AMEREN POLLUTES

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Ameren has four polluting coal-fired plants surrounding the greater St. Louis area. The Rush Island coal plant is in Jefferson County and the Meramec coal plant is across the Meramec River at the edge of St. Louis County and Jefferson County. These power plants — in operation for decades — lack modern pollution controls that would greatly reduce toxic air pollution.

The levels of sulfur dioxide (SO2) in a large section of Jefferson County are exceeding what the Environmental Protection Agency has established as safe for public health. This results in health problems such as aggravating asthma and lung disease, increasing risk of heart attack, stroke and premature death. Studies by the Clean Air Task Force estimate that the Meramec and the Rush Island coal plants, combined, result in between 123 and 240 deaths per year.

It is up to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to hold polluters like Ameren accountable for high levels of pollution. To reduce the air pollution from its coal plants, Ameren must be required to install modern pollution controls, which can reduce SO2 pollution by up to 98 percent. Cutting pollution can protect public health and could save the lives of citizens in Jefferson County.

Let’s work together to keep our air clean. DNR must follow through on its responsibility to protect public health by requiring Ameren to clean up its pollution.

Dear Missouri Department of Natural Resources,

According to the Environmental Protection Agency’s health standards, much of Jefferson County’s air is unsafe to breathe. Dangerous emissions from Ameren’s aging and outdated coal plants are causing excess pollution, contributing to asthma attacks and respiratory illnesses resulting in $1.36 billion in health care costs for the Greater St. Louis region every year. We need the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to hold polluters like Ameren accountable in order to protect the public health.

As citizens of Jefferson County, we call upon the DNR to protect our air and create a plan that will ensure our health is protected by requiring Ameren to install life-saving pollution controls to reduce harmful sulfur dioxide emissions.

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☐ Do you or anyone in your family suffer from asthma or other respiratory illness?

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