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Subject: RE: R14-10: We Need Coal Ash Rules that Protect Public Health and the Environment:
From: Simon Dmukauskas <sibar72@gmail.com>
Date: 3/3/14 10:25 PM
To: illinois.alerts@gmail.com

Mar 3, 2014

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From: Chris Nelson <c_e_nelson@hotmail.com>
Date: 3/3/14 10:44 PM
To: illinois.alerts@gmail.com

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Subject: RE: R14-10: We Need Coal Ash Rules that Protect Public Health and the Environment:
From: Vincent & Jodi Tabor <vptabor@yahoo.com>
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Coal Ash pt 1_20140602-1331.txt

Subject: RE: R14-10: We Need Coal Ash Rules that Protect Public Health and the Environment:
From: Barbara Hauser <barbhauser10@yahoo.com>
Date: 3/3/14 11:05 PM
To: illinois.alerts@gmail.com

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From: Andrew Sledd <asledd@sbcglobal.net>
Date: 3/3/14 11:16 PM
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Environment:
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From: Jan Ehrenhaft <cabincreeks@hotmail.com>
Date: 3/4/14 12:32 AM
To: illinois.alerts@gmail.com

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From: James Swindler <jkswind@ilstu.edu>

Date: 3/4/14 1:07 AM
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Subject: RE: R14-10: We Need Coal Ash Rules that Protect Public Health and the Environment:

From: Chris Golden <cnmgolden@gmail.com>

Date: 3/4/14 1:56 AM

To: illinois.alerts@gmail.com

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Subject: RE: R14-10: We Need Coal Ash Rules that Protect Public Health and the Environment:

From: Joseph Stein <jstein13@slu.edu>

Date: 3/4/14 2:38 AM

To: illinois.alerts@gmail.com

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I am writing to support environmental regulations for all coal ash ponds in Illinois. This material should be treated as hazardous waste because it can be harmful to public health. Unfortunately, the proposed IEPA regulations are inadequate.

In light of recent coal ash spills, like the Duke spill in North Carolina, citizens are concerned about the safety of coal ash ponds. And Illinois is among the worst states, ranking first in the nation in number of coal ash ponds with 83, yet only about a third of the ponds are lined or monitored, according to the 2011 "State of Failure" report by Earthjustice and Appalachian Mountain Advocates.

Sites like the Vermilion Station North Ash Pond in Oakwood, IL really seem insane. A quick Google Earth search will show the ash pond directly upstream from a community of 1500 residents, Oakwood, IL. The plant closed in 2011 but is still a great danger due to its propensity to leak into the Middle Fork River.

There are countless others just like it.

It's clear that coal ash should be officially classified as a hazardous waste by the EPA. With chemicals like arsenic and selenium, it's hard to ignore the hazard. Coal ash should undoubtedly be regulated by federal law.

The rules have to include these protections:

Groundwater contamination must be addressed. Ash ponds that are leaking into groundwater must be closed. The waste must also be completely removed from the site.

Surface water contamination must be addressed. The proposed rules do not protect downstream waterways vulnerable to toxic pollutants.

Public participation is necessary. Citizens must be adequately informed about any facility's plan. The IEPA should have a public meeting with regards to each plan that gathers significant interest. The usual 60 day comment period should also be given so that the community can be directly involved in the process.

Finally, the financial burden of these coal facilities must be addressed. Several coal ash ponds have recently suffered catastrophic failures, endangering people and animals alike. Illinois has far too many unlined and unmonitored coal ash ponds, some even labeled as "high risk." Financial assurances must be given by energy companies to ensure that civilians will not have to bear the brunt of

the inevitable disasters that will plague this egregiously dangerous practice.

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Subject: RE: R14-10: We Need Coal Ash Rules that Protect Public Health and the Environment:

From: Erwin Brinkmann Jr <efb3500@aol.com>

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From: Paula Nessel <paulanessel@sbcglobal.net>
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Sincerely,

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#1829
Subject: RE: R14-10: We Need Coal Ash Rules that Protect Public Health and the Environment:

From: Donna Veeneman <dmvov@yahoo.com>

Date: 3/4/14 5:47 AM

To: illinois.alerts@gmail.com

Mar 4, 2014

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