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Illinois Pollution Control Board  
100 W. Randolph St., Suite 11-500  
Chicago, IL 60601

Docket No. PCB 2013-024

Dear Illinois Pollution Control Board,

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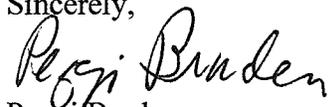
Midwest Generation should be held to the original plan to reduce pollution even if it will cause financial hardship, including closing the plant.

I am a registered nurse for over 30 years. When I moved into the Waukegan area in 1985 I worked at Great Lakes Naval Hospital. I was shocked at the number of sailors and their families who experienced respiratory problems, including asthma, for the first time after moving to this area.

I now currently work as a school nurse in the Waukegan area. Asthma has been the number one health concern for the students I work for. Asthma is a greater health problem locally, than food allergies, seizures, ADHD and others. I realize the coal power plant is not the only polluter in this area, but appears to be a major one for a very long time.

Midwest Generation should not be allowed to continue to produce electricity unless they comply with current State of Illinois pollution control levels with no variance granted.

Sincerely,



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Midwest Generation should not be allowed to receive a variance related to SO<sub>2</sub>, sulfur dioxide levels. I live within a half mile of the plant and many days it operates far below maximum capacity. There is no guarantee Midwest Generation can stay in business long enough to pay for the equipment required to comply with previously accepted levels set by the IL EPA. Midwest Generation chose to allocate their financial resources in a way that ignored technological advances related to the industry.

The argument that workers will loose their jobs if the variance is not granted is not substantial. These workers will probably loose their jobs because market forces will cause Midwest Generation to go out of business. When the plant closes many new jobs will be created as a result of re-use of the land the power plant occupies and redevelopment of the adjoining Waukegan Lakefront and Harbor.

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