

Eight Millionth Comment for Cleaning Up Power Plants

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Dear Administrator McCarthy:

Since the EPA first began collecting them in 2012, clean air supporters have collected and submitted more than 8 million public comments from Americans who support EPA standards to limit dangerous carbon pollution from power plants. While federal limits exist for toxic air pollutants like mercury, arsenic and soot, there are currently no limits on the carbon pollution power plants dump into our air.

This 8 millionth comment reflects the broad support from the vast majority of Americans who want solutions to reduce the unlimited carbon pollution from power plants that is fueling climate change and putting our health, our economy, our communities and our wildlife and natural resources at risk. This demonstration of support for U.S. leadership on climate change is unprecedented and exceeds, by far, comments from those who want to block these common sense protections our health and our economy.

America deserves a healthy economy and a healthy environment. Over the last four decades, clean air standards have reduced air pollution by 70% while GDP has tripled. The Clean Power Plan will significantly cut carbon pollution from power plants, while preventing 150,000 asthma attacks and saving \$95 billion per year by 2030. We applaud the EPA and the Administration for its unprecedented public outreach and efforts to craft a carbon pollution standard that every American can support.

Sincerely,

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Center for Rural Affairs
Clean Water Action
Earth Day Network
Environmental Law and Policy Center
Friends of the Earth
NextGen Climate America
Earthjustice
Environment America
Environmental Defense Fund
National Wildlife Federation
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