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From: Robin Nolting Garlish <petalnrose@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 30, 2014 11:33 AM ✓
To: Therriault, John
Subject: Docket # R2014-020 from Concerned Resident

Dear Mr. John Therriault;

Thank you for taking the time to listen to my family's public concerns.

This letter is in regards to the possible Illinois EPA emergency rules to the Illinois Pollution Control Board that would require controls on fugitive dust for both pet coke AND COAL. We have been dealing with our children's chronic asthma conditions and all of the critical care and medical bills, & my bronchial asthma problems, since moving to the Pekin, Illinois area from the San Francisco Bay area, in 1986. My family has camped along the Illinois River since we have moved to Central Illinois (when all of our asthmatic problems started). We watch the coal barges from our campground - overfilled & uncovered, as they float on the Illinois River. (We are seriously unsure of this year's boating & camping activities because of what we are seeing in the air; & seeing floating on the waters edge). I am somewhat confused as to why the "coal barges" aren't covered; because all of the other barges have lids/covers on their loads. We, also, ride motorcycles & can feel the dust on our faces & in our breathe from the coal when we get stopped at train crossings (while the coal cars are going by - again uncovered), making it harder to breath. Many motorcyclers share this same concern. We have members of our Churches in Pekin who share the same concerns - as many generations of these church families have seen this problem for many, many years. The recent tornado tore treetops off, all within a hundred feet of the uncovered coal ash & pure coal piles, which are located right next to the Illinois levee's riverfront that is across from our towns local park & public boat ramp. Our residents are breathing this, while they are trying to have quality family time.

Mr. Therriault, thank you, again, to help my family's letter of concern & support get to the right sources at the IPCB.

Sincerely,

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