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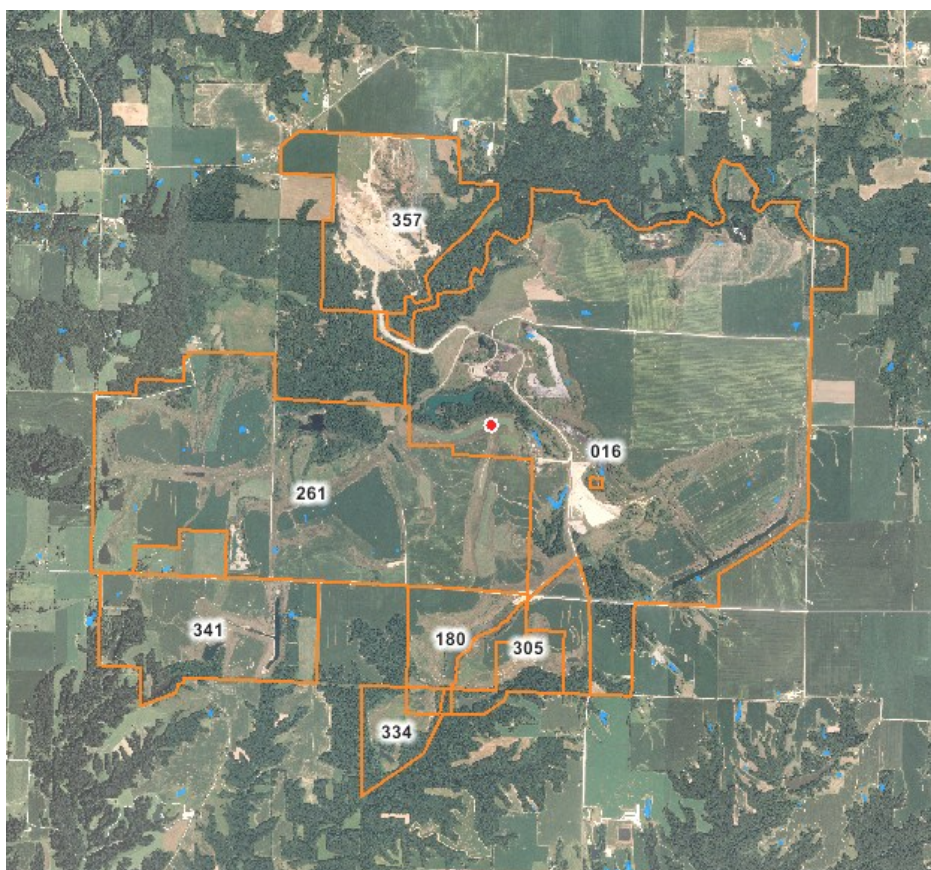


Will Industry coal mine's new discharge permit adequately protect your water resources from coal pollution?

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 mine:

Tuesday, April 12th at 6:00pm

**Spoon River College Community Outreach Center
MidAmerica National Bank Conference Hall
2500 E. Jackson Street, Macomb, Illinois**



Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) has issued a draft NPDES permit renewal to Springfield Coal Co., LLC for continued mining and coal ash disposal at the Industry Mine site. The permit will allow discharge of polluted runoff into Willow Creek, Grindstone Creek and several tributaries.

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 mining or coal ash disposal, **this hearing is your chance to convince IEPA to tighten or deny the permit renewal.**

Industry strip mine permit area located southwest of Industry, Illinois

Our Concerns

We object to the Illinois EPA's issuance of an NPDES permit renewal because the Agency has not adequately assessed the impact that continued and expanding mining and coal ash disposal at the mine will have on water quality and wildlife in McDonough and Schuyler Counties. Specifically, the Illinois EPA has not adequately:

- ⇒ Enforced permit compliance. **This facility has violated their permit over 300 times** by discharging pollution at levels several times higher than allowed.
- ⇒ Completed a thorough characterization of the coal ash to be disposed of on site
- ⇒ Completed a comprehensive review of the condition and uses of and impact to adjacent streams and underlying groundwater.
- ⇒ Reviewed onsite operations and disposal plan proposed by Springfield Coal Company despite documentation of poor ash disposal practices.

The public notice/fact sheet which contains the draft antidegradation assessment and the draft NPDES permit can be viewed on the IEPA website: <http://www.epa.state.il.us/public-notices/2010/springfield-coal-industry/hearing-notice.pdf>

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 technical aspects of the issue – this is the time 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 e-mailed by midnight, May 12, 2011.

Electronic comments must specify Industry Mine NPDES in the subject line and must be sent to **epa.publichearingcom@illinois.gov**.

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