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EPA Needs YOUR Support for a Strong Mercury Rule



It's time to break out the huge large-mouth bass again! After 20 years of delay, EPA is moving forward with regulating mercury and other toxics from coal-fired power plants. In 2004, Georgia EPD estimated that over 20,000 babies are born in Georgia every year with elevated levels of mercury, which has been linked to developmental disorders like ADD and autism.

You all did such a good job at the Greenhouse Gas hearing in February that EPA is coming back for more love and support. The third of three national hearings will be held here in Atlanta at EPA Region IV HQ on **Thursday, May 26th, from 9am-8pm**. We will be hosting a hair testing event at Vintage Barbershop from 12-1pm and a Fish Fry Rally at 5:30pm. Ways to help:

1. Share this email
2. Submit your comment in favor of the rule online at www.sierraclub.org/mercury
3. RSVP by clicking [here to REGISTER](#) to attend the May 26 Events!
4. Share the [Facebook event](#) on your wall and with your networks

Quick Links

Remember the Interstate 3 proposal? It's baaaack! Come find out more on Wednesday, May 25th, from 7-9pm, at United Community Bank on Morrison Moore Parkway in Dahlonega. Hosted by the Georgia Sierra Club and [WaysSouth](#). A review of, and status of, the ongoing study on the proposed Interstate 3. Jim Grode, WaysSouth Executive Director will give a presentation. Proposed routes and costs analysis will be discussed, including the likely preferred route which would pass by Dahlonega. Contact [Larry Winslett](#) for more info.



Sierra Club Meetings

Wildlands and Wildlife Committee Meeting, Tuesday, May 17th, 7:00p.m., Mike Murdock - Chair, murdock1@mindspring.com

Fundraising Committee, Wednesday, May 18th, 7:00p.m., Erin Wetty - Chair, ewetty@seyfarth.com

RAIL Committee Meeting, Monday, May 23rd, 7:00 p.m., Jim Dexter - Chair, call 678-313-2407, jimdex@aol.com

Atlanta Inner City Outings (ICO), Tuesday, May 24th, 7:30p.m., contact Allison Williams adwilliams8@yahoo.com

Smart Energy Team Meeting, Monday, June 6th, 6:30p.m. refreshments, 7p.m. start, Mike Walls - Chair, mwalls@ellijay.com

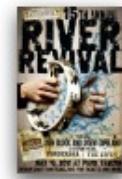
Horizon Theater Atlanta Inner City Outings Fundraiser -- May 17th



The Atlanta ICO program volunteers take kids of limited means on hikes, camping trips and other outings. Horizon Theater generously sponsors the program by offering the proceeds from ticket sales to support the program once a year. This year, [Avenue Q](#) on May 17th will support Atlanta ICO. Click [here](#) to get your tickets!

Upper Chattahoochee Riverkeeper River Revival -- May 19th

The Sierra Club will be at this not-to-be-missed event to talk to guests about (guess what) mercury in Georgia's water ways and what can and should be done about it! Our friends at UCR know how to throw a great party for a great cause. A mere \$45 in advance gets you: parking, live music, food, Park Tavern or Sweetwater beer/wine/soft drinks, silent and live auctions, and a one-year membership to UCR. Click [here](#) to get your tickets!



Southern Company Shareholders Meeting -- May 25th



Last year, David Ratcliffe, Southern Company's CEO told the Athens Chamber of Commerce that solar and wind had limited applicability in the Southeast. This year Southern Company has a new CEO, Thomas Fanning, who says he's "bullish" about solar. While that is a refreshing new line, we hope that some of the barriers to solar in Georgia can be removed. Now it is offshore wind Southern doesn't think will work, despite their own study concluding its potential off the coast of Savannah. If you own shares and want to join us on a trip to Callaway Gardens to talk about it, contact eghand@bellsouth.net.

Sierra Club 101 is back! Mark your calendar!

Attention, Members! You joined the Sierra Club to help protect the environment -- now what? Sierra Club 101! Come learn about the Sierra Club and how to get involved in our local efforts. Open to members and non-members alike--bring a friend! Refreshments provided. June 11th, 10:30am-12pm. Register online by clicking [here](#).



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