

EPA Health Rules, Sample Letters to the Editor

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EPA is the Cure to Our Sickness

To the Editor,

Big Oil and Big Coal are literally making us sick. Pollution from burning oil and coal spurs a host of serious, life-threatening health problems, inflicting children with asthma, stifling childhood development and cutting short thousands of lives. But by tying us to dirty 19th century energy sources, these corporate polluters are also strangling our economy while wreaking havoc on our health. To corporate polluters like Big Oil and Big Coal, our health is worth less than their profits. They want to continue polluting with no limits. We need to hold corporate polluters accountable. We cannot continue to let them ruin our children's health for the sake of an extra buck. There is a cure. With the help of the Environmental Protection Agency, we can clean up our air and water and protect our families now by phasing out life-threatening oil and coal, while moving to a clean energy economy for a healthy and prosperous future. We need our leaders, particularly President Obama, to hear that the nation's physical and economic well-being depends on enforcing strong standards to protect our families' health.

Sincerely,
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Illness

To the Editor,

We are addicted to oil and coal, and problems continue to arise from that dependence. Big Oil and Big Coal are literally making us sick. The pollution from burning oil and coal doesn't just ruin your view – it also poses serious health risks, especially to children and senior citizens, and cuts short thousands of lives every year. Burning fossil fuels creates a host of serious life-threatening health problems, including asthma, reduced lung function, and heart disease – and that's just from airborne pollution. This pollution increases emergency room visits and hospital admissions for respiratory problems, and leads to irreversible lung damage. In [state/county] alone [X] kids with asthma are breathing unhealthy air thanks to big polluters like [local examples] Big Oil and Big Coal are also fouling our water with cancer-causing toxins, be it through coal ash ponds or massive oil spills such as BP's Gulf oil disaster. But there is a cure for all these Big Oil and Big Coal ailments - with the help of the Environmental Protection Agency, we can clean up our air and water and protect our families now by phasing out life-threatening oil and coal, and moving to a clean energy economy that will power a healthy and prosperous future. We need our leaders, particularly President Obama, to know that the nation's well-being depends on enforcing strong standards to protect our families' health.

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Stand Up to Big Oil and Coal

To the Editor,

Big Oil and Big Coal are literally making us sick. The pollution from burning oil and coal poses serious health risks, especially to children and senior citizens, and it cuts short thousands of lives every year.

As if that weren't enough, the oil and coal industries also destroy our nation's economic health by tying us to dirty 19th century energy sources. Big Coal and Big Oil can't be trusted to police themselves. To corporate polluters our health is worth less than their profits. But there is a cure for all these Big Oil and Big Coal ailments - with the help of the Environmental Protection Agency, we can clean up our air and water and protect our families now by phasing out life-threatening oil and coal, and moving to a clean energy economy that will power a clean and prosperous future. If our leaders stand up to Big Oil and Big Coal's assault on the clean air and clean water safeguards that Americans overwhelmingly support, we will again have healthy families and prosperity. And with the EPA's help, we can tell the oil and coal industries, "You make us sick. It's time to clean up." Sincerely, NAME

Economic Cost

To the Editor,

Big Oil and Big Coal are literally making us sick. The pollution from burning oil and coal poses serious, life-threatening health risks, especially to children and senior citizens, and it cuts short thousands of lives every year. To these corporate polluters, their profits are worth more than our safety and health. But Oil and Coal are also destroying our nation's economic health. By tying us to dirty 19th century energy sources, these corporate polluters are strangling our economy while wrecking our health. As we've seen time and time again, with situations like the BP oil disaster in the Gulf, Big Oil and Coal can't be trusted to police themselves. But with the EPA's help, there is a cure to our nation's sickness, and we can move to a clean energy economy for healthy families and a more prosperous future.

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