

**WE CAN PHASE OUT COAL TODAY AND  
KEEP THE LIGHTS ON IN ONTARIO!**

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Premier Dalton McGuinty  
Legislature Building  
Queen's Park  
Toronto, ON  
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**ONTARIO NEEDS A RESPONSIBLE  
ENERGY PLAN THAT PROTECTS  
OUR CLIMATE AND OUR HEALTH!**

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Tim Hudak  
Room 381, Main Legislative Building  
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What if your child was left gasping by asthma? What if your elderly parent struggled for every breath? Would you want to see Ontario continue to burn dirty coal for another four years? Or do you think it would be better to use the clean power we have available right now to replace dirty coal?

And what about our climate? Are we going to continue to pump millions of tonnes of greenhouse gases into our atmosphere and leave our kids and grandkids with a world of extreme heat, devastating drought, wild storms, destructive flooding, and new health risks from spreading diseases? Only by fully phasing out coal can the Ontario Government come close to meeting its promise to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to safer levels.

**Please tell Ontario's leaders that you do not want to wait any longer to end coal burning. It is time to switch to the cleaner alternatives that are available right now!**



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The OCAA is a coalition of health and environmental organizations, faith communities, municipalities, utilities, unions, corporations and individuals working for cleaner air through a coal phase-out and a shift to a renewable electricity future.

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# COAL IS COSTING US THE AIR WE BREATHE



**550,000 ASTHMA ATTACKS  
AND HUNDREDS OF DEATHS  
LINKED TO COAL BURNING  
MAKE IT A COSTLY CHOICE**

**[www.CoalMustGo.ca](http://www.CoalMustGo.ca)**



# COAL IS COSTLY FOR OUR HEALTH, OUR ENVIRONMENT AND OUR ECONOMY

## Over the next four years, coal power pollution will potentially contribute to:

- 550,000+ asthma attacks
- 1,000+ deaths
- 1,600+ emergency room visits

## It will remain:

- One of our largest sources of greenhouse gases that are destabilizing our climate
- A major cause of acid rain that destroys forests and lakes
- A major contributor to smog that chokes our air
- A major source of toxins such as mercury and lead that are particularly harmful to children

## We will all pay the bill through:

- Increased health costs
- A \$412 million annual subsidy to Ontario Power Generation to continue operating its money losing coal plants

Please send the attached postcards to Premier Dalton McGuinty and Opposition Leader Tim Hudak urging them to support a quick end to coal burning. We do not need to burn dirty coal to keep the lights on. Coal costs us dearly in health care expenses, climate damage and the build-up of toxins like mercury and lead in our environment.

## WE DON'T NEED COAL TO KEEP THE LIGHTS ON

Ontario's coal-free electricity generation capacity (29,347 MW) is now 17% greater than Ontario's peak demand for electricity in the summer of 2010 (25,075 MW) and 28% greater than the forecast peak demand in 2014 (the official coal phase-out deadline).

Ontario's peak demand for electricity fell by 10% between 2006 and 2009 and the Independent Electricity System Operator projects that it will continue to fall between now and 2014 despite a rebounding economy thanks to conservation efforts.

Instead of continuing to burn coal for another four years, we should be putting coal plants on standby reserve and using them as little as possible to protect our health and our climate.  
**We have the power to switch off coal today!**

**DEAR PREMIER MCGUINITY,** I applaud your commitment to ending coal use for electricity generation in Ontario by 2014. But at a time when the world desperately needs climate leadership, Ontario can lead the way by putting its coal plants on standby reserve right now and operating them only if there is a power emergency. I do not want to wait another four years to end the use of harmful coal. We can give our climate a break and all breathe easier by putting our coal plants on standby reserve right now.

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

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**DEAR MR. HUDAK,** Please adopt a responsible energy policy by endorsing putting dirty and dangerous coal plants on standby reserve today. Coal is no longer economic, requiring hundreds of millions of dollars in subsidies each year, and it is adding to our ever growing health care costs. A responsible, smart energy plan does not include coal!

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