What’s in Your Backyard?

Havana Power Station:
How Your Local Power Plant is Polluting Your Water

Meet Your Neighbor

Profile:

- Owner: Dynegy Midwest Generation
- Location: Havana, IL
- Years in Operation:
- # of Coal Ash Pits on Site: 3
- Capacity: 950 million Gallons
- 2 out of 6 cells unlined
- High Hazard Dam
- Risk of Well Contamination: Very High
- # of wells within 1 mile: 23

The Havana Power Station generates 200-400 tons of coal ash every year!

The Havana Power Station ranks 76th on list of most polluting power plants in the United States

The ash pit discharges to the Illinois River. Not only is this river already impaired by the same pollutants Havana adds every day, but it is also heavily used recreationally and commercially.

The Pollutants

Recent air pollution controls at the plant have resulted in over ½ pound of mercury added to the active ash pond every day.

The coal ash on site is mainly stored behind a “high hazard” dam. If the dam were to fail, the floodwave of coal ash would flow downstream, where homes and a school are located within two miles.

Dynegy was forced to install a groundwater management zone after leaking from an old ash pit caused groundwater quality violations.
IEPA’s Proposed Coal Ash Rules: What do they mean for me?

IEPA has proposed rules for characterizing and regulating coal ash pits. As written, the rules fail to fully protect your community from future potential water contamination from the Havana coal ash pits.

- The rules say that if a pit is causing groundwater contamination, the facility has the choice to pursue a corrective action or a closure plan—closure not being the presumptive strategy.
- If closure is chosen, the coal ash does not need to be removed from the site, but instead can be covered up forever and remain a risk to public health.
- The owner of the site does not have to provide financial assurance that they will pay the full costs of remediation—leaving your community at risk to pick up the tab.

~Attend a public hearing by the Illinois Pollution Control Board~
Help protect your friends, family, and precious water resources!

May 14: 10 a.m. with press conference at 9 a.m.
May 15: 9 a.m.
James R. Thompson Center
100 W. Randolph St, Chicago, IL

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