

Particulate matter in our atmosphere is of great concern to me.

As a citizen scientist I am writing to report that black soot accumulates on my home window-sills with regularity. My neighbors comment on this also. Since we are about a mile from an interstate, I suspect diesel exhaust from trucks contribute to this air-borne dirt. Additionally, a coal-fired power plant about 10 miles to the west very likely contributes to the particulate problem.

I fully endorse and support the effort of the Union of Concern Scientists to maintain research and data gathering on particulate matter in the atmosphere. For my health and the health of all Americans, this is vital work that must continue so that we can continue to reduce the amount of air pollution and particulate matter we are exposed to.

Thomas Cislo
Covington, KY