

From: [Earth Water](#)
To: [Brown, Don](#)
Subject: [External] Coal Ash Pollution Prevention Act
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Dear Mr. Brown,

I am a teacher originally from central Illinois but have lived in southern Illinois for over 25 years. I am writing this comment to strongly encourage (plead) the Illinois Pollution Control Board to make very strict rules regarding coal ash. The two reasons I have for making this plea are simple but very important:

- 1) Coal ash contains toxic metals and other pollutants. Impoundments will eventually leak or collapse, thus this HAS to be taken into consideration. Getting rid of toxic pollution is really not feasible; thus I get to point number 2
- 2) Coal should not be allowed to be burned anymore for this reason (toxic byproducts) and because it emits carbon dioxide which the entire planet is trying to stop doing.

We all know that we must stop burning coal , so making the strictest regulations to attempt to protect the environment and all the species that live on this planet is in all of our best interests (obviously not in the best interest of coal companies but that should not be the concern of a pollution board or the EPA. Our environmental protections should not be based on the bottom dollar.

I do not live next to a coal mine or impoundment, but I live not far from them as I reside in Carbondale. As you know SIU has a coal plant and there is a large one on Lake of Egypt not so far from me. I hike, camp, swim, and kayak all over the Shawnee every weekend. I feel that I am. I live just a few miles from the Big Muddy which is polluted in part due to coal activities.

Thank you for your time,
Lucia Amorelli

P.S. I usually do extensive research and provide scientific references but I do not have the time presently and wanted to get a comment sent.