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Hundreds of Moms, Doctors, Concerned Atlanta Residents to Demand Protection from Toxic Mercury at EPA Hearing Today

ATLANTA – Hundred of mothers, medical professionals, faith leaders, youth leaders and concerned citizens from across Georgia, Kentucky, Tennessee and the Carolinas will gather in Atlanta Thursday, May 26 for a public hearing with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), on proposed federal standards for life-threatening air pollution from power plants.

The EPA's "Mercury and Air Toxics" standard would protect Americans from toxic mercury, arsenic, and other hazardous air pollutants emitted by dirty coal-fired power plants.

Currently, there are no national limits on the amount of air toxics that power plants can spew into the air, and which end up in our water, including Georgia's rivers. Mercury exposure can cause serious neurological and developmental problems in children, babies, and developing fetuses.

"Children as the world of us, as they rightly should, and it's our job to protect them from toxic pollutants, whether from coal fire power plants or nuclear power plants," Bobbie Paul, Executive Director, Georgia Women's Action for New Directions said. "We stand with the Sierra Club and other organizations calling for strict standards on the pollutants power plants are emitting into our environment."

WHAT: EPA Public Hearing on Proposed Mercury and Air Toxics Protections

WHERE: 61 Forsyth Street, SW Atlanta, GA 30303 (Directly across from the Five Points MARTA train station)

WHEN: 9am - 8pm: EPA Public Hearing

12pm – 1 pm: Press Conference and Free Mercury Hair Testing Event