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## Join us for a US EPA Public Hearing about regulating large sources of global warming emissions!!

### Big Polluters Rule

Right now, **more than half of all of the global warming pollution in the United States is produced by only a handful of large sources**, including coal power plants. The EPA is proposing a rule to clean up these Big Polluters under the Clean Air Act. By targeting the worst offenders, the Big Polluters rule will quickly cut global warming pollution while still helping our economy grow.

The rule would only apply to offenders emitting at least 25,000 tons of greenhouse gases each year, exempting small businesses, churches and apartment buildings, while addressing the bulk of the nation's global warming pollution. Under the Big Polluters rule—the worst offenders—like new coal plants and other big polluters – would have to install technology to clean up pollution that causes global warming. These safeguards would also be required for existing facilities when they are expanded or modified

As part of the rulemaking, EPA is holding two public hearings – one of which is in the Chicago area. This is a great opportunity for Midwesterners to weigh in with the EPA that these mega-polluters should be held responsible for their share of reducing global warming pollution. We need to make sure that the EPA hears loud and clear that the public applauds the rulemaking and that we want these reductions from these large sources of global warming pollution to happen quickly.

**US EPA Public Hearing on CO<sub>2</sub>**  
**Thursday, November 19, 2009**  
**Anytime between 10am – 7pm**  
**Donald E. Stephens Convention Center**  
**5555 North River Rd, Level 2, Room 46**  
**Rosemont, IL**

### What can you do?

**Attend the hearing – and testify.** The Sierra Club will have a room at the hearing for members and the general public to learn more and prepare their testimony. You can also pick up a 'stop CO<sub>2</sub>' sticker to wear in the hearing to show your support of the rulemaking. If you are interested in testifying, EPA is asking for people to sign up to speak by November 13<sup>th</sup> by contacting Ms. Pamela Long at [long.pam@epa.gov](mailto:long.pam@epa.gov) or 919-541-0641. You will be assigned a time slot for your testimony. Walk-ins will be accommodated as quickly as possible.

**Get more people to the hearing.** Call your friends and family and encourage them to attend. Write a letter to the editor highlighting the upcoming hearing. Post the event online and on listserves. Announce the hearing at church or events you are attending before the 19<sup>th</sup>. The EPA needs to know that the public wants this action.

**Visit us at the hearing.** Sierra Club will have a room next door to the hearing all day to provide additional info, a 'stop CO<sub>2</sub>' sticker and testimony assistance. The Sierra Club and allies plan to hold a press conference at 9:00am, before the hearing begins. We are also planning a panel discussion during the lunch hour (12:30 - 2pm), details TBA. Stop by and see us!



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