

My family kindly asks the IEPA to reject SIPC's petition for adjustment of standards on Coal Ash Rules and exempt SIPC and avoid compliance with the IL coal ash rules finalized in 2021.

We are members of the SIEC cooperative in Dongola, IL.

We rely on a groundwater well for our house and farm use, and are concerned about the unlined coal ash ponds leaching contaminants into ground water resources. We live downstream only 15 miles to the south of the power plant coal ash ponds.

According to SIPC's petition dated 05/11/2021 p 191-194, Table 2, groundwater monitoring wells show several ponds **exceed** Class 1 standards with Arsenic, Lead, Selenium, Cobalt, Cadmium, Thallium, Iron, Manganese, and Zinc.

In the SIPC amended complaint dated 12/20/24, Exhibit 37, Tables 3.2 and 3.3—"display groundwater monitoring well results at the Marion Station with **exceedances** of Antimony, Arsenic, Beryllium, Boron, Cadmium, Chloride, Cobalt, Lead, Sulfate, Thallium, and Total Dissolved Solids.

Additionally, out of 11 samples analyzed for radionuclides, 9 samples had **detectable levels of water soluble radioactive particles Radium 226 and 228**. This is bioaccumulative.

According to IEPA 2025 Recommendations on p 7 Section 16 clearly states that "the Petitioner's exhibits demonstrate there is an environmental risk posed by the storage ponds even though the existing groundwater monitoring well system is inadequate."

It's time for SIPC to clean up their mess, and stop polluting our groundwater.

Please deny SIPC's petition to adjust the standards to avoid compliance with Coal Ash Rules.

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