

LEO: Bringing Together People to Protect the Big Muddy, Floodplains and Drinking Water

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In the fall of 2009, the topic of a proposed coal ash landfill in the Missouri River floodplain monopolized the conversation at a local book club meeting in the small river town of Labadie, home of Ameren Missouri's largest coal-fired power plant. Within one month, the group had organized as a nonprofit and held its first meeting in the basement of a local church.

The group is now called **Labadie Environmental Organization (LEO)**. The group has been a key force in mobilizing local opposition to permitting of coal ash storage in the Labadie Bottoms, a section of Missouri River floodplain upstream of the St. Louis area.

LEO's success has been in giving voice to local people and in doing so, has begun the reclaiming of community power in making decisions that impact the environment and local economies.

FREE & open to the public!

**Wednesday,
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**6:00 p.m. Social Hour
7:00 p.m. Presentation**

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