

Statement of Opposition to an Ethanol Plant In Pike County near Patoka National Wildlife Refuge

We, the undersigned, oppose construction and / operation of an ethanol production plant and power generating station in Pike County adjoining the Patoka National Wildlife Refuge, due to the following risks and concerns:

- Waste water drainage and run-off, and its effects on area lakes, creeks and the adjoining Patoka National Wildlife Refuge which is home to 4 endangered species
- Pollution emissions posing a significant risk to all species of wildlife in the refuge especially the Bald Eagle
- Effect on the local water table, including depletion of private wells and area lakes
- Loss of local residential property values
- Pollution emissions posing a significant risk of respiratory illnesses, especially in children and senior citizens
- Proximity to area schools, daycares, senior citizen facilities, residential properties, church, Patoka National Wildlife Refuge
- Effects on local services such as volunteer fire departments and police
- Odor, light, noise, disturbances from 24 hours production operations. These disturbances greatly affect the Bald Eagle which is federally protected from disturbance of any kind.
- Odor, light, noise, disturbances from 24 hours of production operations affecting the local people
- Substantially increased truck & train traffic, much of which will be placarded for hazardous materials
- Lack of direct tax benefit to the local community
- Lack of economic impact for the use of ethanol as a replacement for fossil fuel due to ethanol's extreme inefficiency

For the above named reasons we request that the Pike County Commissioners and Council, the Pike County Area Plan Commission, the Pike County Growth and Development Council, the Pike County Board of Zoning Appeals, and any other appropriate governing body to deny any request for zoning exception and/or variance, building permits, tax abatement, TIF financing, or other financial incentives. In addition, we request the above named bodies to determine that no ethanol production facility or generating plant should be located in Pike County near the Patoka National Wildlife Refuge.

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**Please sign and Return to:
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