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Illinois Pollution Control Board,

I appreciate that the proposed rules include provisions for groundwater monitoring, worker protections and that there is no time limit on monitoring. I urge the board to also include the following in the final rules.

Provide permanent protection from coal ash pollution.

Coal ash landfill and dumps in addition to impoundments. By leaving them out of the rulemaking, only part of the problem is being solved.

Removing coal ash responsibly requires worker protections, dust restrictions, and rules about where the ash can go. The draft rule includes some strong onsite worker protections, but there are also need to be protections for the local community and during transportation.

The final rule should use the information from US EPA's Environmental Justice Screen and the Clean Power Plan to identify environmental justice communities.

Information needs to made available to those who do not speak English. If requested, interpreters be present at the meetings, hearings, and translation of permit materials be provided.

The Coal Ash Pollution Prevention Act does not allow the Illinois Rule to be weaker than the federal rule.

The Agency, members of the community, and the public must have access to and an opportunity to review all supporting documents to ensure that communities have a voice and are protected and that owners and operators are complying with required safeguards.

Thank you,

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