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Sierra Club, 85 Second Street, San Francisco, CA 94105

Dear Illinois Pollution Control Board

Nationally, forty-five states have health warnings for eating locally-caught fish due to mercury. In many states, these warnings include all fish and all waters. We call on you to address, by all means possible, the substantial mercury pollution problem we face today.

- One-in-six women of child-bearing age – over 630,000 – have blood mercury levels that can poison her developing child.
- Nationally, estimates on the economic impacts to taxpayers for the effects of mercury poisoning range as high as \$43.8 billion dollars per year.
- Technology exists that would protect the health and safety of our communities by reducing mercury pollution from coal-fired powerplants by 90% or more, and
- Alternatives exist for most mercury-containing products or purposeful uses.

We need swift, cost-effective action to effectively deal with mercury pollution. We call upon you to initiate action to address this problem at all levels.

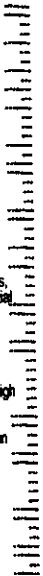
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I Support Strong Mercury Controls

Dear Illinois Pollution Control Board:

Mercury pollution from Illinois coal plants is a danger to our health and our environment. Please make sure Illinois' mercury rule:

- Requires coal plants to reduce their mercury pollution by 90 percent by 2009
- Does not allow for "pollution trading" schemes that would let some polluters buy their way out of cleaning up
- Does not contain loopholes that would let some coal plants avoid installing the best available pollution controls.

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