

Boiler MACT Talking Points

First, Don't Use Boiler MACT: It's a new health standard on industrial air toxics!

- The EPA's new health standard on industrial air toxics that limits emissions of mercury, lead, arsenic, acid gases and other toxic pollutants will save thousands of American lives and prevent thousands of asthma attacks, heart attacks, and hospital visits.
 - Even in small amounts, these life-threatening industrial air pollutants are linked to cancer, birth defects, brain damage and even early death. Without this critical protection, hundreds of thousands of tons of air toxics will continue to be released into our air each year.
- Though it could have gone further, and is more modest than proposals EPA unveiled last year, the new health standard will clean up dangerous toxics in the air that every American breathes. We urge Congress to let EPA do its job to protect our children and families, and not allow big corporate polluters to dump these toxics into our air as they wish.
- This health standard is long overdue. Corporate polluters and their lobbyists have spent millions trying to block these health standards. There is still more that must be done to protect the air we breathe. We remain ready to fight back against the flood of polluter lobbyist money that wants weaker standards and does not care about endangering public health.