

## Sample EPA Letter Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2023-0072

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Environmental Protection Agency  
EPA Docket Center, **Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2023-0072**  
Mail Code 28221T, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20460

Dear EPA,

My name is Jeff Smith, and I am very worried about the steady acceleration of damage brought by climate change over the course of my 50 years in Montana.

**I wholeheartedly support the EPA’s “New Source Performance Standards for Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Existing Fossil Fuel-Fired Electric Generating Units.”**

The EPA is right to regulate fossil fuel electrical generators because they are the largest source of greenhouse gases. Global warming is causing life-threatening environmental and human health impacts. In Montana, we are seeing uncontrollable “mega-fires” in our forests. We are seeing increasing damage to our cold-water fisheries due to warmer temperatures. We are seeing an extended drought in our number one industry, agriculture. And we are seeing weather extremes like the Yellowstone floods two years ago that caused over \$2 billion in damage.

The latest research suggests that the social cost of carbon is around \$200 a ton. The EPA has identified reasonably priced, proven technologies that are available to curtail the carbon pollution heating up the planet. And we just passed the Inflation Reduction Act, which provides \$21.5 billion for the “development, demonstration, and deployment of clean energy technologies.”

I support the EPA’s proposals in Docket **ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2023-0072**.

Finally, **you can improve these proposals by speeding up the compliance dates**. Don’t allow established coal-fired power plants like Colstrip in eastern Montana to continue polluting until 2032. The plants should close in 2025 if they can’t adopt carbon capture and sequestration or cut their 10-million-tons-a-year of carbon emissions with the EPA’s recommended technologies.

Sincerely,

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