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## Resolution

### Re: Fly Ash Issue In Vermilion County

**WHEREAS**, the County of Vermilion recognizes coal as a legitimate energy resource and that it has played a large part in the economic development of this and other counties; and

**WHEREAS**, it has nonetheless been found through more current research that the byproducts of coal use, particularly fly ash, has the potential for causing current and future damage to important resources of Vermilion County such as the Middle Fork River; and

**WHEREAS**, such concerns may not have been known at the time the fly ash was so placed and when it's placement was allowed under current State law; and

**WHEREAS**, the river system is used for wildlife viewing, hiking, paddling, angling, hunting and photography, providing enjoyment and economic value and business use; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Vermilion is concerned that the plan for dealing with the fly ash currently on site and elsewhere may not resolve the future needs, both business and recreational, and concerns of citizens, particularly given the experience of Vermilion County with fly ash issues in the past; and

**WHEREAS**, the Illinois Pollution Control Board now has the authority to act upon current information and concerns and establish best practices for dealing with fly ash now and into the future. Vermilion County strongly supports effective rules for the benefit of its citizens.

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT** the County of Vermilion encourages and requests that any plan for the disposal of fly ash, particularly along and in water areas, be based upon the best scientific practices that will answer current and future citizen and business concerns for the vitality of the Middle Fork tourist area as well as the concerns of residents who may live close to or in areas affected by such fly ash and that any such rule address the water safety needs of residents and that the producers of fly ash bear the cost of removal or protection.

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**PRESENTED, APPROVED, AND RESOLVED** by the County Board of Vermilion County, Illinois at its May 13, 2014, A.D. meeting.

Dated this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2014 A.D.

AYE \_\_\_ NAY \_\_\_ ABSENT \_\_\_

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Vermilion County Board Chairman

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk of the County Board

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Approved to Form: State's Attorney

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