



ISEE NAC Statement on the Supreme Court's Ruling on West Virginia vs. EPA

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Our work now may be more important than ever.

On Thursday, June 30th, the Supreme Court announced its ruling on the West Virginia vs. EPA case on whether US EPA should be allowed to issue regulations against the power sector. With a 6-to-3 vote, the ruling greatly limits EPA's ability to regulate carbon emissions from power plants. The full opinion can be found [here](#).

This ruling is a blow to efforts to curtail greenhouse gas emissions and slow climate change. Furthermore, the implications of this ruling extend beyond climate change and may impact other environmental policies at EPA and the ability of other regulatory agencies to address climate change and its detrimental impacts on public health.

ISEE NAC members have quantified how the US EPA, via the Clean Air Act and other policies, including policies to reduce power plant emissions, has dramatically improved environmental quality and public health over the past several decades. As environmental epidemiologists, we aim to provide the best evidence to inform regulatory agencies and the general public on how to protect human health from environmental insults. Climate change is the greatest environmental threat that humanity has ever faced. SCOTUS has hamstrung the EPA's ability to limit greenhouse gas emissions thereby greatly reducing protection of health of all Americans. Furthermore, this ruling will not only negatively impact life and health in the US but also globally. We will continue our work to study environmental influences on health and urge our members and others to vote for those who will protect our planet and our health.

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