

# HEARTLAND COALFIELD ALLIANCE

## Central Illinois Mining Delegation

SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 2011



## THE TRUE COST OF COAL

Interested in learning first-hand about the true cost of coal in Illinois? Join citizen activists and water quality professionals from the Heartland Coalfield Alliance for a day-long tour of central Illinois' coalfields.

Participants will meet in Springfield in the morning and depart as a group on a driving tour of historic and contemporary coal mining sites. The group will learn about the history of the Illinois' coal industry and organized labor, visiting the small towns where some of the nation's deadliest labor battles were fought, as well as the only union coal mine left in Illinois today.

From there, we will explore the impacts that the entire coal life cycle has on the lands, waters, health, and quality of life of central Illinois communities. Participants will see areas subsided from longwall mining, massive coal slurry and coal ash dumps, and get the chance to hear directly from local residents who are concerned about coal's effects. This tour is intended for concerned Illinois residents who want to learn what they can do to promote a just transition from a coal economy to a sustainable economy in America's heartland.

### **COST: \$25.00**

Includes travel  
Does not include meals

### **INTERESTED?**

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To register, visit: <http://coaltourcentral.eventbrite.com/>

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## What You Will Do

- First stop - Virden Illinois, the site of one the deadliest union battles in our nation's history.
- Visit the Crown III mine, the only union coal-mine in the state. This mine includes an unlined slurry and ash impoundment.
- Travel to the Shay I mine and listen to residents talk about problems related to the coal slurry impoundment.
- See the Coffeen/White & Brewer Trucking Fly Ash Landfill and learn about coal ash.
- Experience the Deer Run Mine with Citizens Against Longwall Mining and learn how this form of underground mining devastates communities and prime farmland.
- Meet and network with partner organizations working to protect and preserve America's heritage.