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SIERRA CLUB, MAYOR FULOP APPLAUD PLAN TO CURB CARBON POLLUTION

Jersey City, NJ -- Today, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency issued a proposal for the first-ever national protections from dangerous carbon pollution from existing power plants. This new standard, which is part of the President Obama's Climate Action Plan, will clean up the industries that create the lion's share of carbon pollution in our country. Carbon pollution is the leading cause of climate disruption, contributing to extreme heat, flooding and superstorms in New Jersey and throughout the nation.

New Jersey's urban, coastal communities like Jersey City are especially at risk. Superstorm Sandy and Hurricane Irene ravaged Jersey City in back-to-back years, costing the City tens of millions of dollars in damage. Families throughout Jersey City were without power for days and thousands of residents were displaced from their homes. Flooding and storm surges continue to be a major threat to low-lying neighborhoods because of the rising global temperatures caused by climate disruption.

"We know first hand in Jersey City the effects that climate disruption has had on our community and we commend President Obama and the EPA for this important proposal," said Mayor Fulop. "Policies that require these industries to reduce carbon pollution will not only benefit the health and well-being of our residents, they will have lasting impact for generations to come."

The new safeguards not only protect our health and communities, but they will also spur innovation and strengthen our economy. By moving to 100 percent clean energy sources, we'll create tens of thousands of American jobs and billions of dollars in new investment. Cutting pollution that harms our communities will also save billions of dollars in health costs, disaster cleanup, and disaster recovery costs.

"Today, we applaud President Obama and the EPA for their move to clean up our air, improve the health of our children, and curb the worst effects of climate disruption. These life-saving protections could not come at a more critical time. We now look forward to a strong state implementation plan to protect New Jersey and urge Governor Christie to be a leader for clean air, healthy children and a strong economy" said Christine Guhl-Sadovy, Sierra Club organizing representative.

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