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TODAY: SEN. CARPER, EXPERTS TO DISCUSS HOW TRUMP'S EPA IS ATTACKING STANDARDS THAT KEEP OUR FAMILIES SAFE FROM BRAIN-DAMAGING MERCURY

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WASHINGTON (January 8, 2019) – Today Senator Tom Carper (D-DE) will join leading **health, faith, and environmental justice experts** for a press teleconference to discuss the broad implications of Trump's Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) [recent attack](#) on our country's life-saving mercury pollution standards (the Mercury and Air Toxics Standards, or "MATS").

WHAT

Senator Carper and other experts will discuss how undermining these standards is a direct threat to babies, children, pregnant women, and vulnerable communities. Speakers will address mercury pollution as an immoral hazard to our children's health, and highlight how the EPA's proposal is broadly opposed by health professionals, the faith community, the power sector, and civil society.

WHO

- [U.S. Senator Tom Carper](#) (D-DE), Ranking member of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee and long-time champion of our country's Mercury standards [see full list of his actions of [here](#)]
- [Dominique Browning](#), Co-founder and Senior Director of Moms Clean Air Force
- [Mustafa Santiago Ali](#), Senior Vice President, Hip Hop Caucus and formerly the Chief Environmental Justice Official at the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
- [Philip J. Landrigan](#), Director of the Global Public Health Initiative at Boston College
- [Rev. Mitchell C. Hescox](#), President/C.E.O. of The Evangelical Environmental Network

WHEN

TODAY, Tuesday, January 8th 2019 at 2:30 p.m. Eastern Time (ET)

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BACKGROUND

About the proposal: On December 27, 2018, while most families were celebrating the end-of-year holidays and in the middle of a partial government shutdown, Trump's EPA [proposed](#) to reverse key elements of the Mercury and Air Toxics Standards (MATS). By attacking the lifesaving Mercury Standards, Trump's EPA is proposing to make it easier for coal plants to spew mercury into the air. Undermining Mercury Standards could have devastating health consequences for families across the country, especially pregnant women and communities of color living in the shadow of coal plants. Yet, Trump's EPA is using a cost-benefit argument as its cover story in order to sabotage and eventually destroy our Mercury Standards.

Read the full Moms Clean Air Force press statement: [ATTACKING THE MERCURY AND AIR TOXICS STANDARDS IS POISONOUS FOR OUR CHILDREN](#)

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