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Administrator Michael Regan
Environmental Protection Agency
Office of the Administrator, 1101A
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20460

RE: Strengthening Power Plant Air Pollution Standards

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your recent proposal to strengthen mercury and air toxics standards (MATS). I urge you to strengthen these standards even further to protect public health. The proposal would tighten the standard for particle pollution, and I encourage you to go with the most protective option.

While most coal plants have cut emissions substantially under the original MATS, there are still some power plants across the country emitting unacceptable levels of hazardous air pollutants like mercury and metals.

Controlling mercury and toxic air pollution from power plants reduces the risk of fatal heart attacks, cancer, and neurodevelopmental delays in children. And we've already seen significant evidence that strong standards are effective – EPA estimates that its current MATS safeguards prevent up to 11,000 premature deaths, 4,700 heart attacks, and 130,000 asthma attacks every year.

These public health improvements are especially important for children and vulnerable populations, and for communities near coal-burning power plants.

Therefore, I hope you further strengthen MATS safeguards and ensure that all communities are better protected from the toxic air pollutants that power plants emit.

Thank you,

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