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GREENLATINOS BLASTS TRUMP’S ATTACK ON CLEAN AIR AND PUBLIC HEALTH REGULATIONS

WASHINGTON, DC – Today, President Trump signed an executive order to rollback the Clean Power Plan and other important environmental safeguards that protect clean air, public health, and the climate. In reaction to the announcement, GreenLatinos issued the following statement:

The President’s executive order today places families across the United States – including Latino families, 40 percent of whom live within 30 miles of a power plant – at risk. It is a President’s responsibility to improve the lives of our fellow citizens, but action after action from this Administration has demonstrated a callous disregard for the welfare of our citizenry, and the President’s announced executive order to roll back critical clean air, public health, and climate protections is no different.

Latinos are less likely to carry health insurance, which makes it difficult for them to cope with health-related problems caused by extreme air pollution. When it enters into effect, the Clean Power Plan will reduce extreme weather events and improve the health of Latino communities. The President’s actions to roll back the Clean Power Plan and other critical environmental regulations serves to underscore how out of touch President Trump and his corporate polluter allies are from the views of most Americans, who strongly support climate action. But the President cannot cancel regulations with the stroke of a pen. If the EPA wants to undo the Clean Power Plan, the agency will have to explain in a new rule making process why it now wants to depart from regulations that are the result of the most robust public comment process it has ever undertaken. GreenLatinos will continue to advocate for strong climate regulations that protect our communities and the climate.