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Supreme Court Invalidates EPA Pollution Standards

The Supreme Court has struck down the Environmental Protection Agency's rule limiting the amount of mercury and air toxics emitted by coal- and oil-fired power plants, finding that the agency acted unreasonably in failing to consider the cost of the regulation. [Michigan v. Environmental Protection Agency](#), No. 14–46 (June 29, 2015). The Court ruled that a statutory mandate that the regulation be "appropriate and necessary" encompassed cost considerations, and that it was not "'appropriate' to impose billions of dollars in economic costs in return for a few dollars in health or environmental benefits." [Read our full Update here.](#)

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