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Re: Mercury Emission Reduction Proposed Regulation

I am writing to support moving forward with DEP's State-level proposal to cut mercury pollution from coal-fired power plants by 90% 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. It can bio-accumulate in human beings. The consumption of mercury-contaminated fish can lead to serious health complications, including mental and developmental problems in children.

The Federal mercury regulations allow polluters to trade emissions credits, which means that many Pennsylvania power plants avoid making substantial mercury reductions. In order to protect the environment of Pennsylvania and the health of my constituents, I urge DEP to adopt its proposed State-level mercury standards for coal-fired power plants in Pennsylvania or to reach a compromise that will ensure significant reductions in the level of mercury.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Sincerely,

Carole Rubley, Member
157th Legislative District
Chester and Montgomery Counties

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