



First IEPA Public Hearing on Coal Power Plant Ash Ponds Under New State Regulations



Powerton coal-fired power plant in Pekin. Photo: Wikipedia Commons

PLEASE ATTEND: Show Your Support for Clean Air and Water, Wednesday, May 8th, 6 p.m. in Pekin

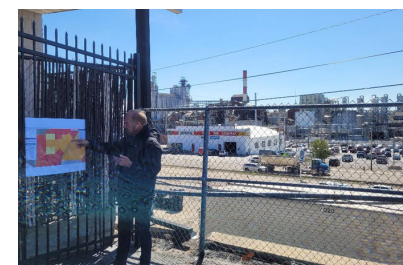
The Pekin Powerton coal-fired power plant May 8th public hearing is the first the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) will hold under state coal ash pond regulations signed into law in 2019, after significant public efforts. Your attendance will be a great help to show public concern and interest. The hearing is Wednesday, May 8th, 6 p.m. at the [Miller Senior Center](#), 551 South 14th St, Pekin. [More »](#)

Key Environmental Legislation Needs Your Support Now!



Please phone your state representative and senator to support our major state legislative efforts for this session. This session is scheduled to end May 24th and time is of the essence. [More »](#)

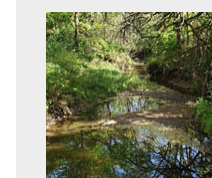
Peoria City Council Will Vote on Two Major Tax Increment Financing Plans



The Distillery and Galena Road Industrial Park TIF projects will both be up for a vote at the Peoria City Council meeting May 14th. City staff have included wording recognizing environmental justice concerns for the Southside in the Distillery TIF. [More »](#)

HOI Group Meetings and Events

Planning for 300+ Square Miles of the Kickapoo Creek Watershed »
Wed, May 15, 6:30pm - Forest Park Nature Center & VIRTUAL

 Reema Abi-Akar, Senior Planner for the [Tri-County Regional Planning Commission](#), will walk through the initial phases of the newly started Kickapoo Creek watershed-based planning process. While Kickapoo Creek community advocates have conducted informal, on-the-ground work on this watershed for years, this upcoming project from the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission seeks to formalize their efforts. Along with local groups and consultant Baxter and Woodman, the project team hopes to gather data in the watershed, pinpoint key issues to address, lay out recommendations for future improvements, and explore funding options to do so.


The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a meet-and-greet, with the program starting at 7 p.m. [Registration required for the virtual meeting.](#)

 [Check our calendar for more events.](#)

Pictures from March & April

		
Fly Tying Workshop	RiverWatch Training Workshop	Clean Water Celebration
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Volunteers Needed for Peoria Juneteenth Celebration

Volunteer!  **Saturday, June 15th, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at John H. Gwynn Park and George Washington Carver Community Center.** Your Heart of Illinois Group Sierra plans to have a table again at the ever-growing Peoria Juneteenth Celebration. If you are interested in helping for an hour or two, we will have pollinator helping wildflower seeds to hand out. Contact HOI Chair Robert Rowe if interested. Send an email to hoi@illinois.sierraclub.org.




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