

# Protect the Middle Fork and Vermilion Rivers from Coal Ash Pollution

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Dear Governor Rauner and Director Messina:

Dynegy-Midwest Generation closed its electric generating plant in Vermilion County in 2011, and now wants to leave behind 3.3 million cubic yards of toxic coal ash in pits located in the floodplain of the Middle Fork of the Vermilion River, Illinois' only National Scenic River. The pits are immediately upstream from Kickapoo State Park, just 12 miles from the city of Danville and are actively leaking coal ash pollutants into the groundwater and river. In addition, the Middle Fork is eroding the banks of river and abutting pits, raising concern that they may one day break, sending millions of gallons of coal ash into the river.

Governor Rauner and IEPA Director Messina, we ask you to require Dynegy to remove their toxic coal ash waste from the floodplain and place it in a safe, properly designed facility that permanently protects public health and safety. This is the only solution that will eliminate a long-term health and economic liability for the people of Vermilion County and Illinois taxpayers.

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