



Interfaith Power & Light

A Religious Response to Global Warming

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PEOPLE OF FAITH VOICE SUPPORT FOR EPA'S CLEAN POWER PLAN

Tomorrow, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will publish the final version of the Clean Power Plan. This is a historic moment. Until now, there were absolutely no limits on the amount of climate-warming pollution our nation's power plants could spew from their smokestacks. The Clean Power Plan is the single biggest and most ambitious action the U.S. has ever taken to tackle climate change. It sets the first-ever limits on dangerous carbon pollution from the nation's existing power plants, and is flexible and achievable.

The Rev. Canon Sally Bingham, president and founder of Interfaith Power & Light said, "People of faith have a moral obligation to care for and protect our children and future generations by addressing the effects of climate change and carbon pollution, especially as they wreak havoc on the poorest and most vulnerable among us."

"Thousands of clergy and communities of faith representing Interfaith Power & Light's network of 18,000 congregations are prepared to stand in support of EPA's efforts to safeguard our climate, our health, and all of Creation. Global warming is a moral issue that should be of concern to all people, but particularly people of faith. It's really quite simple: if we love our neighbors, we won't pollute their air or water. "

Sr. Joan Brown, executive director of New Mexico Interfaith Power & Light said, "Faith communities have been gathering comments and testifying in favor of this plan for years, because it's a matter of climate justice and a historic step towards protecting all of God's creation. I believe we must preserve the sanctity of God's Creation. Our country has been blessed with natural resources, and it's our responsibility to maintain the purity of our air, water, and land. "

Bingham added "Some will fight to weaken or eliminate this safeguard. Lets protect the people, not the polluters. Let us make the right and moral choice to implement sensible climate solutions that speed the transition to a just and equitable clean energy economy. "

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