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ATTORNEY GENERAL MADIGAN ISSUES STATEMENT ON CLEAN POWER PLAN REPLACEMENT***Madigan Announces She Will Challenge Clean Power Plan Replacement if Adopted***

Chicago — Attorney General Lisa Madigan today released the following statement in response to the federal government’s proposed plan to dismantle the Clean Power Plan, the historic carbon emissions rule intended to reduce dangerous greenhouse gas emissions from power plants around the country.

“The U.S. EPA’s complete rejection of the Clean Power Plan and our country’s path to a cleaner and safer environment will have disastrous consequences,” Madigan said. “I will take legal action to ensure the federal government does its job to protect our environment and our health.”

Madigan is part of a coalition that defended the Clean Power Plan. The coalition includes California, Connecticut, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Hawaii, Iowa, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Mexico, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, and Washington, as well as New York City, Boulder, Chicago, Philadelphia, South Miami and Broward County, Florida. The states of North Carolina and Pennsylvania and the City of Los Angeles also joined in comments the coalition filed in April opposing repeal of the Clean Power Plan.

The Clean Power Plan is the culmination of a decade-long effort by partnering states and cities to require mandatory cuts in the emissions of climate change pollution from fossil fuel-burning power plants under the Clean Air Act. The Clean Power Plan, along with the companion rule applicable to new, modified, and reconstructed power plants, would control these dangerous emissions by setting limits on the amount of climate change pollution that power plants can emit. The Clean Power Plan would significantly protect public health and clean the air by eliminating as much pollution as is emitted by more than 160 million cars per year – or 70 percent of the nation’s passenger cars.

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