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# Therriault, John

From:

Sierra Club <jennifer.hensley@sierraclub.org> on behalf of Jeanne O'melia

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Sent:

Tuesday, May 06, 2014 4:17 AM

To:

Therriault, John

Subject:

R14-10: We Need Coal Ash Rules that Protect Public Health and the Environment:

May 6, 2014

Clerk of the IPCB John Therriault

Dear Clerk of the IPCB Therriault,

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Rules governing coal ash pits must include key protections!

## **Groundwater Contamination:**

- Impoundments causing groundwater impairment must be closed by a set date to fully protect the environment and human health.
- -Complete removal of waste should be considered as the presumptive closure strategy.

I have chronic lymphocytic leukemia. It frightens me that lawmakers are more concerned that companies make money without regard for the health of people in the surrounding area.

## Surface water Contamination:

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Sincerely,

Jeanne O'melia 25252 Il Highway 26 Ohio, IL 61349-9167 (815) 376-5899

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From:

Sierra Club < jennifer.hensley@sierraclub.org > on behalf of Jim Wies < watchman21

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Sent:

Tuesday, May 06, 2014 5:10 AM

To:

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Just do your job.

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Sincerely,

Jim Wies

627 Parkshore Dr

Shorewood, IL 60404-9764 (815) 741-9424

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From:

Sierra Club <jennifer.hensley@sierraclub.org> on behalf of Philip Hult

<pyrobison@yahoo.com>

Sent:

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I enjoy kayaking on the middle Fork of the Vermilion River which is the only Wild and Scenic River in this area. But there are ash ponds in the floodplain in Oakwood which are in danger of failure and would end in catastrophe like the Dan River in North Carolina. We know the dangers.

You are responsible for protecting the river.

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Sincerely,

Philip Hult 401a County Road 2425 N Mahomet, IL 61853-9704

From:

Sierra Club <jennifer.hensley@sierraclub.org> on behalf of Robert Okroi

<br/><bob@fabricationspecialties.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, May 06, 2014 12:52 AM

To:

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Subject:

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I think the environment should be put in the category of our national security. Defense of our resources is just as important as defense abroad. Otherwise what is there to defend? ~Robert Redford, Yosemite National Park dedication, 1985

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Sincerely,

Robert Okroi 22825 S Anna Dr Channahon, IL 60410-3238 (815) 467-2917

# Therriault, John

From:

Sierra Club <jennifer.hensley@sierraclub.org> on behalf of Benjamin Wimmer

<wimmerben@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, May 06, 2014 12:23 AM

To:

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Sincerely,

Benjamin Wimmer 5480 S Cornell Ave Apt 323 Chicago, IL 60615-5645 (773) 891-0871

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# Therriault, John

From:

Sierra Club < jennifer.hensley@sierraclub.org> on behalf of Courtney Ackley

<ackleyc@ymail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, May 06, 2014 1:38 AM

To:

Therriault, John

Subject:

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Sincerely,
Courtney Ackley
PO Box 283
Downers Grove, IL 60515-0283
UNITED STATES

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Comment #

# Therriault, John

From: Sierra Club <jennifer.hensley@sierraclub.org> on behalf of David Mccue <davemccue56

@aol.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 06, 2014 2:08 AM

To: Therriault, John

**Subject:** R14-10: We Need Coal Ash Rules that Protect Public Health and the Environment:

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Illinois has suffered from many colamities. Don't allow anyone to add pollution of our environment and natures ecosystems to the list. Our water ways have been a source of pride, with the numbers of prestine rivers and streams within our borders. Be sure they are protected for generations to enjoy. Rules governing coal ash pits must include key protections!

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Sincerely,

David Mccue 1602 Remington Rd Rockford, IL 61108-6227 (815) 543-9769

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# Therriault, John

From:

Sierra Club < jennifer.hensley@sierraclub.org> on behalf of Maegan Watson < mzarley2

@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, May 06, 2014 2:00 AM

To:

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Sincerely,

Maegan Watson 740 W Bittersweet Pl # 1e Chicago, IL 60613-2310

(815) 474-4554

## Therriault, John

From:

Sierra Club < jennifer.hensley@sierraclub.org > on behalf of Christopher Lee

<cleeenterprises@aol.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, May 06, 2014 1:56 AM

To:

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Sincerely,

Christopher Lee 1343 W Touhy Ave Apt 2s Chicago, IL 60626-2676

(773) 338-7991

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# Therriault, John

From:

Sierra Club < jennifer.hensley@sierraclub.org > on behalf of Mel Stark < mels999

@comcast.net>

Sent:

Tuesday, May 06, 2014 1:54 AM

To:

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Sincerely,

Mel Stark 2540 N 4645th Rd Unit B Somonauk, IL 60552-9629 (815) 786-5390

From:

Sierra Club <jennifer.hensley@sierraclub.org> on behalf of Sarah Wolfe <sarahwolfe763

@yahoo.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, May 06, 2014 1:45 AM

To:

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Sarah Wolfe PO Box 33 135 S. Charles St. Dongola, IL 62926-0033 R14-10

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# Therriault, John

From:

Sierra Club <jennifer.hensley@sierraclub.org> on behalf of Mike Warner <joshua529

@comcast.net>

Sent:

Tuesday, May 06, 2014 2:39 AM

To:

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Subject:

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Sincerely,

Mike Warner 160 E Pleasant Ln Lombard, IL 60148-2019

From: Sierra Club <jennifer.hensley@sierraclub.org> on behalf of Carol Strandberg

<caroltstrandberg@yahoo.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 06, 2014 2:41 AM

To: Therriault, John
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Sincerely,

Carol Strandberg 39w326 Cambridge Ct Saint Charles, IL 60175-6706 (630) 945-3146

From:

Sierra Club <jennifer.hensley@sierraclub.org> on behalf of Carol Gloor

<cgloor@mediacombb.net>

Sent:

Tuesday, May 06, 2014 3:03 AM

To:

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Even though Illinois has a lot of coal, it is still a fossil fuel which will eventually be used up. It should be thought of as a transition to renewable sources, not as an end in itself,

Therefore, rules governing coal ash pits must include key protections!

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Sincerely,

Carol Gloor

946 N 4th St Savanna, IL 61074-1363

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From:

Sierra Club <jennifer.hensley@sierraclub.org> on behalf of James Leonard

<stargazerjim@yahoo.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, May 06, 2014 2:58 AM

To:

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Subject:

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There seems to be a major disconnect between our elected officials and the voters. Money is speaking louder than votes. We need to change that, and we will. This is one of those key issues that will be in the forefront of future voter patterns.

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Sincerely,

James Leonard 1706 Highview Ave Mchenry, IL 60050-3520 (815) 508-0018

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From:

Sierra Club <jennifer.hensley@sierraclub.org> on behalf of Dori Cole

<dpernicka@yahoo.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, May 06, 2014 2:58 AM

To:

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Sincerely,

Dori Cole 68 Sterling Cir Apt 107 Wheaton, IL 60189-2123 (630) 517-8773

# 813

# Therriault, John

From:

Sierra Club <jennifer.hensley@sierraclub.org> on behalf of Debra Mikalauskas

<fgump1955@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, May 06, 2014 2:55 AM

To:

Therriault, John

Subject:

R14-10: We Need Coal Ash Rules that Protect Public Health and the Environment:

May 6, 2014

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Sincerely,

Debra Mikalauskas 50 Capital Pt Goreville, IL 62939-3179

# 874

# Therriault, John

From:

Sierra Club < jennifer.hensley@sierraclub.org> on behalf of rho andrae-lawford

<rhondalawford2000@yahoo.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, May 06, 2014 3:12 AM

To:

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Subject:

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Sincerely,

rho andrae-lawford

PO Box 220

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South Wilmington, IL 60474-0220

(815) 823-6813

From:

Sierra Club < jennifer.hensley@sierraclub.org> on behalf of Susan Willoughby < siouxz22

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Sent:

Tuesday, May 06, 2014 3:07 AM

To:

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Subject:

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For once, let's be pro-active not re-active!

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Sincerely,

Susan Willoughby 2420 S 3rd Ave

Riverside, IL 60546-1206 (708) 447-5425

From:

Sierra Club <jennifer.hensley@sierraclub.org> on behalf of Melissa Berkshire

<melberk@aol.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, May 06, 2014 3:33 AM

То:

Therriault, John

Subject:

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May 6, 2014

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Rules governing coal ash pits must include key protections!

With global warming we should be protecting our water sources not polluting them. We have seen the damage to rivers that coal ash has done in North Carolina.

The Koch brothers have enough money to properly contain these coal ash ponds and even do research to find a healthier way to get rid of it.

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Sincerely,

Melissa Berkshire 6105 N Talman Ave Chicago, IL 60659-2744

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# Therriault, John

From:

Sierra Club < jennifer.hensley@sierraclub.org > on behalf of Susan Lannin < susan82

@earthlink.net>

Sent:

Tuesday, May 06, 2014 4:44 AM

To:

Therriault, John

Subject:

R14-10: Please Create Coal Ash Rules to Protect Public Health and our Environment:

May 6, 2014

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Deteriorating coal ash pits at the Vermilion Power Station threaten the Middle Fork Vermilion River, our state's only National Scenic River.

Strict coal ash rules are needed now to prevent a breach like the one that sent 82,000 tons of coal ash at a Duke Energy plant into the Dan River in North Carolina.

Illinois EPA's proposed rules for coal ash pits at power plants are an important attempt to better characterize and regulate these dangerous impoundments. These rules are critically needed, but they must be strengthened.

Please ensure that the rules governing coal ash pits include the following key protections:

#### **Groundwater Contamination:**

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#### Surface water Contamination:

-Threats to surface water be assessed and surface waters protected from contamination.

# Public Participation and Notice:

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## Financial Burden:

-The rules must require power companies to provide financial assurances for the coal ash pits at all operating and retired power plants, protecting communities from this financial burden.

I urge you to please stand up for the health and safety of Illinois families by strengthening the IEPA's proposed rules on coal combustion waste at power plants in Illinois!

Sincerely,

Susan Lannin 7100 N Greenview Ave Chicago, IL 60626-2629 (773) 381-9738

# Therriault, John

From:

Sierra Club < jennifer.hensley@sierraclub.org> on behalf of Gary Kennelly

<fixit2at@yahoo.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, May 06, 2014 4:43 AM

To:

Therriault, John

Subject:

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My daughter lives near a coal ash dumping site and subject to coal ash blown into the air. We must stop this pollutant.

I urge you to please stand up for the health and safety of Illinois families by strengthening the IEPA's proposed rules on coal combustion waste at power plants in Illinois!

Sincerely,

Gary Kennelly 4000 44th St

Rock Ísland, IL 61201-7127 (309) 788-8889

# Therriault, John

From:

Sierra Club <jennifer.hensley@sierraclub.org> on behalf of Myrthe Lebourgeois

<mimileb@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, May 06, 2014 4:40 AM

To:

Therriault, John

Subject:

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Protecting our water supply is so obvious a priority that we shouldn't have to send in petitions about it.

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Sincerely,

Myrthe Lebourgeois 360 E Randolph St Apt 1207

Chicago, IL 60601-7333 (610) 368-9504

# Therriault, John

From:

Sierra Club <jennifer.hensley@sierraclub.org> on behalf of Elliot Zashin

<emzashin@hotmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, May 06, 2014 4:33 AM

To:

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Subject:

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Even if these plants are ultimately closed - and sooner would be better than later - there will still be waste pollution problems at these sites.

I urge you to please stand up for the health and safety of Illinois families by strengthening the IEPA's proposed rules on coal combustion waste at power plants in Illinois!

Sincerely,

Elliot Zashin

715 Asbury Ave Evanston, IL 60202-2157 (773) 354-1718

# Therriault, John

From: Sierra Club <jennifer.hensley@sierraclub.org> on behalf of Wayne Johnson

<wayneej@comcast.net>

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 06, 2014 4:31 AM

To: Therriault, John

**Subject:** R14-10: We Need Coal Ash Rules that Protect Public Health and the Environment:

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This is killing us! Coal's day has come and gone. Get over it and stand up to lobbyists and do what's right for those who come after us.

I urge you to please stand up for the health and safety of Illinois families by strengthening the IEPA's proposed rules on coal combustion waste at power plants in Illinois!

Sincerely,

Wayne Johnson

232 S Buell Ave Aurora, IL 60506-4626

# Therriault, John

From:

Sierra Club < jennifer.hensley@sierraclub.org > on behalf of Catherine Nagler

<cjnagler@yahoo.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, May 06, 2014 4:30 AM

To:

Therriault, John

Subject:

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The future, can we deliver it to our children and grandchildren intact with clean water, air and soil! Strong governing rules for local ash pits must include key protections! We must put the health of our families ahead of the almighty dollar and you need to be an active hero in the governing of power companies and their resulting pollution.

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Sincerely,

Catherine Nagler 1319 Chicago Ave Apt 204 Evanston, IL 60201-5303 (847) 475-2210

# Therriault, John

From:

Sierra Club < jennifer.hensley@sierraclub.org > on behalf of Brian Mcfarland

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Sent:

Tuesday, May 06, 2014 7:57 AM

To:

Therriault, John

Subject:

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Sincerely,

Brian Mcfarland 345 W Fullerton Pkwy Apt 2206 Chicago, IL 60614-2854 (872) 222-5887

# Therriault, John

From:

Sierra Club < jennifer.hensley@sierraclub.org > on behalf of Sinclair Gallagher

<sinclairqallagher@hotmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, May 06, 2014 8:07 AM

To:

Therriault, John

Subject:

Protect our water! R14-10: We Need Coal Ash Rules that Protect Public Health and the

**Environment:** 

May 6, 2014

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Sincerely,

Sinclair Gallagher 140 S River St Aurora, IL 60506-6077 (734) 676-8593

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Comment

# 885

# Therriault, John

From:

Sierra Club <jennifer.hensley@sierraclub.org> on behalf of Susan Leibowitz <bobetsue2

@aol.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, May 06, 2014 7:12 AM

To:

Therriault, John

Subject:

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Sincerely,

Susan Leibowitz 732 W Schubert Ave Chicago, IL 60614-1507 (773) 549-7517

Comment

# 886

# Therriault, John

From:

Sierra Club < jennifer.hensley@sierraclub.org > on behalf of Ron Talbott

<rnjtalbott@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, May 06, 2014 7:24 AM

To:

Therriault, John

Subject:

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Sincerely,

Ron Talbott 1185 Lakeview Dr Creal Springs, IL 62922-1435 (618) 579-4242 R14-10

Comment

Therriault, John

From:

Sierra Club <jennifer.hensley@sierraclub.org> on behalf of John Schultz

<johnschultz@prodigy.net>

Sent:

Tuesday, May 06, 2014 7:24 AM

To:

Therriault, John

Subject:

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May 6, 2014

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Others have said it better but, the bottom line is we deserve better than the current situation in coal ash disposition. Also the nuclear industustry needs to be protected rather than allowed to implode due to poor goverernment intervention in energy production.

I urge you to please stand up for the health and safety of Illinois families by strengthening the IEPA's proposed rules on coal combustion waste at power plants in Illinois!

Sincerely,

John Schultz 242 Wren Dr Bloomingdale, IL 60108-1449

Comment

# 889

# Therriault, John

From:

Sierra Club <jennifer.hensley@sierraclub.org> on behalf of Beth Wegner

<flower\_child21@hotmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, May 06, 2014 7:37 AM

To:

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Sincerely,

Beth Wegner 714 N 4th St # O Pekin, IL 61554-3215

(309) 202-9669

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From:

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@comcast.net>

Sent:

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Sincerely,

Cathy Alcozer 473 Park Ln # Aptc1 Wood Dale, IL 60191-1861

(630) 595-2592

Comment

# 891

# Therriault, John

From:

Sierra Club <jennifer.hensley@sierraclub.org> on behalf of Jessica Collette

<jessica.collette68@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, May 06, 2014 5:38 AM

To:

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Sincerely,

Jessica Collette 19385 W Harvard Ave Mundelein, IL 60060-1010

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From:

Sierra Club <jennifer.hensley@sierraclub.org> on behalf of Richard Scoles

<stargazer1944@hotmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, May 06, 2014 6:24 AM

To:

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I looked at one of the many contamination sites, the one on the Vermilion River. I will discourage my son from kayaking with his friends on that river as he has in the past. The personal stories involving these sites are endiess. What a horrible situation due to the additional profit it puts into the pockets of those who are already wealthy.

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Sincerely,

Richard Scoles 549 Victoria Ln Wood Dale, IL 60191-1719 (630) 595-7098

# Therriault, John

From:

Sierra Club < jennifer.hensley@sierraclub.org > on behalf of Jan Boudart

<janunaj@hotmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, May 06, 2014 6:39 AM

To:

Therriault, John

Subject:

R14-10: Did you see how coal ash is just unconfined and running into the Vermillion

River?

May 6, 2014

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Sincerely,

Jan Boudart 1132 W Lunt Ave Chicago, IL 60626-3563 (773) 761-9326

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From:

Sierra Club < jennifer.hensley@sierraclub.org > on behalf of Nita Graham < ngraham 300

@yahoo.com>

Sent:

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To:

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Sincerely,

Nita Graham 8 Harvey Ln Fairview Heights, IL 62208-1516

Comment

# 894

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From:

Sierra Club < jennifer.hensley@sierraclub.org> on behalf of Karlene Mostek

<kmostek5555@earthlink.net>

Sent:

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Sincerely,

Kariene Wostek 5555 N Sheridan Rd Apt 1008 Chicago, IL 60640-1623

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From:

Sierra Club <jennifer.hensley@sierraclub.org> on behalf of Joe McCarthy

<illinijoe@outlook.com>

Sent:

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Joe McCarthy 1621 Scott Blvd

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<pfockens@att.net>

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