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Mr. John Therriault
Illinois Pollution Control Board
1021 North Grand Avenue East
P.O. Box 19274
Springfield, Illinois 62794-9274

Re: Coal Ash Resolution

Dear Mr. Therriault,

We, the board of directors of the Vermilion County Soil & Water Conservation District do support the proposal of removing coal ash from the three Dynege Midwest Generation storage pits at the Vermilion facility. We also support the relocation of the contaminants to a lined dry waste management unit.

We believe capping the ponds is only a temporary measure and our concern is the long term effects of the coal ash seeping into the Middle Fork River.

We propose that a comprehensive plan be created for the responsible closure and clean-up of the Vermilion facility and that the financial burden be placed upon Dynege Midwest Generation, L.L.C. and not upon the taxpayers of Vermilion County.

Our mission statement states our task as the board of directors for the Vermilion County Soil & Water Conservation District is to provide for the conservation of the soil, soil resources, water and water resources of the county; to provide for the control and prevention of soil erosion; to provide for the prevention of air and water pollution and to provide for the prevention of erosion, floodwater and sediment damages. Our responsibility is to protect our natural resources of Vermilion County.

The boards of directors is requesting that the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency and Illinois Department of Natural Resources do not approve a closure plan for the Dynege Midwest Generation Vermilion facility that does not sufficiently address concerns of stability and pollution of groundwater and surface water.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard W. Kentner".

Richard W. Kentner
Chairman of the Board