



# Tell Illinois EPA to protect the Middle Fork of the Vermilion River from power plant pollution

To make sure your concerns are heard, attend Illinois Environmental Protection Agency's **Public Hearing** on the issuance of a Water Discharge Permit (NPDES) for this station

**Tuesday, August 6th at 6:00pm**

**Hebron United Methodist Church  
20664 Newton Road  
Oakwood, Illinois 61858**



**Dynegy Vermilion Power Station, located near Oakwood, IL.**

The IEPA Bureau of Water has prepared a draft NPDES permit for the Dynegy Vermilion Power Station. The permit will allow discharge of polluted runoff into the Middle Fork of the Vermilion River.

Due to requests from citizens and advocacy groups, IEPA will hold a public hearing to accept comments on the permit.

If you are concerned about water pollution from coal fired power or coal ash disposal, this hearing is your chance to convince the IEPA to tighten or deny the permit renewal.



## Our Concerns

1. The Middle Fork of the Vermilion River is Illinois' only designated National Scenic River and is home to diverse flora and fauna including 24 state and federal threatened and endangered species.
2. Dynegy built the Vermilion facility's three ash ponds in the floodplain of the Middle Fork of the Vermilion River. Two of the ponds are actively leaking into both the river and the groundwater and contamination is well documented.
3. The proposed water pollution discharge permit does not:
  - a. acknowledge the discharge of groundwater contamination and its impact on the Middle Fork of the Vermilion River via natural groundwater seeps.
  - b. adequately require additional stormwater controls to address failing infrastructure and direct seepages from the leaking ash ponds.
  - c. adequately limit the release of heavy metals into the river and only requires semi-annual monitoring.
  - d. require studies or monitoring of impacts from coal ash pollution on fish and wildlife since the last review in the 1970s.

## What Can You Do?

### Attend the Public Hearing:

This Public Hearing is being held for citizens to express concerns about how this project will affect them, as well as to ask questions and learn more about the project. Speakers need not know the technical aspects of the issue - this is the time to ask questions and to express your concerns to the IEPA.

Participants may make oral comments at the Public Hearing and will be allowed to submit written comments.

### Want to do more?

Write a Letter to the Editor about the issue-tell your neighbors and legislators how you feel.

### Submit Written Comments

Comments must be postmarked or emailed by midnight, August 26, 2013.  
Electronic comments must specify  
Dynegy-Vermilion NPDES  
in the subject line and must be sent to:  
[epa.publichearingcom@illinois.gov](mailto:epa.publichearingcom@illinois.gov)

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