

Illinois Pollution Control Board
Attn: John Therriault, Clerk
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STATE OF ILLINOIS
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February 24, 2016

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 am requesting that you implement the Illinois rules proposed in Part 841 of Title 35 of the IL Administrative Code, for closure that require compliance with the Illinois groundwater and surface water quality standards. These are needed to protect the water supplies for residents in our area, river aquatic life, and the resulting economy from fishing, recreation and tourism. The federal rules do not include this and we need these assurances, along with financial assurances, as our community and state cannot afford to assume costs associated with cleanup or contamination of our water supply. The economic and environmental impact of contamination from coal ash would be catastrophic for our community.

I recently attended a town hall meeting in Alton related to the proposed closing of the Wood River Power Station by Dynegy Midwest Generation. I am a resident of this area, where the Power Station is situated adjacent to the Wood River Creek and Mississippi River. The river is the source of water for Alton and local communities, and is an integral part of our tourism industry, with a wetlands and Riverlands Migratory Bird Sanctuary just across from the plant.

We experienced significant flooding this year, and during the 1993 flood, loss of our water plant, as well as regional levee breaches. I am concerned about the potential threat to the groundwater supply and river from the coal ash ponds at the Wood River site. The exposure of these ponds through flooding or leakage could spell disaster for our water resources. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Sandy Crawford

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