

Coal's Health Costs !

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Burning coal for energy has human and environmental costs (Economist Predicts Dramatic Electricity Price Hikes - July 25). According to the Ontario Medical Association, air pollution kills more than 5,800 Ontarians each year. This includes 668 premature deaths from coal-fired generation alone.

Ontario's coal plants fill our lungs with carcinogens, neurotoxins and endocrine disruptors while pumping out noxious greenhouse gasses.

Switching to natural gas would reduce greenhouse-gas emissions by 61 per cent and virtually eliminate cancer-causing pollutants. Cost-benefit analysis should include more than just the toll on our wallets.