is admitted, the opponent should move to strike the offending evidence"); *Bosel v. Marriott Corp.*, 65 Ill. App. 3d 649, 654 (1978) (disallowing defendant from raising objections for the first time on appeal when no objection or motion to strike was made ); *West Suburban Recycling and Energy Center, L.P. v. Illinois EPA*, PCB 95-119 and 95-125, 1996 WL 633368 (Oct. 17, 1996) (holding that a party had waived an argument by failing to raise the argument when it objected at the hearing or in a written motion to the Hearing Officer); *Peoria Disposal Co.*, PCB 06-184 at \* 22 (holding that an objection was only waived because petitioner failed to object at the original proceeding or in a "post-meeting response"). As these cases indicate, courts have often allowed for the possibility of filing post-hearing evidentiary motions even without a prior objection, which is exactly what Complainants have done here.

Treating post-hearing motions to strike before the Board as timely is also consistent with the rationale for the waiver doctrine as articulated by both the Board and Illinois Courts, combined with the Board's distinct procedure for hearing cases. For example, in *Peoria Disposal Co.*, the Board stated that "it would be improper to allow a party to withhold a claim of bias until it obtains an unfavorable ruling." *Id.* In the present case, there has been no "ruling" on the merits of the case, so there would be nothing improper about allowing the Motion to Strike. Similarly,

in *Goldberg v. Capitol Freight Lines*, the court explained the rule as one that requires objections to be made before a jury makes a decision. *Goldberg v. Capitol Freight Lines*, 382 Ill. 283, 291 (1943); see also *People v. Carlson*, 79 Ill. 2d at 577 (“The failure of counsel to object at trial waives those errors which the court can correct by sustaining an objection and admonishing the jury”). In short, the only objections that can be raised on appeal are those that were brought to the attention of the lower court (or other body) before the court or other body made a decision. In a trial court setting, this is typically the trial itself. In other settings, such as cases before the Pollution Control Board, there is of course no jury, and a decision is not reached until well after the end of the hearing. Consequently, a post-hearing motion to strike directed to the Hearing Officer before the Board has made its decision is still timely. In this case, Complainants filed the Motion to Strike “as soon as practicable,” that is, as soon as Complainants received the hearing transcript and were able to compile a motion. *People v. Koch*, 248 Ill. App. 3d 584, 593 (1993), Complainants also filed the Motion before a decision had been reached on the merits of the case. The Motion was therefore not only properly filed, but also preserved for appeal.

## **II. Complainants did not needlessly delay filing their motion**

In an effort to paint Complainants’ motion as needlessly delayed, Respondent relies on misrepresentations of fact. To begin with, it ignores the relevant event that enabled filing of the motion, claiming that Complainants filed the Motion to Strike “long after the hearing.” MWG Response at 4. This claim is both incorrect—the Motion to Strike was filed on February 26, roughly three weeks after the hearing ended—and irrelevant, because it ignores that Complainants filed this motion only six days after the transcripts were made available.<sup>1</sup> As

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<sup>1</sup> Although the Pollution Control Board docket lists the transcripts as being filed between February 6 and 9, the transcripts were not in fact available until roughly February 20. The Hearing Officer and the parties agreed on this point during a status call, and the Hearing Officer subsequently set the deadline for motions to correct the transcripts

discussed above, the Motion to Strike was filed “as soon as practicable,” *People v. Koch*, 248 Ill. App. 3d 584, 593 (1993), and was therefore timely.

Respondent’s Response then implies that the hearing testimony of its expert was substantially identical to the expert’s deposition testimony, and that Complainants therefore had adequate grounds for objecting prior to the hearing. MWG Response at 9. This is false. Mr. Seymour’s testimony was different, and much more damaging to his methodology, at the hearing. During cross-examination, Mr. Seymour conceded multiple errors in his methodology, and conceded that his approach, properly applied, should have found a 100% match between coal ash leachate and on-site groundwater contamination. *See* Complainants’ Memorandum in Support of Motion to Strike at 7-9, 11-12. Mr. Seymour did not make these concessions in his deposition, nor were these concessions on the record in any other manner (*e.g.*, in expert reports or in the testimony of other witnesses), when he gave his direct testimony or when the evidence at issue was introduced. Again, it was only after reviewing his testimony that Complainants were able to compile a motion detailing how his methodology failed the Illinois standard for expert opinions.

Respondents were not precluded from eliciting testimony on these issues, MWG Response at 11, and Respondents did in fact elicit such testimony. On re-direct examination at the hearing, Respondent asked Mr. Seymour numerous questions in response to Complainants’ cross-examination, specifically focused on the issues identified in the Motion to Strike. PCB 13-15 Hearing Transcript, Feb. 2, 2018, pp. 312-316, 322-323.

Finally, Respondents have no basis for their claim that Complainants violated a Hearing Officer order or Board rule, MWG Response at 11-12. Complainants have not appealed, and do

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for January 29, February 1, and February 2 as March 13, using February 20 as the beginning date for the three-week deadline.

not plan to appeal, the Hearing Officer's order admitting the exhibits at issue in the Motion to Strike. Complainants agree that those exhibits are otherwise generally admissible and were properly admitted. Instead, Complainants take issue with Mr. Seymour's methodology, and seek to exclude that methodology and its misleading conclusions from the record. This would require striking portions, but by no means all, of the relevant exhibits. Since the grounds for the Motion to Strike arose after the evidence was admitted,<sup>2</sup> Complainants believe that partially striking some of that evidence is proper.

**III. Respondent failed to effectively rebut the substance of Complainants' Motion**

Respondent's limited response to the substance of the Motion to Strike is not persuasive. Respondent suggests that Mr. Seymour's methodology was "standard," and that Complainants failed to establish that Mr. Seymour's methodology was "new or novel"; but this is plainly inaccurate. As laid out in the Motion to Strike, Mr. Seymour's methodology has never been used before, not even by Mr. Seymour himself. Complainants' Memorandum in Support of Motion to Strike at 15-17 ("...his inherently unreliable and biased methodology is novel, untested, and not generally accepted in the field") (emphasis added). It is hard to imagine a more "new or novel" methodology than one never used before.

While it is standard practice to compare various sources of data in a general sense, Mr. Seymour's methodology was unique, and much more than a casual comparison. Instead, Mr. Seymour's methodology made numerous specific and inappropriate quantitative comparisons, *Id.* at 10-15, evaluated those comparisons using critically flawed assumptions about whether the data "matched," *Id.* at 6-9, calculated "matching percentages" for each well, *Id.* at 4-5, and drew flawed conclusions about whether these matching percentages supported that the possibility that

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<sup>2</sup> The exhibits at issue here were introduced during Mr. Seymour's direct testimony, while the grounds for the Motion to Strike arose during his subsequent cross-examination.

groundwater had been affected by coal ash leachate. *Id.* at 8-9, 11, 17. That Mr. Seymour's method is much more complicated than a simple comparison can be seen in Mr. Seymour's repeated confusion upon being shown his errors. *See, e.g.*, PCB 13-15 Hearing Transcript, Feb. 2, p. 243:4-24 (MR. SEYMOUR: "Mr. Russ, I – I would agree that it looks that way. I – as I said, I am a little bit confused"); *see also* Complainants' Memorandum in Support of Motion to Strike at 9, 11, and 12.

#### **IV. Conclusion**

Ultimately, Complainants' Motion to Strike seeks to exclude inaccurate evidence and testimony that would mislead the Board by showing a "mismatch" between coal ash leachate and groundwater where there should instead be a 100% match. This critically important evidence is central to the case, and Complainants would be unduly prejudiced by having novel, unreliable, and inaccurate expert testimony in the record. For that reason, and because controlling law does not prohibit Complainants' Motion to Strike, the Hearing Officer should grant the Motion and ensure that the record does not mislead the Board.

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