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,
evetty@seyfarth.com

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