

# DYNEGY HAS A COAL ASH PROBLEM

And They Want to Leave It for You!



## So What's the Problem?

In 2011, Dynegy closed its power plant on the Middle Fork of the Vermilion River, near Oakwood. But Dynegy 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 deadliest 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?

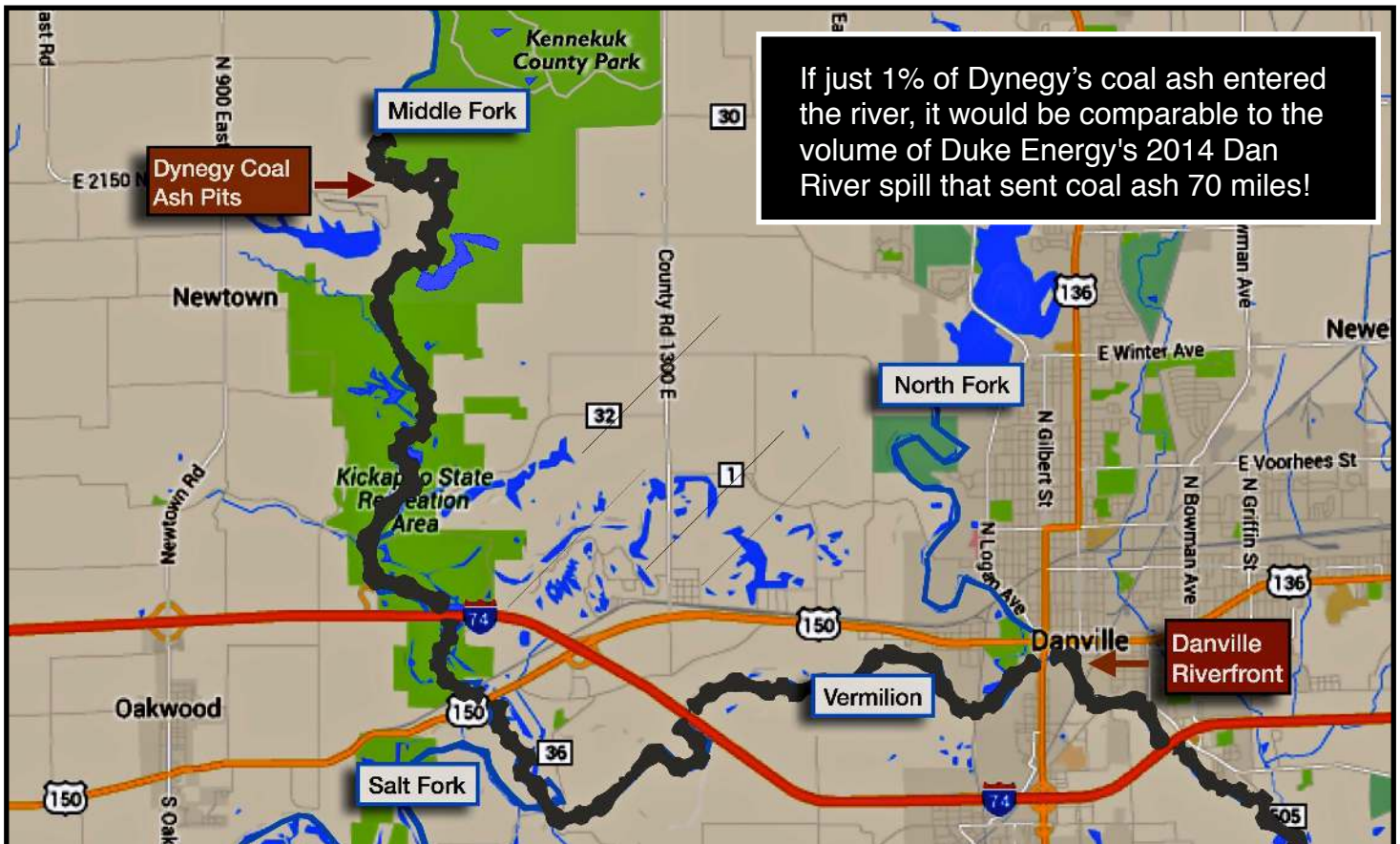
Two of Dynegy's coal ash pits are leaking this deadly waste into the groundwater and river. The Middle Fork also is cutting into the banks of Dynegy's coal ash pits, raising concerns over their long-term stability. If one of these pits breaks, millions of gallons of toxic coal ash will flow into the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

### CALL TO ACTION

The Dynegy pits are ticking time bombs in your backyard. Call Governor Rauner today, at 217.782.0244.

Tell him Dynegy needs to move their toxic coal waste out of the floodplain and place it in a properly lined facility on their property, away from the river.

For more information or to get involved, go to [www.ecojusticecollaborative.org](http://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.

### Dynegy Wants to "Cap and Run"

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

