

I Support Strong Mercury Controls

Dear Illinois Pollution Control Board:

Mercury pollution from Illinois coal plants is a danger to our health and our environment. Please make sure Illinois' mercury rule:

- Requires coal plants to reduce their mercury pollution by 90 percent by 2009
- Does not allow for "pollution trading" schemes that would let some polluters buy their way out of cleaning up
- Does not contain loopholes that would let some coal plants avoid installing the best available pollution controls.

We should do everything we can to protect our children and all of us from the health threats posed by mercury pollution. I urge you to protect our kids by adopting the strongest possible limits on mercury pollution from coal plants.

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Dear Members of the Illinois Pollution Control Board,

I urge you to accept the Governor's proposal of strong controls that would cut coal plant mercury pollution by 90% by 2009. Every waterway in Illinois now carries a health warning for mercury contamination. Illinois can address

this problem now and show America how requiring cost-effective measures for mercury control will clean up local lakes and streams to promote a healthy economy.

Reducing mercury emissions by 90% is achievable at reasonable cost. Please approve this plan to protect our families and our wildlife from unnecessary harm.

This is a decision which is more a matter of common sense than anything else - the health and welfare of human life, and the health and safety of the unborn - these are of much greater priority than coal and the coal industry. I urge you to use common sense and proportion to protect the people of Illinois.

Thank you.

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