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Considering that coal power plants are the single greatest contributor to carbon emissions, we believe that granting Dynegy a variance undermines the very mission of the IPCB "To restore, protect, and enhance the environment for all Illinois citizens" and its responsibility to the people of Illinois.

Granting a variance to Dynegy will have serious health impacts for workers and surrounding communities. The coal power plants operated by Edison International/Midwest Generation under lax regulation in the Pilsen and Little Village communities of Chicago were the cause of high rates of asthma, serious respiratory diseases, and dozens of deaths each year. For this reason we stand with the environmental organizations and members of the community in central and southern Illinois who have grave concerns for their families and children.

LVEJO and PERRO applaud the decision of the Illinois Pollution Control Board to not simply transfer the variance held by Ameren and to listen to those who are concerned by the potential acquisition of Ameren's facilities by Dynegy. We urge you to take the next step and hold Dynegy accountable for investing in updated pollution control systems. We respectfully request that The Illinois Pollution



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