



SAVE RADLEY LAKES
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The current Greenpeace stunt at Didcot A Power Station is designed to highlight the environmental damage caused by burning coal to make electricity.

Besides atmospheric pollution (CO₂, dust, NO_x, SO₂ etc) such power stations also damage the environment through the enormous amounts of ash they produce. Most of this ash is dumped into landfill in the locality of the power stations and is a national problem that most people are oblivious of.

Didcot power station has been disposing of its ash by dumping it into disused gravel pits at Radley. Filling in unsightly worked out gravel pits is one thing, but their proposal to destroy beautiful Thrupp Lake at Radley is taking this too far. The fact that they even considered this, let alone intend to put it into practice, reflects RWE Npower's true attitude to the environment. Waste disposal should never be allowed to damage beautiful countryside or areas of significant wildlife value. In any case, the fuel ash should not be waste, it is a valuable raw material that could be used in the construction industry to make concrete, cement, bricks and blocks, all of which will be in increasing demand in the foreseeable future.

Save Radley Lakes, who have been campaigning for nearly 2 years to save Thrupp Lake, welcomes the action by Greenpeace to bring attention to the pollution which Didcot A Power Station causes. This power station was supposed to have closed down five years ago, but they are capitalizing on their "low cost coal option" without taking regard for the environment.