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Environmental Quality Board
P.O. Box 8477
Harrisburg, PA 17105-8477

Re: Mercury Emission Reduction Requirements for Electric Generating Units (#7-405)

To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed please find 17 comments in support of the Department of Environmental Protection's proposed Pennsylvania mercury rule. These comments were collected at a local event in Pittsburgh held by SEIU. PennFuture had a table at the event, and citizens approached us expressing a concern about mercury pollution from coal-fired power plants.

Copies of these comments are also being sent to the appropriate state representatives, in opposition to pending legislation in the Pennsylvania House.

Thank you for including these in the record for this proposed rulemaking.

Sincerely,

Heather Sage
Director of Outreach

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Legislation aimed at stopping the DEP's Pennsylvania Mercury Rule is harmful! I oppose HB 2610 and SB 1201 because:

- These bills won't clean up toxic mercury. They instead require Pennsylvania to follow an illegal federal rule that delays mercury reductions for decades, creating a trading scheme allowing mercury hotspots near dirty power plants to continue.
- Pennsylvania power plants are now the 2nd worst mercury polluters in the country, and put out 83% of mercury to our air.
- Babies are at high risk of lifetime health problems from mercury, since it can destroy their developing brains and neurological systems both before and after birth.

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