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March 1, 2016

Illinois Pollution Control Board
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STATE OF ILLINOIS
Pollution Control Board

RE: R14-10; COAL COMBUSTION WASTE (CCW) ASH PONDS AND SURFACE IMPOUNDMENTS AT POWER GENERATING FACILITIES: PROPOSED NEW 35 ILL. ADM. CODE 841

Dear Mr. Therriault,

I'm a citizen living in Godfrey, Illinois, and working in Alton, Illinois. Both my home and my place of work are near the Wood River Power Station at 1 Chesson Lane, Alton, IL 62002. It has come to my attention that Dynegy Midwest Generation, LLC has posted a notice to close West Ash Pond 2W.

I'm concerned that the coals ash ponds located at the site present serious environmental implications for waterways and wildlife in my community, and serious public health hazards for myself, my family, my friends and my co-workers. Coal ash contains high levels of harmful heavy metals such as arsenic and lead, and it is known to leach into streams, rivers, lakes and groundwater when stored in coal ash ponds. The ash ponds located at the Wood River Power Station are located in a floodplain, amply situated for leaching toxic substances into Wood River Creek and the Mississippi.

Dynegy's initial closure plan for West Ash Pond 2W says that the ash pond will be dewatered, filled with dry coal combustion residuals (CCR) from Pond 1 at the site, and closed in-place. Groundwater quality has already been impacted at this location and will likely continue to be impacted by CCR in the pond. I am also concerned that the stormwater runoff discharged through the existing NPDES permitted outfall will pollute Wood River Creek and the Mississippi River even after the pond has been closed.

The Illinois rules for closure would require compliance with Illinois groundwater and surface water quality standards, a protection that the federal rules lack. These requirements are needed to protect the water supplies for residents in the area and aquatic life.

I urge you to quickly implement the Illinois rules so that the people and community I care about are protected from inadequate closure plans for the coal ash pits at Wood River.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,


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Dear Mr. Therriault,

I am writing to request the implementation of the rules for ash pond closure (cited above) that require compliance with Illinois groundwater and surface water quality standards.

Coal ash contains high levels of heavy metals such as arsenic, lead, and selenium. I am concerned about these toxic materials leaching into our groundwater, streams, and rivers. We need to protect the water supplies for residents in our area; for the river aquatic life; and the economy of this area, which depends in part upon fishing, recreation and tourism.

The coal ash ponds at the Wood River Power Station are situated adjacent to the Wood River Creek and the Mississippi River. The potential threat to the water system was emphasized during the flooding we experienced earlier this year, as we watched the flood waters get ever closer to the ash ponds. Even without flooding, the threat from toxins leaching into ground water, streams and rivers is very real.

We need Illinois rules that ensure our communities are protected from the economic and environmental impact of contamination from coal ash. Thank you for taking action to ensure the current and future health of our community.

Sincerely,



Susan H. Murray

March 3, 2016
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Dear Mr. Therriault,

I'm a resident living near the retired Vermilion Power Station at 10188 East 2150 North Oakwood, Illinois 61858. Dynegy Midwest Generation, LLC closed this plant in 2011, but it continues to threaten the health and safety of my community and our water resources.

I'm concerned about the serious public health hazard and environmental threat to my community from the three 'legacy' coal ash ponds left at this site. The ash ponds located in the western floodplain of the Middle Fork of the Vermilion River, the state's only National Scenic River, have leaked coal ash, and the arsenic, mercury, and lead that it contains, into the river and the groundwater. The Illinois EPA has issued a violation notice for groundwater pollution and rejected the closure action plans proposed by Dynegy. In response, Dynegy wrote a refusal to take further action. The river continues to move towards these impoundments, the coal ash is seeping into the river and polluting groundwater, the closure plans are insufficient, and Dynegy is taking no action.

The federal CCR rules do not govern coal ash impoundments located at now-shuttered power generating facilities, including the Vermilion Power Station. In 2014, Vermilion County groups including the Vermilion County Board, Soil & Water Conservation District, Vermilion County Conservation Foundation, and the Lake Vermilion Water Quality Coalition called on the IPCB to

address regulatory shortcomings in the absence of existing rules to regulate the comprehensive closure of sites like Vermilion. We need state rules that provide a roadmap to address these problems.

Please implement the Illinois rules as quickly as possible so that my family and community is protected from impacts of the coal ash pits at the retired Vermillion Power Station.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kevin Green". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "K".

Kevin Green