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Illinois Pollution Control Board
c/o John Therriault
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Re: Case No. R15-21 (Rulemaking - Air)


Dear Members of the Illinois Pollution Control Board and the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules:

I am writing to respectfully request that you withhold approval of the proposed Non- Attainment Plan for the 1-Hour Sulfur Dioxide National Ambient Air Quality Standards until the draft rule is strengthened in several areas. The Pekin Non-Attainment areas have been over-burdened with air pollution for decades and this rulemaking provides a critical opportunity to restore safer air quality to these communities. However, the rule as currently written falls short of protecting communities from unsafe air. The draft rule must be strengthened in the following ways before it can be approved:

- **Require NRG Energy's Powerton coal plant to comply with an hourly limit on its sulfur dioxide emissions to adequately protect community members in the Peoria and Pekin communities.** The proposed 30-day averaging limit for the plant is insufficient and leaves families, particularly people with chronic respiratory illnesses and children, vulnerable to short-term spikes in pollution, which is the exact danger EPA identified when it set a 1-hr standard, rather than a 30-day standard.
- **Require a stronger emissions limit at the Dynegy Edwards coal plant along with an expedited date for the installation of sulfur dioxide pollution controls.** The agreement established by Dynegy and the state of Illinois is lacks detail regarding the plan and timeline for installing pollution controls.

The Powerton and Edwards plants are causing unsafe air in Peoria and Tazewell County. As a community member impacted by these sources of pollution, I request that you make these critical improvements to the rule-making to protect my air quality.

Respectfully,



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