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To Don Brown, Clerk of the Board--

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my comments regarding the Marion coal ash ponds. I have lived in southern Illinois since 1974 and frequently enjoy swimming and boating in the many lakes, and enjoy recreation activities in the surrounding areas. I have friends who live at and around Lake of Egypt.

SIPC must comply with the Illinois Coal Ash Rules for the ponds at the Marion coal plant, and must prioritize protection of public health. According to the IEPA all eight ponds at the Marion site qualify to be regulated under IL Coal Ash Rules. I support strict adherence to laws protecting our water. I do not want to see exceptions being made to the clean water standards put forth from the IEPA.

According to IEPA, SIPC's monitoring shows that its coal ash ponds are polluting groundwater. It is unacceptable for an industry to be exempt from the IL laws regulating clean water. It is unethical to request an exemption that puts clean water and health at risk. The Lake of Egypt is a public water source and an area used for residence, recreation, and tourism. People fish, boat, and swim at the lake.

Clean water is precious and crucial for all life, and as a responsible society we need to keep it that way.

Sincerely,
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