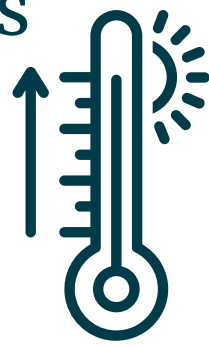


Ameren's Labadie coal power plant, located along the Missouri River in Franklin County, sits upstream of the drinking water for people in St. Charles, St. Louis County, and City of St. Louis. **The Labadie coal power plant poses serious environmental and health risks for our communities!**

Environmental and Health Risks of Ameren's Labadie Coal Power Plant

The Labadie coal power plant sucks in more than one billion gallons of water daily that is used to cool the plant, and then discharges hot water back into the Missouri River.



- ▶ This heated water threatens Missouri's endangered pallid sturgeon and other aquatic wildlife.

Labadie discharges toxic pollutants from coal ash ponds into the Missouri River through groundwater.



- ▶ Toxins like arsenic and mercury in coal ash can cause cancer, organ disease, and developmental problems in people.
- ▶ According to the EPA, living near a wet coal ash storage pond is significantly more dangerous than smoking a pack of cigarettes a day.

These activities can harm our waterways, local ecosystems, and our public health if left unchecked!

MDNR (Missouri Department of Natural Resources) **should listen to community input!**

Withdraw the proposed water pollution permit for Ameren's Labadie coal power plant & **propose** a permit that requires Ameren to clean close the coal ash ponds, remediate contaminated groundwater and control the thermal discharge. **MDNR has all of the information it needs right now to fully enforce the Clean Water Act and must act accordingly.**

We Need Your Help to Protect Missourians and Our Environment

MDNR is responsible for regulating pollution at coal power plants like Labadie, **but it's failing its mission and putting Missourians at risk.**

- ☑ MDNR neglected to act for 20 years, knowing as early as 1992 that Ameren's coal ash ponds had "leaked" millions of gallons of toxic pollutants into groundwater.
- ☑ MDNR has refused to require Ameren to clean up the contamination caused by over 50 years of dumping toxins directly or indirectly into groundwater.
- ☑ When MDNR finally issued a new permit in 2015, it did not set thermal discharge limits properly.
- ☑ Sierra Club immediately appealed the 2015 permit, but Missouri's Administrative Hearing Commission has ignored the appeal and refused to issue a decision.
- ☑ The current draft permit does nothing to require Ameren to clean up contaminated groundwater caused by the coal ash ponds, control the thermal discharge or protect endangered species.

Ameren said it does not assess public health issues when evaluating energy options. Meanwhile, the EPA is investigating MDNR for civil rights violations for other permits it issued in St. Louis.

How can you get involved?

- ☑ Join Labadie Environmental Organization and Sierra Club for the virtual public hearing on **July 1st** to demand that MDNR withdraw the draft permit and reissue a strong water pollution permit for Ameren's Labadie coal power plant.
- ☑ Hearing registration information, online action, and more at sc.org/Labadie.