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Dear Mr. Brown,

As a twenty-year resident of southern Illinois, and as an ordained Unitarian Universalist minister, I am committed to respect for the interdependent web of Nature. Therefore, I share with you my hopes for the coal ash regulations that Illinois, in my opinion, currently needs.

I request that the Illinois Pollution Control Board (IPCB) issue the strongest possible coal ash protection rules. Coal ash is toxic and threatens drinking water sources and recreational facilities throughout Illinois.

In issuing regulations to protect our water, I hope that the ICPB will make sure that no wet ash is allowed to be closed in, and that no background wells are drilled within contaminated areas. I hope that our regulations will apply to dumps and fills, as well as to impoundments. I hope that all coal ash storage facilities, of any type, will be secured from seepage into natural or artificial bodies of water. I hope that our regulations will not be indexed to Federal standards as a floor, since they may be rolled back by the Federal government leaving Illinois water at risk. And most of all, I hope that the standards that the ICPB issues will be monitored and enforced by strong, independent (non-industry) agencies.

Thank you for your service to the people of the State of Illinois, and for your consideration of this request.

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"Look to this day, for it is life ..." -- Kalidasa