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note Clear Skies comments....didn't realize we were apologists for Jeffords and the NRDC....

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The Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) is the leading force behind Sen. James Jeffords's (I-Vt.) Clean Power Act (S. 366), a bill that would impose costly new controls on power plant emissions of sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxides, mercury, and carbon dioxide. The Bush Administration's Clear Skies Initiative, which would establish new controls on sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxides, and mercury, but not carbon dioxide, is, in no small measure, a "me-too" response to Senator Jeffords's bill. It is thus fair to say that NRDC is driving much of the debate in Washington over Clean Air Act reform.

NRDC Climate Center Director David Hawkins has testified twice on the Clean Power Act, and once on the Clear Skies Act (S. 485). Mr. Hawkins has argued that the Bush plan will kill thousands of Americans every year because it does not go far enough to reduce power plant emissions.

This paper examines NRDC's claims regarding the health and mortality effects of fine particulate matter (PM 2.5) and mercury emissions. It finds that PM2.5 at current levels is unlikely to be increasing mortality, and that sulfate\*the form of PM caused by power plant emissions\*is a particularly implausible cause of deaths, because sulfate is not toxic.



