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CFE Win Against EPA: Judge Orders Action on Pollution from PA Coal Plant

A federal judge has ordered the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to take prompt action on the State of Connecticut's demand that the EPA stop pollution from a Pennsylvania coal plant that travels to Connecticut.

The case was brought against the EPA and Administrator Scott Pruitt by the Connecticut Attorney General in summer 2017 and joined by Connecticut Fund for the Environment and Sierra Club. The judge ordered the EPA to hold a public hearing on the state's request with 30 days, and to make a final decision within 60 days.

In response, Jack Looney, staff attorney at Connecticut Fund for the Environment/Save the Sound, said:

"This is a strong outcome that recognizes Connecticut's interest in stopping interstate air pollution that affects public health. The courts, our third equal branch of government, are the only avenue we have to force the Trump EPA to follow our nation's environmental protection laws. We applaud Attorney General Jepsen's and the court's clear direction to Administrator Pruitt to protect the citizens of Connecticut."

For additional detail, see coverage in The Hill: http://thehill.com/policy/energy-environment/372809-court-orders-epa-to-act-on-connecticut-air-pollution-petition#.Wnt6aRhCwqQ.twitter

See the decision here:

https://ecf.ctd.uscourts.gov/doc1/04115826943?caseid=117590&de_seq_num=169&magic_num=95046277