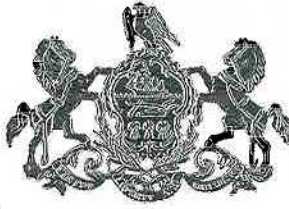


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Environmental Quality Board
P.O. Box 8477
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Re: Mercury Emissions Reduction (#7-405)

Dear Environmental Quality Board:

I write to support the PA Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) state-specific proposal to cut mercury pollution from coal-fired power plants by 90 percent by 2015.

I have heard from hundreds of my constituents who want a strong state-specific regulation to reduce mercury emissions. I share their concerns for the health of Pennsylvania's children and of our waterways. Pennsylvania's power plants currently have the second highest mercury emissions in the country. The emission of this toxic chemical can and should be dramatically reduced.

Pennsylvania's electric generating industry must rise to the challenge of cleaning up power plants that contaminate the rivers and lakes. While we may not be able to control mercury that enters Pennsylvania's waterways from other states or from other sources, that should not deter us from enacting important environmental policy that can go hand in hand with economic advancement.

I urge you to move forward with the implementation of the regulations to reduce mercury emissions. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Constance H. Williams

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State Senator
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CC: Independent Regulatory Review Commission

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