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To The Illinois Pollution Control Board
CC: Hearing Officer Marie Tipsord

Re: Case R2018-20

I am writing to express my opposition to Dynegy's efforts at the Illinois Pollution Control Board to weaken their Multi Pollutant Standard (MPS). The MPS 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 fleetwide cap risks increases air pollution for cities where some of these plants exist.

These communities are already more heavily burdened by air pollution and face environmental injustices. Instead of an inclusive, bottom-up approach, the proposal to weaken Illinois clean air standards comes from eight months of closed door discussions between Dynegy and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.

Operating dirty plants more, which would increase pollution in certain communities, raises Environmental Justice concerns.

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

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Julie Morrison".

Julie A. Morrison
State Senator, 29th District