



To The Illinois Pollution Control Board  
CC: Hearing Officer Marie Tipsord

Re: Case R2018-20

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Secretary

As a legislator in Illinois, I have significant concerns regarding Dynegy's attempt to weaken their Multi Pollutant Standard (MPS). These regulations are important protections for communities throughout the state, especially those that are overburdened with air pollution. The MPS rewrite threatens our public health and environment, while taking a step backwards from clean energy progress.

I urge the members of The Illinois Pollution Control Board to deny Dynegy's proposed rewrite of the Multi Pollutant Standard. Changing the standard from a rate-based standard to an annual fleet-wide cap risks increases air pollution for cities where some of these plants exist.

These communities are already more heavily burdened by air pollution, and face environmental injustices. Instead of an inclusive, bottom-up approach, the proposal to weaken Illinois clean air standards comes from 8 months of backroom talks between Dynegy and IEPA.

The clean air standard was created in 2006 to cut dangerous pollution & protect public health. The proposed rewrite completely undoes all the work accomplished in passing those regulations in 2006.

As reported in the Chicago Tribune, "Under the new rules, Dynegy could emit nearly double the amount of harmful sulfur dioxide they emitted last year."

Operating dirty plants more, which would increase pollution in certain communities, raises Environmental Justice concerns.

For these reasons, I am writing in opposition to this rule making, and urge IPCB to reject these changes.

Thank you,

*Carol Ammons*