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**STATEMENT FROM MAYOR EMANUEL ON EPA PROPOSAL TO WEAKEN
POLLUTION STANDARDS FOR POWER PLANTS**

"We need leaders who will address the challenge of climate change, not accelerate it. President Trump and the climate change deniers he installed at the EPA are burying their heads deeper in the sand, ignoring settled science and giving polluters a free pass to contaminate the air we breathe for the sake of short-term profits. In Chicago we were proud to close down our coal plants because they put our residents' health and our environment at risk. While the Trump administration recklessly turns its back the clock on progress, Chicago and cities across the country will keep moving forward towards a cleaner, more sustainable future."

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