

**Vermilion County Conservation Foundation  
Forest Glen Preserve  
Westville, Illinois**

**Resolution**

**Concerns of the Coal Ash Storage Pits Bordering the Middle Fork National Scenic River in Vermilion County.**

**WHEREAS**, the Vermilion County Conservation Foundation supports conservation efforts in Vermilion County, and the Middle Fork National Scenic River lies within the boundary of Vermilion County; and

**WHEREAS**, the coal fly ash occurs in storage pits at the Dynegy Midwest Generation, L.L.C. Vermilion Facility, which has been non-operational since 2011 and that these storage pits lack structural integrity which causes great risk of polluting the Middle Fork National Scenic River; and

**WHEREAS**, this river system supports a diverse population of flora and fauna which were major considerations to receive this national scenic river designation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Environmental Protection Agency has propose rules to the Illinois Pollution Control Board to address coal ash issues at power plant sites to establish criteria, requirements, and standards for preventative response or corrective action as deemed necessary to protect river quality.

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT** the Vermilion County Conservation Foundation requests that the Illinois Pollution Control Board should consider implementation of rules that will provide great protection of water resources threatened by coal ash disposal; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources do not approve a closure plan of the Dynegy Midwest Generation Vermilion facility until the concerns of the potential pollution of groundwater and surface water are addressed.

Adopted this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2014.

ATTEST:

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Cheryl Vergin  
Secretary  
Vermilion County Conservation  
Foundation

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Gordon Thoennes  
Chairman  
Vermilion County Conservation  
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