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Dear Governor Rauner and Director Lisa Bonnett,

I am the executive director of the Vermilion County Conservation District and one of our county parks, Kennekuk, borders the Middle Fork National Scenic River. Two years ago, we passed a resolution that voiced our concern about the coal ash pits that are vacated by Dynegy-Midwest Generation. These pits are presently leaching toxic heavy metals into our only National Scenic River in Illinois.

Dynegy has proposed to cap the ponds and stabilize the river bank. This would only be a temporary solution. Ground water would still be affected and bank erosion would still occur. If the coal ash spills into the Middle Fork River, the effects would be devastating. This has already happened in Tennessee and North Carolina. I urge you to not accept this solution, but require Dynegy to re-locate the pits and to cap them properly. Dynegy-Midwest Generation should take full responsibility for this hazard which they created.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kenneth F. Konsis".

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