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Bald Eagle health problems

Gamefish, including walleye and bass, fail to reproduce, survive, and found to grow slower

Loons, otters and mink sharing fishing waters with anglers show heavy contamination

Duck mercury study leads to emergency restrictions issued to hunters during duck season




It doesn't have to be this way. Coal-fired power plants release nearly 100,000 pounds of mercury into our air every year (along with other toxins like arsenic). This is the largest single source of mercury pollution in fish, waterfowl and wildlife inhabiting our local lakes and streams. But we can do better. Installing cost-effective mercury controls on coal plants would address this problem, and over time make fish safe to feed our families again.




Illinois Governor Rod Blagojevich has proposed cutting mercury pollution from Illinois coal plants by 90% by 2009. We have the technology to meet these levels and protect our families' health, but the out-of-state companies that own these plants are fighting to derail the plan instead.

Illinois sportsmen and women can add their voices to those who want clean air, clean water, and healthy wildlife populations. Use the postcard attached to tell the Illinois Pollution Control Board to support the Governor's proposal. Send the other card back to us and we'll keep you posted on the proposal and other opportunities to help enact it.

Dear Sierra Club:

Please keep me posted on efforts to protect human health, fish, and wildlife from mercury contamination.

Name _____

E-Mail _____

Address _____

Dear Members Of The Illinois Pollution Control Board:

I urge you to adopt strong controls that, by 2009, would cut coal plant mercury pollution by 90%. *RO6-25*

Every river, lake, and stream 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 and promote a healthy economy.

Reducing mercury emissions by 90% is achievable at reasonable cost. Please approve this plan *PC#41* our families and our wildlife from unnecessary harm. **RECORDED**
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Sincerely, *Portia K. Zork*
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