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The Urbana-Champaign Sanitary District has been seeking public input regarding possible sale of its treated wastewater to industries that are intensely water dependent.

One of the industries is in Douglas County and would need over 6 million gallons per day. The other industry request is from Colorado-based Hallador Energy Inc., which is proposing a coal mine near Homer.

It wants a half-million gallons per day to wash coal, a process which generates more toxic chemicals than you have fingers to count them with, starting with arsenic, lead and mercury.

We need to tell the UCSD that it's vital we keep our water here. We need it to attract responsible and clean industry offering a healthy work environment; we need it supplement regional streams that, because of past decisions, have become dependent on the release of treated waste water for habitat, recreation and drinking water.

Nurseries may need it to save their business during dry years such as 2012. The decision will be made soon by the three trustees of the Urbana-Champaign Sanitary District: Diana Lenik (dlenik@u-csd.com ^[1]); Jerry Lyke (jlyke@u-csd.com ^[2]) and Jennifer Putman (jputman@u-csd.com). Please let them know asap how you feel.

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