

Desert Rock: ACTION ALERT – Deadline of February 23, 2009 to submit public comments:

EPA needs to regulate greenhouse gas emissions from Desert Rock

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has requested public comments on the Desert Rock coal-fired power plant Prevention of Significant Deterioration (Air Quality) Permit specifically on EPA's decision not to include limitations on emissions of carbon dioxide in the permit. The Desert Rock Prevention of Significant Deterioration Permit is currently under appeal by environmental/social organizations and the State of New Mexico. EPA has withdrawn comments on carbon dioxide in the permit based on conflicting legal interpretations set forth by the outgoing Bush administration. Our message to the EPA is that carbon dioxide should be regulated, control technologies for carbon dioxide emissions need to be evaluated and implemented, and that the entire air quality permit for Desert Rock needs to be redone. We're looking to the EPA for leadership in addressing adverse air quality impacts to our communities and to public health, and to prioritize legal requirements under the Clean Air Act. Contact Mike Eisenfeld at SJCA with any questions: mike@sanjuancitizens.org.

Please submit comments on Desert Rock and carbon dioxide by February 23, 2009 to the following address:

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The permit and addendum to the statement of basis are available on EPA's website at <http://epa.gov/region09/air/permit/desert-rock/index.html>.