

PEOPLE'S HEARING

Risks of Leaving Coal Ash on the Banks of the Middle Fork

Monday, June 11, 2018 - 5pm to 8pm
Bremer Auditorium, Danville Area Community College

Presiding Officials

Scott Bennett, Illinois State Senator
Mike Marron, Vermilion County Board Chair
Scott Eisenhauer, Mayor of Danville

AGENDA

4:00pm ... Press Conference

- Lan Richart, Eco-Justice Collaborative
- Senator Scott Bennett
- Mike Marron, Chair, Vermilion County
- Rebecca Obuchowski, resident, Champaign County
- Kristin Camp, resident, Vermilion County

5:00pm ... Opening Remarks

Senator Scott Bennett

5:30pm ... Speakers / Expert Testimony

Overview of the coal ash problem

Pam Richart, Co-Director, Eco-Justice Collaborative

Dynegy's Timeline / IEPA's approval process

Richard J. Cobb, P.G., Deputy Division Manager, Division of Public Water Supplies, IEPA

Ecological health / National Scenic River status

Rob Kanter, Ph.D., School of Earth, Society and Environment, UIUC

Economic / Recreational importance

Michael Marron, Vermilion County Board Chair

Scott Eisenhauer, Mayor of Danville

Coal ash as a hazardous waste

Abel Russ, Attorney, Environmental Integrity Project

Pollution of groundwater and surface water

Andrew Rehn, Water Resources Engineer, Prairie Rivers Network

Impact of meandering river on bank stabilization

Bruce Rhoads, Ph.D., Department of Geography and Geographic Information Science, UIUC

Threat to long-term stability of impoundments

Mike Dudas, P.E., Civil Engineer, Dudas Engineering

Living with coal ash contamination

Amy Brown, Belmont, North Carolina

Community impacts of 2008 TVA coal ash spill

Sarah McCoin, Harriman, Tennessee

7:00pm ... Public Comment

Those wishing to speak will be asked to form a line at the microphone and state your name and address for the record. Please limit testimony to two to three minutes. Longer remarks can be submitted in writing

TAKE ACTION!

Now is the time to act. It is expected that Dynegy will have completed their studies this October, and will submit their final closure plan to the IEPA for review shortly thereafter.

Please do one or more of the following:

1. Speak at the hearing tonight. We've provided talking points that you can use to help shape your testimony, and you'll have had the benefit of hearing the overview and presentations by speakers / experts.
2. Fill in a public comment form, included in this packet. We plan to collect and then submit public comments received tonight to the Governor's office, the IEPA, and the IDNR.
3. Encourage others to provide comments. Friends, family and colleagues can go directly to our website <http://ecojusticecollaborative.org> to access a public comment form that can be sent electronically to Governor Bruce Rauner, IEPA Director Alec Messina and IDNR Director Wayne Rosenthal.
4. Send a letter to the Governor and IEPA Director via our website. Go to: <http://ecojusticecollaborative.org>. On the menu bar, click ACT NOW. Scroll to Protect the Middle Fork. Please take a moment to edit and personalize the letter before you click submit.
5. Send a letter to the editor of your local newspaper.
6. Make calls or send a letter. This is one of the best ways to connect with decision-makers. You can use the talking points or any of the materials on your website to help convey your opinion or concerns about a closure plan that would leave toxic coal ash in the floodplain of the state's only National Scenic River.

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