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RE: Comments on Proposed New 35 ILL. ADM. CODE 225, Control of Emissions from Large Combustion Sources (Mercury); R06-25

Dear Honorable Members of the Illinois Pollution Control Board and the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules,

I am writing to support the proposed rule changes to reduce mercury emissions from coal-fired power plants.

Mercury is a powerful neurotoxin, which poses a serious threat to developing fetuses. Mercury contamination has forced the State of Illinois to issue warnings against frequent consumption of fish from Illinois waterways, especially for women of childbearing age.

Fortunately, a 90% reduction in mercury emissions from coal-fired power plants is now technically feasible and economically manageable. That is why I am proud to join with Governor Blagojevich and many health and environmental advocates throughout Illinois in supporting this rule.

Sincerely,

John C. D'Amico  
Representative  
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