



## **Talking Points for DNR Hearing on Coal Pile Expansion Permit**

- We Energies wants to burn more coal and dirtier coal at the power plant. This means We Energies would more than double the size of its coal piles, without any additional control of the coal dust from those piles.
- Burning more coal also means more coal dust flying off the train cars that deliver the coal.
- We Energies knows that coal dust is blowing onto and into the homes of local residents. They already power wash peoples' homes to remove the airborne grit and have conducted testing inside homes where residents report trouble breathing.
- Coal dust is more than just a nuisance. Coal dust is particulate matter pollution, tiny particles that can get into peoples' lungs and cause serious health problems.
- Particulate pollution is already a problem in southeastern Wisconsin, and this proposal will only make it worse.
- There are many technologies available to control fugitive dust from the coal piles, but We Energies has chosen not to use them. For example, We Energies could install wind barriers, use crusting agents, or enclose the coal piles to prevent coal dust from blowing over the area.