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350 Wisconsin applauds strong climate leadership from the US EPA Today's new package of power plant standards are a strong step forward for climate!

Madison, Wisconsin, April 25 - Today's <u>announcement</u> from the US EPA about its new package of standards to slash carbon, coal ash, mercury, wastewater, and other toxic pollution from power plants is a major win for climate justice. As the largest climate-focused grassroots nonprofit in Wisconsin, 350 Wisconsin strongly applauds EPA Administrator Regan and President Biden for this effort. We still have a long way to go to meet our climate goals, but these standards are a huge step in the right direction.

"We're excited that the EPA has taken steps to significantly cut carbon pollution from coal- and fossil gas-fired power plants, which will have long-reaching impacts on our health, economy, and planet," says Emily Park, Co-Executive Director of 350 Wisconsin. "The new standards on mercury, coal ash, and wastewater will also be instrumental in pushing us toward a healthier and more sustainable future."

Stephanie Robinson, Co-Executive Director of 350 Wisconsin, says, "here in Wisconsin, the climate crisis is driving heat waves, drought conditions, flooding, and other natural disasters that are impacting our energy costs, health, agricultural productivity, and more. Our frontline communities (primarily low-income and BIPOC communities) are bearing the brunt of the negative health, economic, and environmental impacts of fossil fuel-fired power plants, and the EPA's new power plant standards will help address those injustices and inequities."

350 Wisconsin is delighted to see President Biden and the EPA follow through on their commitment to address the climate crisis, and looks forward to further steps from the administration to end fossil fuel production and infrastructure in the United States.

350 Wisconsin (formerly 350 Madison) mobilizes grassroots power to change hearts and minds, laws and policies, and humanity's massive systems to make transformational progress toward environmental justice and solving the climate crisis by 2030. For more information, visit <u>350wisconsin.org</u>.

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