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**Sent:** Tuesday, June 17, 2014 9:44 PM  
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John Therriault

Dear Therriault,

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

Coal combustion waste is a serious public health threat that has and continues to jeopardize my community and I ask that stronger protections be put in place.

I urge the IEPA to strengthen these proposed rules and to prevent coal combustion waste from continuing to damage the waters used by citizens of Illinois. These power companies with coal ash ponds must be held accountable and demonstrate the financial means to clean them up so communities are not left with the responsibility and the price tag. Should companies close their coal plants they must be required to take care of the coal ash waste so that there can be future opportunities for reuse of these sites.

Sincerely,

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