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WILL GUZZARDI
STATE REPRESENTATIVE
39TH DISTRICT

To The Illinois Pollution Control Board
CC: Hearing Officer Marie Tipsord
Re: Case R2018-20

To Whom This May Concern,

As a legislator in Illinois, I have significant concerns regarding Dynegy's attempt to weaken their Multi Pollutant Standard (MPS). These regulations are important protections for communities throughout the state, especially those that are overburdened with air pollution. The MPS rewrite threatens our public health and environment, while taking a step backwards from clean energy progress.

I urge the members of The Illinois Pollution Control Board to deny Dynegy's proposed rewrite of the Multi Pollutant Standard. Changing the standard from a rate-based standard to an annual fleet-wide cap risks increasing air pollution for cities where some of these plants exist. A change to an annual fleet-wide cap does not have any true basis in science, and is only being put forward at the request of Dynegy. The proposal to weaken Illinois clean air standards comes exclusively from 8 months of backroom talks between Dynegy and IEPA.

As reported in the Chicago Tribune, "Under the new rules, Dynegy could emit nearly double the amount of harmful sulfur dioxide they emitted last year."

Dynegy's own analysis shows the rule change will allow it to close certain plants and then ramp up production at its dirty plants, bringing the company profits, while Illinois gets job losses and pollution.

For these reasons, I am writing in opposition to this rule-making, and urge IPCB to reject these changes.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Will Guzzardi".

Will Guzzardi
State Representative, 39th District