

**RECEIVED
CLERK'S OFFICE**

MAY - 2 2006

US 24

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
OFFICE OF THE CLERK**

*Illinois Pollution Control Board
Attn: Mercury Rule Docket
140 W. Randolph St., 11-500
Chicago, IL 60601*

Sierra Club, 85 Second Street, San Francisco, CA 94106

Dear _____

206-25

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 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 you to initiate actions to address this problem at all levels.

Respectfully yours,

Print name

Dale Albers

PC#167

Print address

428 E 14th

City, ST, zip

Attn IL 62002

email or phone number

dale@17@webtv.net