

STATEMENT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CLEAN AIR MUSCATINE, A IOWA NON-PROFIT CORPORATION.

1. Clean Air Muscatine is a non-profit, tax-exempt Iowa corporation established for the purpose of improving the air and water quality of our community.
2. The over-use of coal, combined with insufficient regulatory requirements to clean emissions from coal-fired combustion plants, threatens the health and safety of our citizens; it damages our property; it reduces the ability of our citizens to enjoy open, public spaces; and it discourages economic development.
3. As a membership group, our members are concerned about the health of our citizens—particularly our most vulnerable friends, neighbors and family members. Disease rates, particularly related to cancers, heart and respiratory illnesses are of particular concern.
4. Our members also believe that pollution causes damage to private property. Soot from coal-fired furnaces at local industries and power companies damages the exteriors and interiors of our homes. It ruins the polish on our motor vehicles. It collects in our furnace and air conditioner filters. It saturates our furnishings and clothing.
5. Our members believe that excessive emissions from coal-fired plants diminishes the use and enjoyment of our parks, rivers and streams. On particularly bad days, citizens remain in-doors rather than face the foul air.
6. Our members believe that the pollution caused by coal-fired plants in our region discourages economic development, which will be crucial to the future of our community. Parents with young children don't want to re-locate to a region that is known to be polluted or to have high disease rates. New businesses don't want to locate in a region that cannot attain the minimal environmental requirements of federal law.
7. Iowa law should be changed in the following ways:
 - a) We support funding to more comprehensively track and monitor adverse health events; only if the public knows the facts can it—through its elected officials—make good policy decisions.
 - b) We support the strengthening of standards for energy efficiency and their enforcement because we know that money spent for energy efficiency is more cost-effective than spending money to produce more energy.
 - c) We support a moratorium on new coal plants in Iowa & shutting down existing coal boilers; utility companies now produce significantly more power than Iowans use. As a result, to a significant extent, Iowans are paying for power plants that pollute in their own back yards—but the benefits of the power production reside in the utility company owners through increased profits or in people who live in other states but who are not required to bear the brunt of the environmental externalities that result from the production of that power.
 - d) We support tightening standards for particulate matter and other pollutants. Too many of our friends and neighbors are suffering from diseases that are linked to fouled air.
 - e) We support stronger efforts to clean-up and contain coal ash waste at the state & federal level.
 - f) We support the reduction and ultimate elimination of coal subsidies and tax and financial incentives that make this pollution-creating form of energy more attractive and discourage the greater uses of

alternative forms of renewable energy and stronger energy efficiency programs.

- g) While we understand that there are costs related to the tightening of these standards as stated in the responses of IPL and MidAmerican, the costs to the system and citizens are great as well. The costs of health care for affected citizens, the costs of cleaning up the damage to the property, and much more.