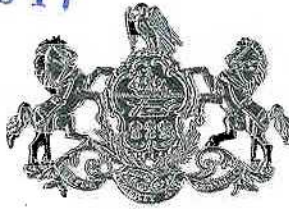


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Environmental Quality Board
P.O. Box 8477
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Dear Environmental Quality Board:

I am writing in support of DEP's proposal to cut mercury pollution from coal-fired power plants by 90 percent by 2015. Pennsylvania's power plants currently have the second highest mercury emissions in the country. Mercury contaminates rivers and lakes, and pollutes fish with this dangerous toxin. The consumption of mercury-contaminated fish can lead to serious health complications, including mental and development problems in children. I voted against legislation in the state Senate that would have prohibited the EQB from adopting these tougher state limits. It is important to protect the health of Pennsylvania citizens and indeed the citizens of the world by limiting the amount of mercury that is disbursed into the atmosphere.

While there will be costs to the power plants and consumers to conform to the proposed rules, I believe the costs will be reasonable and the costs to be incurred from continued mercury pollution will be greater in the long run. The Bush administration plan is simply not adequate. In order to protect the environment of Pennsylvania and the health of my constituents, I urge DEP to move forward in enacting its proposed state-level mercury standards for coal-fired power plants in Pennsylvania.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Vincent J. Fumo".

VINCENT J. FUMO
State Senator

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