

June 24, 2012

Administrator Lisa Jackson
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Environmental Protection Agency
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Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator Jackson:

As organizations representing thousands of diverse people of faith we write in support of the **Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) proposed new safeguards to limit industrial carbon** pollution from new power plants. Fossil-fuel burning power plants currently emit more than two billion tons of carbon pollution and other toxic pollutants into the air each year. As noted in the EPA's 2009 endangerment finding, carbon pollution and other greenhouse gases increase the number of unhealthy air days, resulting in more respiratory ailments, heart attacks, heat-related deaths, asthma attacks, and other harmful health effects. These health problems disproportionately impact vulnerable communities including communities of color, low-income communities, children and the elderly.

In addition, power plants are the largest source of carbon pollution in the country. There are currently no limits on the amount of greenhouse gases power plants can emit. This rule sets a strong standard that will modernize our nation's power plants while reducing pollution and limiting our contribution to global climate change.

Our organizations represent people of faith standing with God's Creation, human health, and a safe climate. EPA's proposed carbon standards show us that the 40-year old *Clean Air Act* is still an invaluable tool to clean up air pollution and protect the health of the nation. We support the proposed rule and urge you maintain the strength and effectiveness of this important safeguard when you prepare the final version. Please count each of the undersigned as a separate comment in support of Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2011-0660.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

American Conference of Cantors
Bahá'ís of the United States
Coalition on the Environment and Jewish Life
Columban Center for Advocacy and Outreach
Franciscan Action Network
Friends Committee on National Legislation
The Episcopal Church
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

GreenFaith
Interfaith Power and Light
Jewish Council for Public Affairs
Lutherans Restoring Creation
National Catholic Rural Life Conference
National Council of Churches
New Evangelical Partnership for the Common Good
Presbyterian Church (USA) Office of Public Witness
Presbyterians for Earth Care
Union for Reform Judaism
United Church of Christ – Justice and Witness Ministries
United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism
United Methodist Church – General Board of Church and Society
Women of Reform Judaism

Regional/State Faith Organizations

Baltimore Jewish Council
Baltimore Jewish Environmental Network
Earthkeepers of Heartland Presbytery, PCUSA
Faith Action Network, Washington State
Florida Council of Churches
Islamic Environmental Group of Wisconsin
Lutheran Advocacy-Illinois
Lutheran Coalition for Public Policy in Minnesota
Lutheran Office of Public Policy - California
Lutheran Social Services of Illinois
Massachusetts Conference, United Church of Christ
Maine Council of Churches
Minnesota Council of Churches
Northern Plains Conference, United Church of Christ
Pearlstone Conference and Retreat Center
Virginia Council of Churches
Voices for Earth Justice (MI)
Wisconsin Council of Churches

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