



City of Havana

September 14, 2020

Ms. Barbara Flynn Currie
Chairman
Illinois Pollution Control Board
1021 N. Grand Avenue East
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Dear Ms. Currie,

I write you to share my thoughts on some of the possible effects from the proposed state rule by the Illinois EPA regarding the closure of coal ash impoundments, especially what the impact could be at the coal plant site in Havana that Vistra retired in 2019.

As the Mayor of Havana, my priorities are the safety of the people here and supporting and developing our local economy. My hope is the board decides on a rule that gives Illinois EPA adequate discretion to review and approve several methods of closure and not favor one over others.

A rule favoring closure by removal would potentially mean years of digging out and hauling away large volumes of ash by trucks that would mean a higher risk on roads as well as for spills during loading, transport and unloading which could directly impact Havana communities. It could also mean that redevelopment of the site could be delayed for years which will effect job creation and retention.

I urge you to give serious consideration to a rule that protects the environment and is also fair and sensitive to local needs. Please help support our small community and our economic survival.

Sincerely,

Brenda Stadsholt
Mayor of Havana

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