Sierra Club thanks **Maryland’s Department of the Environment** for proposing protections against smog pollution—let’s get this done!

Maryland lags far behind other Eastern states in our use of state-of-the-art pollution controls for smog-forming pollutants from power plants; trailing even coal-heavy states like Alabama, Kentucky, Pennsylvania and West Virginia. In fact, fewer than half our coal burners use the most effective technology. Poorly controlled coal plants can emit smog-causing pollution at levels 10 times higher than the best-controlled plants. That’s a large part of the reason that 85% of Maryland residents live in areas where the air is unsafe to breathe.

Breathing smog is like getting sunburn on your lungs, and a potent asthma trigger. MDE has proposed new controls on coal plants that will lead to cleaner air in Maryland—but there’s still work to be done so we can all breathe a little easier. Let’s support MDE, and move toward healthier air.

**Thank You MDE**—let’s finally get this done!