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ATTN: Mercury Docket Rule

I urge the Pollution Control Board to approve the Governor's proposal to limit mercury emissions from coal-fired plants to an average of 90% for each company by 2009. I also support the provision to disallow mercury credit trading.

Mercury in our environment at its current levels is harmful to IL's wildlife, particularly fish and waterfowl, as well as, the human population. High mercury levels in women of childbearing age; their children are in increased danger of birth defects, mental retardation, and learning disabilities. In addition, high levels of mercury have been associated with an increased number of heart attacks in adults.

The technology to capture 90% of the mercury from burning coal is already available and cost effective. I am willing to pay the estimated \$1.50 per month to control the damaging effects of mercury pollution to the citizens and wildlife of IL.

*Sincerely,
Sheila Ritter*

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