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Action Alert CLEAN AIR HEARINGS AT EPA On May 24, 2012

YOUR VOICE IS NEEDED! TELL THEM WE NEED CLEAN AIR TO BREATHE! Here is how:

For the first time ever, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) could put limits on the industrial carbon pollution that fuels global warming, makes smog worse and threatens the health of children and the elderly -- and you can help make it happen.

The EPA has taken an important first step by proposing a new standard to limit carbon pollution from new power plants. EPA will hold a **public hearing** on the proposed Carbon Pollution Standard for New Power Plants. The hearing will be May 24, 2012 in Washington DC. EPA is also extending the comment period on this proposed rule until June 25, 2012 to provide for 30 days for the public to comment after the public hearing.

The public hearing will begin at 8:30 a.m. and continue until 4:30 p.m. (local time). The public may preregister to speak at the hearing at a specific time. People also may register in person on the day of the hearing, and will be accommodated as time allows. The EPA must close the hearing promptly at 4:30 p.m.

To preregister to speak at the hearings, please contact Ms. Pamela Garrett, telephone 919-541-7966 or email garrett.pamela@epa.gov.

PUBLIC HEARING: May 24: Washington, DC

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Room 1153
1301 Constitution Avenue
Washington, DC 20460

WRITTEN COMMENTS ALSO ACCEPTED. If you cannot attend the Public Hearing, the EPA also will accept written comments until June 25, 2012.

[Instructions for submitting written comments \(PDF\)](#)

The EPA's proposal sets a performance standard that will ensure **new** power plants limit their pollution. But this is just a down payment. Existing coal-fired power plants account for the largest chunk of carbon dioxide pollution emitted by stationary sources in the US, which is roughly on a par with the carbon dioxide pollution emitted by the entire transportation sector.

We need to build strong support for the EPA's proposal on new plants to ensure that there will be political support for taking the next step -- controlling carbon pollution from **existing** power plants!

You can be sure that corporate polluters are already doing everything they can to block these important health protections. Members of the environmental and health communities are already voicing their support. We encourage you to do the same.

Send a powerful message to let the EPA know you want them to support people not polluters.

THANK YOU FOR CARING ABOUT PEOPLE!