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Illinois Pollution Control Board
STATE OF ILLINOIS
Pollution Control Board
Attn: Mercury Rule Locker
100 W Randolph St, 11-500
Chicago, IL 60601

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

Dear _____

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

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

We need swift, comprehensive action to effectively deal with mercury pollution. We call upon actions to address this problem at all levels.

Respectfully yours,

Jim Newbill

Print name _____

Print address _____

City, ST, zip _____

email or phone number _____