

Protect Our Unborn From Mercury Poisoning



Protecting human life by caring for God's creation is a moral imperative.

Coal fired power plants are the largest domestic source of mercury pollution in the United States. Emitted mercury falls from the air and enters the food chain through fish. Currently 44% of our lakes and 41% of our rivers contain dangerous levels of mercury resulting in fish consumption advisories in every state. The warnings are especially stringent for pregnant and lactating women, as even minute mercury exposure can interfere with unborn and nursing children's developing nervous systems. One out of six newborn children in the United States is at risk with potentially harmful levels of mercury in their blood.

The 1990 Clean Air Act requires national standards to reduce mercury pollution. Requiring power plants to use the best available technology would reduce mercury emissions by up to 90%. Our mothers and children have waited long enough.

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