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My name is Marian Corley.

First, I wish to commend Governor Pritzker and the Illinois legislature for enacting coal ash pollution prevention. I live less than a mile from both coal ash dumps in Joliet; ponds at the intersection of Rt. 6 and Larkin Avenue and the former Lincoln Quarry off of Brandon Rd.

Until a friend provided me with resources to read about this matter I frankly had no idea of the extensive irreparable damages coal ash can have to our groundwater. I would guess there are many many other Illinois residents that are still as clueless as I was. But now this issue has gotten my attention and I ask the Illinois Pollution Control Board to make strict and clear rules that can allow Illinois law to become the standard nationwide. Coal ash clean up must be done safely and completely. The power industry should not be allowed to decide how, when and where cleanup is done. I request the following:

1. Since wet coal ash can leak into groundwater for decades or centuries, closure standards should require that wet coal ash is not allowed now or in the future. Closed dumps with caps leave groundwater still exposed. Removal to hazardous waste site with a liner is the only solution.
2. Proper corrective action must include safe landfill covers such as vegetative covers. Scattered coal ash such as that used in berms or other construction must be collected.
3. No temporary piles or new dumping can be allowed once the site is approved for closure. There must be time limits for the excavation.
4. Owners must pay for the cleanup, not taxpayers.
5. There must be adequate plans for worker and community protection when dry coal ash is being transported—PPE for workers and safe covered transportation by rail, barge, or electric truck.
6. Prior to approval of an application to remove coal ash, meetings must be conducted to require the owner to present their mitigation plan and allow for public comment. There must be public access to documents. Language translators must be available at meetings and hearings.
7. Environmental justice factors must be considered within at least a one mile radius around coal ash sites as many are located in areas of disenfranchised residents.

I thank you for allowing and considering these comments.

Sent from my iPhone