

Citizens Advisory Council
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Comments

Good Morning Advisory Council and Guests,

My name is Cece Viti of Mechanicsburg.

This morning we're all breathing F-Air. The American Lung Association in its 2014 State of the Air Report gave Harrisburg an F in air quality, not F for *fine*; F for *failure*. Failure to protect the air we breathe.

Today, coal fired plants are required to use their air cleaning equipment, but some plants do not have the equipment so they are exempted. What sense does that loophole make? None. The loophole unnecessarily dirties the air for you and me and for kids in their backyard swing sets. That situation is unhealthful and unfair.

The closest plant to us is Brunner Island. Brunner Island is using the loophole to avoid cleaning the air for our kids.

A coal plant breathes just as we do—it takes in air and releases it with dirt in it. Dirt that finds its way into the lungs of our kids. Dirt that could be removed.

And for the sake of our kids who need healthy lungs to grow,

1. Put a hold on the approval process.
2. Make Brunner and all plants within your jurisdiction clean up their acts.
3. Shorten the 30-day averaging time that allows plants to make it seem as if they're polluting less than they really are.

Thank you,

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