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Dynegy/Multi Pollutant Standard Hearing
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As a lifelong resident of Alton/Godfrey area of Madison County Illinois I have resided between two coal fired power plants, the Portage De Sioux Plant in West Alton, Missouri and the recently shuttered Dynegy Wood River Plant. My youngest brother, now 50 years old, suffered from severe asthma. I have memories of ambulances arriving at our home to respond to his attacks, my two older brothers have also suffered from asthma since childhood, my father struggles from symptoms of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease and my husband has developed adult onset asthma. With so many loved ones managing repertory illnesses I fear their health would be further compromised should our air quality be threatened by relaxing the Multi Pollutant Standard.

My understanding of this proposed rulemaking is that Dynegy is seeking the relaxing of the Multi Pollutant Standard that could increase the amount of pollutants being emitted by as much as 70% as older dirtier plants would be allowed to be operated instead of the newer and cleaner plants equipped with pollution controls. I am shocked that the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency has allowed this unreasonable and dangerous request to be recommended to the IPCB.

My concern goes beyond my family and out to Illinois residents at the greatest risk. Many of these older power plants are in Environmental Justice communities. The relaxing of these rules will increase the burden on the most vulnerable and underserved, including children and the elderly. My concerns also goes out to the workers in these plants who will not only be exposed to dirtier air in the work place they may also carry particulate pollution into their homes, affecting their families health.

I implore the Illinois Pollution Control Board not to relax the Multi Pollutant Standard for Dynegy coal plants in the interest of protecting Illinois residents and the air we breathe from increased sulfur dioxide pollution.

Respectfully submitted,
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