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Ms. Barbara Flynn Currie
Chair
Illinois Pollution Control Board
James R. Thompson Center
100 W. Randolph St. 11-500
Chicago IL 60601

Dear Chairperson Currie,

The Hennepin Power Plant brought many positive contributions and opportunities to our community for the 66 years it was in operation. We deeply miss the economic impact, jobs and the many people who worked there.

With the plant closed, our community is looking to the future with the hope the site can attract new development someday that will bring back jobs and more prosperity for Hennepin and Putnam County.

As the board evaluates the proposed state rule on coal ash impoundments, I urge members to be mindful of how important a balanced rule giving Illinois EPA several choices for impoundment closure applications would be to Hennepin. A rule that mandates closure by removal would mean possibly thousands of truck loads hauling coal ash for years and years from the site impacting our local roads, traffic and air. And, importantly, such a narrow rule would lead to reduced interest from potential redevelopers.

Please consider a final rule that brings regulatory certainty, protects our local environment, yet acknowledges the economic opportunities that our people need.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin Coleman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Kevin Coleman
Hennepin Mayor