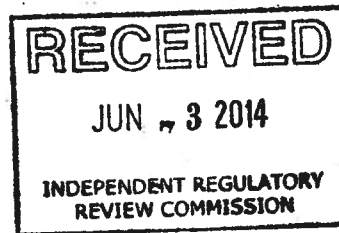


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I moved to Lebanon, PA to teach at HACC in the early nineties. I remember a purchasing director at the GE scrubber manufacturing plant. He said scrubbers cleaned the air from electric plants. I heard later this scrubber plant folded due to lax environmental laws.

Later I moved to Harrisburg and for ten years lived in the tall building on the River near the Governor's Mansion. From there I could see the opaque pink and blue smoke from the locomotives in the Enola Yard. The mountains on the West Shore were ribboned with brown air. It was during the drought years, *with many deep purple warning days.*

Children, six of them, died within a year there. I counted as I read about their deaths in the *Patriot News*. I believed then and believe now, Central PA's 23rd dirtiest air in the US contributed to these children's deaths by stressing their young bodies.

I called Gov. Tom Ridge's office to find out what caused this brown air ribbon we both saw from our riverfront windows. His spokesperson said it was pollution blowing in from Ohio's coal firing plants to the west.

Strangely, she didn't mention the USA's dirtiest plant, Homer City, in Western PA.

According to a recent Associated Press article, "For more than 40 years, Homer City has spewed sulfur dioxide from two of its three units completely unchecked, and still does because it is largely exempt from federal air pollution laws passed years after it was built in 1969. Last year, the facility released 114,245 tons of sulfur dioxide, more than all of the power plants in neighboring New York combined."

This plant does not have scrubbers.

You here have a bit of power to decrease the poisons you and your families, and the Governor's family breathe and drink. Please do so.

And perhaps, you might visit Adams-Ricci Park across the River in Enola to visit the Memorial Statue to the town's sons and daughters who too young stopped breathing.

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