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Dear Pollution Control Board members,

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I am writing to urge you to support the IEPA mercury rule to reduce power plant mercury emissions by 90% by 2009.

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Modern, inexpensive pollution controls can capture 90% of the mercury from power plants. IEPA's rule would simply require Illinois coal-fired power plants to use this technology. Please support the rule to make it clear that putting our children at risk for brain damage is not an acceptable cost of doing business in Illinois.

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Sincerely,

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Estimados miembros de la mesa del control de contaminación,

Estoy escribiendo para pedirles que apoyen la ley del mercurio de la IEPA para reducir las emisiones de mercurio de las plantas de energía por un 90% para el 2009.

Mercurio es conocido como un toxico de la neurona que ya esta contaminando el pescado en todas las aguas de Illinois—y su mayor proveedor es la plantas de energía de carbón. Estudios han demostrado que la exposición al mercurio daña el cerebro humano, el corazón y el sistema inmunológico. El desarrollo de fetos y los niños están especialmente en riesgo, hasta con la exposición a un nivel mínimo de mercurio puede causar discapacidades de aprendizaje, retraso en el desarrollo y disminuye el nivel de inteligencia que una persona tiene al nacer.

Controles de contaminación modernos pueden retener 90% del mercurio que sale de las plantas eléctricas. La ley de la IEPA simplemente requeriría que las plantas eléctricas de carbón usen esta nueva tecnología. Por favor apoye la ley para hacer claro que poniendo a nuestros hijos en riesgo de sufrir daño del cerebro no es un costo aceptable para hacer negocios en Illinois.

Sinceramente,

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