

**PROTECTING
LAKE MICHIGAN**
FROM MERCURY POLLUTION



Dear Illinois Pollution Control Board:

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Mercury pollution poses serious risks for human health as well to the health of Lake Michigan. Eating predator fish from Lake Michigan, which contain mercury, is discouraged for people, and is unavoidable for bald eagles, loons and other wildlife that depend on lake fish.

Modern, inexpensive pollution controls can capture 90% of the mercury from a power plant. In fact, several states are requiring power plant owners to use this technology. I encourage you to adopt similar rules here in Illinois.

Sincerely,

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