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STATE OF ILLINOIS
Pollution Control Board

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Attn: Mercury Rule
100 W. Randolph St.,
Chicago, IL 60601

Sierra Club, 85 Second Street, San Francisco, CA 94105

Dear _____

PC#245

Nationally, forty-five states have health warnings for eating locally-caught fish due to mercury. These warnings include all fish and all waters. We call on you to address, by all means possible, the mercury pollution problem we face today.

- One-in-six women of child-bearing age – over 630,000 – have blood mercury levels that can harm a developing child.
- Nationally, estimates on the economic impacts to taxpayers for the effects of mercury poisoning as \$43.8 billion dollars per year.
- Technology exists that would protect the health and safety of our communities by reducing mercury emissions from coal-fired power plants by 90% or more, and
- Alternatives exist for most mercury-containing products or purposeful uses.

We need swift, comprehensive action to effectively deal with mercury pollution. We call upon you to address this problem at all levels.

Respectfully yours,

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