

Subject: I support the IEPA mercury rule

From: "jeff@marco-inc.com" <jeff@marco-inc.com>

Date: Thu, 13 Apr 2006 17:39:00 -0500

To: max@illinoispirg.org

PC# 5950

Dear Pollution Control Board members,

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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Sincerely,

Jeffery Biss
392 Jefferson Ave
Elgin, IL 60120

Subject: I support the IEPA mercury rule

From: "jeffrey.palmer@acm.org" <jeffrey.palmer@acm.org>

Date: Thu, 13 Apr 2006 20:56:26 -0500

To: max@illinoispirg.org

PC# 5951

Dear Pollution Control Board members,

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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Sincerely,

Jeff Palmer
2720-B N Southport Ave
Chicago, IL 60614

Subject: I support the IEPA mercury rule

From: "jeh579@gmail.com" <jeh579@gmail.com>

Date: Thu, 13 Apr 2006 14:38:46 -0500

To: max@illinoispirg.org

PC# 5952

Dear Pollution Control Board members,

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Sincerely,

Joshua Harris
1121 N Elmwood Ave
Peoria, IL 61606

Subject: I support the IEPA mercury rule

From: "jemmiedolan@sbcglobal.net" <jemmiedolan@sbcglobal.net>

Date: Thu, 13 Apr 2006 15:09:37 -0500

To: max@illinoispirg.org

PC # 5953

Dear Pollution Control Board members,

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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Sincerely,

Jemie Dolan
1520 N. Hudson
Chicago, IL 60610

Subject: I support the IEPA mercury rule

From: "jennetten@speakeasy.net" <jennetten@speakeasy.net>

Date: Thu, 13 Apr 2006 18:57:21 -0500

To: max@illinoispirg.org

PC# 5954

Dear Pollution Control Board members,

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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Sincerely,

Subject: I support the IEPA mercury rule

From: "jerry@emergency24.com" <jerry@emergency24.com>

Date: Thu, 13 Apr 2006 14:07:16 -0500

To: max@illinoispirg.org

PC # 5955

Dear Pollution Control Board members,

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Sincerely,

Jerry Umlauf
2056 N Leavitt St
Chicago, IL 606474474

Subject: I support the IEPA mercury rule

From: "jerryleber@aol.com" <jerryleber@aol.com>

Date: Thu, 13 Apr 2006 18:56:19 -0500

To: max@illinoispirg.org

PC# 5956

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Sincerely,

Jerome Leber
421 W. Oakdale Ave #3
Chicago, IL 60657

Subject: I support the IEPA mercury rule

From: "jersobek@yahoo.com" <jersobek@yahoo.com>

Date: Thu, 13 Apr 2006 21:40:26 -0500

To: max@illinoispirg.org

PC# 5957

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Sincerely,

jeremy sobek
724 bayberry dr.
cary, IL 60013

Subject: I support the IEPA mercury rule

From: "guneralp@yahoo.com" <guneralp@yahoo.com>

Date: Tue, 18 Apr 2006 16:28:06 -0500

To: max@illinoispirg.org

PC# 5958

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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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Sincerely,

Burak Guneralp
605 South Anderson Str
Urbana, IL 618014334

Subject: I support the IEPA mercury rule

From: "hairballhaven@netzero.com" <hairballhaven@netzero.com>

Date: Thu, 13 Apr 2006 14:10:23 -0500

To: max@illinoispirg.org

PC# 5959

Dear Pollution Control Board members,

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Sincerely,

Paula Propst
PO Box 72
Steward, IL 60553

Subject: I support the IEPA mercury rule

From: "t-steck@uchicago.edu" <t-steck@uchicago.edu>

Date: Fri, 14 Apr 2006 08:59:46 -0500

To: max@illinoispirg.org

PC# 5960

Dear Pollution Control Board members,

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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Sincerely,

Theodore Steck
5421 South Cornell Ave.
Chicago, IL 606155646

Subject: I support the IEPA mercury rule

From: "tubaallen@hotmail.com" <tubaallen@hotmail.com>

Date: Sat, 15 Apr 2006 17:46:24 -0500

To: max@illinoispirg.org

PC# 5961

Dear Pollution Control Board members,

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Sincerely,

Allen Lewis
701 Hackberry Ct.
Bartlett, IL 601032120

Subject: I support the IEPA mercury rule

From: "tumic1@ameritech.net" <tumic1@ameritech.net>

Date: Thu, 13 Apr 2006 21:59:19 -0500

To: max@illinoispirg.org

PC# 5962

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Sincerely,

Marion Grendzinski
8130 N. Octavia
Niles, IL 60714

Subject: I support the IEPA mercury rule

From: "turtlegonow@hotmail.com" <turtlegonow@hotmail.com>

Date: Thu, 13 Apr 2006 14:27:49 -0500

To: max@illinoispirg.org

PC # 5963

Dear Pollution Control Board members,

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Sincerely,

Debbie O'Neill
510 W. Kenicott St.
Carbondale, IL 62901

Subject: I support the IEPA mercury rule

From: "umar.shakur@mwumail.midwestern.edu" <umar.shakur@mwumail.midwestern.edu>

Date: Thu, 13 Apr 2006 14:50:12 -0500

To: max@illinoispirg.org

PC# 5964

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Sincerely,

Umar Shakur
12709 Barrow Lane
Plainfield, IL 60585

Subject: I support the IEPA mercury rule

From: "tomcaravette@bbcrealty.com" <tomcaravette@bbcrealty.com>

Date: Thu, 13 Apr 2006 15:09:14 -0500

To: max@illinoispirg.org

PC# 5965

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Sincerely,

tom caravette
1537 n. damen
chicago, IL 60622

Subject: I support the IEPA mercury rule

From: "tonglen@uron.cc" <tonglen@uron.cc>

Date: Wed, 19 Apr 2006 07:39:14 -0500

To: max@illinoispirg.org

PC# 5966

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Sincerely,

Glenn Neumann
5701 N Sheridan Rd Apt 18B
Chicago, IL 606604706

Subject: I support the IEPA mercury rule

From: "triplethree3@yahoo.com" <triplethree3@yahoo.com>

Date: Fri, 14 Apr 2006 10:04:44 -0500

To: max@illinoispirg.org

PC# 5967

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Sincerely,

Jason Shepherd
401 S Dixon Ave
Carbondale, IL 629012313

Subject: I support the IEPA mercury rule

From: "Trishab2001@yahoo.com" <Trishab2001@yahoo.com>

Date: Fri, 14 Apr 2006 14:49:17 -0500

To: max@illinoispirg.org

PC# 5968

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Sincerely,

Trisha Boyce
1001 Dodge Ave
Evanston, IL 602021004

Subject: I support the IEPA mercury rule

From: "tsmith@gutwinservices.com" <tsmith@gutwinservices.com>

Date: Thu, 13 Apr 2006 14:29:59 -0500

To: max@illinoispirg.org

PC# 5969

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Sincerely,

Todd Smith
1837 N Wolcott Ave
Chicago, IL 60622

Subject: I support the IEPA mercury rule

From: "toddce@hotmail.com" <toddce@hotmail.com>

Date: Sun, 30 Apr 2006 23:33:16 -0500

To: max@illinoispirg.org

PC# 3970

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Sincerely,

Christine O'Neil
4706 N Rosemead Dr
Peoria, IL 61614

Subject: I support the IEPA mercury rule

From: "Thomop@msn.com" <Thomop@msn.com>

Date: Sat, 15 Apr 2006 21:50:23 -0500

To: max@illinoispirg.org

PC#5971

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Sincerely,

Elaine Thomopoulos
459 60th Pl
Burr Ridge, IL 605275186

Subject: I support the IEPA mercury rule

From: "threeheartsclub@hotmail.com" <threeheartsclub@hotmail.com>

Date: Tue, 18 Apr 2006 11:43:41 -0500

To: max@illinoispirg.org

PC# 5972

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Sincerely,

Chris Silva
2043 N. Winchester
Chicago, IL 60614-3912

Subject: I support the IEPA mercury rule

From: "thurrle@sbcglobal.net" <thurrle@sbcglobal.net>

Date: Fri, 14 Apr 2006 12:11:07 -0500

To: max@illinoispirg.org

PC# 5973

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Sincerely,

thomas hurrle
2719 W. Ainslie
Chicago, IL 606252715

Subject: I support the IEPA mercury rule

From: "tim@bluemack.com" <tim@bluemack.com>

Date: Thu, 13 Apr 2006 15:03:31 -0500

To: max@illinoispirg.org

PC# 5974

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Sincerely,

Tim Sheridan
636 Garden Court
Glenview, IL 60025

Subject: I support the IEPA mercury rule

From: "TIM@RACHEL.ORG" <TIM@RACHEL.ORG>

Date: Thu, 13 Apr 2006 16:18:09 -0500

To: max@illinoispirg.org

PC# 5975

Dear Pollution Control Board members,

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

Please act on behalf of the 600,000 children nationally who suffer from Mercury poisoning from Coal-fired powerplants. The economic costs of this public health problem are a staggering \$5 billion.

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Sincerely,

Timothy Montague
6513 N Christiana Ave
Lincolnwood, IL 607123811

Subject: I support the IEPA mercury rule

From: "tiptoos@ameritech.net" <tiptoos@ameritech.net>

Date: Tue, 18 Apr 2006 00:45:35 -0500

To: max@illinoispirg.org

PC# 5976

Dear Pollution Control Board members,

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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Sincerely,

Barbara Tipton
711 S Jefferson St
Woodstock, IL 600983917

Subject: I support the IEPA mercury rule

From: "TKBourne@msn.com" <TKBourne@msn.com>

Date: Fri, 14 Apr 2006 22:07:59 -0500

To: max@illinoispirg.org

PC# 5977

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Sincerely,

Karen Bourne
3110 Cumbria
Bloomington, IL 617044588

Subject: I support the IEPA mercury rule

From: "tlczernik@sbcglobal.net" <tlczernik@sbcglobal.net>

Date: Fri, 14 Apr 2006 10:21:10 -0500

To: max@illinoispirg.org

PC# 5978

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Sincerely,

Theresa Czernik
2334 N. Sawyer
Chicago, IL 606472516

Subject: I support the IEPA mercury rule

From: "tmjskv@earthlink.net" <tmjskv@earthlink.net>

Date: Thu, 13 Apr 2006 16:26:33 -0500

To: max@illinoispirg.org

PC# 5979

Dear Pollution Control Board members,

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.

Sincerely,

Theodore Jackanicz
3802 N. Kenneth Ave
Chicago, IL 60641

Subject: I support the IEPA mercury rule

From: "thomaskucz@earthlink.net" <thomaskucz@earthlink.net>

Date: Fri, 14 Apr 2006 00:34:24 -0500

To: max@illinoispirg.org

PC # 5980

Dear Pollution Control Board members,

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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Sincerely,

Thomas Kuczarski
428 West Roslyn Pl
Chicago, IL 60614

I support the IEPA mercury rule

Subject: I support the IEPA mercury rule

From: "Thomop@msn.com" <Thomop@msn.com>

Date: Sat, 15 Apr 2006 14:38:35 -0500

To: max@illinoispirg.org

PC# 5981

Dear Pollution Control Board members,

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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Sincerely,

Elaine Thomopoulos
459 60th Pl
Burr Ridge, IL 605275186

Subject: I support the IEPA mercury rule

From: "thinkwill@yahoo.com" <thinkwill@yahoo.com>

Date: Fri, 14 Apr 2006 08:09:33 -0500

To: max@illinoispirg.org

PC# 5982

Dear Pollution Control Board members,

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

Mercury is a known neurotoxin that already contaminates fish in all Illinois waters-and its main source is coal-fired power plants. Studies have shown that mercury exposure harms the human brain, heart, and immune system.

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Sincerely,

William LeRette-Kauffman
607 Hamilton Way
Batavia, IL 605107707

Subject: I support the IEPA mercury rule

From: "thomas0757@comcast.net" <thomas0757@comcast.net>

Date: Sat, 15 Apr 2006 09:35:40 -0500

To: max@illinoispirg.org

PC# 5983

Dear Pollution Control Board members,

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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I have observed the effects of mercury when my sister lived in Milwaukee. They had trouble with companies dumping mercury into Lake Michigan and it resulted in alewives and salmon populations decreasing over a short time period. I know that you don't want to go down in history as a corporate lackie who rubberstamped dangerous legislation that could negatively effect our ecosystems. I appreciate the fact that you will always act in the best interests of people and the god-given gift of this beautiful, life supporting land of Lincoln. It is reassuring to know that you will join me in supporting this rule because it shows your constituents that you truly are going to be accountable for protecting what the Lord has entrusted to all of us.

Sincerely,

Tim Thomas
Palatine, IL
Tim Thomas
109 S. Forest Avenue
Palatine, IL 600746316

Subject: I support the IEPA mercury rule

From: "thepump24@yahoo.com" <thepump24@yahoo.com>

Date: Tue, 18 Apr 2006 15:05:56 -0500

To: max@illinoispirg.org

PC # 5984

Dear Pollution Control Board members,

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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Sincerely,

Tim Dean
1330 Manhatas Trail
Algonquin, IL 601023631

Subject: I support the IEPA mercury rule

From: "TheOriginalOutlaw@msn.com" <TheOriginalOutlaw@msn.com>

Date: Tue, 18 Apr 2006 10:42:55 -0500

To: max@illinoispirg.org

PC # 5985

Dear Pollution Control Board members,

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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Sincerely,

Nick Gullo
585 Cypress Bridge Roac
Lake Zurich, IL 60047

Subject: I support the IEPA mercury rule

From: "susan82@earthlink.net" <susan82@earthlink.net>

Date: Thu, 13 Apr 2006 14:52:57 -0500

To: max@illinoispirg.org

PC # 5986

Dear Pollution Control Board members,

Please support the IEPA mercury rule to reduce power plant mercury emissions by 90% by 2009.

Mercury, a known neurotoxin, already contaminates fish in ALL Illinois waters. We know that its main source is air emissions from coal-fired power plants. Research and medical studies have shown that mercury exposure harms the human brain, heart, and immune system. More information is being gathered on the link between mercury accumulation in the body and autism, as well as Alzheimer's Disease.

Developing fetuses and children are especially at risk as even low-level mercury exposure can cause learning disabilities, developmental delay and decreased IQ.

Best available control technology - modern, affordable pollution controls- can capture 90% of the mercury from power plants. IEPA's rule would require Illinois coal-fired power plants to use this technology. Please support this sensible rule, making it clear that sacrificing public health and the future of our children's abilities is not an acceptable cost of doing business in Illinois.

Sincerely,

Susan Lannin
7100 N. Greenview Ave.
Chicago, IL 60626

Subject: I support the IEPA mercury rule

From: "susan82@earthlink.net" <susan82@earthlink.net>

Date: Thu, 13 Apr 2006 14:52:50 -0500

To: max@illinoispirg.org

PC# 5987

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7100 N. Greenview Ave.
Chicago, IL 60626

Subject: I support the IEPA mercury rule

From: "tczubernat@yahoo.com" <tczubernat@yahoo.com>

Date: Fri, 14 Apr 2006 04:47:52 -0500

To: max@illinoispirg.org

PC# 5988

Dear Pollution Control Board members,

As an avid fisherman with a 3 year old son, I have an personal interest in this matter. I hope my son will be able to enjoy fishing as much as I have. As it is, I have to tell him that the creeks in our are have been polluted by people and should be stayed away from.

I can't understand why this board would listen to a lobby which promotes polluted water and air in order to save their bosses a couple of dollars. Haven't the power companies made enough profit?

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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Sincerely,

Tom Czubernat
904 Manchester
westchester, IL 601542719

Subject: I support the IEPA mercury rule

From: "tee218@hotmail.com" <tee218@hotmail.com>

Date: Sun, 16 Apr 2006 12:59:07 -0500

To: max@illinoispirg.org

PC# 5989

Dear Pollution Control Board members,

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

Mercury is a known neurotoxin that already contaminates fish in all Illinois waters-and its main source is coal-fired power plants. Studies have shown that mercury exposure harms the human brain, heart, and immune system.

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In this great nation we live in we always hear the term patriotism being used. To me, being patriotic means having the best interests of your nation at heart. Our productivity in business is important for GDP growth and advances in our quality and way of life. However, we cannot push economic growth to unsustainable levels. We must ensure that our productivity does not harm the very people it is intended to benefit. This is way it is critical to reduce our levels of pollution emissions. We must leave our beautiful and great country in a condition that will be suitable for those who are sure to follow us.

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.

Respectfully,

Thulani LeGrier
Thulani LeGrier
1653 N. Halsted St. #1R
Chicago, IL 606145556

Subject: I support the IEPA mercury rule

From: "thekahns@comcast.net" <thekahns@comcast.net>

Date: Mon, 24 Apr 2006 08:35:26 -0500

To: max@illinoispirg.org

PC# 5990

Dear Pollution Control Board members,

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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Sincerely,

Jodi Kahn
2415 West Course Dr.
Deerfield, IL 600151769

Subject: I support the IEPA mercury rule
From: "jehuth@yahoo.com" <jehuth@yahoo.com>
Date: Thu, 20 Apr 2006 23:32:19 -0500
To: max@illinoispirg.org

PC # 5991

Dear Pollution Control Board members,

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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I have three young children, all at risk for damage from mercury. Please protect them and all the other children in Illinois and neighboring states from the effects of airborne mercury, which can accumulate in their growing bodies and cause permanent damage.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Jane Huth
Jane Huth
2309 Forestview
Evanston, IL 602012011

I support the IEPA mercury rule

Subject: I support the IEPA mercury rule

From: "jhegmuse@earthlink.net" <jhegmuse@earthlink.net>

Date: Thu, 13 Apr 2006 22:59:46 -0500

To: max@illinoispirg.org

PC# 5992

Dear Pollution Control Board members,

Aren't we faced with a myriad of health risks everywhere we turn already? We should do everything in our power to reduce pollution and toxic by-products of industry wherever possible, and we the consumers must demand it.

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

Technology exists to capture 90% of the mercury from power plants. IEPA's rule would require Illinois coal-fired power plants to use this it.

Please support the rule to make it clear that putting our health in jeopardy is not an acceptable cost of doing business in Illinois.

Sincerely,
John Hegner
John Hegner

Harvard, IL 60033

Subject: I support the IEPA mercury rule
From: "alisonmlo@hotmail.com" <alisonmlo@hotmail.com>
Date: Thu, 13 Apr 2006 16:36:41 -0500
To: max@illinoispirg.org

PC#
5993

Dear Pollution Control Board members,

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Sincerely,

Alison Lo
2029 N Clifton
Chicago, IL 60614

Subject: I support the IEPA mercury rule

From: "nadiawal@peoplepc.com" <nadiawal@peoplepc.com>

Date: Thu, 13 Apr 2006 16:56:08 -0500

To: max@illinoispirg.org

PC# 5994

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And it is not only children that are at risk. The total environment is jeopardized and could be for years to come if you consider the food chain. The domino effect on all health life is at risk.

Sincerely,

Barbara Waldron
10 Indian Dr
Clarendon Hills, IL 605141118

Subject: I support the IEPA mercury rule

From: "muet@alumni.uchicago.edu" <muet@alumni.uchicago.edu>

Date: Sat, 15 Apr 2006 11:06:50 -0500

To: max@illinoispirg.org

PC# 5995

Dear Pollution Control Board members,

Please very strongly consider supporting the IEPA mercury rule to reduce power plant mercury emissions.

It is now well-known that mercury is a severe neurotoxin which causes very serious damage and retardation to numerous babies and children in the US and Illinois every year. Most of this toxic mercury comes from coal-burning power plants which select not to utilize modern technologies designed to protect the health of Illinois citizens.

Please support this bill and make the health and well-being of our children a priority. The technology to do so is readily available and affordable. This will also allow us to protect important cultural practices such as fishing in Illinois waters. Fishing in Illinois rivers and lakes, including the one I grew up fishing in with my father and brothers, is an important part of our culture. It is a horrible shame that fish from all these waterways are no longer safe for consumption.

I very strongly urge you to support this bill and work to make Illinois waterways safe again, both for the food and recreation they provide but also for the water they provide us. And protect our children and next generation from neurological damage which is a very serious problem and which is progressing much faster due to the mercury emissions of coal plants.

Sincerely,

Dan Mueth
1730 N. Clark Street, Apt 1914
Chicago, IL 606144862

Subject: I support the IEPA mercury rule

From: "nherron@wideopenwest.com" <nherron@wideopenwest.com>

Date: Thu, 13 Apr 2006 18:52:34 -0500

To: max@illinoispirg.org

PCA 5996

Dear Pollution Control Board members,

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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Please put the health of the People of Illinois before the wants of the power plants to keep their business 'as is'.

Sincerely,
Nancy Herron

Nancy Herron
113 Cedarbrook Rd
Naperville, IL 60565

I support the IEPA mercury rule

Subject: I support the IEPA mercury rule

From: "perkinsj@email.com" <perkinsj@email.com>

Date: Thu, 13 Apr 2006 20:08:50 -0500

To: max@illinoispirg.org

PC #
5997

Dear Pollution Control Board members,

Don't let Illinois be the next Minimata!

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

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Sincerely,

James Perkins
221 North Hunter Street
Lebanon, IL 62254

Subject: I support the IEPA mercury rule

From: "r_rebant@yahoo.com" <r_rebant@yahoo.com>

Date: Sun, 16 Apr 2006 19:36:05 -0500

To: max@illinoispirg.org

PC# 5998

Dear Pollution Control Board members,

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

Mercury is a known neurotoxin that already contaminates fish in all Illinois waters-and its main source is coal-fired power plants. Studies have shown that mercury exposure harms the human brain, heart, and immune system.

I have two autistic nephews and I can't help wonder if over exposure to mercury is the cause. I am thankful that my sister-in-law warned me back in 2001 not to eat fish during my first pregnancy, due to the mercury found in fish. I had no idea.

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Sincerely,

Rachelle Lopez
1129 N. Loomis St.
Naperville, IL 605632745

Subject: I support the IEPA mercury rule
From: "reagel@life.uiuc.edu" <reagel@life.uiuc.edu>
Date: Sun, 16 Apr 2006 16:45:12 -0500
To: max@illinoispirg.org

PC# 5999

Dear Pollution Control Board members,

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

It is in our best interest to limit the mercury in the environment, to protect our own health and wildlife.

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Sincerely,

Peter Reagel
804 W. Oregon
Urbana, IL 618013826