

# Coal Ash: In Your Backyard



## Did you know Illinois has the largest recoverable coal ash reserves in the nation?

Despite a rapidly growing market for clean, renewable energy, our reliance on coal as an energy source is likely to continue for the foreseeable future.

New technologies have helped reduce the amount of toxic coal pollutants such as mercury, lead and arsenic entering the air when coal is burned. But once removed, where do coal combustion wastes go? The answer might surprise you. Illinois, with over 90 coal ash disposal pits, ranks #1 in the nation. Many of them are unlined, and most are leaking into adjoining surface and ground waters.

Watch four short films and talk with issue experts from Eco-Justice Collaborative and Prairie Rivers Network.

### Learn about:

- The hazards of coal ash, and how coal ash is affecting Illinois communities.
- How coal ash disposal is - or is not - regulated.
- Alternatives to coal ash generation or storage.
- What you can do to ensure the health and safety of Illinois residents.

## Information Session

When: Tuesday, September 22, 2015

Where: Champaign Public Library Robeson  
Room A & B, 200 W Green St,  
Champaign

Time: 5:30-7PM, refreshments provided

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