

WE HAVE A COAL ASH PROBLEM

And It's Right in Our Backyard!



So What's the Problem?

In 2011, Dynergy closed its power plant on the Middle Fork of the Vermilion River, near Oakwood. But Dynergy still owns 3.3 million cubic yards of toxic coal ash in the floodplain of the Middle Fork, Illinois' only National Scenic River. That's enough to fill Danville's baseball stadium with a pile of toxic ash that is 90 stories tall, or Chicago's Willis Tower nearly two times!

What is Coal Ash?

Coal ash is what's left over after coal is burned. It contains some of the world's most toxic metals, such as arsenic, lead, mercury, cadmium, chromium and selenium. These and other chemicals found in coal ash can cause birth defects, cancer, and brain damage in humans, and can harm and kill wildlife, especially fish.

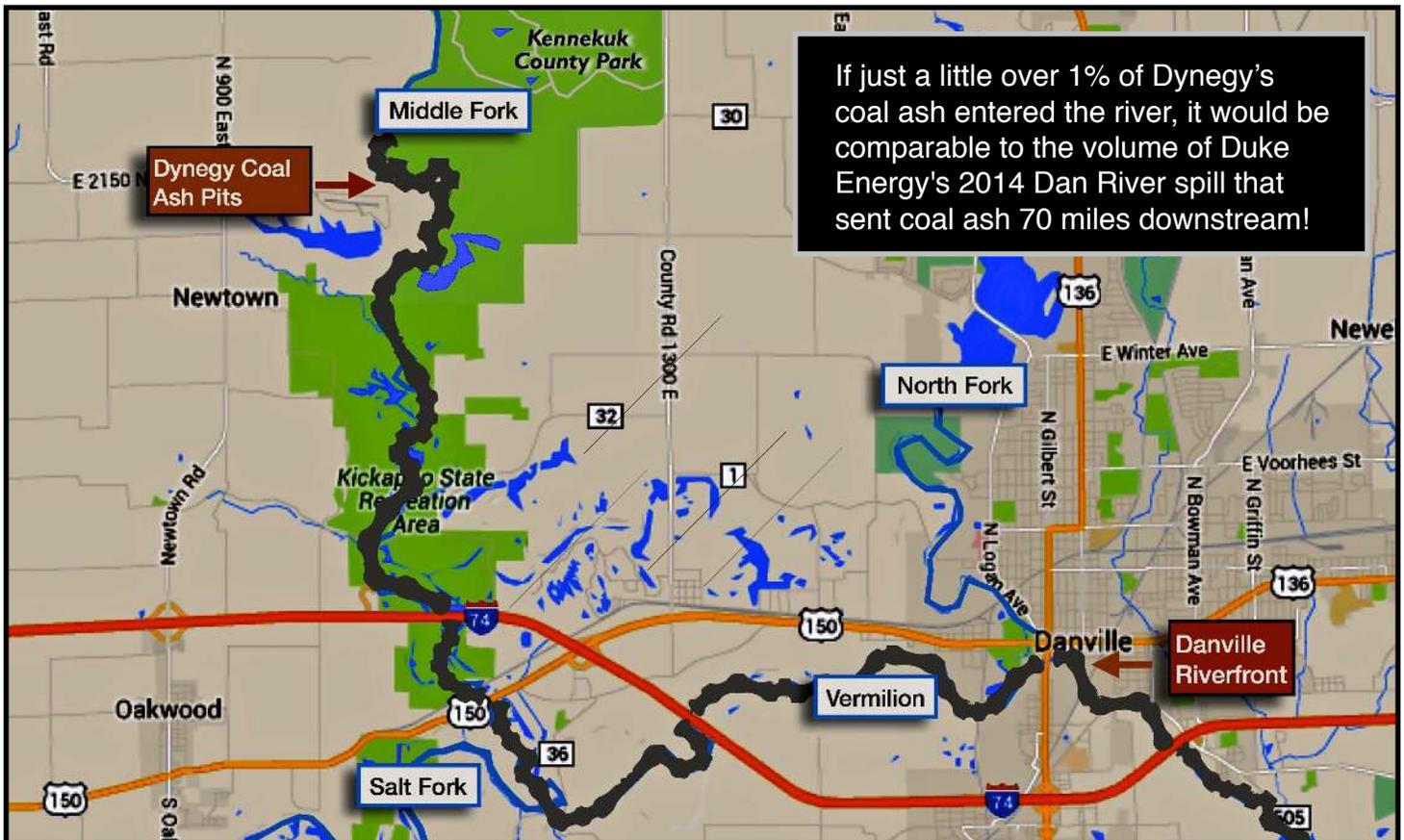
Why Be Concerned?

Two of Dynergy's coal ash pits are leaking this deadly waste into the groundwater and river. The Middle Fork also is cutting into the banks of Dynergy's coal ash pits, raising concerns over their long-term stability. If one of these pits breaks, millions of gallons of toxic coal ash will flow into the river.

It's Happened Before ...

In 2008 a massive coal ash spill in Kingston, TN sent 5.5 million cubic yards of toxic coal ash into the Clinch and Emory Rivers. So far, the cost of clean-up is \$1.2 billion and mounting. Then, in 2014, a Duke Energy plant in NC sent 46,000 cubic yards of toxic coal ash into the Dan River, extending 70 miles downstream. The bill for clean-up is now over \$50 million, and growing.





If just a little over 1% of Dynegey's coal ash entered the river, it would be comparable to the volume of Duke Energy's 2014 Dan River spill that sent coal ash 70 miles downstream!

If Dynegey Caps and Leaves ... and the Coal Ash Spills YOU'LL Pay the Bills!

CALL TO ACTION

Dynegey's pits are ticking time bombs in your backyard. **CALL GOVERNOR RAUNER'S HOTLINE** today, at 217.782.0244.

Tell the staffer: Dynegey must move their toxic coal waste out of the floodplain and place it in a properly-lined location on their property, away from the river.

For more information or to get involved, go to www.ecojusticecollaborative.org

What's at Stake

A coal ash spill on the Middle Fork would have a devastating impact on recreation and riverfront development. Kickapoo State Park is immediately downstream from the coal ash pits, and Danville's riverfront project is just 12 miles away.

Dynegey Wants to "Cap and Leave"

Dynegey, whose annual revenues total \$5.5 billion, wants to "cap and leave". They want to cover their toxic coal ash pits and leave them in the floodplain. But if Dynegey leaves, and the coal ash spills ... YOU'LL pay the bills!

