

# GOVERNOR HOGAN GUTS AIR POLLUTION PROTECTIONS IN MD

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## **Governor Hogan's "Emergency" Air Pollution Regulation Guts Clean Air Protections for Marylanders.**

Today, Maryland Governor Larry Hogan filed "emergency" regulations that eliminate critical health protections intended to clean up pollution from coal plants in Maryland.

### **In response to today's action by Governor Hogan Sierra Club Maryland Chapter Director Josh Tulkin issued the following statement:**

We are deeply troubled by the Governor's use of emergency rulemaking authority to cripple crucial health protections that were already finalized and in place before he ever took office. This is an 'emergency' of the Governor's own making, siding with a polluting energy company headquartered outside of Maryland rather than thousands of his own constituents concerned about their air quality.

The protections put in place by the previous administration would have ensured that every polluting coal plant had to install and operate the most effective technology to reduce harmful pollution. That's what officials from Montgomery County, Prince George's County, Baltimore City, the Maryland State Medical Society, and nearly 9,000 Maryland citizens have called for, and what residents need.

Governor Hogan needs to immediately move forward with reinstating the full safeguards necessary to protect Marylanders' right to clean air.

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