

Groups appeal new permit for Illinois mine

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CHICAGO (AP) — Three environmental groups are asking state regulators to take away a central Illinois mine's wastewater discharge permit.

Prairie Rivers Network, the [Illinois Chapter of the Sierra Club](#) and the Environmental Law and Policy Center are appealing a new permit recently granted to the [Industry Mine](#). The groups say in their filing this week with the [Illinois Pollution Control Board](#)

that the mine has more than 600 violations of the permit's terms.

The groups say the surface mine near the town of Industry was granted a new permit by the [Illinois Environmental Protection Agency](#) this spring in spite of millions of dollars in pending fines. Industry is about 70 miles southwest of Peoria.

Messages left with mine-owner [Springfield Coal Co.](#) and the [Illinois EPA](#) were not immediately returned.

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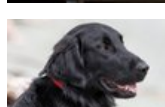
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