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RE: River Bank Stabilization Project along the Middle Fork Vermilion River; Vermilion Site;
10/5/2015 Joint Application #LRL-2008-1366 at Dynegy's coal ash storage facility

Dear Laban Lindley,

These comments are submitted on behalf of Prairie Rivers Network regarding the proposed River Bank Stabilization Project for the Vermilion Power Station, submitted by Dynegy Midwest Generation for joint review and approval by the National Park Service (NPS), US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR), and Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA).

Prairie Rivers Network (PRN) is the state affiliate of the National Wildlife Federation, a non-profit organization that strives to protect the rivers, streams and lakes of Illinois and to promote the lasting health and beauty of watershed communities. Many of our members live and recreate in the Vermilion River watershed and continue to be at risk due to pollutants leaching from the onsite ash pits.

We recognize and appreciate ongoing collaboration between the National Park Service, US Army Corps of Engineers, Illinois Department of Natural Resources, and Illinois Environmental Protection Agency to evaluate a new bank stabilization project along Illinois' only National Scenic River, the Middle Fork of the Vermilion River.

The purpose of this letter is to share our general concerns about the project, while providing a background and basis for our specific concerns. We intend to continue evaluating these concerns through future FOIA requests and formal comments that may be directed to each relevant agency.