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**The Environmental Protection Network applauds EPA's move to restore the
Appropriate and Necessary Finding for the Mercury and Air Toxics Standards**

Today, EPA is expected to announce that they are reversing the Trump administration's attempt to undermine the Mercury and Air Toxics Standards (MATS) by reestablishing the "appropriate and necessary" finding that is the foundation of the original 2012 rule. Since its implementation, MATS has been very successful in limiting the amount of mercury and other toxic emissions from power plants. Mercury is a powerful and dangerous neurotoxin that is particularly hazardous for pregnant women, children, and older adults.

"Hats off to EPA for making this hugely important determination to reinstate the appropriate and necessary finding that is the underpinning of the Mercury and Air Toxics Standards," said **Ellen Kurlansky, former Air Policy Analyst and Advisor at EPA's Office of Air and Radiation (1988-2017) and one of the original architects of MATS** "This finding reinforces EPA's ability to protect the American people from the public health harms of mercury and other toxic pollution emitted by coal-fired power plants."

EPN member Ellen Kurlansky is available for media interviews regarding EPA's announcement and the history of MATS.

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