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STATEMENT ON MERCURY STANDARDS

We have a serious mercury pollution problem in Pennsylvania. We have an affordable, technologically feasible solution at hand that can reduce mercury pollution in Pennsylvania by 80% by 2010 and 90% by 2015. There is no reason to adopt the inadequate federal EPA mercury rules except to please the fat-cat energy corporations once again calling upon our legislators for a favor. It will be much more expensive in the long run for Pennsylvania tax-payers to pay to assist marcury brain-damaged children than to do the right thing now and enact the strictest possible mercury rules.

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