

October 31, 2017  
Peter Tsirigotis  
Sector Policies and Programs Division (D205–01)  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Research Triangle Park, NC 27711

RE: Request to Hold a Public Hearing On Proposed Repeal of the Clean Power Plan

Dear Mr. Tsirigotis,

On behalf of GreenLatinos, the undersigned organizations respectfully request a series of public hearings on the proposed repeal of the Clean Power Plan – America’s first federal regulation of carbon pollution from existing fossil fuel-fired power plants, the largest stationary source of carbon pollution in our country. Low-income communities and communities of color, including the Latino community, are among those most negatively affected by carbon pollution, which harms public health and exacerbates and increases the frequency of extreme weather events. A public hearing will provide an essential forum for our community and the public to raise concerns about this proposal.

Nationwide, low-income communities and communities of color are among those most negatively affected by both the impacts of carbon pollution and the conventional air pollutants emitted by existing dirty power plants. 40 percent of Latinos live within 30 miles of a power plant. One in two Latinos in the United States lives in an area that does not meet EPA’s public health standards. Latino children are 40 percent more likely to die from asthma than non-Latino white children.

EPA must hold public hearings in Washington and in locations across the country where communities are experiencing the adverse impacts of climate change and the deaths and illnesses caused by power plant pollution, so members of the community are able to express their concerns and provide input on such a far-reaching action that will adversely affect the health and welfare of our communities and families.

For these reason, we request a series of public hearings under sections 307(d)(5) of the Clean Air Act on your proposed repeal of the Clean Power Plan. We emphasize that these hearings must provide a meaningful opportunity for public participation, just as EPA afforded the public when it conducted its rulemaking on the Clean Power Plan. These hearings must be held in a broadly accessible location, be scheduled for a reasonable duration, and allow sufficient time for individual organizations and members of the public to provide meaningful input.

Sincerely,  
Defend Our Future

Environmental Defense Fund  
Moms Clean Air Force  
Roosevelt Institute  
Center for American Progress  
Ocean Futures Society  
Energy Justice Network  
League of United Latin American Citizens  
Hispanic Access Foundation  
Sierra Club  
National Council of La Raza Action Fund  
Voto Latino  
Sachamama  
League of Conservation Voters  
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Chispa  
Voces Verdes  
Americas for Conservation  
City Project  
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