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Hi Jason,

I hope you're well. Congressman Sarbanes had asked Administrator McCarthy for a copy of the remarks she delivered at the Maryland LCV dinner. I've attached the prepared remarks above. These do come with the caveat that she remembers going off script for a good portion, so hopefully this is enough of what your boss was looking for.

Don't hesitate to let me know if there's follow up on this.

Thanks!
Jonathan

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Remarks by EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy – As Prepared
Maryland League of Conservation Voters
October 29, 2015

Tonight, I want to talk about some of the amazing things we've been able to do together to protect public health and the environment – across the country and right here in Maryland.

I got my start as a local health official in Canton, Massachusetts. I've since served under six state governors on both sides of the aisle. The label didn't matter to me. If a leader was working to protect public health, and was doing it according to the science and the law – I was a happy camper.

As EPA administrator, I've held onto that core value. Because I know that the health of our kids and grandkids matters to all of us.

So my team has continued reach out, engage, listen, and collaborate with diverse partners from every background and perspective. We are always seeking to listen, share, and collaborate with anyone who prioritizes the health of the American people and our shared environment.

As a result, we've been able to take some big steps forward lately that I want to remind you about.

This month, we finalized a stronger Ozone Rule to better protect Americans from the health threats of ground level ozone.

The rule is going to protect the health of more people, and it's going to do it according to the law and the science, nothing more, nothing less.

Earlier this summer we finalized a historic Clean Water Rule to better protect the streams and wetlands that are the foundation of our country's water resources. I'm confident that we will successfully defend the legality of this rule and its scientific basis.

This summer, we announced the next phase of greenhouse gas and fuel efficiency standards for heavy duty vehicles. With this rule, we're talking about no less than 1 billion metric tons of carbon pollution reduced. So we're going to be working to get that over the finish line.

In September, we announced a stronger Worker Protection Standard to safeguard our nation's 2 million agricultural workers and their families. Now, they'll have health protections they need and deserve. We're also taking ambitious action on methane, and on HFCs – in fact, I'm about to head to Dubai to help make the case for global action on reducing HFCs – one of the most potent greenhouse gases there is.

And in August, as you all know, we released our historic Clean Power Plan – the biggest step America has ever taken to fight climate change. I know we have the solid science and legal basis to make sure this plan endures. It marks a turning point in the fight for our children's future.

So, EPA has been busy designing rules that will protect people. But we continue to need states and communities on board to implement them, and to turn promises of protection into reality on the ground.

That's where you come in. I'm talking about making real change in cities, in neighborhoods, and in states all across the nation.

As far as the Chesapeake Bay goes – it's a national treasure, plain and simple. And EPA has been working hard to protect and restore the resources, health, and heritage of the bay – the nation's largest estuarine ecosystem.

In 2009, President Obama signed an executive order saying as much, and we've been hard at work to implement it. But we need an ongoing dialogue with state legislators to get the job done – that's absolutely essential.

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EPA can offer financial and technical support, but implementation happens at the state and local level. Quite simply, without support from states, there is no Chesapeake Bay restoration.

That's why, together with bay jurisdictions, EPA has adopted extensive measures to ensure accountability for reducing pollution and meeting our targets under the Chesapeake Bay "TMDL". As part of this effort, we developed concrete goals to make sure we stay on track, and we're going to do just that.

We're also going to stay vigilant about the effects of climate change on the Bay. We already know that in the Bay, a changing climate is altering ecosystems. Waters are warming. Sea grasses are dying in the summer. Some species of wildlife have altered their migration timelines.

The voluntary Chesapeake Bay agreement that we signed last year has some pretty serious commitments related to climate resilience. And that's a very good thing. But more frequent and more intense storms will also have an effect on how much pollution is delivered to bay, when, and where. So we need to make sure our restoration actions always take these factors into account.

We're also making progress on the Trash Free Waters program we established in 2013 to reduce trash flow into U.S. water bodies like the Chesapeake Bay. We've especially focused on regional strategies to help state and local businesses, government agencies, and citizens manage their trash better and keep it out of the water.

We've got a great program in the mid-Atlantic and work closely with Chesapeake Bay stakeholders, including state agency officials in Maryland and municipal officials in Baltimore.

Just last month, I met with a group of CEOs and conservation leaders to brainstorm innovative new ideas for reducing the amount of waste that ends up in our waters. It was an exciting conversation that left me more hopeful than ever about the potential of new technologies and public-private partnerships to make a difference on this very serious issue.

And of course, stemming the tide of stormwater pollution is also essential to restoring the health of the Bay. Local governments need every tool at their disposal to protect water quality. The work that the League and others are doing along with the legislators of Maryland to preserve water protection and restoration programs has been key.

And there are so many other important local projects that we want to support it wherever we can. Here's one example. "Trash Trawl" – a local group from Trash Free MD received a 5-star Urban Waters grant from EPA.

Now they're out there working to quantify the extent of microplastic pollution in the Chesapeake Bay. This is an emerging issue where we need to build up our knowledge base. Innovative local groups like this one are doing just that.

The point is, in all of these efforts – whether they're at the national scale, or happening right here in your backyard – we're moving the needle in the right direction. And we need to keep going together.

Our battles against carbon pollution and other environmental impacts can't all be fought and won in Washington, DC.

We need states, cities, and citizens to roll up your sleeves – like you have been – and join us. So I urge you to go out into your communities and share what you know.

Tell them how much this country needs the clean power plan to unleash innovation and create jobs. Prove to them that an energy transformation is already underway, and that EPA's work is accelerating our progress. Show them why acting on climate will make our neighborhoods safer and healthier for generations to come.

We've done so much together to support citizens right here in Maryland and across the country. For that-you have my thanks. But there is so much more work to do. So let's keep it up.

Thank you.

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No worries at all...

It looks like 2pm works on this end. Joe Goffman will do the briefing. I'll call shortly for the logistical details.

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Great thanks.

They recently transitioned our voicemail system and for some reason I am locked out from checking messages this morning. Sorry about that, and thanks again.

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~Chris

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Hey Chris,

I'll be in touch shortly to discuss getting this set up.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 4, 2015, at 12:52 PM, Vaught, Laura <Vaught.Laura@epa.gov> wrote:

Sure – we're happy to set something up. Looping in some others over here to help make that happen and for awareness.

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Of course. A lot of enthusiasm for CPP, and I will continue to add any late member statements to our website on the webpage that is linked at the bottom of the release.

I know that EPA has been doing several briefings this week, one on the Senate side today, and one here in the House late yesterday.

I'd like to ask if EPA might be willing to do a similar briefing for staff on Friday, at either 11am or 2pm, which is when we have our weekly SEEC staff meeting.

Let me know, or if I should connect with someone else could you put me in touch?

Thanks.

~Chris

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SEEC Member Statements on the Clean Power Plan

Washington, D.C.–Yesterday, Surgeon General, Dr. Vivek Murthy, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Gina McCarthy, and President Obama announced the final version of the Clean Power Plan, which will place the first ever limits on carbon pollution from power plants. SEEC Members released the following statements:

SEEC Co-Chair Doris Matsui (CA-06): "I applaud the release of President Obama's Clean Power Plan. California has already taken aggressive action to reduce emissions and the EPA's plan will put our country at the forefront of global efforts to combat climate change," said Congresswoman Matsui. "I am also pleased that the plan incentivizes investment in clean energy. Sacramento continues to lead the nation in clean energy innovation and energy efficiency.

"Californians have seen firsthand the severe impact of climate change. As cycles of extended drought and extreme weather events become more frequent, we must act to protect the health of our communities and economy."

SEEC Co-Chair Gerry Connolly (VA-11): "Climate change poses a real and growing threat to our children, our families, our national security, and our economy. We cannot afford to wait to act on climate change.

"The Clean Power Plan lays the foundation for America's energy future. We have

an opportunity and the ability to make our economy and our communities stronger by investing in proven clean energy technologies to improve efficiency and reliability.

"This balanced approach will reduce power-sector carbon pollution 32 percent from 2005 levels in 2030, and provides states greater flexibility and renewable energy incentives to meet these attainable goals. This plan will save the average American family about $85 annually on their energy bill by 2030, and have important public health benefits, including an 88% decline in premature death.

"I applaud the President and the EPA for their leadership on the Clean Power Plan, and look forward to working with state and local partners in supporting and implementing this important effort."

SEEC Co-Chair Paul Tonko (NY-20): "I applaud the President for this historic movement to strengthen public health, invest in clean and renewable energy, and present a tremendous opportunity for businesses to innovate and further develop our green-collar economy. This is a big win for every state, most of all New York, which has been a national leader in this arena for more than a decade through RGGI. New Yorkers know firsthand what others will soon see – that this Clean Power Plan will bring improvements to our health, the economy, and our nation as a whole."

SEEC Vice-Chair Chellie Pingree (ME-01): "I applaud President Obama for taking bold action to address climate change. Maine communities are already dealing with the effects of climate change and carbon emissions, including rising sea levels, more extreme weather, and ocean acidification. By reducing these emissions at their greatest source—power plants—we can not only head off future impacts and protect public health, but drive toward utilizing clean energy sources. With sources like offshore wind and tidal power already being developed in Maine, it would be a huge opportunity for the state's economy and workforce."

SEEC Vice-Chair Matt Cartwright (PA-17): "The Clean Power Plan sets a clear path towards America's energy future, a plan that will protect public health, invest in clean, renewable energy development, boost energy efficiency measures, and lower electric bills in the long run.

"The plan strengthens our economy and communities in large part through an emphasis on energy efficiency. This year I have introduced three pieces of legislation which address energy efficiency within our schools, non-profit organizations, and manufacturing. I remain committed to promoting energy efficiency and will continue to fight in support of this initiative."

SEEC Climate Task Force Chair Scott Peters (CA-52): "The United States must lead the world in fighting for a cleaner energy future. Reducing emissions from power plants – by far the largest emitters of harmful pollutants in our country – is a

significant action. I want to thank President Obama and EPA Secretary Gina McCarthy for their steadfast leadership both on this plan and a host of other changes to help fight the root causes of climate change.

“California is already leading the way in aggressive targets for climate action and reduced emissions, which is leading to improved air quality and human health benefits across our state. The EPA’s rule today not only rewards states for being ahead of the curve, but provides flexible pathways for other states to move toward a more sustainable energy portfolio. By working with states, localities, and energy utility companies, the EPA is encouraging investments in innovation through higher national standards and a long-term vision for sustainable energy production that doesn’t raise utility rates for consumers.

“Continued work to reduce emissions in other sectors is essential as we work to fight climate change and mitigate potential damage – including drought, wildfires, extreme weather, and sea level rise – but today’s rule is a positive step forward in our international leadership, particularly as we look toward the global climate talks in Paris later this year.”

SEEC Energy Task Force Chair Jim Langevin (RI-02): “In Rhode Island and nationwide, we have seen the disastrous effects of climate change on infrastructure, on our economy and on public health. A national standard to limit carbon pollution is long overdue, and this plan is a major step forward in putting our country on a path to a cleaner, healthier future."

SEEC Environment Task Force Chair Judy Chu (CA-27): “I applaud the President for using his authority under the Clean Air Act to take such serious actions to curb our carbon emissions. The effects of climate change are being felt across the country, ranging from an increase in extreme weather and to an increase in the number of Americans diagnosed with asthma than ever before. By embracing innovations in clean energy and setting restrictions to limit carbon pollution, the Clean Power Plan will not only slow the rate of climate change, but will also contribute to our economy and improve our health. Of course, preventing the dangers of climate change requires a global effort. As world powers prepare to meet in Paris for the United Nations led talks on cutting emissions, this plan shows our country’s commitment and leadership.”

SEEC Member Niki Tsongas (MA-03): “Climate change is no longer an academic question for scientists to ponder. It is a very real crisis that, if left untouched, will cause irreparable harm to current and future generations. I applaud President Obama for his leadership in putting forward this historic proposal to protect public health and future generations from the impacts of climate change.

“America must be at the forefront and lead by example. We must embrace modern policies that aim to, among other things, cut carbon emissions, increase the use and effectiveness of sustainable energy, reduce our dependence on foreign oil and

fossil fuels, and encourage the development of innovative green technology. If we do, the economic, security and environmental benefits will be widespread, long-lasting and significant.

"Addressing climate change is not a political issue; it is a critical generational responsibility that will take a sustained commitment from Washington, from foreign governments and world leaders and from each of us here at home."

SEEC Member Ted Lieu (CA-33): "I am proud of my country and my president today as we embark on our most aggressive action thus far to fight climate change. The Clean Power Plan is a major step forward, and America is showing once again that we can lead the world by powerfully curbing emissions, protecting public health and the environment, and defending national security interests.

"One of the main reasons I ran for Congress is to combat climate change. And now, for the first time in our nation's history, carbon pollution is finally regulated.

"On this historic day, I look forward to working with President Obama and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to ensure that the plan is strongly implemented."

SEEC Member Raúl M. Grijalva (AZ-03): "A team of dead-ender Republicans have made a career of playing dumb on climate change and can't stop now. Everyone else understands how important this is. I agree with the people I represent that we shouldn't sell our children's future for a few more years of oil and coal profits, and I applaud the president for taking that public demand seriously. I especially thank him for facing down an obstructionist Republican majority that history will look back on with anger and disappointment."

SEEC Member Mike Quigley (IL-05): "Today, with the release of the final EPA Clean Power Plan, our country has taken a historic step to address the biggest environmental and public health challenge of our time. The Clean Power Plan is placing the first ever limits on carbon pollution from power plants, which will dramatically curtail greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 from 2005 levels. The rule sets ambitious carbon emissions reductions standards for each state, while giving them flexibility to meet their goals as well as an incentives program to provide federal funds to help them develop more clean energy. I applaud the President for his leadership on this issue and am grateful he has taken action in an area where Congress has refused to act. Thanks to the President and his Administration, we now have a plan that will accelerate our clean energy economy and create greater environmental and health protections for our children and future generations."

SEEC Member John Sarbanes (MD-03): "Day in and day out, local communities across America are feeling the impacts of climate change. The City of Annapolis expects nearly 50 flooding events every year, up from an average of 4 annual flooding events just 50 years prior. And according to a new report by the Union of

Concerned Scientists, the city should expect flooding events to occur every single day of the year by 2045.

"Climate change is the challenge of our generation, but for too long, a political cloud of denial has blocked meaningful efforts to take action. Before it's too late, the political consensus must catch up with the scientific consensus. That's why I strongly support the president's Clean Power Plan – a monumental and serious step toward a more healthy and sustainable future."

SEEC Member Donna Edwards (MD-04): "The Clean Power Plan is the most ambitious step the United States has ever taken in the global effort to tackle the threat of climate change," Edwards said. "It sets landmark clean air standards and gives states the opportunity to craft individual plans customized to their needs. Climate change is a matter not just of national significance, but global significance as well. With 2015 on track to be the hottest year on record for planet Earth, we owe it to our economy, our environment, and the health of future generations to tackle this growing danger.

"The Administration's Clean Power Plan outlines how all fifty states can work together to combat the danger posed by the effects of climate change. I urge state leaders nationwide to seize this opportunity to create innovative new jobs and protect public health. Maryland, as well as other states participating in carbon reduction programs like the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI), has already reduced household energy bills, bolstered state energy independence, and created new jobs in expanding industries. It's time for us to act as a nation. The Clean Power Plan is a tremendous step to boost American innovation and move us toward a clean energy future."

SEEC Member Earl Blumenauer (OR-03): "Finalizing the Clean Power Plan is a key moment for our country. It is the most important action we have taken to date to combat climate change, and I commend the Obama Administration for setting a bold, but achievable goal for states in curbing their emissions from power plants.

"If you accept modern science, you cannot deny that human carbon emissions are contributing to climate change. If you fight wildfires, farm, run a ski resort, or live in a low-lying coastal area, you are already living with the impacts of this climate change on a daily basis.

"As a major contributor to these changes, the United States has an obligation to set an example and act now to prevent the worst impacts to the vulnerable populations who will suffer the most and contributed the least to climate change. We must act for the fellow creatures that share our planet and for future generations.

"The Clean Power Plan is a monumental step toward this goal. While it is only a first step, I commend this progress and look forward to working with the Administration and with my colleagues in Congress to support and strengthen this

rule nationally, and with Oregonians to ensure we meet and exceed these goals here at home."

SEEC Member Chris Van Hollen (MD-08): "Today's final Clean Power Plan is a historic milestone in the urgent battle to combat climate change. It will limit dangerous carbon pollution from power plants for the first time ever and provide an economic opportunity for every state to invest in renewable energy and energy efficiency. Maryland has been a leader in cutting greenhouse gas emissions, and now we have a national blueprint to better protect public health while creating good-paying jobs in new energy technologies.

"With 2014 recently eclipsing 2010 as the hottest year on record, continuing a dangerous trend that threatens Maryland communities and the Chesapeake Bay, we have an obligation to act now to curb the most damaging impacts of climate change and leave a better world for future generations. I applaud President Obama for this important step and call on my colleagues in Congress to pass meaningful legislation to continue this effort, like my Healthy Climate and Family Security Act."

SEEC Member Don Beyer (VA-08): "Climate change is the existential crisis of our time. President Obama's Clean Power Plan will combat this threat to our health, safety, and security of the generations who will inherit our environmental legacy. Millions of American families depend on us to take the necessary steps to clean up our air and water. The Clean Power Plan is a smart and effective first step to limit carbon emissions from power plants, drive our transition to a zero-carbon renewable energy future, and make aggressive investments in clean energy technologies."

SEEC Member John Delaney (MD-06): "Climate change is one of the defining challenges of our time, threatening our health, our economy and our national security and it is time to act. I applaud the White House for taking the first steps towards limiting carbon emissions. But climate change is a big problem that goes beyond just power plants and will require a bigger solution, which is why I've always supported a carbon tax, an approach that can harness market forces to encourage innovation and help working families and those directly impacted by new technologies. I am also pleased that states will have the option to implement a state-based carbon tax, a change I called for last year. As the Pope made clear, we have a moral obligation to leave a healthy planet to future generations and I will continue to work to build support for my Tax Pollution, Not Profits Act in Congress."

SEEC Member Lois Capps (CA-24): "The Clean Power Plan is a major step forward in our nation's effort to combat climate change and I strongly support it. "These new rules will help ensure that future generations have safer air to breathe and a healthier planet to enjoy, while supporting the green tech efforts that call the Central Coast home. I commend the Obama Administration for its steadfast commitment to addressing climate change for the health of our nation and our economy."

SEEC Member Mark Pocan (WI-02): "I believe climate change represents one of the greatest threats to our national security, economic livelihood and the health of our planet. This historic plan renews our commitment to being good stewards of our environment and shows the United States is willing to be an international leader in combating global climate change."

SEEC Member Jim Himes (CT-04): "Today, we're taking our biggest step ever to reduce our carbon footprint and tackle the threat that climate change poses to our health, security and environment. I stand in support of the Clean Power Plan, which will further the transition to a cleaner, more renewable energy economy."

SEEC Members Keith Ellison (MN-05) and Raúl M. Grijalva (AZ-03): "The Clean Power Plan is the most ambitious step ever taken by the U.S. to address global climate change. While we already limit harmful power plant emissions like arsenic, mercury and sulfur dioxide, we've been turning a blind eye to carbon. This plan will begin to undo some of the harmful effects that have gone unchecked in recent years and reduce carbon 32 percent below what they were in 2005.

"At the same time, we're setting a course for our nation to become energy independent while reducing our dangerous greenhouse emissions and creating clean energy jobs at home. By investing in energy efficiency and clean energy technology, we can reduce energy bills, boost our economy, and take on climate change.

"The Clean Power Plan will also protect our health. The Environmental Protection Agency projects it will stop 3,600 premature deaths and prevent up to 90,000 asthma attacks in children. These health benefits will be especially important to communities of color, since they are more likely to live near environmental hazards like power plants and be exposed to air pollution from fossil fuels.

"We shouldn't sell our children's future for a few more years of oil and coal profits, and I applaud the president for leading on this vital issue."

SEEC Member Peter Welch (VT-AL): "Climate change is real and has serious consequences for our economy, our livelihoods, and our health. You don't have to go any further than communities across Vermont to hear about its early impacts. Just ask the businesses and families wiped out by Tropical Storm Irene. Or the ski lift operator worried about losing his job as the season shortens. Or the farmer planning for changes in the productivity of her crops. Or the sugar maker coping with the uncertainty of when the season will start and how long it will last.

"Every day we wait makes solving this problem more difficult. And make no mistake about it, this is a problem that can be solved.

"President Obama's bold Clean Power Plan will have an enormous impact on carbon emissions that are a leading cause of climate change. It is a practical and

flexible plan that is the product of constructive input from states and utilities. To succeed, it is essential that all parties choose a path of cooperation over litigation and problem solving over intransigence. Time is of the essence."

SEEC Member Lloyd Doggett (TX-35): "With Congress dominated by climate change deniers, the President is relying on sound science to combat one of our greatest security, environmental, and health challenges. Moving away from dirty coal means more reliance upon natural gas and renewable energy on which San Antonio and Austin are leaders. CPS and Austin Energy are prepared to be part of the solution. Our local entrepreneurs will gain more opportunities and all of us will have more hope that we can overcome the many threats posed by global warming."

SEEC Member Jared Huffman (CA-02): "The Clean Power Plan is the biggest single step the United States has ever taken to fight climate change and avert its worst impacts. I applaud President Obama and EPA Administrator McCarthy for taking action when Congress would not.

"Congress must begin to take the existential threat of climate change seriously, following the example set by the Obama administration along with California and many other states.

"As the President said today, we are the first generation to feel the effects of climate change, and perhaps the last with an opportunity to do something about it. It is up to us to act to ensure our children don't inherit a world beyond fixing."

SEEC Member David Price (NC-04): "I welcome President Obama's Clean Power Plan, which will enable our country to transition to a cleaner future, mitigating the effects of climate change, boosting the economy, and providing relief to consumers," said Congressman Price. "The proposal gives states flexibility, and in North Carolina, we will be able to build on our past success with the Clean Smokestacks act and our state renewable portfolio standard. Adopting the President's plan could create thousands of jobs for North Carolinians and cut electric bills by over $700 million state-wide. The Clean Power Plan is a clear win for the economy, the environment, and consumers, and I look forward to working with the Administration and the EPA to ensure that its provisions are effectively implemented."

SEEC Statement: "Extreme weather events such as longer droughts, more intense wildfires, sea-level rise, flooding, and super storms, clearly demonstrate what climate change looks like in communities across the country. Climate change poses a real and growing threat to our children, our families, our national security, and our economy. We have a moral obligation to act on climate, and we cannot afford to wait any longer to further reduce carbon pollution.

"The Clean Power Plan lays the foundation for America's energy future. We have an opportunity and the ability to make our economy and our communities stronger

by investing in proven clean energy technologies to improve efficiency and reliability. As members of the Sustainable Energy and Environment Coalition, we are leading the fight in Congress against the dirty energy status quo. We applaud the President and the EPA for their leadership on the Clean Power Plan, and we will continue to work with the Administration and our community partners in supporting and defending this initiative for the benefit of American families and our planet."

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The Sustainable Energy and Environment Coalition (SEEC) is a coalition of fifty –three Democratic members of the U.S. House of Representatives that was founded in January 2009 to be a focused, active, and effective coalition for advancing "policies that promote clean energy technology innovation and domestic manufacturing, develop renewable energy resources, and create green collar jobs throughout the product supply-chain, and polices to help arrest global warming and protect our nation's clean air, water and natural environment." SEEC is Co-Chaired by Reps. Paul Tonko (D-NY), Gerald Connolly (D-VA), and Doris Matsui (D-CA). SEEC Vice-Chairs are Reps. Jared Polis (D-CO), Steve Israel (D-NY), Chellie Pingree (D-ME), Matt Cartwright (D-PA), and Alan Lowenthal (D-CA).

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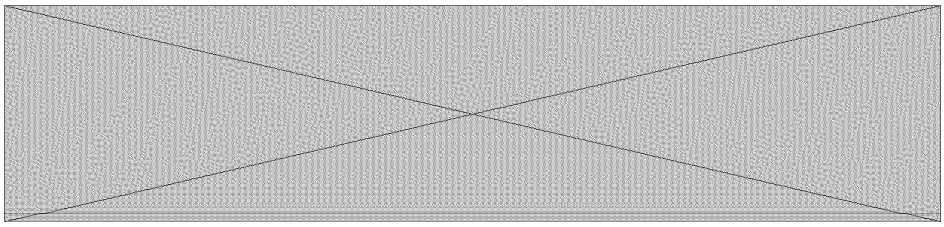

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SEEC Member Chris Van Hollen (MD-08): “Today’s final Clean Power Plan is a historic milestone in the urgent battle to combat climate change. It will limit dangerous carbon pollution from power plants for the first time ever and provide an economic opportunity for every state to invest in renewable energy and energy efficiency. Maryland has been a leader in cutting greenhouse gas emissions, and now we have a national blueprint to better protect public health while creating good-paying jobs in new energy technologies.

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SEEC Member John Delaney (MD-06): "Climate change is one of the defining challenges of our time, threatening our health, our economy and our national security and it is time to act. I applaud the White House for taking the first steps towards limiting carbon emissions. But climate change is a big problem that goes beyond just power plants and will require a bigger solution, which is why I've always supported a carbon tax, an approach that can harness market forces to encourage innovation and help working families and those directly impacted by new technologies. I am also pleased that states will have the option to implement a state-based carbon tax, a change I called for last year. As the Pope made clear, we have a moral obligation to leave a healthy planet to future generations and I will continue to work to build support for my Tax Pollution, Not Profits Act in Congress."

SEEC Member Lois Capps (CA-24): "The Clean Power Plan is a major step forward in our nation's effort to combat climate change and I strongly support it. "These new rules will help ensure that future generations have safer air to breathe and a healthier planet to enjoy, while supporting the green tech efforts that call the Central Coast home. I commend the Obama Administration for its steadfast commitment to addressing climate change for the health of our nation and our economy."

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"At the same time, we're setting a course for our nation to become energy independent while reducing our dangerous greenhouse emissions and creating clean energy jobs at home. By investing in energy efficiency and clean energy technology, we can reduce energy bills, boost our economy, and take on climate change.

"The Clean Power Plan will also protect our health. The Environmental Protection Agency projects it will stop 3,600 premature deaths and prevent up to 90,000 asthma attacks in children. These health benefits will be especially important to communities of color, since they are more likely to live near environmental hazards like power plants and be exposed to air pollution from fossil fuels.

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SEEC Member Peter Welch (VT-AL): "Climate change is real and has serious consequences for our economy, our livelihoods, and our health. You don't have to go any further than communities across Vermont to hear about its early impacts. Just ask the businesses and families wiped out by Tropical Storm Irene. Or the ski lift operator worried about losing his job as the season shortens. Or the farmer planning for changes in the productivity of her crops. Or the sugar maker coping with the uncertainty of when the season will start and how long it will last.

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SEEC Member Lloyd Doggett (TX-35): "With Congress dominated by climate change deniers, the President is relying on sound science to combat one of our greatest security, environmental, and health challenges. Moving away from dirty coal means more reliance upon natural gas and renewable energy on which San Antonio and Austin are leaders. CPS and Austin Energy are prepared to be part of the solution. Our local entrepreneurs will gain more opportunities and all of us will have more hope that we can overcome the many threats posed by global warming."

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SEEC Member David Price (NC-04): "I welcome President Obama's Clean Power Plan, which will enable our country to transition to a cleaner future, mitigating the effects of climate change, boosting the economy, and providing relief to consumers," said Congressman Price. "The proposal gives states flexibility, and in North Carolina, we will be able to build on our past success with the Clean Smokestacks act and our state renewable portfolio standard. Adopting the President's plan could create thousands of jobs for North Carolinians and cut electric bills by over $700 million state-wide. The Clean Power Plan is a clear win for the economy, the environment, and consumers, and I look forward to working with the Administration and the EPA to ensure that its provisions are effectively implemented."

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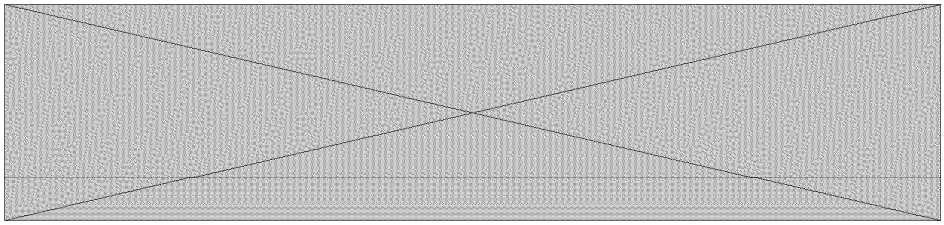

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Sure – we're happy to set something up. Looping in some others over here to help make that happen and for awareness.

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I'd like to ask if EPA might be willing to do a similar briefing for staff on Friday, at either 11am or 2pm, which is when we have our weekly SEEC staff meeting.

Let me know, or if I should connect with someone else could you put me in touch?

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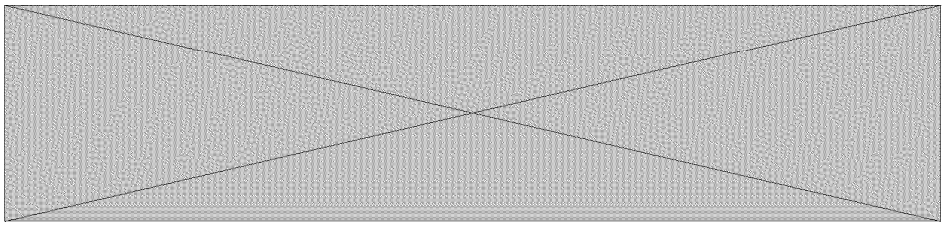

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"The Clean Power Plan lays the foundation for America's energy future. We have an opportunity and the ability to make our economy and our communities stronger by investing in proven clean energy technologies to improve efficiency and reliability. As members of the Sustainable Energy and Environment Coalition, we are leading the fight in Congress against the dirty energy status quo. We applaud the President and the EPA for their leadership on the Clean Power Plan, and we will continue to work with the Administration and our community partners in supporting and defending this initiative for the benefit of American families and our planet."

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2015

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The subcommittee met, pursuant to call, at 10:00 a.m., in Room 2123 Rayburn House Office Building, Hon. Ed Whitfield [chairman of the subcommittee] presiding.

Members present: Representatives Whitfield, Barton, Olson, Shimkus, Pitts, Latta, Harper, McKinley, Pompeo, Kinzinger, Griffith, Johnson, Long, Ellmers, Flores, Mullin, Upton (ex officio), Rush, McNerney, Tonko, Green, Capps, Doyle, Castor, Sarbanes, Welch, Yarmuth, Loebsack, and Pallone (ex officio).

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Staff present: Nick Abraham, Legislative Associate, Energy and Power; Will Batson, Legislative Clerk; Leighton Brown, Press Assistant; Patrick Currier, Senior Counsel, Energy and Power; Tom Hassenboehler, Chief Counsel, Energy and Power; A.T. Johnston, Senior Policy Advisor; Mary Neumayr, Senior Energy Counsel; Chris Sarley, Policy Coordinator, Environment and Economy; Dan Schneider, Press Secretary; Peter Spencer, Professional Staff Member, Oversight; Andy Zach, Counsel, Environment and Economy; Jeff Carroll, Staff Director; Timia Crisp, AAAS Fellow; Caitlin Haberman, Professional Staff Member; Rick Kessler, Senior Advisor and Staff Director, Energy and Environment; Josh Lewis, EPA Detailee; Alexander Ratner, Policy Analyst.

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320 STATEMENT OF JANET McCABE, ACTING ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR, OFFICE
321 OF AIR AND RADIATION, U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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323 Ms. McCabe. Thank you very much, Chairman Whitfield, Ranking
324 Member Rush, and members of the subcommittee. I really appreciate
325 the opportunity to testify before you today on EPA's Carbon
326 Pollution Regulations for New and Existing Power Plants.
327 My testimony will focus mostly on the regulations for
328 existing plants, also known as the Clean Power Plan. On August
329 3rd, President Obama and EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy
330 announced the final Clean Power Plan, a historic and important
331 step in reducing carbon pollution from power plants that takes
332 concrete action to address climate change, as well as final
333 standards limiting carbon pollution from new, modified, and
334 reconstructed power plants, and a proposal for a federal plan and
335 model rules that demonstrate clear options for how states can
336 implement the Clean Power Plan in ways that maximize flexibility
337 for power plants in achieving their carbon pollution obligations.
338 Shaped by a process of unprecedented outreach and public
339 engagement that is still ongoing, the final Clean Power Plan is
340 fair, flexible, and designed to strengthen the fast-growing trend
341 toward cleaner and lower polluting American energy. It sets strong
342 but achievable standards for power plants and reasonable goals

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343 for states to met in cutting the carbon pollution that is driving
344 climate change tailored to their specific mix of sources. It also
345 shows the world that the United States is committed to leading
346 global efforts to address climate change.
347 The final Clean Power Plan mirrors the way electricity
348 already moves across the grid in this country. It sets standards
349 that are fair and consistent across the country and that are based
350 on what states and utilities are already doing to reduce CO2 from
351 power plants. And it gives states and utilities the time and a
352 broad range of options they need to adopt strategies that work
353 for them.
354 These features of the final rule along with tools like
355 interstate trading and emissions averaging mean that states and
356 power plants can achieve the standards while maintaining an ample
357 and reliable electricity supply and keeping power affordable.
358 When the Clean Power Plan is fully in place in 2030, carbon
359 pollution from the power sector will be 32 percent 2005 levels,
360 and the transition to cleaner methods of generating electricity
361 will better protect Americans from other harmful air pollution,
362 too; meaning we will avoid thousands of premature deaths and
363 suffer thousands fewer asthma attacks and hospitalizations in
364 2030 and every year beyond.
365 States and utilities told us they needed more time than the

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366 proposal gave them, and we responded. In the final rule, the
367 compliance period does not start until 2022, the interim
368 reductions are more gradual, states can determine their own glide
369 path and any state can get up to three years to submit a plan.
370 We heard the concerns about reliability. We listened, and
371 we consulted with the planning and reliability authorities, with
372 FERC and the Department of Energy. The final Clean Power Plan
373 reflects this input, and it includes several elements to assure
374 that the plan requirements will not compromise system
375 reliability. In addition, to provide an extra incentive for states
376 to move forward with plan investments we're creating a Clean
377 Energy Incentive Program that will recognize early progress.
378 Since issuing the final Clean Power Plan, EPA has continued
379 to engage with states, territories, tribes, utilities, industry
380 groups, community organizations, health and environmental
381 groups, and others. To help states and stakeholders understand
382 the Clean Power Plan and to further support states' efforts to
383 create plans that suit their needs, EPA has developed a variety
384 of tools and resources which are largely available on our website,
385 and we remain committed to assisting states with development and
386 implementation of their state plans.
387 We're convinced both by our analyses and our experiences that
388 both the carbon pollution reduction called for under the Clean

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389 Power Plan will extend the trajectory of the last 40 years when
390 we cut air pollution in this country by 70 percent while our
391 economy has tripled.
392 I, again, thank the committee for inviting me to speak on
393 the Agency's work to implement our nation's environmental laws
394 to protect public healthand the environment, and I look forward
395 to your questions.
396 [The prepared statement of Ms. McCabe follows:]
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399 Mr. Whitfield. Thank you, Ms. McCabe. And I recognize myself
400 for five minutes; questions.
401 When do you expect the two rules to be published in the
402 Federal Register?
403 Ms. McCabe. Congressman, we're working with the Office of
404 the Federal Register. They will make the decision about when to
405 publish it. We expect it to be in the second half of October, and
406 we're working with them to resolve all the little formatting
407 things that is a routine part of getting a rule published in the
408 Federal Register.
409 Mr. Whitfield. Now, did you finalize the rule in August? Is
410 that right; those two rules?
411 Ms. McCabe. That's right.
412 Mr. Whitfield. And you're working with the Office of the
413 Federal Register.
414 Ms. McCabe. Correct.
415 Mr. Whitfield. And who makes the decision on when it's
416 published?
417 Ms. McCabe. The Office of the Federal Register makes the
418 decision. There's a routine set of steps that we do whenever we
419 finalize a rule. We work on fixing any typos and all that sort
420 of thing. We submit it to the Office of the Federal Register, and
421 we work with them to resolve any issues that they have, but they

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422 make the final decision.

423 Mr. Whitfield. And how many pages in these rules?

424 Ms. McCabe. There's several thousands of pages in the rules.

425 Mr. Whitfield. I mean, 2,000, 3,000, 4,000?

426 Ms. McCabe. I think the 111(d) rule is about 1,500 pages,

427 and the other rules are less than that.

428 Mr. Whitfield. Well, you know, it's important that they be

429 published in the Federal Register because, as you know, lawsuits

430 have already been filed, but they were filed before they were

431 published.

432 Ms. McCabe. Yes.

433 Mr. Whitfield. And if they're not published, then there's

434 no standing to bring the suit. So, you think they'll be published

435 in October?

436 Ms. McCabe. Yes, I do.

437 Mr. Whitfield. This month?

438 Ms. McCabe. Yes. We've moved this along very expeditiously

439 given the size of the rule and the number of the rules.

440 Mr. Whitfield. Now, under the NACS rules, normally EPA gives

441 states three years to come up with a plan. This 111(d) is

442 unprecedented, never been used in this way before. You changed

443 your legal opinions because prior to this, your lawyers have said

444 we can't operate this way under 111(d). But why are you giving

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445 states only like 13 months to issue a final plan, when under the
446 NACS rule you give them up to three years?
447 Ms. McCabe. Yes.
448 Mr. Whitfield. This is more complicated.
449 Ms. McCabe. No, they actually do have up to three years under
450 the -- -
451 Mr. Whitfield. No, no, wait. You give them one year to submit
452 the plan and then they have to come and ask permission for an
453 additional two years. Is that correct?
454 Ms. McCabe. The rule is clear that states can have up to three
455 years to do their plan.
456 Mr. Whitfield. Do you have -- okay. So, what is the magic
457 of September 2016?
458 Ms. McCabe. The rule says that by September of 2013, they
459 either submit a plan. Some states indicated to us that they were
460 well on their way and could meet an early deadline.
461 Mr. Whitfield. The rule says that they have to have the plan
462 filed by September 2016.
463 Ms. McCabe. Or an initial submittal that gives essentially
464 a status report of the work that they're doing, and a request for
465 additional time. And we'd made it clear -- -
466 Mr. Whitfield. And who makes the decision that that request
467 will be granted?

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468 Ms. McCabe. The EPA will make that decision.

469 Mr. Whitfield. You make that decision.

470 Ms. McCabe. We've been very clear of the elements that are
471 required.

472 Mr. Whitfield. Are you required to give them an extension,
473 or is that at your discretion?

474 Ms. McCabe. If they meet the elements of an initial
475 submittal, we will give them an extension. That's quite clear.

476 Mr. Whitfield. Now, let me ask you this. Under the new rule,
477 all of us are still scratching our heads. You picked out these
478 four sites. The Boundary Dam Facility in Canada appears to be the
479 only coal project using CCS, Carbon Capture Sequestration, that
480 is actually producing electric power today, the only facility in
481 the world. Is that your understanding?

482 Ms. McCabe. I wouldn't want to speak to the whole world. That
483 one has been operating for a year. As you know, of course, the
484 technology is being used in other facilities.

485 Mr. Whitfield. Now, let me just say this. I want to note for
486 the record, according to an August Department of Energy
487 communication to a committee hearing record, DOE confirmed that
488 this small Canadian project, 110 megawatts, has and is not likely
489 to achieve the technology-readiness level that demonstrates a
490 commercial scale power system with CCS can operate over the full

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491 range of expected conditions. No one expects to beable to meet
492 this standard of 1400, what is it, 1400 pounds of carbon dioxide
493 per megawatt hour. That's the standard. Right?
494 Ms. McCabe. Well, if I could speak to that, Congressman, I'd
495 like to, because you reference the standard itself. I think you
496 know that the standard that we finalized in 111(d) is less strict
497 than the standard that we proposed. That was based on our review
498 of all the information that we --
499 Mr. Whitfield. Whether it's less strict or not, the final
500 is 1,400 pounds of CO2 per megawatt hour. Is that correct?
501 Ms. McCabe. That's correct.
502 Mr. Whitfield. Now, you know the cleanest plant operating
503 in the U.S. today is the Turk plant, Texarkana, Arkansas, built
504 about two or three years ago. It's at 1,800 pounds, so there's
505 no way to meet this standard.
506 My time has expired, so I'll recognize the gentleman from
507 Illinois, Mr. Rush, for five minutes.
508 Mr. Rush. Madam Assistant Administrator, the last time you
509 were here, you and I spoke about the impact that the Clean Power
510 Plan would have on minorities and low-income communities, and at
511 that time you assured me that the EPA would take into account those
512 disadvantaged communities before the final rule was issued. Has
513 there been any outreach to disadvantaged communities by theEPA

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514 before the issuance of this rule? And does the EPA provide any
515 guidance to states for how to make sure that their plans take into
516 account the impact on minorities and low-income communities?
517 Ms. McCabe. Yes, indeed, Congressman. I know this is a
518 concern that you've asked us about before, so a couple of things
519 I want to say in response.
520 First of all, we've had extensive outreach with community
521 groups. We know, and you reflected in your opening remarks that
522 the impacts of climate change and air pollution are severely felt
523 by low-income and minority communities across the country.
524 They're among the most vulnerable. They are also communities that
525 we're concerned about in terms of keeping electric rates
526 affordable, and keeping jobs in those communities, so we focused
527 on that a lot.
528 So, we spent a lot of time listening to community groups and
529 talking with states. We made clear in the final rule that states
530 needed to pay attention to involving, providing opportunities for
531 meaningful involvement for communities all across their states.
532 We asked them to tell us how they were going to do that. We didn't
533 micro manage and tell them exactly how to do it, but we have lots
534 of tools available to help states do that.
535 We also indicated that we intend in future years after the
536 rule is in place and working to go back and take a look at air

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537 pollution levels in those communities and make sure that the
538 public health protections that this rule promises have been
539 delivered in a fair way across our state and truly protect those
540 vulnerable communities.
541 Mr. Rush. Other rules were supposed to invest in cleaner and
542 more efficient energy measures such as the CCP proposes, and also
543 provide help to the most vulnerable communities. Are there any
544 incentives in the final rule for disadvantaged communities who
545 might want to participate in a clean green economy? And can you
546 give me an example, say Appalachia, how does Appalachia respond
547 to the Clean Power Plan?
548 Ms. McCabe. Yes. So, probably the best example of incentives
549 that you asked about, Congressman, is the Clean Energy Incentive
550 Program, which provides additional incentives for states that
551 want to get going early and, in particular, invest in wind and
552 solar, but also in energy efficiency programs in low-income
553 communities. We felt that it was important to provide extra
554 incentives to get those projects going early. And, of course,
555 energy efficiency while not a basis for the rates that we set in
556 the Clean Power Plan, is a very affordable, cost-effective, and
557 positive means that states and utilities can build into their
558 compliance plans.
559 Your question about coal country, you know, is a very, very

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560 serious and valid one. The final design of the Clean Power Plan
561 is so flexible for states, especially in their ability to work
562 regionally, and for the utilities to work regionally. That will
563 provide the states the ability to make sure that they're
564 preserving and protecting the important things for their states.
565 And we predict through this plan that coal will still be a very
566 substantial source of energy in this country well into the future,
567 and it's partly because of the flexible design of the rule.
568 Mr. Rush. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
569 Mr. Whitfield. The gentleman yields back. At this time, the
570 Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas, Mr. Barton, for five
571 minutes.
572 Mr. Barton. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It's good to have you
573 here, Ms. McCabe. We appreciate your courtesy of coming to talk
574 to us.
575 I think it's a true statement that back in 1990 when we passed
576 the Clean Air Act amendments, Chairman Upton and myself were the
577 only two members of the committee currently that were also on the
578 committee then. I don't think any of the senior Democrats were
579 on the committee at that time, but if they were, I apologize. In
580 any event, the Full Committee Chairman was John Dingell of
581 Michigan. He spent several years putting together the coalition
582 of which I was a small part of to move that bill through this

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583 committee, and through the Congress.

584 My recollection is that we spent an inordinate amount of time
585 working on the acid rain title which implemented a nationwide
586 emissions trading program for SO2. There were numerous
587 stakeholder meetings. I remember going to the White House to meet
588 with President Bush and Governor Sununu. I remember numerous
589 Congressional hearings. I mean, we spent a lot of time on that.

590 We spent no time on section 111(d) of the Clean Air Act, none.
591 Do you have any records at EPA that indicate the Congress spent,
592 I mean, any public time at all on this minor provision?

593 Ms. McCabe. I really don't know, Congressman.

594 Mr. Barton. Yes. Well, they didn't. I mean, I -- now you're
595 using, not you personally but your Agency is using section 111(d)
596 to give the EPA basically total authority to create in a regulatory
597 fashion a cap and trade program for carbon dioxide, which there
598 was no intent in the Congress in the early '90s, no legislative
599 record, no background at all. Your own attorneys at the EPA think
600 it's uncertain. You know there's going to be a court case on this,
601 and yet you're trying literally to create in a regulatory fashion
602 what the Congress has refused to do in a legislative fashion. I
603 think that's just wrong.

604 Can you tell this committee or this subcommittee where
605 section 111(d) spells out clearly and specifically that the EPA

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606 has the authority to set mandatory emission limits, requirements
607 that extend well beyond the actual sources being regulated?
608 Ms. McCabe. Well, Congressman, I appreciate you asking this
609 question because it's obviously on everybody's minds. So, the
610 first thing that I want to make absolutely clear is that the Clean
611 Power Plan does not set in place a cap and trade program.
612 Mr. Barton. I beg the -- how can you say that with a straight
613 face?
614 Ms. McCabe. Well, because that's what the rule sets. The rule
615 sets -- -
616 Mr. Barton. With all respect, ma'am, in the State of Texas
617 we're going to have to shut down existing coal plants and build
618 more wind power than the rest of the world has. If that's not a
619 cap and trade program, what the heck is it?
620 Ms. McCabe. Texas, by the way, is doing an awesome job in
621 terms of wind power. It's incredible opportunities to do that.
622 The reason that I'm disagreeing with you respectfully,
623 Congressman, is because the way the rule works is it establishes
624 an emission rate of CO2 emissions for coal and gas-fired power
625 plants. That is the way section 111 has traditionally worked, and
626 that's the way it's working here. So, that is the primary starting
627 point, is that rate.
628 We then in the rule provide options and flexibilities largely

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629 in response to input and requests that we got from states and the
630 utility industry to provide alternative ways for them to comply.
631 Mr. Barton. Well, with all respect, my time is about to
632 expire, but if this rule goes through, and I hope it doesn't, Texas
633 has to build more wind generation than any other nation in the
634 world currently has. Now that's a fact. And the problem is, even
635 in Texas we can't make the wind blowwen the EPA says it has to.
636 I mean, it's simply not going to work.
637 I respect your integrity, I respect your commitment to what
638 you do but, again, I was here in 1990. I voted for the Clean Air
639 Act amendments. Your Agency is trying to do with it somethingtth
640 it was never intended to. We would have put it in, you can guarantee
641 that John Dingell would have put it in if that's what the intent
642 of the Congress was.
643 With that, Mr. Chairman, I yield back.
644 Mr. Whitfield. The gentleman's time has expired. At th is
645 time, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from New Jersey, Mr.
646 Pallone, for five minutes.
647 Mr. Pallone. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. And thank you, Ms.
648 McCABE, for your testimony.
649 The Clean Power Plan is an important step in reducing
650 emissions from power plants, the nation's largest source of carbon
651 pollution. And today we've heard about the actions that EPA has

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652 taken to create strong, fair, and flexible standards that will
653 put us on the path to a clean energy future and help avoid the
654 worst impacts of climate change.
655 However, despite the overwhelming scientific evidence and broad
656 public support we continue to hear a litany of arguments from the
657 GOP for why we shouldn't act, you know, climate change is a hoax.
658 They say carbon dioxide isnot a pollutant, EPA is a rogue agency
659 with no authority to limit carbon pollution.
660 I'd like to give you an opportunity to respond to a few of
661 these assertions. And first, you know, yes or no, is carbon dioxide
662 a pollutant?
663 Ms. McCabe. Yes, it is.
664 Mr. Pallone. Can you briefly explain why EPA has the
665 authority to address carbon pollution from power plants?
666 Ms. McCabe. Well, the Clean Air Act directs EPA to address
667 public health and environmental issues that result from air
668 pollution. The Supreme Court has confirmed that. One key authority
669 in the Clean Air Act that has been used many times to address air
670 pollution from industrial facilities is section 111, which
671 directs us to look at the range of approaches that industries are
672 using to control air pollution, in this case CO2, and to set
673 emission standards based on what's known as the Best System of
674 Emission Reduction. That's things that the best companies are

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675 doing already, and to require that over time that's where
676 everybody end up in terms of their emissions. So, that's where
677 our authority comes from to do this rule.
678 Mr. Pallone. All right. Is there any way we can reduce our
679 emissions by enough to avoid the worst impacts of climate change
680 without controlling carbon pollution from power plants?
681 Ms. McCabe. Power plants are the largest stationary source
682 of CO2 in the country. They are substantial. We are taking steps
683 to address CO2 emissions from the mobile source sector and from
684 other sectors, but this is a global problem, of course,and the
685 U.S. cannot solve it alone. But for us to take meaningful steps
686 we need to look at the power sector, as well as mobile sources.
687 Mr. Pallone. I've also heard from my Republican colleagues
688 that they say that no one goes to the hospital for breathingin
689 carbon pollution so there can't be any real public health benefits
690 from limiting carbon pollution from power plants. Could you
691 explain how the Clean Power Plan will help protect public health
692 and welfare?
693 Ms. McCabe. Yes, and there's increasing science every day
694 on these issues. CO2 emissions are affecting the global climate
695 and are leading to changes in the way our world responds to those
696 levels in the atmosphere in a way that affects public health very
697 directly. Temperatures get hotter, there are droughts, there are

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698 wildfires, there are unpredictable and more severe storms. These
699 can lead to a number of public health issues related to respiratory
700 issues when there's more ozone because of hot weather, when the
701 allergen seasons are longer because of changes in vegetation,
702 vectors change their habitats and the length of their seasons.
703 All of these things can lead to significant public health issues,
704 as well as the disruption that can occur in our communities as
705 a result of more severe flooding, or drought, or other severe
706 weather.
707 Mr. Pallone. I know that in our previous hearings you've
708 discussed the unprecedented outreach efforts undertaken by EPA
709 to inform the development, to inform the public about the proposed
710 rule. So, I just wanted to hear a little bit now about outreach
711 on the final rule. Could you please briefly comment on EPA's
712 outreach to both the interested stakeholders and the public, and
713 how this engagement has been reflected in the final rule?
714 Ms. McCabe. Yes, certainly. I mean, I have talked about the
715 outreach that we did during the development of the rule, literally
716 hundreds of meetings across the country. You referred to some of
717 them yourself. We haven't stopped, so as soon as the rule wastou
718 we started engaging people. We've had numerous and continuing
719 opportunities, especially with our state ~~re~~regulators as they're
720 starting to really think about the choices that they want to make,

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721 so we have regular opportunities to meet with them. In fact, I
722 was with a group of state air directors just this week, as were
723 some of my staff, to talk about these issues.
724 We're continuing to engage with the public through webinars,
725 and visits with them at appropriate venues that they might invite
726 us to. We haverobust and ongoing relationships with the utility
727 industry, and with all of the various agencies on the energy side
728 that help make sure that utilities are moving forward in a way
729 that's going to protect reliability, and help them plan ahead.
730 So, all of that is well underway, very robust, and we intend to
731 continue it.
732 Mr. Pallone. Thank you very much. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
733 Mr. Whitfield. The Chair recognizes the representative of
734 the Houston Astros for five minutes, Mr. Olson.
735 Mr. Olson. I thank the Chair.
736 I know all of us have former Chairman Dingell in our prayers.
737 He is in the hospital with a heart issue, but he'll be fine. He
738 was quoted in the paper yesterday saying, "Being old sucks." But
739 please lift him up in your prayers.
740 My first question, Ms. McCabe, is when fully rolling, EPA
741 wants existing coal plants to hit a standard of 1,305 pounds of
742 CO2 per megawatt hour. That is pretty aggressive. It's a nightmare
743 for some states, and expensive for rate payers. But here's what

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744 I find more stunning; your standard for new plants is 1,400 pounds
745 per megawatt hour. In other words, your new rule says existing
746 coal plants have to be even cleaner than a brand new one.
747 People I've talked to back home said they've never seen this.
748 They know that it's harder and more expensive to retrofit a plant
749 than to build a new one from scratch with the best controls.
750 Don't you agree that it's unusual to make these rules tougher
751 for existing plants than new ones? Has EPA ever thought it's okay
752 for newer to be dirtier?
753 Ms. McCabe. I'm glad you asked that, Congressman, because
754 I've heard that, and there's confusion about it, but there's a
755 pretty straightforward answer to that; which is that the
756 difference between a standard for a new plant and a standard under
757 111(d).
758 For existing facilities, there are a variety of
759 opportunities that the utilities have through the way they manage
760 their fleets and the mix of fuels that they use, and moving towards
761 cleaner energy, which they are doing to on average bring that
762 carbon intensity down. And they have years to do it, and the
763 averaging time for the standard is very long. It's measured in
764 years or multiple years.
765 A new plant under the Clean Air Act whether it's a power plant
766 or some other kind of plant, in this case power plant, needs to

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767 meet that emission rate right away as soon as it's built; so if
768 a plant started up in a year or two, they would be expected to
769 meet that rate all the time on a much shorter term averaging time
770 continuously. So, they work very differently in a way that if you
771 think about it that way, makes a lot of sense.
772 Mr. Olson. Ma'am, people back home respectfully disagree,
773 but one other question which I'd like to ask with my remaining
774 time is, according to IEA, current global emissions of carbon are
775 somewhere around 36 billion tons per year, that ballpark. Others
776 say it's closer to 40 billion tons per year. Either way, we know
777 America is not the top source. As billions of people in developing
778 countries get their first cars, their first light bulbs, it will
779 keep rising.
780 EPA's analysis says the way to approach this rule, reduce
781 carbon emissions by 232 million tons per year in the next decade.
782 I'm just an old Naval aviator who did math on a knee board with
783 a lead pencil in my airplane, but my rough math says if we hit
784 that goal tomorrow, we'd decrease carbon by .065 percent, or 0.58
785 percent. The world's exposure of carbon will dwarf our reductions.
786 The main reason for this rule is climate change. Is that correct;
787 yes or no, ma'am?
788 Ms. McCabe. Yes.
789 Mr. Olson. So, how do you think this rule will impact global

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790 temperature?

791 Ms. McCabe. No one rule is going to address the problem of
792 climate change, Congressman. This is going to take a global
793 solution. The United States is one of the largest emitters of CO2
794 in the world, and we have a responsibility to take the steps that
795 we can take in order to help push in the direction of addressing
796 this significant public health issue.

797 Mr. Olson. How does it affect sea levels, ma'am; going up,
798 down, I mean, how do you know?

799 Ms. McCabe. Sea level is rising as a result of this global
800 threat. This is a step that the United States is taking in order
801 to contribute to addressing this global problem.

802 Mr. Olson. One final question. Am I safe to assume that EPA
803 could revisit this new source of rules in the future, and that
804 rules on natural gas plants might get tougher like coal today,
805 natural gas lumped in with coal in the future? Could that happen,
806 possibly?

807 Ms. McCabe. Well, under the Clean Air Act, EPA is required
808 to revisit its technology rules on a regular basis. And we're also,
809 as you know, I think looking at rules for the oil and gas industry,
810 working with the industry on sensible ways to reduce emissions.

811 Mr. Olson. I'm out of time. I close by saying Go Astros. I
812 yield back.

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813 Mr. Whitfield. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from
814 California, Mr. McNerney, for five minutes.
815 Mr. McNerney. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I ask
816 -- actually, I implore my Republican colleagues to embrace carbon
817 sequestration. I do this every time I get a chance to talk about
818 it. The atmosphere is not a garbage dump, especially in the Udite
819 States we need to be responsible for what we're putting into the
820 air.
821 Now, we repeatedly have heard this morning about the
822 manifestations of climate change. These are real, they're getting
823 more severe. Soon enough these impacts are going to be severe
824 enough that the public will demand that high carbon emitters such
825 as coal-fired power plants be shut down, so ignoring the carbon
826 emission problem until that day will condemn the coal industry
827 to extinction. For your own sake, especially if you're a coal mine
828 Republican, please embrace carbon sequestration.
829 Ms. McCabe, in California we've made significant strides
830 toward increasing our use of renewable energies and cutting our
831 greenhouse gas emissions. California passed legislation to reduce
832 greenhouse gas emissions to 1990 levels by the year 2020, and
833 Governor Brown recently set a goal of an additional 40 percent
834 reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by the year 2030. So, when
835 writing the Clean Power Plan, did the EPA look at early state

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836 actions as a model, as a potential model?

837 Ms. McCabe. We certainly looked at everything that all states
838 are doing, and California is one that is out ahead on this. There
839 are several other states that are moving forward on this, and
840 that's our job under the Clean Air Act, is to look at what the
841 industry is doing in its current operations, and where those
842 technologies and approaches are good at reducing carbon emissions
843 to make sure that that's what we build into the standard.

844 Mr. McNerney. Good. Well, when creating the final rule did
845 you insure that each state has the flexibility to implement the
846 Clean Power Plan in a way that is most efficient and effective,
847 and also insuring reliability?

848 Ms. McCabe. We did. And, in fact, we provided a lot of
849 flexibility and a lot of choice in the final rule to make sure
850 that we could accommodate states like California that already had
851 plans in place, and states that did not yet have plans in place,
852 and also to accommodate the wide range of energy mix across the
853 country from states that are significant coal users to states that
854 are not. So, lots and lots of flexibility is built in.

855 Mr. McNerney. Do you believe that the Clean Power rule has
856 given China and India motive to produce their own carbon emission
857 reduction plans?

858 Ms. McCabe. I think that the United States going forward with

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859 this rule has been a significant factor in the international
860 debate. In fact, as soon as we proposed the rule that was the topic
861 of discussion in many international conversations. And I do
862 believe it has been influential in the international commitments
863 that we're seeing from other countries.
864 Mr. McNerney. So even though the Clean Power Plan won't solve
865 the carbon plan by itself, it's given significant impetus
866 worldwide to help other countries reduce their carbon emissions
867 and get the world to a better place in terms of the total carbon
868 emissions that are being produced.
869 Ms. McCabe. I believe so. It's shown real leadership from
870 the United States.
871 Mr. McNerney. Thank you. How does the final rule address
872 states that may need more time to reach their carbon reduction
873 goals?
874 Ms. McCabe. So, we built more time into the rule in terms
875 of the starting date. Through the comment period we heard more
876 about that, about the starting date than about 2030, so we moved
877 the starting date from 2020 to 2022, and also smoothed that glide
878 path down from 2020 to 2022. And based on the information we had,
879 we were pretty comfortable that that met the needs that we were
880 hearing from the utility industry, in particular, about the time
881 that they would need to make the investments that they would need

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882 to make.

883 Mr. McNerney. And that takes into account the reliability

884 issue. Reliability is certainly an issue I've heard from -- -

885 Ms. McCabe. Yes.

886 Mr. McNerney. -- -utilities across the country. They need

887 to make sure that they're not going to be put in a position where

888 they lose power for their customers.

889 Ms. McCabe. Oh, that's absolutely true. I mean, that was made

890 in the context of reliability concerns, and so adding additional

891 time was one key part of that. We did some other things, too, in

892 the final rule to make sure we were paying attention to that,

893 especially in consultation with FERC. We included a reliability

894 safety valve in case there's an unforeseen situation that folks

895 were very keen to have us include. States also have the flexibility

896 to come in partway through the plan and say something's happened

897 that we didn't expect. We need to adjust our plan. So, lots of

898 things are built in to make sure that the reliability of the system

899 is protected.

900 Mr. McNerney. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

901 Mr. Whitfield. The gentleman yields back. At this time, the

902 Chair recognizes the gentleman from Illinois, Mr. Shimkus, for

903 five minutes.

904 Mr. Shimkus. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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905 Ms. McCabe, one way to measure the impact of your rule is
906 to look at what is expected energy mix would be without the rule
907 using what is called a reference or base case, and then what the
908 projected energy mix would be with the rule. Do you agree?
909 Ms. McCabe. Those are the kinds of things that we would look
910 at, sure.
911 Mr. Shimkus. Yes, you agree, that's how we do it.
912 Ms. McCabe. Right.
913 Mr. Shimkus. Or that's how you should do it. When EPA proposed
914 its rule on June 14, it projected a base case that said there would
915 be an estimated 244 gigawatts of coal generation in 2020 under
916 existing regulatory and economic conditions. Does that sound
917 right to you?
918 Ms. McCabe. You know, I -- -
919 Mr. Shimkus. It's right here. Say yes. I can show it to you.
920 Ms. McCabe. Okay.
921 Mr. Shimkus. Today, EPA says that the base case shows an
922 estimated 208 gigawatts of coal generation capacity by 2020. My
923 understanding is there have been no significant regulations or
924 economic changes since your first estimate, so can you explain
925 why EPA would eliminate 36 gigawatts of coal generation from its
926 baseline?
927 Ms. McCabe. So, we look to information that's put out by other

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928 agencies who follow these issues.

929 Mr. Shimkus. Okay, 244 in June, 230 in August of '15. that's

930 72 power plants.

931 Ms. McCabe. We know that there are trends in the industry

932 that are moving away from the older coal -- -

933 Mr. Shimkus. 36 gigawatts of power.

934 Ms. McCabe. And more gigawatts are coming -- -

935 Mr. Shimkus. Okay, let me go to the next question. According

936 to EPA's data when it eliminated all that coal generation from

937 last year's baseline, 31 gigawatts, 70 power plants of coal

938 capacity drop off in 2016 alone, one year. You're projecting 70

939 coal-fired power plants to drop generating in one year. Will you

940 please explain why EPA in one year's time has eliminated that 31

941 gigawatts?

942 Ms. McCabe. Congressman, we're not eliminating power plants.

943 We're reflecting information that we have about what's -- -

944 Mr. Shimkus. Your baseline of the initial rule, you dropped

945 off 31 gigawatts of generation in a year, 70 power plants.

946 Ms. McCabe. But not all of that would be -- -

947 Mr. Shimkus. Could I ask you to give us a detailed explanation

948 about this for the record?

949 Ms. McCabe. We'd be happy to follow-up with that.

950 Mr. Shimkus. Okay. In total, EPA projects 214 gigawatts of

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951 coal capacity in 2016, while the Department of Energy's
952 Information Agency, administration projections are 261
953 gigawatts. Can you explain why the Energy Information Agency says
954 261 gigawatts of power, coal-fired power, and you say 214?
955 Ms. McCabe. I'll be happy to get back with you on that,
956 Congressman.
957 Mr. Shimkus. Thank you very much. For the record, I would
958 appreciate that.
959 In March of 2015, EPA estimated 238 gigawatts of coal
960 generation in its baseline, then just a few months later in August
961 that number dropped to 214 gigawatts, in just a few months. Will
962 you please explain why EPA according to its own documents
963 eliminated between March and August of this year, 23 gigawatts
964 of coal generation from its baseline. That would be about 46 power
965 plants. What possibly could change in a few months time?
966 Ms. McCabe. Again, Congressman, we'll be happy to provide
967 a thorough explanation of -- -
968 Mr. Shimkus. For the record -- -
969 Ms. McCabe. -- - all of those numbers for the record.
970 Mr. Shimkus. Okay. Now, the last question. Would you agree
971 that if EPA is underestimating coal power capacity in the baseline
972 of this rule, the agency is significantly under-reporting the
973 impacts of its rule on coal generation?

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974 Ms. McCabe. Congressman, we do our best to use the
975 information available to us, and the modeling tools that are
976 available to us.
977 Mr. Shimkus. Okay, but part of this debate is going to be
978 the cost to the individual, the companies, the rate increases.
979 So, if you're underestimating by your 2014 June analysis and your
980 2015, and you drop off 70 coal-fired power plants, base-load going
981 to my friend, Jerry McNerney's question, your final analysis
982 you're going to under-report the impact because you have sliced
983 major gigawatt production of coal in this country with no
984 explanation that we can find in any of these documents.
985 Ms. McCabe. I would point to the history of the Clean Air
986 Act, where it has been proven time and time again that compliance
987 comes in -- -
988 Mr. Shimkus. But that's when we had technology to meet it.
989 There's no technology right now, as been already identified,
990 that's affordable and accessible to the industry, penalizing
991 those existing generations, and make it more difficult for new
992 generation. This is a disaster. We're trying to help you from
993 yourselves, and if we don't get the real numbers, there's no way
994 you can adequately defend this in the courts. And I yield back
995 my time.
996 Mr. Whitfield. The gentleman yields back. At this time, the

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997 Chair recognizes the gentlelady from California, Mrs. Capps, for
998 five minutes.
999 Mrs. Capps. Thank you, Mr. Chairman, for holding this
1000 hearing. Ms. McCabe, thank you very much for your testimony.
1001 Adapting to and mitigating climate change should be front
1002 and center in our discussions at every level of society and
1003 government. As representatives who should be advocating for the
1004 best interests of our constituents and future constituents, we
1005 should be jumping at the chance to pursue avenues to protect their
1006 health and well-being, and to insure that we provide a safe and
1007 vibrant world to live in. Fortunately, we seem to be having the
1008 same discussion over and over again mired in the same shortsighted
1009 rhetoric.
1010 So my first question, we've heard the majority repeatedly
1011 claim that the Clean Power Plan will harm rate payers, and
1012 particularly disadvantaged and low-income individuals; however,
1013 both the EPA and independent organizations have demonstrated that
1014 increase use of renewables and energy efficiency will over time
1015 lead to significant decreases in the cost of electricity for
1016 American families. Could you elaborate on how the Clean Power Plan
1017 will impact cost to rate payers over the short, but also
1018 particularly over the long term?
1019 Ms. McCabe. Yes, thank you. And I appreciate your mentioning

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1020 the long view, that's what we're about here. So, there are a couple
1021 of ways in which I would respond.
1022 The first way is to look at the information that we got in
1023 response to our proposal about the costs of cleaner energy, and
1024 they are coming down. Solar energy, wind energy, those things are
1025 becoming more affordable which is why people are building them,
1026 even without our rule they're building them. So, we know that
1027 that's good for the system.
1028 We did an analysis; again, it's illustrative because states
1029 will design their own plans, utilities will figure out the best
1030 ways to comply, they always do, the cheapest ways to comply because
1031 they care about these issues, as well. And what we show is,
1032 especially because of the increased use of energy efficiency which
1033 lowers demand, lowers bills, that by 2030 we expect to see about
1034 a 7 percent drop in energy bills for households on average across
1035 the country.
1036 Mrs. Capps. Thank you. I think you partially answered my
1037 second question, but to emphasize, can you speak to how we could
1038 accelerate the transition to renewables and energy efficiency?
1039 I mean, long term it isn't very appetizing to some people who are
1040 having trouble making it month to month. What are some ways we
1041 can help to speed up that process?
1042 Ms. McCabe. Well, one of the elements of the final Clean Power

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1043 Plan that I mentioned already is the Clean Energy Incentive Fund.
1044 That's intended to be a signal from the federal government that
1045 we want to help support early adoption of energy efficiency
1046 programs, especially in low-income communities. But states and
1047 utilities have the ability now to front load those types of
1048 activities, and we certainly would encourage them to do that. We
1049 have a lot of information and expertise at our agency and there
1050 are many other organizations and companies that are working right
1051 now to invest in these sorts of energy-saving technologies.
1052 Mrs. Capps. Okay, thank you. Another topic or aspect to this;
1053 my colleagues often discuss the issue as a matter of dollars and
1054 cents focusing only on the cost to polluters, while ignoring the
1055 benefits for customers, consumers. And that's partly because you
1056 can't really put a price tag on human well-being, but there are
1057 definite tangible economic benefits, wouldn't you say, both for
1058 employers and employees that come from having a healthier
1059 workforce.
1060 Ms. McCabe. Yes.
1061 Mrs. Capps. EPA has projected the climate and health benefits
1062 of the Clean Power Plan to be between $34-54 billion. Could you
1063 elaborate on this, or give us some specific examples of how cleaner
1064 air translates into more money in people's pockets?
1065 Ms. McCabe. Absolutely. We know that that is the case.

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1066 Cleaner air means healthier workforce, it means healthier
1067 children, it means fewer missed school days, fewer missed work
1068 days, it means less time at the hospital, less time at the doctor,
1069 fewer medical bills, fewer hospitalizations for those sort of
1070 things, and that's just the respiratory issues that result from
1071 polluted air and the climate change impacts on that.
1072 There are, of course, other expenses and burdens that people
1073 bear as a result of climate change, especially when we see the
1074 droughts and the severe storms and flooding that are affecting
1075 people today.
1076 Mrs. Capps. Right. I'm going to just put this out there, but
1077 there's not going to be time for you to answer it. We have in my
1078 home state of California been very proactive at reducing emission
1079 rates through our California Air Resources Board. Is there a way
1080 that the Clean Power Plan and other EPA actions like the Ozone
1081 Rule could produce similar results nationwide?
1082 Ms. McCabe. Absolutely. I think we all can learn from one
1083 another, and we certainly can learn from the states that are moving
1084 forward with a lot of these programs.
1085 Mrs. Capps. Thank you very much. I yield back.
1086 Mr. Whitfield. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from West
1087 Virginia, Mr. McKinley, for five minutes.
1088 Mr. McKinley. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thought there were

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1089 going to be some folks in between, but thank you again for your
1090 appearance with us.
1091 I want to follow back up again with some of the earlier
1092 remarks. There was in Forbes Magazine had said that China and
1093 India, quoting, "China and India collectively consume about 60
1094 percent of all the coal produced in the world, and that in the
1095 next 10 years Asia will be increasing their demands for coal by
1096 31 percent." They're already at 60 percent, and they want to
1097 increase 30 percent. I find that incredible.
1098 And then I want to follow back up again with the remark that
1099 you made to the Congressman from California. You said India may
1100 very well be following our lead by making these reductions, but
1101 yet the quote in this article says that "India has rejectedany
1102 absolute cuts, and that it needs to emit more as it grows to beat
1103 poverty." So, I'm not sure that anyone is following what you think
1104 is happening around the world. It goes to that old adage, a leader
1105 that has no followers is merely a man taking a walk.And I think
1106 that's what you have here, is no one in the country. They may very
1107 well go if they did to Kyoto and elsewhere, Stockholm and make
1108 these agreements, but then they don't uphold them. So, I don't
1109 know that Paris is going to be any better with this.So, I'm looking
1110 back at the question more directly, what you're trying to propose,
1111 you're willing to sacrifice the economy of this country. When

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1112 everyone else is going to continue to use coal, you're going to
1113 sacrifice our economy to this rule, and drive another dagger into
1114 the hearts of the coal fields of this country, and all across
1115 because the electricity.
1116 I think it's curious, and I wanted to hear your explanation
1117 of why in the initial rule; for example, West Virginia was proposed
1118 to have a 20 percent reduction, but then when the final rule came
1119 out, it went to 37 percent. And North Dakota went from 11 percent
1120 to 45 percent, and Kentucky went from 18 to 41, and Wyoming 19
1121 to 44. Are you trying to suggest that during your hearings in those
1122 respective states that the people actually said we want more
1123 stringent controls on our emissions in Kentucky, and Wyoming, and
1124 West Virginia?
1125 I want to hear that answer, but I also want to add one more,
1126 backdrop information. I just got notice just here just a minute
1127 ago, that Patriot Coal has just now issued a warn notice to the
1128 miners in West Virginia that 2,000 more coal miners in West
1129 Virginia are going to lose their job in the next few days, and
1130 you all can sit there and just say we need -- this is going to
1131 be good for our air, when other nations are polluting our
1132 atmosphere far greater than we are. So, can you tell me why you
1133 doubled and tripled the standards for -- when they can't meet the
1134 first standard, why you've tripled it?

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1135 Ms. McCabe. Absolutely, Congressman. I'd be glad to address
1136 that. There's a lot in your question there. I'm not sure I'll get
1137 to respond to everything, but let me focus on the changes between
1138 the proposal and the final rule, especially as it relates to the
1139 states that you mentioned.
1140 Mr. McKinley. Yes.
1141 Ms. McCabe. Yes, very fair question, and we've been having
1142 those discussions with state officials and utilities, and others
1143 since the final rule came out. In fact, I was meeting with some
1144 West Virginia officials just last week, and had this very
1145 discussion.
1146 So, as we do rulemaking, we put out a proposal, we lay out
1147 our reasoning, our legal support, we lay out the information that
1148 we have, and then we put it out, and people comment on it, peopl
1149 give us additional information, people give us their different
1150 views. And as I've said, there was just an extraordinary amount
1151 of input on this rule.
1152 Mr. McKinley. But that led you to doubling down the penalties
1153 on West Virginia, Wyoming, Kentucky, all these other coal
1154 producing -- you actually got testimony that we should double down
1155 the penalty?
1156 Ms. McCabe. Congressman, I certainly object to the use of
1157 the word "penalty." That's not an appropriate term for this rule.

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1158 Mr. McKinley. Well, I object to your use of the word "fair,"
1159 when I'm talking about all these people losing their job.
1160 Ms. McCabe. Can I explain why I used the word "fair?"
1161 Mr. McKinley. Good luck.
1162 Ms. McCabe. Okay. In the proposed rule, we took a very state
1163 centric approach, and that led to a certain proposal which, in
1164 fact, set differential rates for the same type of plant across
1165 the country, so a coal rate in one state was significantly
1166 different than a coal rate in another state. And through --
1167 Mr. McKinley. Okay. I want to hear what's fair when you shut
1168 down a coal-fired power plant and it destroys the fabric, the
1169 economic basis to run a school system in a county, when millions
1170 of dollars are lost. I want to talk, that's fair. Is that fair?
1171 Mr. Whitfield. The gentleman's time has expired. At this,
1172 the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania, Mr. Doyle,
1173 for five minutes.
1174 Mr. Doyle. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
1175 Administrator McCabe, when you appeared before this
1176 committee for previous hearings on the proposed rule, I had voiced
1177 my concern that only 6 percent of existing nuclear power in states
1178 would be counted towards developing a state's goal, while 100
1179 percent of existing renewable power was credited. Now, in the
1180 final rule credits for both of those are gone. However, I

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1181 understand that states will have the option to choose mass-based
1182 goal for compliance that would insure that we value all existing
1183 zero carbon resources within a state similarly. Is that correct?
1184 Ms. McCabe. Actually, whether a state chooses amass-based
1185 approach or a rate-based approach, all new and increasing zero
1186 emitting generation whether it's renewable or nuclear can be part
1187 of a compliance --
1188 Mr. Doyle. New, but there's no credits for existing.
1189 Ms. McCabe. Well, we start in 2012, so anything that's new
1190 from that point on. The mix of generation from before 2012 has
1191 already led to a particular profile for --
1192 Mr. Doyle. Well, let me ask you this. If a state adopts a
1193 mass-based goal and implements stringent leakage mitigation
1194 policy.
1195 Ms. McCabe. Yes.
1196 Mr. Doyle. Do you believe nuclear plants will not be able
1197 to prematurely retire unless they're replaced by equivalent zero
1198 carbon power or energy efficient measures?
1199 Ms. McCabe. Well, Congressman, there's a lot more that goes
1200 into the economic viability of nuclear plants than this rule can
1201 address, so I really can't speak to --
1202 Mr. Doyle. Well, if the nuclear plant retires prematurely
1203 just for cost factor, you know, because it's priced --

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1204 Ms. McCabe. Right.

1205 Mr. Doyle. -- - out of the market and a state adopts a
1206 mass-based goal, will they have to replace that with zero - you
1207 know, will their only choice for replacement of that be zero carbon
1208 power?

1209 Ms. McCabe. It really depends on the state's situation and
1210 how they design their plan.

1211 Mr. Doyle. What happens if these nuclear plants retire in
1212 a state with a rate-based plan? What's the difference between
1213 nuclear plants retiring in a rate-based plan versus in a
1214 mass-based plan?

1215 Ms. McCabe. So, in a -- this is probably a longer
1216 conversation. We'll be happy to follow-up with you, but in a
1217 mass-based plan what's counted is the emissions coming out of the
1218 smokestacks from the fossil fuel generation. In a rate-based plan,
1219 the state is allowed to take account of other types of generation
1220 and sort of discount that against the emission rate of the fossil
1221 generation. So, either way they can take credit for or count for
1222 zero generating facilities, whether nuclear or renewable.

1223 Mr. Doyle. Let me ask you another question. In my state in
1224 Pennsylvania, and our governor is not a governor that's saying
1225 he won't comply. He's looking forward to working to come up with
1226 a plan. My state is a net exporter of electricity. We could benefit

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1227 from the option to submit multi-state plans.

1228 Ms. McCabe. Yes.

1229 Mr. Doyle. So, adopting a mass-based rather than a rate-based

1230 goal may facilitate the kind of a plan, but I've heard that this

1231 mass-based goal could handicap future economic growth as emission

1232 limits in total are capped. So, how do you respond to the concerns

1233 that some states have about that? Could these multi-state plans

1234 shift to accommodate new sources of power?

1235 Ms. McCabe. Yes, we believe that that can be fully

1236 accommodated. And your point about multi-state plans, the final

1237 rule is very flexible in terms of states working with one another

1238 either formally or informally. 111(d) of the Clean Power Plan does

1239 not constrain new growth, and so new power plants can be built

1240 in this country to meet new load growth, just as they always can.

1241 In terms of a Clean Power Plan that is using a mass-based

1242 approach, we've given the states some guideposts to use to make

1243 sure that that plan is not artificially distorting the

1244 relationship between new generation and existing generation. We'd

1245 be happy to provide more information to you.

1246 Mr. Doyle. Yes, I'd appreciate that. And, finally, the

1247 formula for the first building block of the Clean Power Plan, EPA

1248 determined that states could reasonably improve coal fleet

1249 efficiency between 2.1 and 4.3 percent rather than the 6 percent

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1250 across the board under the proposed rule.

1251 Ms. McCabe. Correct.

1252 Mr. Doyle. Can you elaborate on how the EPA determined this

1253 range for efficiency improvements in the final rule, and how the

1254 EPA reached different rates for different parts of the country?

1255 Ms. McCabe. Yes, that's a really good question. And, again,

1256 that came out of the response and the comments that we got. So,

1257 as you reflected, in the proposal we looked across the universe

1258 and came up with our 6 percent number as we thought was a reasonable

1259 national number, not that every single plant would be able to do

1260 that. The comments that we got back showed even more range of

1261 abilities, and what we did was we looked regionally across the

1262 country in the three interconnects, which are the three main

1263 sections of the power grid, and we found that when we looked at

1264 the data on an interconnect basis, we actually came up with

1265 slightly different capabilities, different capacities, because

1266 of the age of the fleet, and other characteristics of the regional

1267 fleet. So, that's how we got to those different rates. And to us,

1268 that made a lot of sense based on that input that we got.

1269 Mr. Doyle. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, the

1270 Pittsburgh Pirates this evening, the team that I represent in

1271 Congress, are going to take the major league's best pitcher, Mr.

1272 Arrieta, and give him a massive beating tonight.

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1273 Mr. Whitfield. Yes, I should have introduced --

1274 Mr. Doyle. Let me say that for the record.

1275 Mr. Whitfield. At this time, the Chair recognizes the

1276 gentleman from Ohio, Mr. Latta, for five minutes.

1277 Mr. Latta. Thanks, Mr. Chairman, and Administrator, thanks

1278 very much for being with us today.

1279 Under 111(d) the states mustfile a state plan by September

1280 the 6th, 2016 unless it submits an extension request that is

1281 approved by the EPA. EPA has said that, "This approval of state

1282 extension requests is a ministerial action." Before rejecting a

1283 state's extension request will EPA allow for public notice and

1284 comment?

1285 Ms. McCabe. The requirements are very straightforward for

1286 what's required in the extension request, so we're not

1287 contemplating a formal notice and comment period, but we certainly

1288 will be in consultation with the state.

1289 Mr. Latta. Okay. If the EPA then rejects a state's extension

1290 request, EPA believes it can issue a federal plan for that state.

1291 In that case, will EPA allow for notice and comment before imposing

1292 a federal plan?

1293 Ms. McCabe. Well, we have a proposed federal plan out now

1294 that will be going through notice and comment, so if we are put

1295 in a position, which I hope we will not be, because I think states

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1296 want to go forward with plans, if we're put in a position of
1297 finalizing a plan, we will have already gone through the proposal
1298 process, have gotten people's input on that proposed federal plan.
1299 Mr. Latta. So, if I understand then, that you won't have a
1300 notice and comment period then if a state is disallowed. Is that
1301 correct?
1302 Ms. McCabe. If a state does not submit aplan, we would go
1303 forward and finalize a plan.
1304 Mr. Latta. Okay. But in this case, though, if a state rejects
1305 -- if the EPA rejects a state's plan, if it rejects it?
1306 Ms. McCabe. If we receive a plan from a state and our
1307 evaluation is that it doesn't meet the requirements of the rule,
1308 we would propose to disapprove it. We would not -- -
1309 Mr. Latta. Okay. But in that case, though, are you still
1310 saying then there won't be a notice and comment period?
1311 Ms. McCabe. No, there would be.
1312 Mr. Latta. There would be.
1313 Ms. McCabe. There would be.
1314 Mr. Latta. Okay. And how long would that be for?
1315 Ms. McCabe. It would be at least 30 days.
1316 Mr. Latta. Okay.
1317 Ms. McCabe. That's generally --
1318 Mr. Latta. At least 30 days. Now, will you be in direct

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1319 contact with the states, or -- -

1320 Ms. McCabe. Oh, absolutely.

1321 Mr. Latta. Ohio, my home state, the Ohio EPA has repeatedly

1322 asked EPA to consider investments made before 2012 to lower CO2

1323 emissions which especially affects the coal plants in my state.

1324 Would you explain why the original baseline date of 2005 was

1325 abandoned for the 2012?

1326 Ms. McCabe. Well, I need to correct the way you stated that

1327 last part. We've never had a baseline, we've never had a baseline

1328 of 2005. We've always had our starting point in this rule be 2012.

1329 This is a technology-based rule, so we always pick a year to start

1330 from to go forward, and 2012 was the year in the proposal, as well

1331 as in the final, where we had the most current, and complete and

1332 accurate data about the generation fleet, so that's why we started

1333 with that year.

1334 Mr. Latta. Let me ask, because of that, since we have in Ohio,

1335 until recently had about 70 percent of our energy is coal-fired.

1336 What factors did you consider for the State of Ohio when you were

1337 looking at that 2012 date? Did you look at the number of coal-fired

1338 plants we have, our manufacturers, our consumers? Did you take

1339 into, you know, the cost and expense that's going to incur out

1340 there? Could you explain a little bit on that?

1341 Ms. McCabe. Yes, sure we did. 2012 is the year we use

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1342 nationally. And as I say, that's because we want to have everybody
1343 starting from the same place. For each state, once we established
1344 a national uniform rate that was reasonable to expect in our view
1345 based on our review of the approaches that were available, we then
1346 took that emission rate and applied it to each state, which is
1347 why each state ends up with its target in the rule. So, a state
1348 like Ohio or like my home state of Indiana that has a lot of
1349 coal-fired generation, ends up with a significantly higher rate
1350 in the final plan than a state with less coal-fired generation.
1351 Mr. Latta. Well, you say in your testimony that this rule
1352 sets an achievable standard for power plants, but seeing as Ohio
1353 has achieved approximately 30 percent reduction in CO2 emissions
1354 between 2005 and 2014 in its coal-fired power plants, doesn't your
1355 choice of a 2012 baseline mean power plants that are not coal-fired
1356 at that time then?
1357 Ms. McCabe. Well, it treats all the states the same, so many
1358 states and utilities across the country have been moving towards
1359 cleaner energy. That's what our rule found to be the case, and
1360 that can continue. So, we took a snapshot in 2012 and said okay,
1361 going forward what's reasonable to achieve beyond where people
1362 are in 2012? And it --
1363 Mr. Latta. Well, let me just-- I'm cutting you off because
1364 my time is running out here. Just real quick, because I know since

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1365 Ohio was over 70 percent coal-fired, my recollection was since
1366 -- I'm right next to Indiana. Wasn't your state about 90 percent
1367 coal-fired just a few years ago?
1368 Ms. McCabe. 90 plus, I think it still is, Congressman.
1369 Mr. Latta. Do you think there's going to be a measurable
1370 impact on industries in the State of Indiana because of what's
1371 going to happen there, that you are over 90 percent in the state?
1372 Ms. McCabe. I think that with the amount of time in the rule
1373 and with the options that are out there for cleaner energy, that
1374 we're going to be able to move forward, implement this, and it
1375 is not going to have significant impacts on the economy; that it's
1376 going to be positive.
1377 Mr. Latta. Thank you, Mr. Chair. I yield back.
1378 Mr. Whitfield. The gentleman's time has expired. At this
1379 time, the Chair recognizes the gentlelady from Florida, Ms.
1380 Castor, for five minutes.
1381 Ms. Castor. Well, thank you, Mr. Chairman, for calling this
1382 hearing on the Clean Air Act and the Clean Power Plan.
1383 The Clean Air Act is one of America's bedrock environmental
1384 protection laws, and it has been for over 40 years. I believe the
1385 Clean Air Act reflects our values. We value the air that we
1386 breathe, we are willing here in America to tackle significant
1387 environmental threats, and to tackle these threats EPA uses the

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1388 best science, public input, examines health impacts. And what we
1389 understand here in 2015 is that we've got to tackle one of the
1390 most critical modern challenges yet, the changing climate, and
1391 the very costly impacts of the changing climate.
1392 I believe EPA has developed a flexible carbon pollution
1393 reduction plan that is good for consumers, it's good the
1394 environment, it's good for the public health, and it will be good
1395 for our economy. And I think, Ms. McCabe, that EPA is right to
1396 encourage and spur states to meet the challenges, and the rising
1397 costs of the changing climate.
1398 Coming from the State of Florida, these costs are daunting
1399 looking ahead. You've detailed some of them relating to public
1400 health, but what I see on the horizon if we do not act, increases
1401 in property insurance in Florida, flood insurance; boy, that's
1402 really hitting home now watching what's happening in South
1403 Carolina.
1404 I was a county commissioner before I came to Congress. Storm
1405 water fees, the ability of local governments, what they're going
1406 to have to do to replace storm water and waste water facilities,
1407 beach renourishment costs are going to increase.
1408 Another cost unless we act will be the failure to tap into
1409 these clean energy jobs and innovation. And I noticed in the Clean
1410 Power Plan you have -- EPA has included a Clean Energy Incentive

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1411 Program to reward early investments in renewable energy
1412 generation, specifically solar and wind during 2020-2021. Now,
1413 coming from Florida where we have huge potential for solar
1414 projects like other states do, I'm excited about what a program
1415 like this could mean for my state. Could you please elaborate on
1416 that initiative?
1417 Ms. McCabe. Sure. And you're sure right that local government
1418 is really on the front lines of facing these issues. So, the Clean
1419 Energy Incentive Program was intended to do exactly what you said,
1420 which is we know that these projects are going forward. They're
1421 teed up, they're moving forward, the costs are coming down,
1422 especially because we moved the start date from 2020 to 2022. We
1423 didn't want to inadvertently put the brakes on any projects that
1424 were going forward anticipating the Clean Power Plan, so this
1425 program would allow states if they opt into it, they certainly
1426 don't have to, to bring forward some of their compliance plan,
1427 which the federal government will then match to encourage, to
1428 provide that little bit of extra incentive for solar projects,
1429 for wind projects, and for energy efficiency in low-income areas
1430 to get a head start and really get rolling.
1431 Ms. Castor. I wondered, as well, the Union of Concerned
1432 Scientists recently issued a report as they do routinely, and they
1433 said that most states are already well on their way to complying

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1434 with the Clean Power Plan. They released an analysis in
1435 mid-August. They said they find that 31 states are on track to
1436 be more than halfway to meeting their 2022 emission rate
1437 benchmark, and that 20 states are on track to be more than halfway
1438 toward meeting their final 2030 compliance targets. They said they
1439 see great movement because of renewable energy standards, energy
1440 efficiency initiatives, nuclear power in states, and transition
1441 to natural gas. Do you agree with their analysis that we've got
1442 31 states on track to be more than halfway to 2020, and the other
1443 20 states closing in on halfway of 2030 targets?
1444 Ms. McCabe. I think what this is reflecting is exactly what
1445 we saw when we looked at the record, which is that states and
1446 utilities are moving forward to move to cleaner natural gas, to
1447 build new nuclear facilities, to invest in renewable and solar.
1448 That's the trend that we're seeing all across the country, that's
1449 what the rule is built on, that's what we're supposed to do in
1450 building the rule. So, without speaking to the exact numbers in
1451 the study; yes, that's exactly the idea, that these things are
1452 already underway.
1453 Ms. Castor. Thank you, and I yield back my time.
1454 Mr. Whitfield. The gentlelady yields back. At this time, the
1455 Chair recognizes the gentleman from Kansas, Mr. Pompeo, for five
1456 minutes.

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1457 Mr. Pompeo. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

1458 I want to get to the substance of this rule, but it's
1459 difficult to do if we can't expect the witness to fulfill
1460 commitments that they've made to this committee. In June of last
1461 year when you testified, I asked you a question, I asked you a
1462 question about how many times you and EPA had spoken with Mr.
1463 Podesta, who is now the Chairman of the Hillary Clinton for
1464 President campaign. I asked you that question, you said you'd take
1465 it back and you'd get us an answer. We submitted a formal QFR asking
1466 you about meetings with the White House, and we got a letter back
1467 that said we had a lot of meetings, that we met with thousands
1468 of people. Ms. McCabe, how many times did you meet with Mr.
1469 Podesta?

1470 Ms. McCabe. I don't know the answer to that.

1471 Mr. Pompeo. So, still a year and two months later you haven't
1472 bothered to go back and look at your records to answer a legitimate
1473 question presented by this committee.

1474 Ms. McCabe. Congressman, we do our best to respond to the
1475 questions that we get from you, and we'll certainly do that in
1476 the future.

1477 Mr. Pompeo. So, the best you can do is tell this committee
1478 that you've met, when asked a direct question about the politics
1479 of this rule and who you met with, a simple administrative

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1480 question, the best you can do is say we met with thousands of
1481 people. I have the letter, that's what it says. It's your response,
1482 it's the EPA's response.
1483 Ms. McCabe. Without seeing my response, Congressman, I can't
1484 --
1485 Mr. Pompeo. I'll read it to you.
1486 Ms. McCabe. -- - what else we might have said in response
1487 to your question.
1488 Mr. Pompeo. It says, "We reached out to thousands of people
1489 through hundreds of meetings, listening sessions, video
1490 conferences, phone calls, conference calls, and almost 2,000
1491 emails." No mention of Mr. Podesta in the entire response, no
1492 mention of any officials from the White House in the entire
1493 response. You didn't answer the question, Ms. McCabe. It's a
1494 simple question.
1495 Ms. McCabe. I will go back and talk with folks about how we
1496 responded to your question.
1497 Mr. Pompeo. When you see the frustration and you hear members
1498 of Congress talk about the EPA being out of control, can you
1499 understand when you won't answer simple questions why someone
1500 might conclude that you don't give a darn what Congress thinks?
1501 Ms. McCabe. Well, it's unfortunate if that's your view,
1502 because I think that we're all here to serve the public.

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1503 Mr. Pompeo. Not just my view, Ms. McCabe, it's the view that
1504 you expressed when you said we're not going to give you an answer,
1505 Mr. Pompeo. We're going to blow you off. Unacceptable,
1506 unacceptable.
1507 You said today that if a state needs more time, it's a
1508 ministerial action, you'll give them an incremental two years.
1509 At the end of those three years, if the Governor of Kansas, this
1510 one or the next governor concludes that there'll be massive
1511 brownouts in Kansas as a result of complying with this rule, and
1512 writes you a letter to that effect, what will the response of the
1513 EPA be?
1514 Ms. McCabe. I can't speak to a future eventuality like that.
1515 We did ask the states -- -
1516 Mr. Pompeo. No, no. You can answer it. This is a legal
1517 question, this is about the rule. The governor says we can't
1518 comply, or we're going to have poor people freezing in the winter
1519 in Kansas if we comply with this rule. Tell me what the EPA's
1520 actions will be in response to what I'm sure you will view as
1521 non-compliance with the state's obligation under this rule? Tell
1522 me what the Environmental Protection Agency is going to do to those
1523 poor people in Kansas?
1524 Ms. McCabe. I cannot speak to a future action of the EPA based
1525 on facts that we'll need to look at very carefully.

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1526 Mr. Pompeo. All right. But you'll have the right to put a
1527 federal plan in place.
1528 Ms. McCabe. We will go through a process to make a
1529 determination -- -
1530 Mr. Pompeo. That's a yes or no question, Ms. McCabe. You'll
1531 have the right to put a federal program in place. You might
1532 conclude not to do so, but you'd have the right do so under this
1533 rule.
1534 Ms. McCabe. If a state submits a plan that we feel does not
1535 comply with the law, we have the authority. It's not a question
1536 of right, we have the authority and the responsibility under the
1537 Clean Air Act.
1538 Mr. Pompeo. Right. So, you talked earlier about states
1539 cooperating. You said they're cooperating. I don't view it as
1540 cooperation. If someone comes up to me on the street and threatens
1541 my life, and I hand them my money, I just simply don't view that
1542 as cooperation. These governors will be under enormous pressure.
1543 It's not about them cooperating, it's about the heavy hand of the
1544 EPA forcing them to make decisions that they believe are
1545 inconsistent with their duty to the state, and to protect the
1546 citizens of their states. But that's a far cry from cooperation,
1547 the word that you used three times so far this morning.
1548 Ms. McCabe. Well, I know from conversations that I've had

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1549 and meetings that I've had with people that states are talking
1550 about working -- -
1551 Mr. Pompeo. Because they know what's coming. Let me go down
1552 a -- you said there were fewer missed school days. How many fewer
1553 missed school days per student per year will there be as a result
1554 of the Clean Power Plan?
1555 Ms. McCabe. Well, I'd be happy to get you the numbers that
1556 we put together, Congressman. No, really. I mean -- -
1557 Mr. Pompeo. I'll look forward to it. I mean, this is the kind
1558 of data. If you're going to make assertions here to this committee
1559 today about fewer missed school days, and you said there will be
1560 shorter allergen seasons, it would seem to me, response of you
1561 to say this allergen season in a particular region will be shorter
1562 by 7 hours 26 minutes, plus or minutes whatever your science can
1563 determine. But you throw these things out without any foundation
1564 in the data set and expect us to accept that as a fait accompli.
1565 So, I'd just like to know how many fewer school days as a result
1566 of this. And I'll look forward to your letter.
1567 Mr. Pompeo. Do you have a response? Sure.
1568 Ms. McCabe. I can answer that.
1569 Mr. Pompeo. Sure.
1570 Ms. McCabe. Because we did put that information together.
1571 Mr. Pompeo. Great. Tell me what it is.

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1572 Ms. McCabe. I just didn't want to fish through a bunch of
1573 papers while I was listening to you. What we predicted is that
1574 in 2030 when the plan is in place, there would be 140,000 fewer
1575 missed school days.
1576 Mr. Pompeo. Great, thank you very much. I'm way out of time.
1577 Thank you.
1578 Mr. Whitfield. At this time, the Chair recognizes Mr.
1579 Loebsack of Iowa for five minutes.
1580 Mr. Loebsack. Thank you, Mr. Chair. First, I do want to thank
1581 Administrator McCabe for testifying here today.
1582 I may not take up the whole five minutes. I want to focus
1583 on the 2012 date that was already mentioned, and go to my home
1584 state, Ms. McCabe. You know that over 28 percent of our electricity
1585 in Iowa is generated by wind power. We're the leader in the
1586 country. And I applaud the EPA, of course, for working to cut
1587 America's carbon pollution. I think it's a great idea, and we've
1588 got to move our energy and environmental policy into the 21st
1589 century. But in my state we've made a hell of a lot of progress
1590 over the years, and I just-- I have a concern that starting this
1591 2012, doesn't really recognize what states like Iowa have already
1592 done. Can you talk to me about that, you know? I mean, it's really
1593 difficult, you know, to sort of start it at a particular point
1594 when a place like Iowa has made so much progress, and then a number

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1595 gets attached after 2012, and it just didn't seem to honor the
1596 commitment that folks in Iowa have already made up to this point.
1597 Ms. McCabe. Yes, I'm glad you asked that, Congressman. I
1598 think that there are a number of states who can legitimately make
1599 a similar claim and utilities where they have invested early. And
1600 the way this program works, it actually reflects the good work
1601 that states who have been forward-looking have already done
1602 because they have less far to go, ultimately, in getting to that
1603 2030, because they're already well along the way. So, the way the
1604 Clean Power Plan works, since it takes into account each state's
1605 mix, current mix as of 2012, states that are further ahead were
1606 further ahead when we took that snapshot and projected into the
1607 future. So, there's lots of opportunity, and for those
1608 technologies to continue to be invested in, but states, some of
1609 them are well along the way. It's similar to what the Congresswoman
1610 cited before.
1611 Mr. Loebsack. I've seen a 42 percent number attached to Iowa.
1612 I don't know if that's accurate or not, but that's going to be
1613 very difficult, of course; and we've already come a long way. If
1614 we had set that date back to 2010 or whatever the case might be,
1615 it would be a less onerous burden certainly on the State of Iowa.
1616 We all want clean energy, we all want to cut, you know, obviously
1617 carbon pollution. We all want to do those things, and Iowa is going

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1618 to continue to do the right thing. The governor there just now
1619 putting together a team to try to come up with some kind of an
1620 energy plan, and I commend him for that. And we're going to do
1621 the right thing, we're going to keep doing it.
1622 Ms. McCabe. Yes.
1623 Mr. Loebsack. But it just does seem a bit unfair to start
1624 it at that 2012 date and not recognize all the progress that was
1625 already made in a place like Iowa. And, hopefully, we'll be able
1626 to take advantage of the incentive program, as well. You know,
1627 we'll continue to work with you on that but, you know, I'm making
1628 a plea for some degree of flexibility in all this at this point.
1629 Ms. McCabe. Well, I think the fact that the final plan focuses
1630 much more than the proposal did on the regional nature of the power
1631 market, goes directly to your point, as well.
1632 Mr. Loebsack. Right.
1633 Ms. McCabe. Because it allows the regions, the utilities and
1634 the regions to work together. And, again, states that are further
1635 ahead are further ahead, and will benefit from that investment
1636 that they've made.
1637 Mr. Loebsack. Right. Well, we'll stay in touch going forward,
1638 and I just wanted to express the concern that I have about that
1639 date. And, hopefully, we'll have a little bit of flexibility that
1640 we'll see from you folks moving down the road. Thank you so much.

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1641 Ms. McCabe. Thank you.

1642 Mr. Loebsack. Thank you, and I yield back the rest.

1643 Mr. Whitfield. The gentleman yields back. The Chair
1644 recognizes the gentleman from Virginia, Mr. Griffith, for five
1645 minutes.

1646 Mr. Griffith. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

1647 Ms. McCabe, I've heard some confusion here today. I read you
1648 some quotes out that said on four occasions over the last few years
1649 it said that you all weren't going to move towards a cap and trade
1650 program. I then read you something that indicated you are going
1651 to a cap and trade program, and then you told Congressman Barton
1652 that you weren't going to a cap and trade program. And I find that
1653 hard to understand. Is it your position that you all are not
1654 heading towards a cap and trade program?

1655 Ms. McCabe. This rule does not set up a cap and trade program,
1656 Congressman.

1657 Mr. Griffith. All right. I beg to differ. Let me go through
1658 some of the documents, and I guess we just have to start with your
1659 own documents. You know, when you take a look at it in the
1660 Environmental Protection Agency in the preplan that's out there
1661 and the summary, it says, "This proposal," talking about your
1662 plan, and I can be glad to give you a copy of this after I finish
1663 reading it. "This proposal presents two approaches to a federal

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1664 plan for states and other jurisdictions that do not submit an
1665 approval plan to the EPA; a rate-based emissions trading program,
1666 and a mass-based emissions trading program." Now that to me sounds
1667 like cap and trade of one form or another.
1668 It goes on to say on page 43, "As discussed at length in the
1669 emission guidelines, electric generation units operate less as
1670 individual isolated entities, and more as multiple components of
1671 a large interconnected system designed to integrate a range of
1672 functions that insure an uninterrupted supply of affordable and
1673 reliable electricity, while also for the past several decades
1674 maintaining compliance with air pollution control programs. Since
1675 as a practical matter under both the emission guidelines and any
1676 federal plan, emissions reductions must occur at the affected
1677 electric generation units, a broad scale emission trading program
1678 would be particularly effective in allowing the electric
1679 generation units to operate in a way that achieves pollution
1680 control without disturbing the overall system of which they are
1681 a part, and the critical functions that this system performs. In
1682 addition, consistency of requirements benefits the affected
1683 electric generation units, as well as the states, and the EPA in
1684 their role as administrators and implementers of a trading
1685 program. The EPA believes that there are," skip a line, and then,
1686 "The EPA believes there are compelling policy reasons that support

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1687 the provisions of a proposed model trading rule at this time."

1688 It goes on to talk about the public hearings that you had

1689 which you didn't have in my district, where you would have heard

1690 something completely different. As I told you before, I was

1691 elected on this issue, and a 28-year incumbent who agreed with

1692 you all isn't here because of this issue, cap and trade. And you

1693 go on to talk about, "There's strong interest in seeing a model

1694 state program," and then it goes on to say and I find this

1695 fascinating. "In addition, some states have indicated that they

1696 may prefer to rely on a federal plan, either temporarily or

1697 permanently, rather than develop a plan of their own. This

1698 proposal of a model trading rule addresses these policy interests.

1699 The approach of proposing model trading rules that are identical

1700 in all key respects to proposed federal plans that may be

1701 promulgated later is consistent with prior Clean Air Act Section

1702 111(d)."

1703 Now, I don't know in what kind of a universe or what English

1704 language you're looking at, but I just picked out some small parts

1705 here, and every time I turn around it's talking about this rule

1706 pushing on the states a trading plan similar to cap and trade,

1707 if not cap and trade heavy, it's cap and trade of some form, and

1708 two different versions of it. And then it says, and I will-- I

1709 interpret it differently. It says, "In addition, some states have

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1710 indicated they may prefer to rely on a federal plan." That's
1711 because they're not going to do it, because isn't--isn't I correct
1712 that if a state says like we heard earlier that one of the state
1713 feared blackouts and people freezing in their homes, if they
1714 choose not to do it, you all are going to come in with your federal
1715 trading program and do a federal program. Isn't that correct; yes
1716 or no? It's simple yes or no.
1717 Ms. McCabe. No, it's not, it's not a simple question to
1718 answer.
1719 Mr. Griffith. It is a simple question. Are you going to make
1720 the states do a trading program; if they don't comply with your
1721 Clean Power Plan, are you coming in there and impose a federal
1722 trading plan on them, and the answer is either yes or no.
1723 Ms. McCabe. We have not finalized a federal plan. We have
1724 a proposal out there, so I cannot speak to what the --
1725 Mr. Griffith. Okay. Under this proposal, wouldn't that be
1726 the natural and logical conclusion, for someone reasonable
1727 reading the English language that I just read to you out of your
1728 own document. Would that not be reasonable?
1729 Ms. McCabe. We have proposed trading programs, a rate-based
1730 one, and a mass-based one, and I would commend you to the comment
1731 record, Congressman, where we got overwhelmingly inputs from
1732 states and utilities saying --

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1733 Mr. Griffith. Where you --

1734 Ms. McCabe. -- -the trading programs were effective and

1735 efficient, and they were using them, and it works.

1736 Mr. Griffith. And where you disenfranchised the people of

1737 Appalachia because you didn't come to talk to any of the

1738 coal-producing areas in Central Appalachia. You refused to come

1739 and have a hearing there. We asked you all to do it, you wouldn't

1740 do it, didn't have to be my district, could have been Mr. Johnson's

1741 district, or Mr. McKinley's district, or somebody else's

1742 district. You wouldn't do it. That's why your comments are going

1743 to support what you got, because you went out and found the people

1744 that agreed with you to go put your hearings in.

1745 Mr. Chairman, I apologize. I am over my time; I yield back.

1746 Mr. Whitfield. The gentleman yields back. At this time, the

1747 Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas, Mr. Green, who I guess

1748 represents part of Houston, as well, Astros.

1749 Mr. Green. Yes.

1750 Mr. Whitfield. Okay, five minutes.

1751 Mr. Green. I'm proud to be a fan with my good friend from

1752 the south with the Astros. But I want to thank the Chair and the

1753 Ranking Member for holding the hearing, and I want to thank Acting

1754 Administrator McCabe for coming. The EPA's Clean Power Plan has

1755 been subject to much debate. We're happy to have you here today.

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1756 Administrator, the EPA's Clean Power Plan changed
1757 significantly from the proposed rule to the final product. My
1758 understanding was the EPA wanted to be responsive to stakeholder
1759 feedback, including many concerns brought by the industry. The
1760 final rule included both reliability safety valve, and what looks
1761 like a reliability assurance mechanism. My question is, does the
1762 Memorandum of Understanding between DOE, EPA, and FERC function
1763 as the beginning of a reliability assurance mechanism? Can you
1764 explain what steps EPA took to insure that reliability before the
1765 implementation?
1766 Ms. McCabe. Yes, that's a good question, Congressman. The
1767 Memorandum between the three agencies is really a continuation
1768 of the relationship that we've developed, our three agencies, to
1769 make sure that we're focused collectively on what's going on in
1770 the power industry as they're responding not just to EPA rules,
1771 but to the various trends in the industry, and moving forward,
1772 how it's going so that we're all on the same page, and in good
1773 communication.
1774 The variety of things that we built into the Clean Power Plan
1775 that were directly responsive to the reliability issues that we
1776 heard were more time, more flexibility in the glide path, making
1777 sure that the states in developing their plans specifically
1778 address reliability which may involve, up to them, but may involve

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1779 consulting with their reliability entities or with their PUCs,
1780 making sure that those conversations are happening.
1781 The reliability safety valve that you mentioned is also
1782 something that we put in that was very important, the ability for
1783 states to adjust their plans. So, it's the whole package really
1784 that collectively addresses the reliability concerns.
1785 Mr. Green. Both Congressman Olson and Congressman Doyle over
1786 the past two Congresses and I have worked on legislation to address
1787 the must-run orders. Through a strange twist in the law, the DOE
1788 told a power plant to run even in violation of the Clean Air Act,
1789 the operator could be civilly liable. Does CPP include your
1790 reliability safety valve that allows 90-day must-run orders in
1791 the event of an emergency? Would an operator face potential
1792 litigation for following those orders?
1793 Ms. McCabe. We actually think it's very unlikely that an
1794 operator would be put in that position because of the flexibility
1795 in the plan, and how states can set up their plans. But in the
1796 event that an operator was put in that position, that's the purpose
1797 of the reliability safety valve, to give them the ability to go
1798 forward without being worried about being in violation of the
1799 Clean Air Act.
1800 Mr. Green. EPA stated that federal implementation has not
1801 been finalized. EPA is deciding between rate-based or mass-based

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1802 federal implementation plan. The final rule indicated a 90-day
1803 comment period. How many comments has the agency received thus
1804 far?
1805 Ms. McCabe. We actually -- that comment period will start
1806 when the Federal Register publishes the rule, which we expect to
1807 be later this month, so we haven't gotten any formal comments yet.
1808 Mr. Green. Does the agency anticipate extending the comment
1809 period? I guess will that depend on the amount of comments you
1810 receive?
1811 Ms. McCabe. If we get those requests, Congressman, we'll take
1812 a look at them and decide. We wanted to start out with quite a
1813 lengthy comment period to make sure that people had time to put
1814 their thoughts together.
1815 Mr. Green. The final rule changed the way EPA views nuclear
1816 power. Can you explain further how existing or under construction
1817 nuclear could be counted?
1818 Ms. McCabe. Yes. So, any under construction or upgraded
1819 nuclear power since 2012 can be included by a state as part of
1820 its compliance plan, just like any-- it's treated just the same
1821 as any other zero emitting generation, which was a lot of the
1822 feedback that we got from folks.
1823 Mr. Green. Okay. Well, in Texas we have invested significant
1824 amounts in wind power, and I'd like to see the same done with solar.

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1825 How does EPA envision the Clean Energy Incentives Program
1826 encouraging new construction of solar?
1827 Ms. McCabe. It allows states, if they choose, to sort of front
1828 load by providing some extra incentive to those projects. And in
1829 order to make that an incentive, the federal government will match
1830 the investment that the state would put in in terms of compliance
1831 allowances or credits, however they choose to do it.
1832 Mr. Green. My last 20 seconds, how does EPA envision the Clean
1833 Energy Incentive Program encouraging new construction? The EPA
1834 wants to establish a credit reserve, and will run into problems
1835 of verification, authenticity issues before, but how is EPA going
1836 to do that?
1837 Ms. McCabe. So, we proposed an approach for people to have
1838 accountability systems. It's very important, as you recognize,
1839 that everybody be following a good set of rules, and there's a
1840 lot of information out there because of the renewable energy
1841 markets that already exist. So, we'll work with all of that
1842 information and get a set of guidelines out there for people that
1843 everybody's comfortable with.
1844 Mr. Green. Okay. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
1845 Mr. Whitfield. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from
1846 Texas, Mr. Flores, for five minutes.
1847 Mr. Flores. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I appreciate the

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1848 opportunity to have this important hearing today. Thank you for
1849 being here, Ms. McCabe.
1850 States have to file, if they want an extension to produce
1851 plan, they've got to file before 2016. Correct?
1852 Ms. McCabe. In September of 2016. Yes, sir.
1853 Mr. Flores. Okay. If the Texas legislature doesn't meet until
1854 2017, how are they supposed to file a plan in 2016?
1855 Ms. McCabe. Well, every state is different, but in many
1856 states it'sthe environmental agency or on behalf -the governor
1857 through the environmental agency that has the responsibility for
1858 filing the plan.
1859 Mr. Flores. But the representatives of people really don't
1860 have any input into it, because the legislature doesn't meet. Did
1861 cap and trade pass Congress?
1862 Ms. McCabe. Well --
1863 Mr. Flores. No, it didn't.
1864 Ms. McCabe. For acid rain, it did. This is not a cap and trade
1865 rule, Congressman.
1866 Mr. Flores. Well, I think, Mr. Griffith, if you look at pages
1867 1174 and 1775 of the rulemaking, it's pretty clear that Mr.
1868 Griffith was right. He was on to something. EPA is going to have
1869 cap and trade in this, and we both know that that's the direction
1870 you're trying to go.

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1871 Let's talk about new natural gas EGUs for a minute. Do those
1872 improve the emissions profile of the country?
1873 Ms. McCabe. Sure they do. Yes, that's clean energy.
1874 Mr. Flores. Okay. Does EPA support the construction of new
1875 natural gas EGUs?
1876 Ms. McCabe. We support the move towards cleaner energy.
1877 Natural gas is a very important part of our diverse energy mix.
1878 Mr. Flores. Okay. On page 346 of the 111(d) rule, it says
1879 in the second full paragraph, the EPA says, "Unlike emission
1880 reductions achieved through the use of any of the building blocks,
1881 emission reduction is achieved through the use of," and I'm going
1882 to put parenthetically here, "natural gas combined cycle plants
1883 require the construction of additional CO2 emitting generating
1884 capacity, a consequence that is inconsistent with the longterm
1885 need to continue reducing CO2 emissions beyond the reduction that
1886 will be achieved by the rule." So, can you explain what that means?
1887 Ms. McCabe. I think what that's reflecting is that natural
1888 gas is a fossil fuel. It does have CO2 emissions, and there's a
1889 range of options that this country has to make sure that we're
1890 always moving towards a cleaner energy supply. Natural gas and
1891 some coal is part of that, but there are also even cleaner types
1892 of energy that we want to encourage.
1893 Mr. Flores. So, does the EPA support or oppose the

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1894 construction of natural gas EGUs?

1895 Ms. McCabe. We do not oppose the construction of clean energy

1896 in this country.

1897 Mr. Flores. Okay, thank you. Because solar is not going to

1898 produce base load, wind is not going to produce base load power,

1899 but natural gas EGUs do produce base load power, as coal does,

1900 as nuclear, but you're not giving any credits for nuclear power.

1901 This is going to be fully implemented by 2030 according to

1902 your present plan. What will the emissions reduction be across

1903 the nation for CO2 in the year 2050 versus today?

1904 Ms. McCabe. I don't have that number. We'd be glad to get

1905 some information back to you on that.

1906 Mr. Flores. Yes, that would be good. I mean, you give us these

1907 metrics about 140,000 fewer lost school days, and a shorter

1908 allergy season. You know, it seems to me like you start with what's

1909 the sort of the headline number, we're going to have experts that

1910 said reduction. It seemed like that that would be a number that

1911 would be on top of your mind.

1912 In order to get to this 2030 standard, how much of the

1913 technology exists today to get to that standard?

1914 Ms. McCabe. All of it.

1915 Mr. Flores. All of it, every bit of it.

1916 Ms. McCabe. Yes, sir.

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1917 Mr. Flores. Okay. What's the mean cost per reduced ton of
1918 CO2 emissions to get there?
1919 Ms. McCabe. I don't have that number off the top of my head.
1920 Mr. Flores. That would be a really good number to have.
1921 Ms. McCabe. Sure.
1922 Mr. Flores. So, when we have-- let's roll back out to 2050
1923 again. So, what's the change in the mean temperature going to be
1924 around the world?
1925 Ms. McCabe. Again, we'd be happy to provide you more
1926 information about the specific metrics.
1927 Mr. Flores. Okay. And what's the change in sea levels going
1928 to be?
1929 Ms. McCabe. Again, that's something -- -
1930 Mr. Flores. But we talk about school days, but the whole thing
1931 here, all the arguments I've heard particularly from the other
1932 side of the aisle about how this is going to make the world a
1933 better, happier place.
1934 Ms. McCabe. Yes.
1935 Mr. Flores. But you don't have the information we need, so
1936 I'd really like to know.
1937 So the other thing that would be nice to know, what's the
1938 economic impact of reduced reliability? I mean, you've heard the
1939 states say that there's going to be reduced reliability. The only

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1940 people in this room that say we're going to have improved
1941 reliability are the folks in the EPA.
1942 Ms. McCabe. Respectfully, I disagree with that. There are
1943 many people who weighed in on the climate plan that have taken
1944 just the opposite view, and gave us advice about how to make sure
1945 that our rule would not impair reliability.
1946 Mr. Flores. Well, I can tell you in the winter of 2013, and
1947 this plan had been in effect in Texas where we had a record cold
1948 snap, there would have been a lot of school days missed because
1949 there was no power for schools because a big chunk of the
1950 coal-powered plants would have been offline because of this. And
1951 I'm at the end of my time, I yield back.
1952 Mr. Whitfield. The gentleman yields back. At this time, the
1953 Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York, Mr. Tonko, for five
1954 minutes.
1955 Mr. Tonko. Thank you, Mr. Chair. And thank you, Assistant
1956 Administrator McCabe for joining us today. Thank you for your
1957 patience and your responses which are very much governed by
1958 civility, so I appreciate that.
1959 The Clean Power Plan has the goal of reducing carbon
1960 emissions by 32 percent below 2005 levels by 2030. States will
1961 have 15 years to achieve those goals under this plan. This is
1962 definitely achievable, in my opinion. New York's experience

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1963 demonstrates that it, indeed, is possible. Since 2005, New York
1964 and the other states participating in the Regional Greenhouse Gas
1965 Initiative, or REGGI, have seen a decrease in carbon emissions
1966 of more than 45 percent. And we have not sacrificed economic growth
1967 or reliability to achieve those given reductions. And according
1968 to several reports done by an independent group, New York's
1969 auction proceeds generated over $1 billion in savings for New
1970 Yorkers, so this can be done. So, I look at a charge of 32 percent
1971 over 15 years, and look at a record achieved of 45 percent over
1972 10 years in contrast.
1973 Ms. McCabe, one of the current statements the opposition to
1974 the Clean Power Plan is making is that the rule mandates an
1975 emissions trading scheme. As I read it, there is no mandate to
1976 use emissions trading as the way to meet the standard. Is that
1977 correct?
1978 Ms. McCabe. That's correct.
1979 Mr. Tonko. And as I understand it, it was utilities and system
1980 operators who advocated for including this compliance option in
1981 the final rule, not just state governments that were already
1982 participating in these systems. Is that correct?
1983 Ms. McCabe. Yes, we heard from many utilities that this was
1984 a preferred way that they're already operating.
1985 Mr. Tonko. What reasons did the utilities and system

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1986 operators offer in support of including this option?

1987 Ms. McCabe. Well, trading has been shown through the acid

1988 rain program and a number of other programs to be the most flexible

1989 way for operators to manage their assets. Many utility companies

1990 operate in multiple states. They have a range of assets, they may

1991 have coal, they may have renewables, they may have gas, and having

1992 a system where they can average, they can trade back and forth,

1993 it just makes sense. They're going to have more ability to make

1994 the investments where they are the most cost-effective, and not

1995 make them in places where they won't. And then they can use the

1996 system to average over. And if they can trade with other companies,

1997 it just broadens the capacity for the system to find the cheapest

1998 and most cost-effective technologies and approaches.

1999 Mr. Tonko. Was it just about that cost, or was reliability

2000 also a consideration?

2001 Ms. McCabe. Reliability is-- the more flexible and open the

2002 system is, the easier it is for companies to feel confident that

2003 they have play in the system, and they'll be able to meet the load

2004 needs.

2005 Mr. Tonko. Thank you. I also want to express my appreciation

2006 for the agency's efforts at outreach, outreach to state

2007 governments, and to the wide range of stakeholders in this effort.

2008 One of the things that the original proposal did not include

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2009 was a reliability safety valve. This was something mentioned by
2010 a number of witnesses at our hearings on the original proposal.
2011 The final rule does include a safety valve, and I heard you
2012 exchanging with Representative Green a few moments ago. Can you
2013 further develop or describe for us how that would work?
2014 Ms. McCabe. Yes. So, as I mentioned, states can certainly
2015 design plans that will minimize the chance that an operator will
2016 be put in the position of having to choose between complying with
2017 a must-run order and violating the Clean Air Act. But if that
2018 should occur, what the reliability safety valve does, is it allows
2019 that plant to continue running. In fact, our expectation is that
2020 if a plant gets a must-run order in an emergency situation, it
2021 will run. And it sets up a period of 90 days for the company to
2022 take a breath, do what they need to do, and figure out whether
2023 there's a problem with the state plan, whether this is a situation
2024 that's going to resolve itself, and what it needs to do long term.
2025 So, for that safety valve period of time, they can do what they
2026 need to do, relax, and figure out the next steps.
2027 Mr. Tonko. Thank you. I believe the final rule addresses a
2028 number of the concerns raised and provides an achievable,
2029 affordable path for reducing emissions. And, you know, it's been
2030 stated time and time again that there are many concerns about
2031 climate change in this nation, and for our world. And I believe

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2032 that the leadership that we can all provide will inspire responses
2033 around the world to make certain that we, in fact, will have a
2034 global response to what is a critical situation that faces not
2035 only this generation, but the many to follow. So, thank you very
2036 much, again, for our appearance here.
2037 Ms. McCabe. Thank you.
2038 Mr. Whitfield. At this time, the Chair recognizes the
2039 gentleman from Ohio, Mr. Johnson, for five minutes.
2040 Mr. Johnson. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
2041 Assistant Administrator McCabe, I'm incensed and I think the
2042 American people are incensed, and I'm certain that the people that
2043 I represent in Eastern and Southeastern Ohio are incensed at the
2044 logic that's being used by the EPA as it addresses the concerns
2045 around employment. The logic that seems to be applied to coal
2046 regions of the country where we've got communities of 1,000, 1,500
2047 people that are all coal miners, and such, that they can just plant
2048 seeds like a seasonal garden and all of a sudden industries and
2049 new job opportunities might crop up. The logic that the EPA is
2050 using in their rationale, I certainly understand it because every
2051 time a new government regulation by the EPA comes out, new offices
2052 are stood up, employees are hired, and the Washington bureaucracy
2053 grows ad nauseam. It happens like that at the expense of the
2054 American taxpayer.

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2055 I'm concerned about that, and if you look at page 47 of the
2056 Clean Power Plan, and the heading that reads, "Addressing
2057 Employment Concern," on page 47 your agency states, "The EPA
2058 encourages states in designing their state plans to consider the
2059 effect of their plans on employment and overall economic
2060 development to assure that the opportunities for economic growth
2061 and jobs that the plans offer are realized. To the extent possible,
2062 states should try to assure that communities that can be expected
2063 to experience job losses can also take advantage of the
2064 opportunities for job growth or otherwise transition to healthy,
2065 sustainable economic growth."
2066 You're obviously not familiar with Appalachia, Ohio and
2067 rural America, and how these rules will affect places likehat.
2068 So, I'm trying to understand what you mean by economic
2069 development. You're asking states to prematurely retire and
2070 replace existing plants with new energy infrastructure, and then
2071 claim this as a net benefit for jobs and economic growth. This
2072 is like breaking a window and then claiming the spending on the
2073 replacing of that window as a net benefit. So, what would the EPA
2074 do if a state chooses to show it could use the funds that the EPA
2075 wants it to spend on replacing perfectly good and reliable energy
2076 infrastructure by putting those funds toward a more productive
2077 economic use?

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2078 Ms. McCabe. Congressman, our job under the Clean Air Act is
2079 to implement the Clean Air Act, and we believe that we put forward
2080 --
2081 Mr. Johnson. I've heard that, Assistant Administrator
2082 McCabe. That incenses me even more. You work for the President
2083 of the United States who was elected by the American people with
2084 a mandate to care for all of the American people. For the EPA to
2085 blindly like a mule going down a furrow say that we don't have
2086 to look to the right and the left, and our job is to keep the air
2087 clean, or job is not to consider the economic viability of the
2088 communities that we're affecting, that is not only irresponsible,
2089 it is incomprehensible that aagency in the United States federal
2090 government would do that to its own people. So, I'm not even going
2091 to engage in that dialogue because it doesn't make any sense.
2092 Ms. McCabe. Could I reply?
2093 Mr. Johnson. I'll give you --
2094 Ms. McCabe. I wasn't able to get very many words out.
2095 Mr. Johnson. Quickly.
2096 Ms. McCabe. The President and the Administration absolutely
2097 cares about these issues. That's a key reason why he put forward
2098 the Power Plus Plan, which is specifically targeted at the
2099 transitions that are happening in coal country, and -- -
2100 Mr. Johnson. All right. Let me ask you a specific question.

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2101 Let's get -- if that's what the President really believes, and
2102 that's what Administrator McCarthy really believes, and if that's
2103 what you really believe, tell me what you're going to do in
2104 Beallsville, Ohio when you shut down that coal mining operation
2105 that employs about 1,500 people. Tell me what you're going to do
2106 to establish a new industry there and create economic growth.
2107 Ms. McCabe. These are the conversations that --
2108 Mr. Johnson. No, it's not a conversation. It's not a
2109 conversation that needs to be had. A conversation is not going
2110 to put food on the table, clothes on the kids, pay for school
2111 supplies. A conversation is not going to solve this problem. And
2112 I don't understand how you folks in the Administration do not see
2113 the devastating impacts that it's going to wreak on -- you know,
2114 I'm totally off my questions, Mr. Chairman, but I'm just so
2115 incensed by the answers to these questions. And I've extended my
2116 time, and I apologize. I yield back.
2117 Mr. Whitfield. The gentleman's time has expired. At this
2118 time, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Vermont, Mr. Welch,
2119 for five minutes.
2120 Mr. Welch. Well, I want to in a way take up where Mr. Johnson
2121 was speaking. I had a chance to go to West Virginia and go into
2122 a coal mine with Mr. McKinley, and I'll tell you, it was a really
2123 powerful experience. Those folks work hard, as you know, and we

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2124 don't have coal in Vermont, but we have electricity, and those
2125 coal miners, many from the UMW, they kept the lights on for us,
2126 kept our farms humming, kept the factories going. And there is
2127 dislocation. It happens to be the case that I am a strong supporter
2128 of efforts to clean our air and to move away from fossil fuels,
2129 but that trip really brought home to me that there is an impact
2130 on real people who are proud, who are hardworking, who approach
2131 things in a patriotic and team-oriented way, and are doing good
2132 work.

2133 And what I think this whole committee has to do, not just
2134 the Administration, is get behind some legislation that my friend,
2135 Mr. McKinley, is sponsoring; two things, in particular. One, a
2136 lot of folks who have paid into their health care and the
2137 retirement benefits are in jeopardy of having them be lost, and
2138 Mr. McKinley and others have legislation that would protect that.
2139 And I strongly support it, and I hope a lot of my colleagues,
2140 whatever side of the debate they are on on the Clean Air rule
2141 support Mr. McKinley in that.

2142 And the second is, there is that kind of economic dislocation
2143 that my colleagues who are from coal country are acutely aware
2144 of. And it's amazing to meet those coal miners, and I saw Mr.
2145 McKinley in his heartfelt relationship with them in real world
2146 understanding. One very vivid example, we were there on Friday.

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2147 Friday night the big custom down there is to go to the high school
2148 football games. They used to have-- in this region they used to
2149 have eight high schools, now they have three. So, it's really,
2150 really tough.
2151 So, I'm a supporter. I think that climate change is a real
2152 issue, and some of my colleagues disagree. But there in my view
2153 can't be any disagreement about the reality that there is
2154 dislocation. These are good people, and somehow, some way we've
2155 got to help them, and Mr. McKinley has two ways to do it.
2156 But it also suggests to me that to the extent that you in
2157 doing your job at EPA can also have some flexibility, I think it's
2158 worthy of as much consideration as possible because while we have
2159 to make this transition, in my view, we also have to mitigate the
2160 real world consequences of what's happening.
2161 So, I appreciate you being here, I appreciate the work that
2162 you're doing. I say to my colleagues that this is not just an EPA
2163 issue, because whatever impact is occurring because of rules,
2164 there are also market forces that are very much at work. The price
2165 of natural gas is a big factor, efficiency which is a good tool
2166 is reducing the demand in some cases from what it would be. So,
2167 this is a kind of all of the above approach that we have to take.
2168 And I just want to end by saying thank you for the work you
2169 do, but I also want to say to my colleagues from coal country that

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2170 you've got some allies on our side who want to be there tohelp
2171 you help those extraordinary people who have kept the lights on
2172 in Vermont, kept our farms running, kept our factories operating.
2173 So, thank you.
2174 Mr. Whitfield. The gentleman yields back. At this time, the
2175 Chair recognizes the gentleman from Mississippi, Mr. Harper, for
2176 five minutes.
2177 Mr. Harper. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Ms. McCabe, thank you.
2178 You know, I come from a state where we rely heavily on
2179 electric co-ops to help keep lights on. I've been in close contact
2180 with them as the Clean Power Plan has been discussed, and I would
2181 like to share just one of their concerns today, if I may.
2182 South Mississippi Electric; one of South Mississippi
2183 Electric's biggest concerns is the drastic and unproven shift to
2184 renewables in the final version of the Clean Power Plan that would
2185 require that 21 percent of SMEs generation come from renewables
2186 by 2030. If I could put that in perspective, SME just executed
2187 a power purchase agreement for all of the output of a 52 megawatt
2188 solar facility being constructed in Lamar County, Mississippi.
2189 The capital cost associated with this one solar facility is $102
2190 million with a 30 percent tax credit. The output of the facility
2191 will total less than 1 percent of SME's total generation in a year.
2192 Therefore, to meet the 2030 emissions rate, over 21 of these

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2193 facilities would be required at a cost in excess of $2 billion.
2194 To put that further in perspective, SME currently has just over
2195 $2 billion in assets that have been accumulated over about a
2196 50-year time frame, andunder this rule it would double in a mere
2197 decade.
2198 So my question for you is, how will people in my state be
2199 able to afford costs associated with the dramatic shift from
2200 fossil generation to renewable energy generation set forth in the
2201 Clean Power Plan?
2202 Ms. McCabe. Yes. We've spent a lot of time with eops, and
2203 they have some particular concerns that they've raised to us. I
2204 think the important thing to think about in response to that
2205 question is that the way the Clean Power Plan, no individual
2206 company needs to do it on its own, no individual state needs to
2207 do it on its own. The regional approach, ability to average and
2208 trade allows people to make appropriate choices so that the most
2209 cost-effective and achievable -- -
2210 Mr. Harper. Trade as in cap and trade?
2211 Ms. McCabe. Trading as in trading. Trading as in trading.
2212 Mr. Harper. Okay.
2213 Ms. McCabe. Which is a perfectly reasonable approach to use
2214 whether you're in a rate-based approach, or whether a state
2215 chooses to go with a mass-based approach.

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2216 Mr. Harper. Here's what it appears. It appears that the
2217 President and the Environmental Protection Agency have, in
2218 effect, declared war on affordable energy for families in my state
2219 and throughout the country. And I want to remind you, and I know
2220 you know it, is what then Candidate Obama said in 2008. And I just
2221 want to repeat what he said, because we've addressed this on
2222 concerns on coal plants, as well. He said, "So, if somebody wants
2223 to build," and this is President Obama when he was running in '08.
2224 "So, if somebody wants to build a coal-powered plant, they can.
2225 It's just that it will bankrupt them because they're going to be
2226 charged a huge sum for all that greenhouse gas that's been
2227 emitted." Further, he said, "Under my plan of a cap and trade
2228 system, electricity rates would necessarily skyrocket, even
2229 regardless of what I say about whether coal is good or bad, because
2230 I'm capping greenhouse gases, coal-powered plants, you know,
2231 natural gas, you name it, whatever the plants were, whatever the
2232 industry was, they would have to retrofit their operations. That
2233 will cost money. They will pass that money on to consumers, pass
2234 that cost on."

2235 So, when you were asked earlier by Mr. Pompeo about meetings
2236 that you would have had that were political meetings within the
2237 Administration, have you ever had a political meeting with anyone
2238 in the Administration, not the number, but have you ever had any?

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2239 Ms. McCabe. We certainly meet with staff from the White House
2240 on major rulemakings that we do.
2241 Mr. Harper. I'm just curious, have you ever discussed this
2242 with President Obama himself?
2243 Ms. McCabe. I've had the pleasure of meeting the President
2244 only a couple of times.
2245 Mr. Harper. Was this discussed?
2246 Ms. McCabe. No.
2247 Mr. Harper. My remaining time that I have, I'm going to yield
2248 to Mr. Griffith from Virginia.
2249 Mr. Griffith. Thank you very much. The overarching policy
2250 of the Clean Power Plan is to limit the amount of carbon that an
2251 individual state can put out. Isn't that correct?
2252 Ms. McCabe. The overarching approach of the rule is to set
2253 emission rates for power plants that -- -
2254 Mr. Griffith. And certain limit on the emissions.
2255 Ms. McCabe. The amount of carbon they emit per megawatt hour.
2256 Mr. Griffith. And isn't another word of saying that a cap?
2257 Ms. McCabe. No, it is not.
2258 Mr. Griffith. All right. We're going to disagree on that.
2259 I will say this, I appreciate very much Mr. Welch's comments,
2260 appreciate his help. We are having problems. I also agree with
2261 Mr. Johnson, it's not something you just have a conversation on.

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2262 I've got a county where they fight over flat land because there's
2263 only about three pieces of it in the whole county that don't
2264 already have something built on them, or in a floodway, so it's
2265 not something you just easily say we're going to be able to create
2266 jobs.
2267 And with that, Mr. Chairman, I yield back.
2268 Mr. Whitfield. At this time, the Chair recognizes the
2269 gentleman from Kentucky, Mr. Yarmuth, for five minutes.
2270 Mr. Yarmuth. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. Ms. McCabe,
2271 thank you for being here, and I want to thank you in advance--
2272 well, thank you initially for the responsiveness you've had both
2273 to our state officials in Kentucky, but also to me personally and
2274 our office. We certainly appreciate the goals of this plan.
2275 Before I get to the question I have, I have to set the record
2276 straight, or at least revisit history a little bit about cap and
2277 trade, because I was here in 2009 when we passed Waxman-Markey
2278 in the House. No, it didn't pass the Senate, it didn't get 60 votes.
2279 It had a majority of senators for it, but when Waxman-Markey was
2280 introduced, those of us who were from states where a significant
2281 majority of our power was produced by coal couldn't support the
2282 initial plan because it was going to cost our consumers a lot of
2283 money. So, a group of us led by Rick Boucher, who's the incumbent
2284 that Mr. Griffith defeated, went to our leadership and said, "We

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2285 can't support this, and you need our votes in order to do it."
2286 And what we were able to do was change Waxman-Markey in a way that
2287 made it very, very reasonable for our states to comply, was not
2288 going to have an undue impact on our consumers. As a matter of
2289 fact, when I surveyed our businesses and our utility company they
2290 said it would have minimal impact. It might raise rates 15 percent
2291 over 10 years if the users did nothing else, and it would also
2292 create tens of thousands of new jobs in Kentucky. So, the reason
2293 we did that was because we didn't want to be here today, because
2294 we didn't want EPA to have a plan that might unduly impact our
2295 states.
2296 We had no way of guaranteeing that that wouldn't happen, and
2297 we knew that because of the Supreme Court decision and so forth,
2298 the obligation of EPA was to regulate carbon emissions. So, that's
2299 where we were. We're here today because Republicans stopped
2300 Waxman-Markey. That's why we're here. So, if they have a complaint
2301 about that, they can blame themselves.
2302 Now to my question, and this relates to the line of
2303 questioning that Mr. McKinley raised earlier. Kentucky is one of
2304 those states, as he mentioned, that in the initial plan we were
2305 supposed to reduce our emissions by 18 percent. We felt
2306 comfortable with that. We thought that was doable. In the final
2307 plan, we're up -- it wasn't 41. I think we're closer to 30, but

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2308 still it's a significant increase. And I understand the rationale
2309 for doing that, the way the utilities deliver power is not
2310 commensurate with a state-specific target. But what I am concerned
2311 about is that with this increase, while the projections for
2312 long-term cost-savings seem attractive, there's the possibility
2313 of short term price increases to rate payers, and certainly, if
2314 I were not in the United States Congress, I would say I'm all for
2315 the plan. I'm for clean air, I'm a tree hugger, you know. I'm fine,
2316 but I do have responsibilities to my constituents to make sure
2317 that this doesn't unduly impact them.
2318 So, my fear is that if in our regional network, whatever that
2319 region might be, in our mix, that the way that the ultimate
2320 resolution of this, or accomplishment of this goal is something
2321 that Kentucky's utilities bear the brunt of, and that our prices
2322 rise disproportionately to those other areas in our region that
2323 are affected by this mix. So, my question is, is there any
2324 analysis, or is there any consideration in your Agency about how
2325 we would, if we're going to spread the responsibility over
2326 regions, how we might spread the increased costs so that one state
2327 doesn't have their rates go up 30, 40, 50 percent, and another
2328 state doesn't have their rates go up at all?
2329 Ms. McCabe. Well, our analysis doesn't show that even if you
2330 look at smaller regions than the whole country or the interconnect

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2331 that there would be a wide range of increases. But I think
2332 everybody's concerned about this, everybody wants to protect
2333 against that. And now that the plan is out and people are starting
2334 to dig in and think about, there's a lot of discussion going on
2335 about how to manage this in a way that would avoid that situatio
2336 So, the reliability entities are talking, the states are talking
2337 to find those ways to make sure that that doesn't happen.
2338 Mr. Yarmuth. Okay. Well, I appreciate that. I look forward
2339 to being a part of those conversations.
2340 Ms. McCabe. Absolutely.
2341 Mr. Yarmuth. And once again, I thank you for your
2342 consideration in our dealings together. And thank you for
2343 appearing today. I yield back.
2344 Ms. McCabe. Thank you, Congressman.
2345 Mr. Whitfield. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from
2346 Missouri, Mr. Long, for five minutes.
2347 Mr. Long. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. And, Ms. McCabe, in terms
2348 of complexity, the rules contain hundreds of pages regarding
2349 variations in state plans and emissions trading. For example, you
2350 could turn to page 65 of the proposed federal plan/model trading
2351 rule, beginning at the top of the page EPA states and I quote,
2352 "In the final emissions guidelines the EPA also discussed a
2353 concern that CO2 emissions reductions would be eroded in

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2354 situations where an effective EGU in a rate-based state counts
2355 the megawatt hours for measures located in a mass-based state,
2356 but the generation from that measure acts solely to serve load
2357 in the mass-based state. In that scenario, expected CO2 emissions
2358 reduction actions in the rate-based state are foregone as a result
2359 of counting the megawatt hours that resulted in CO2 emissions
2360 reductions in a mass-based state." Can you decipher that for me?
2361 Ms. McCabe. I think you're reflecting that there is some
2362 complexity in this rule. It's partly because of the choices and
2363 the flexibility that we provided in response to people's requests
2364 on it, but that's reflecting particular situations where states
2365 have been asking how do we deal with one another because power
2366 does flow across state borders?
2367 Mr. Long. Well, what does that have to do with standards of
2368 performance of a power plant? I mean, how does that relate to the
2369 states trying to work together? How does this relate?
2370 Ms. McCabe. It's all about the flexibility, and it's
2371 reflection that the power sector works as an integrated system.
2372 So, a system that demanded that each individual unit meet a
2373 specific rate would be more costly, would be more difficult, would
2374 have more reliability implications than a system that affords a
2375 lot of flexibility across the system, recognizing the way it
2376 actually works.

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2377 Mr. Long. Okay, I've got another question here, and this has
2378 been reflected today by other members that have used coal to supply
2379 a lot of their electricity. But in my home state of Missouri, we
2380 rely on coal for 83 percent of our energy generation, and I know
2381 that's not true on the east coast and the west coast, but in
2382 Missouri it is, and that's what the folks I represent are concerned
2383 about.

2384 The Clean Power Plan places a huge burden on coal-fired power
2385 plants, and this rule also restricts, and I don't understand this,
2386 the construction of new natural gas plants as a compliance
2387 measure. Could you explain to me why the EPA restricts the
2388 construction of natural gas-fired power plants as a compliance
2389 measure?

2390 Ms. McCabe. So, new generation to meet new load is subject
2391 to its own set of rules. This particular rule which addresses
2392 existing facilities is intended to manage that existing fleet of
2393 power plants and bring those emissions down. So, there's some
2394 provisions in there to make sure that that's what the rule is
2395 focused on, and those plans are actually delivering the reductions
2396 from that existing fleet.

2397 Mr. Long. I still don't understand the restriction on new
2398 construction of natural gas-fired plants.

2399 Ms. McCabe. Well, we'd be happy to follow-up with you or your

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2400 staff and walk through it a little bit in more detail, Congressman.

2401 Mr. Long. Okay. My staff is here today, so if we can do that,

2402 that would be greatly appreciated.

2403 And the final rule's interim and final goals for Missouri

2404 are even more stringent than the proposed rule's. What factors

2405 did the EPA consider when reaching this adjustment?

2406 Ms. McCabe. So, in the final rule there was adjustment across

2407 the board, across all states, and some of the states' targets went

2408 up, and some of them went down. It's a reflection of a couple of

2409 things. One is that, as I mentioned earlier today, in the final

2410 rule we set a uniform emission rate for all coal plants across

2411 the country. That's not the way the proposal was designed. And

2412 another key feature was information that we got from commenters,

2413 from states, and utilities, and others really suggesting that the

2414 appropriate way to look at this was on a regional basis because

2415 that's the way the power system worked. So, when you look at it

2416 across a regional basis, states have, and utilities in those

2417 states have more opportunities to invest in renewables and cleaner

2418 energy than if they were restricted to looking within their state

2419 borders, which is an artificial boundary when it comes to the way

2420 the industry works.

2421 Mr. Long. Okay, so we end up with more stringent rules in

2422 flyover countries, so we're used to that.

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2423 Mr. Chairman, I yield back. Thank you.

2424 Mr. Whitfield. The Chair at this time recognizes the
2425 gentleman from New York, Mr. Engel, for five minutes.

2426 Mr. Engel. Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and I appreciate your
2427 courtesy very much. Hello, Administrator. It's good to see you
2428 again. Last time we spoke, the Clean Power Plan was still a
2429 proposed rule, and now it's been finalized. And I really just want
2430 to applaud you for your commitment to this important issue. So,
2431 thank you.

2432 Ms. McCabe. Thank you.

2433 Mr. Engel. We know the U.S. emits more carbon pollution than
2434 any nation except China, and existing power plants are the
2435 country's largest single source of carbon pollution. And before
2436 now, most power plants could emit unlimited amounts of carbon
2437 dioxide, and those emissions have significant health impacts.
2438 They've threatened the lives andwell-being of all people across
2439 America.

2440 I say this because my district has some of the highest rates
2441 of asthma in the United States. I'm from New York City, from the
2442 Bronx, and death rates from asthma in the Bronx are about three
2443 times higher than the national average, and hospitalization rates
2444 are about five times higher. And the EPA estimates that the climate
2445 and public health benefits of the Clean Power Plan will range

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2446 between $34-54 billion in 2030, and it will help avoid between
2447 1,500 and 3,600 premature deaths, and 90,000 asthma attacks in
2448 children in the year 2030 alone. So, I believe that the Clean Power
2449 Plan is important because of the public health benefits associated
2450 with reductions in domestic emissions, and also because it signals
2451 to the international community that the U.S. is serious about
2452 reigning in its contribution to global greenhouse gas pollution.
2453 So, let me ask you this. When President Obama entered office,
2454 he set out to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions 17 percent below
2455 2005 levels by the year 2020. The intended nationally determined
2456 contribution that we submitted to the U.N. Framework Convention
2457 on Climate Change says that we plan to reduce our emissions by
2458 26 to 28 percent below 2005 levels by 2025. Do you think we'll
2459 hit those targets, and would we hit them without the Clean Power
2460 Plan? And how does implementation of the Clean Power Plan impact
2461 the international climate negotiations coming up in Paris in
2462 December?
2463 Ms. McCabe. Well, the Clean Power Plan along with a number
2464 of the other programs that we have underway across the federal
2465 government are critical to the United States meeting that
2466 ambitious goal that we've set for ourselves, and it would be
2467 extremely difficult to get to those targets without the reductions
2468 from the power sector, which as you said is the largest stationary

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2469 source of emissions in the country. So, it's really important.

2470 And as I mentioned earlier this morning, putting the Clean

2471 Power Plan out even in proposal really changed the debate

2472 internationally, and showed that the U.S. is really serious about

2473 doing this in a way that really counted, and would really result

2474 in reduced emissions. So, we think it has been hugely beneficial.

2475 Mr. Engel. Thank you. I certainly agree with you. And let

2476 me ask you this question. Since 1990, a vast majority of the new

2477 electric generation capacity in the United States has been built

2478 to burn natural gas, the second largest source of new capacity

2479 has been wind power which creates noair pollution at all, as we

2480 all know.

2481 I understand that with state flexibility built into the Clean

2482 Power Plan it's impossible to know the precise mix of fuels that

2483 will result, but do you anticipate the Clean Power Plan changing

2484 the fuel trends that we've seen emerging over the last 25 years?

2485 And if so, how?

2486 Ms. McCabe. What we see is that the Clean Power Plan will

2487 continue and enhance the momentum that you've already reflected,

2488 which is moving towards greater reliance on natural gas, and

2489 greater reliance on renewables, recognizing that you need a

2490 diverse supply, and you need a variety of sources to provide

2491 base-load power, and increased use of renewables, which is

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2492 becoming more and more affordable. So, we see a greater percentage
2493 becoming renewables of all sorts, a greater percentage becoming
2494 natural gas reliant over the period of time of this Clean Power
2495 Plan.
2496 Mr. Engel. Well, thank you very much. I'm happy to hear that,
2497 and keep up your good work. We really appreciate it. And thank
2498 you, Mr. Chairman.
2499 Ms. McCabe. Thank you, Congressman.
2500 Mr. Whitfield. Well, that concludes the hearing. I have one
2501 additional question, and you may or may not have an additional
2502 question, Mr. Rush. But, Ms. McCabe, we will be electing a new
2503 governor in Kentucky next month. The Democratic candidate who is
2504 currently attorney general, is one of those that filed the lawsuit
2505 against EPA. Of course, the lawsuit was dismissed for lack of
2506 standing because the rule has not been published in the Register
2507 yet, but he's indicated that he will not be submitting a state
2508 implementation plan. The Republican candidate for governor said
2509 if he wins, he would not submit a state implementation plan. My
2510 question is, what would be the earliest if that occurred that EPA
2511 could impose a federal plan?
2512 Ms. McCabe. So, the rule requires that by September 6th of
2513 2016 the state either submit a plan or a request for an extension.
2514 If the state does not submit something on September 6th, EPA would

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2515 then look to the steps that it needs to take in order to fulfill
2516 our responsibilities under the Clean Air Act. So, that would be
2517 the first event that could trigger our consideration.
2518 Mr. Whitfield. So, what do you think it would be like 30 days
2519 after September 6th?
2520 Ms. McCabe. I really couldn't speak to the timing,
2521 Congressman.
2522 Mr. Whitfield. I mean, you don't have any idea?
2523 Ms. McCabe. Well, I think we will work to -- -
2524 Mr. Whitfield. Would it be a year, or would it be 30 days?
2525 Ms. McCabe. I think we will look to work with those states
2526 and move in a prompt manner, but as to a specific calendar, I don't
2527 have one.
2528 Mr. Whitfield. Do you have any questions?
2529 Mr. Rush. No, I don't have any.
2530 Mr. Whitfield. All right. That concludes today's hearing.
2531 Thank you very much.
2532 Ms. McCabe. Thank you.
2533 Mr. Rush. Mr. Chairman?
2534 Mr. Whitfield. Yes.
2535 Mr. Rush. I would like to ask unanimous consent to entering
2536 two letters entered in the record; one being a letter from the
2537 Medical and Health Community Organization supporting the Clean

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Hey Chris,

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http://www2.epa.gov/cleanpowerplantoolbox/clean-power-plan-state-specific-fact-sheets

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Yep, I left you a vm yesterday afternoon saying that we're coordinating schedules to make this happen. We have some folks out Friday so just trying to identify the folks who would be available. I'll follow up as soon as I have more, should be later today.

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Thanks,

~Chris

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Hey Chris,

I'll be in touch shortly to discuss getting this set up.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 4, 2015, at 12:52 PM, Vaught, Laura <Vaught.Laura@epa.gov> wrote:

Sure – we're happy to set something up. Looping in some others over here to help make that happen and for awareness.

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Of course. A lot of enthusiasm for CPP, and I will continue to add any late member statements to our website on the webpage that is linked at the bottom of the release.

I know that EPA has been doing several briefings this week, one on the Senate side today, and one here in the House late yesterday.

I'd like to ask if EPA might be willing to do a similar briefing for staff on Friday, at either 11am or 2pm, which is when we have our weekly SEEC staff meeting.

Let me know, or if I should connect with someone else could you put me in touch?

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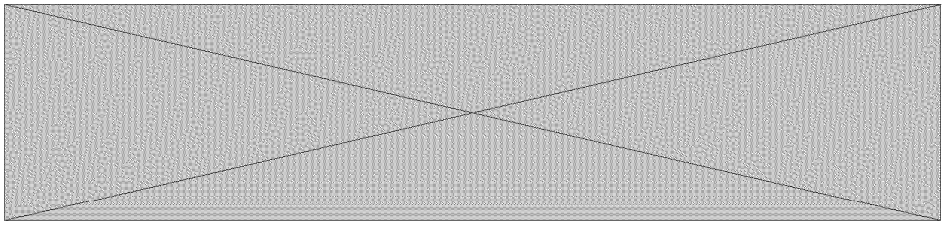

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SEEC Member Statements on the Clean Power Plan

Washington, D.C.–Yesterday, Surgeon General, Dr. Vivek Murthy, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Gina McCarthy, and President Obama announced the final version of the Clean Power Plan, which will place the first ever limits on carbon pollution from power plants. SEEC Members released the following statements:

SEEC Co-Chair Doris Matsui (CA-06): "I applaud the release of President Obama's Clean Power Plan. California has already taken aggressive action to reduce emissions and the EPA's plan will put our country at the forefront of global efforts to combat climate change," said Congresswoman Matsui. "I am also pleased that the plan incentivizes investment in clean energy. Sacramento continues to lead the nation in clean energy innovation and energy efficiency.

"Californians have seen firsthand the severe impact of climate change. As cycles of extended drought and extreme weather events become more frequent, we must act to protect the health of our communities and economy."

SEEC Co-Chair Gerry Connolly (VA-11): "Climate change poses a real and growing threat to our children, our families, our national security, and our economy. We cannot afford to wait to act on climate change.

"The Clean Power Plan lays the foundation for America's energy future. We have an opportunity and the ability to make our economy and our communities stronger by investing in proven clean energy technologies to improve efficiency and reliability.

"This balanced approach will reduce power-sector carbon pollution 32 percent from 2005 levels in 2030, and provides states greater flexibility and renewable energy incentives to meet these attainable goals. This plan will save the average American family about $85 annually on their energy bill by 2030, and have important public health benefits, including an 88% decline in premature death.

"I applaud the President and the EPA for their leadership on the Clean Power Plan, and look forward to working with state and local partners in supporting and implementing this important effort."

SEEC Co-Chair Paul Tonko (NY-20): "I applaud the President for this historic movement to strengthen public health, invest in clean and renewable energy, and present a tremendous opportunity for businesses to innovate and further develop our green-collar economy. This is a big win for every state, most of all New York, which has been a national leader in this arena for more than a decade through RGGI. New Yorkers know firsthand what others will soon see – that this Clean Power Plan will bring improvements to our health, the economy, and our nation as a whole."

SEEC Vice-Chair Chellie Pingree (ME-01): "I applaud President Obama for taking bold action to address climate change. Maine communities are already dealing with the effects of climate change and carbon emissions, including rising sea levels, more extreme weather, and ocean acidification. By reducing these emissions at their greatest source—power plants—we can not only head off future impacts and protect public health, but drive toward utilizing clean energy sources. With sources like offshore wind and tidal power already being developed in Maine, it would be a huge opportunity for the state's economy and workforce."

SEEC Vice-Chair Matt Cartwright (PA-17): "The Clean Power Plan sets a clear path towards America's energy future, a plan that will protect public health, invest in clean, renewable energy development, boost energy efficiency measures, and lower electric bills in the long run.

"The plan strengthens our economy and communities in large part through an emphasis on energy efficiency. This year I have introduced three pieces of legislation which address energy efficiency within our schools, non-profit organizations, and manufacturing. I remain committed to promoting energy efficiency and will continue to fight in support of this initiative."

SEEC Climate Task Force Chair Scott Peters (CA-52): "The United States must lead the world in fighting for a cleaner energy future. Reducing emissions from power plants – by far the largest emitters of harmful pollutants in our country – is a significant action. I want to thank President Obama and EPA Secretary Gina McCarthy for their steadfast leadership both on this plan and a host of other changes to help fight the root causes of climate change.

"California is already leading the way in aggressive targets for climate action and reduced emissions, which is leading to improved air quality and human health benefits across our state. The EPA's rule today not only rewards states for being ahead of the curve, but provides flexible pathways for other states to move toward a more sustainable energy portfolio. By working with states, localities, and energy utility companies, the EPA is encouraging investments in innovation through higher national standards and a long-term vision for sustainable energy production that doesn't raise utility rates for consumers.

"Continued work to reduce emissions in other sectors is essential as we work to

fight climate change and mitigate potential damage – including drought, wildfires, extreme weather, and sea level rise – but today's rule is a positive step forward in our international leadership, particularly as we look toward the global climate talks in Paris later this year."

SEEC Energy Task Force Chair Jim Langevin (RI-02): "In Rhode Island and nationwide, we have seen the disastrous effects of climate change on infrastructure, on our economy and on public health. A national standard to limit carbon pollution is long overdue, and this plan is a major step forward in putting our country on a path to a cleaner, healthier future."

SEEC Environment Task Force Chair Judy Chu (CA-27): "I applaud the President for using his authority under the Clean Air Act to take such serious actions to curb our carbon emissions. The effects of climate change are being felt across the country, ranging from an increase in extreme weather and to an increase in the number of Americans diagnosed with asthma than ever before. By embracing innovations in clean energy and setting restrictions to limit carbon pollution, the Clean Power Plan will not only slow the rate of climate change, but will also contribute to our economy and improve our health. Of course, preventing the dangers of climate change requires a global effort. As world powers prepare to meet in Paris for the United Nations led talks on cutting emissions, this plan shows our country's commitment and leadership."

SEEC Member Niki Tsongas (MA-03): "Climate change is no longer an academic question for scientists to ponder. It is a very real crisis that, if left untouched, will cause irreparable harm to current and future generations. I applaud President Obama for his leadership in putting forward this historic proposal to protect public health and future generations from the impacts of climate change.

"America must be at the forefront and lead by example. We must embrace modern policies that aim to, among other things, cut carbon emissions, increase the use and effectiveness of sustainable energy, reduce our dependence on foreign oil and fossil fuels, and encourage the development of innovative green technology. If we do, the economic, security and environmental benefits will be widespread, long-lasting and significant.

"Addressing climate change is not a political issue; it is a critical generational responsibility that will take a sustained commitment from Washington, from foreign governments and world leaders and from each of us here at home."

SEEC Member Ted Lieu (CA-33): "I am proud of my country and my president today as we embark on our most aggressive action thus far to fight climate change. The Clean Power Plan is a major step forward, and America is showing once again that we can lead the world by powerfully curbing emissions, protecting public health and the environment, and defending national security interests.

"One of the main reasons I ran for Congress is to combat climate change. And now, for the first time in our nation's history, carbon pollution is finally regulated.

"On this historic day, I look forward to working with President Obama and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to ensure that the plan is strongly implemented."

SEEC Member Raúl M. Grijalva (AZ-03): "A team of dead-ender Republicans have made a career of playing dumb on climate change and can't stop now. Everyone else understands how important this is. I agree with the people I represent that we shouldn't sell our children's future for a few more years of oil and coal profits, and I applaud the president for taking that public demand seriously. I especially thank him for facing down an obstructionist Republican majority that history will look back on with anger and disappointment."

SEEC Member Mike Quigley (IL-05): "Today, with the release of the final EPA Clean Power Plan, our country has taken a historic step to address the biggest environmental and public health challenge of our time. The Clean Power Plan is placing the first ever limits on carbon pollution from power plants, which will dramatically curtail greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 from 2005 levels. The rule sets ambitious carbon emissions reductions standards for each state, while giving them flexibility to meet their goals as well as an incentives program to provide federal funds to help them develop more clean energy. I applaud the President for his leadership on this issue and am grateful he has taken action in an area where Congress has refused to act. Thanks to the President and his Administration, we now have a plan that will accelerate our clean energy economy and create greater environmental and health protections for our children and future generations."

SEEC Member John Sarbanes (MD-03): "Day in and day out, local communities across America are feeling the impacts of climate change. The City of Annapolis expects nearly 50 flooding events every year, up from an average of 4 annual flooding events just 50 years prior. And according to a new report by the Union of Concerned Scientists, the city should expect flooding events to occur every single day of the year by 2045.

"Climate change is the challenge of our generation, but for too long, a political cloud of denial has blocked meaningful efforts to take action. Before it's too late, the political consensus must catch up with the scientific consensus. That's why I strongly support the president's Clean Power Plan – a monumental and serious step toward a more healthy and sustainable future."

SEEC Member Donna Edwards (MD-04): "The Clean Power Plan is the most ambitious step the United States has ever taken in the global effort to tackle the threat of climate change," Edwards said. "It sets landmark clean air standards and gives states the opportunity to craft individual plans customized to their needs. Climate change is a matter not just of national significance, but global significance

as well. With 2015 on track to be the hottest year on record for planet Earth, we owe it to our economy, our environment, and the health of future generations to tackle this growing danger.

“The Administration's Clean Power Plan outlines how all fifty states can work together to combat the danger posed by the effects of climate change. I urge state leaders nationwide to seize this opportunity to create innovative new jobs and protect public health. Maryland, as well as other states participating in carbon reduction programs like the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI), has already reduced household energy bills, bolstered state energy independence, and created new jobs in expanding industries. It's time for us to act as a nation. The Clean Power Plan is a tremendous step to boost American innovation and move us toward a clean energy future."

SEEC Member Earl Blumenauer (OR-03): “Finalizing the Clean Power Plan is a key moment for our country. It is the most important action we have taken to date to combat climate change, and I commend the Obama Administration for setting a bold, but achievable goal for states in curbing their emissions from power plants.

“If you accept modern science, you cannot deny that human carbon emissions are contributing to climate change. If you fight wildfires, farm, run a ski resort, or live in a low-lying coastal area, you are already living with the impacts of this climate change on a daily basis.

“As a major contributor to these changes, the United States has an obligation to set an example and act now to prevent the worst impacts to the vulnerable populations who will suffer the most and contributed the least to climate change. We must act for the fellow creatures that share our planet and for future generations.

“The Clean Power Plan is a monumental step toward this goal. While it is only a first step, I commend this progress and look forward to working with the Administration and with my colleagues in Congress to support and strengthen this rule nationally, and with Oregonians to ensure we meet and exceed these goals here at home.”

SEEC Member Chris Van Hollen (MD-08): “Today’s final Clean Power Plan is a historic milestone in the urgent battle to combat climate change. It will limit dangerous carbon pollution from power plants for the first time ever and provide an economic opportunity for every state to invest in renewable energy and energy efficiency. Maryland has been a leader in cutting greenhouse gas emissions, and now we have a national blueprint to better protect public health while creating good-paying jobs in new energy technologies.

“With 2014 recently eclipsing 2010 as the hottest year on record, continuing a dangerous trend that threatens Maryland communities and the Chesapeake Bay, we have an obligation to act now to curb the most damaging impacts of climate

change and leave a better world for future generations. I applaud President Obama for this important step and call on my colleagues in Congress to pass meaningful legislation to continue this effort, like my Healthy Climate and Family Security Act."

SEEC Member Don Beyer (VA-08): "Climate change is the existential crisis of our time. President Obama's Clean Power Plan will combat this threat to our health, safety, and security of the generations who will inherit our environmental legacy. Millions of American families depend on us to take the necessary steps to clean up our air and water. The Clean Power Plan is a smart and effective first step to limit carbon emissions from power plants, drive our transition to a zero-carbon renewable energy future, and make aggressive investments in clean energy technologies."

SEEC Member John Delaney (MD-06): "Climate change is one of the defining challenges of our time, threatening our health, our economy and our national security and it is time to act. I applaud the White House for taking the first steps towards limiting carbon emissions. But climate change is a big problem that goes beyond just power plants and will require a bigger solution, which is why I've always supported a carbon tax, an approach that can harness market forces to encourage innovation and help working families and those directly impacted by new technologies. I am also pleased that states will have the option to implement a state-based carbon tax, a change I called for last year. As the Pope made clear, we have a moral obligation to leave a healthy planet to future generations and I will continue to work to build support for my Tax Pollution, Not Profits Act in Congress."

SEEC Member Lois Capps (CA-24): "The Clean Power Plan is a major step forward in our nation's effort to combat climate change and I strongly support it. "These new rules will help ensure that future generations have safer air to breathe and a healthier planet to enjoy, while supporting the green tech efforts that call the Central Coast home. I commend the Obama Administration for its steadfast commitment to addressing climate change for the health of our nation and our economy."

SEEC Member Mark Pocan (WI-02): "I believe climate change represents one of the greatest threats to our national security, economic livelihood and the health of our planet. This historic plan renews our commitment to being good stewards of our environment and shows the United States is willing to be an international leader in combating global climate change."

SEEC Member Jim Himes (CT-04): "Today, we're taking our biggest step ever to reduce our carbon footprint and tackle the threat that climate change poses to our health, security and environment. I stand in support of the Clean Power Plan, which will further the transition to a cleaner, more renewable energy economy."

SEEC Members Keith Ellison (MN-05) and Raúl M. Grijalva (AZ-03): "The Clean Power Plan is the most ambitious step ever taken by the U.S. to address global

climate change. While we already limit harmful power plant emissions like arsenic, mercury and sulfur dioxide, we've been turning a blind eye to carbon. This plan will begin to undo some of the harmful effects that have gone unchecked in recent years and reduce carbon 32 percent below what they were in 2005.

"At the same time, we're setting a course for our nation to become energy independent while reducing our dangerous greenhouse emissions and creating clean energy jobs at home. By investing in energy efficiency and clean energy technology, we can reduce energy bills, boost our economy, and take on climate change.

"The Clean Power Plan will also protect our health. The Environmental Protection Agency projects it will stop 3,600 premature deaths and prevent up to 90,000 asthma attacks in children. These health benefits will be especially important to communities of color, since they are more likely to live near environmental hazards like power plants and be exposed to air pollution from fossil fuels.

"We shouldn't sell our children's future for a few more years of oil and coal profits, and I applaud the president for leading on this vital issue."

SEEC Member Peter Welch (VT-AL): "Climate change is real and has serious consequences for our economy, our livelihoods, and our health. You don't have to go any further than communities across Vermont to hear about its early impacts. Just ask the businesses and families wiped out by Tropical Storm Irene. Or the ski lift operator worried about losing his job as the season shortens. Or the farmer planning for changes in the productivity of her crops. Or the sugar maker coping with the uncertainty of when the season will start and how long it will last.

"Every day we wait makes solving this problem more difficult. And make no mistake about it, this is a problem that can be solved.

"President Obama's bold Clean Power Plan will have an enormous impact on carbon emissions that are a leading cause of climate change. It is a practical and flexible plan that is the product of constructive input from states and utilities. To succeed, it is essential that all parties choose a path of cooperation over litigation and problem solving over intransigence. Time is of the essence."

SEEC Member Lloyd Doggett (TX-35): "With Congress dominated by climate change deniers, the President is relying on sound science to combat one of our greatest security, environmental, and health challenges. Moving away from dirty coal means more reliance upon natural gas and renewable energy on which San Antonio and Austin are leaders. CPS and Austin Energy are prepared to be part of the solution. Our local entrepreneurs will gain more opportunities and all of us will have more hope that we can overcome the many threats posed by global warming."

SEEC Member Jared Huffman (CA-02): "The Clean Power Plan is the biggest

single step the United States has ever taken to fight climate change and avert its worst impacts. I applaud President Obama and EPA Administrator McCarthy for taking action when Congress would not.

"Congress must begin to take the existential threat of climate change seriously, following the example set by the Obama administration along with California and many other states.

"As the President said today, we are the first generation to feel the effects of climate change, and perhaps the last with an opportunity to do something about it. It is up to us to act to ensure our children don't inherit a world beyond fixing."

SEEC Member David Price (NC-04): "I welcome President Obama's Clean Power Plan, which will enable our country to transition to a cleaner future, mitigating the effects of climate change, boosting the economy, and providing relief to consumers," said Congressman Price. "The proposal gives states flexibility, and in North Carolina, we will be able to build on our past success with the Clean Smokestacks act and our state renewable portfolio standard. Adopting the President's plan could create thousands of jobs for North Carolinians and cut electric bills by over $700 million state-wide. The Clean Power Plan is a clear win for the economy, the environment, and consumers, and I look forward to working with the Administration and the EPA to ensure that its provisions are effectively implemented."

SEEC Statement: "Extreme weather events such as longer droughts, more intense wildfires, sea-level rise, flooding, and super storms, clearly demonstrate what climate change looks like in communities across the country. Climate change poses a real and growing threat to our children, our families, our national security, and our economy. We have a moral obligation to act on climate, and we cannot afford to wait any longer to further reduce carbon pollution.

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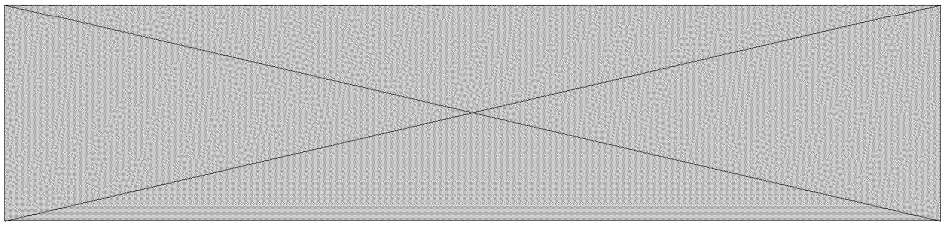

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SEEC Member Ted Lieu (CA-33): "I am proud of my country and my president today as we embark on our most aggressive action thus far to fight climate change. The Clean Power Plan is a major step forward, and America is showing once again that we can lead the world by powerfully curbing emissions, protecting public health and the environment, and defending national security interests.

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SEEC Member John Sarbanes (MD-03): "Day in and day out, local communities across America are feeling the impacts of climate change. The City of Annapolis expects nearly 50 flooding events every year, up from an average of 4 annual flooding events just 50 years prior. And according to a new report by the Union of Concerned Scientists, the city should expect flooding events to occur every single day of the year by 2045.

"Climate change is the challenge of our generation, but for too long, a political cloud of denial has blocked meaningful efforts to take action. Before it's too late, the political consensus must catch up with the scientific consensus. That's why I strongly support the president's Clean Power Plan – a monumental and serious step toward a more healthy and sustainable future."

SEEC Member Donna Edwards (MD-04): "The Clean Power Plan is the most ambitious step the United States has ever taken in the global effort to tackle the threat of climate change," Edwards said. "It sets landmark clean air standards and gives states the opportunity to craft individual plans customized to their needs. Climate change is a matter not just of national significance, but global significance

as well. With 2015 on track to be the hottest year on record for planet Earth, we owe it to our economy, our environment, and the health of future generations to tackle this growing danger.

“The Administration's Clean Power Plan outlines how all fifty states can work together to combat the danger posed by the effects of climate change. I urge state leaders nationwide to seize this opportunity to create innovative new jobs and protect public health. Maryland, as well as other states participating in carbon reduction programs like the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI), has already reduced household energy bills, bolstered state energy independence, and created new jobs in expanding industries. It's time for us to act as a nation. The Clean Power Plan is a tremendous step to boost American innovation and move us toward a clean energy future."

SEEC Member Earl Blumenauer (OR-03): “Finalizing the Clean Power Plan is a key moment for our country. It is the most important action we have taken to date to combat climate change, and I commend the Obama Administration for setting a bold, but achievable goal for states in curbing their emissions from power plants.

“If you accept modern science, you cannot deny that human carbon emissions are contributing to climate change. If you fight wildfires, farm, run a ski resort, or live in a low-lying coastal area, you are already living with the impacts of this climate change on a daily basis.

“As a major contributor to these changes, the United States has an obligation to set an example and act now to prevent the worst impacts to the vulnerable populations who will suffer the most and contributed the least to climate change. We must act for the fellow creatures that share our planet and for future generations.

“The Clean Power Plan is a monumental step toward this goal. While it is only a first step, I commend this progress and look forward to working with the Administration and with my colleagues in Congress to support and strengthen this rule nationally, and with Oregonians to ensure we meet and exceed these goals here at home.”

SEEC Member Chris Van Hollen (MD-08): “Today’s final Clean Power Plan is a historic milestone in the urgent battle to combat climate change. It will limit dangerous carbon pollution from power plants for the first time ever and provide an economic opportunity for every state to invest in renewable energy and energy efficiency. Maryland has been a leader in cutting greenhouse gas emissions, and now we have a national blueprint to better protect public health while creating good-paying jobs in new energy technologies.

“With 2014 recently eclipsing 2010 as the hottest year on record, continuing a dangerous trend that threatens Maryland communities and the Chesapeake Bay, we have an obligation to act now to curb the most damaging impacts of climate

change and leave a better world for future generations. I applaud President Obama for this important step and call on my colleagues in Congress to pass meaningful legislation to continue this effort, like my Healthy Climate and Family Security Act."

SEEC Member Don Beyer (VA-08): "Climate change is the existential crisis of our time. President Obama's Clean Power Plan will combat this threat to our health, safety, and security of the generations who will inherit our environmental legacy. Millions of American families depend on us to take the necessary steps to clean up our air and water. The Clean Power Plan is a smart and effective first step to limit carbon emissions from power plants, drive our transition to a zero-carbon renewable energy future, and make aggressive investments in clean energy technologies."

SEEC Member John Delaney (MD-06): "Climate change is one of the defining challenges of our time, threatening our health, our economy and our national security and it is time to act. I applaud the White House for taking the first steps towards limiting carbon emissions. But climate change is a big problem that goes beyond just power plants and will require a bigger solution, which is why I've always supported a carbon tax, an approach that can harness market forces to encourage innovation and help working families and those directly impacted by new technologies. I am also pleased that states will have the option to implement a state-based carbon tax, a change I called for last year. As the Pope made clear, we have a moral obligation to leave a healthy planet to future generations and I will continue to work to build support for my Tax Pollution, Not Profits Act in Congress."

SEEC Member Lois Capps (CA-24): "The Clean Power Plan is a major step forward in our nation's effort to combat climate change and I strongly support it. "These new rules will help ensure that future generations have safer air to breathe and a healthier planet to enjoy, while supporting the green tech efforts that call the Central Coast home. I commend the Obama Administration for its steadfast commitment to addressing climate change for the health of our nation and our economy."

SEEC Member Mark Pocan (WI-02): "I believe climate change represents one of the greatest threats to our national security, economic livelihood and the health of our planet. This historic plan renews our commitment to being good stewards of our environment and shows the United States is willing to be an international leader in combating global climate change."

SEEC Member Jim Himes (CT-04): "Today, we're taking our biggest step ever to reduce our carbon footprint and tackle the threat that climate change poses to our health, security and environment. I stand in support of the Clean Power Plan, which will further the transition to a cleaner, more renewable energy economy."

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"The Clean Power Plan will also protect our health. The Environmental Protection Agency projects it will stop 3,600 premature deaths and prevent up to 90,000 asthma attacks in children. These health benefits will be especially important to communities of color, since they are more likely to live near environmental hazards like power plants and be exposed to air pollution from fossil fuels.

"We shouldn't sell our children's future for a few more years of oil and coal profits, and I applaud the president for leading on this vital issue."

SEEC Member Peter Welch (VT-AL): "Climate change is real and has serious consequences for our economy, our livelihoods, and our health. You don't have to go any further than communities across Vermont to hear about its early impacts. Just ask the businesses and families wiped out by Tropical Storm Irene. Or the ski lift operator worried about losing his job as the season shortens. Or the farmer planning for changes in the productivity of her crops. Or the sugar maker coping with the uncertainty of when the season will start and how long it will last.

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SEEC Member Lloyd Doggett (TX-35): "With Congress dominated by climate change deniers, the President is relying on sound science to combat one of our greatest security, environmental, and health challenges. Moving away from dirty coal means more reliance upon natural gas and renewable energy on which San Antonio and Austin are leaders. CPS and Austin Energy are prepared to be part of the solution. Our local entrepreneurs will gain more opportunities and all of us will have more hope that we can overcome the many threats posed by global warming."

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SEEC Member David Price (NC-04): "I welcome President Obama's Clean Power Plan, which will enable our country to transition to a cleaner future, mitigating the effects of climate change, boosting the economy, and providing relief to consumers," said Congressman Price. "The proposal gives states flexibility, and in North Carolina, we will be able to build on our past success with the Clean Smokestacks act and our state renewable portfolio standard. Adopting the President's plan could create thousands of jobs for North Carolinians and cut electric bills by over $700 million state-wide. The Clean Power Plan is a clear win for the economy, the environment, and consumers, and I look forward to working with the Administration and the EPA to ensure that its provisions are effectively implemented."

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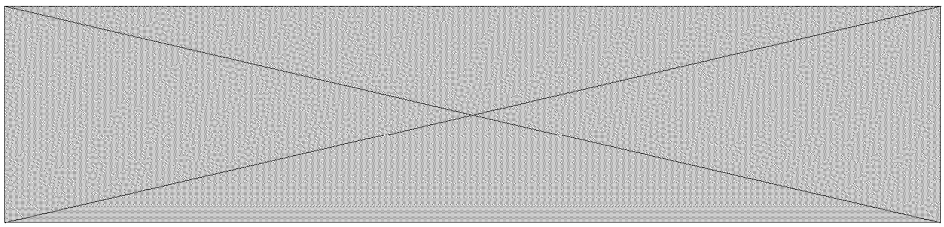

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SEEC Member David Price (NC-04): "I welcome President Obama's Clean Power Plan, which will enable our country to transition to a cleaner future, mitigating the effects of climate change, boosting the economy, and providing relief to consumers," said Congressman Price. "The proposal gives states flexibility, and in North Carolina, we will be able to build on our past success with the Clean Smokestacks act and our state renewable portfolio standard. Adopting the President's plan could create thousands of jobs for North Carolinians and cut electric bills by over $700 million state-wide. The Clean Power Plan is a clear win for the economy, the environment, and consumers, and I look forward to working with the Administration and the EPA to ensure that its provisions are effectively implemented."

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From: Rackens, Chris
Sent: Wed 8/5/2015 2:12:09 PM
Subject: RE: News from SEEC: SEEC Member Statements on the Clean Power Plan

Hey Kevin,

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Thanks,

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From: Bailey, KevinJ [mailto:Bailey.KevinJ@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, August 04, 2015 12:59 PM
To: Vaught, Laura
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Hey Chris,

I'll be in touch shortly to discuss getting this set up.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 4, 2015, at 12:52 PM, Vaught, Laura <Vaught.Laura@epa.gov> wrote:

> Sure – we're happy to set something up. Looping in some others over here to help make that happen and for awareness.
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> **From:** Rackens, Chris [mailto:Chris.Rackens@mail.house.gov]
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I know that EPA has been doing several briefings this week, one on the Senate side today, and one here in the House late yesterday.

I'd like to ask if EPA might be willing to do a similar briefing for staff on Friday, at either 11am or 2pm, which is when we have our weekly SEEC staff meeting.

Let me know, or if I should connect with someone else could you put me in touch?

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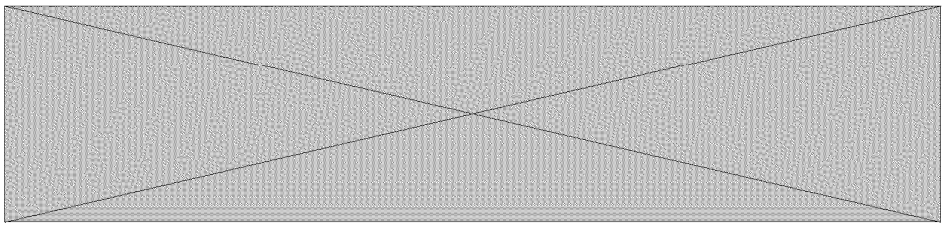

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Of course. A lot of enthusiasm for CPP, and I will continue to add any late member statements to our website on the webpage that is linked at the bottom of the release.

I know that EPA has been doing several briefings this week, one on the Senate side today, and one here in the House late yesterday.

I'd like to ask if EPA might be willing to do a similar briefing for staff on Friday, at either 11am or 2pm, which is when we have our weekly SEEC staff meeting.

Let me know, or if I should connect with someone else could you put me in touch?

Thanks.

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Washington, D.C.–Yesterday, Surgeon General, Dr. Vivek Murthy, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Gina McCarthy, and President Obama announced the final version of the Clean Power Plan, which will place the first ever limits on carbon pollution from power plants. SEEC Members released the following statements:

SEEC Co-Chair Doris Matsui (CA-06): "I applaud the release of President Obama's Clean Power Plan. California has already taken aggressive action to reduce emissions and the EPA's plan will put our country at the forefront of global efforts to combat climate change," said Congresswoman Matsui. "I am also pleased that the plan incentivizes investment in clean energy. Sacramento continues to lead the nation in clean energy innovation and energy efficiency.

"Californians have seen firsthand the severe impact of climate change. As cycles of extended drought and extreme weather events become more frequent, we must act to protect the health of our communities and economy."

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an opportunity and the ability to make our economy and our communities stronger by investing in proven clean energy technologies to improve efficiency and reliability.

"This balanced approach will reduce power-sector carbon pollution 32 percent from 2005 levels in 2030, and provides states greater flexibility and renewable energy incentives to meet these attainable goals. This plan will save the average American family about $85 annually on their energy bill by 2030, and have important public health benefits, including an 88% decline in premature death.

"I applaud the President and the EPA for their leadership on the Clean Power Plan, and look forward to working with state and local partners in supporting and implementing this important effort."

SEEC Co-Chair Paul Tonko (NY-20): "I applaud the President for this historic movement to strengthen public health, invest in clean and renewable energy, and present a tremendous opportunity for businesses to innovate and further develop our green-collar economy. This is a big win for every state, most of all New York, which has been a national leader in this arena for more than a decade through RGGI. New Yorkers know firsthand what others will soon see – that this Clean Power Plan will bring improvements to our health, the economy, and our nation as a whole."

SEEC Vice-Chair Chellie Pingree (ME-01): "I applaud President Obama for taking bold action to address climate change. Maine communities are already dealing with the effects of climate change and carbon emissions, including rising sea levels, more extreme weather, and ocean acidification. By reducing these emissions at their greatest source—power plants—we can not only head off future impacts and protect public health, but drive toward utilizing clean energy sources. With sources like offshore wind and tidal power already being developed in Maine, it would be a huge opportunity for the state's economy and workforce."

SEEC Vice-Chair Matt Cartwright (PA-17): "The Clean Power Plan sets a clear path towards America's energy future, a plan that will protect public health, invest in clean, renewable energy development, boost energy efficiency measures, and lower electric bills in the long run.

"The plan strengthens our economy and communities in large part through an emphasis on energy efficiency. This year I have introduced three pieces of legislation which address energy efficiency within our schools, non-profit organizations, and manufacturing. I remain committed to promoting energy efficiency and will continue to fight in support of this initiative."

SEEC Climate Task Force Chair Scott Peters (CA-52): "The United States must lead the world in fighting for a cleaner energy future. Reducing emissions from power plants – by far the largest emitters of harmful pollutants in our country – is a

significant action. I want to thank President Obama and EPA Secretary Gina McCarthy for their steadfast leadership both on this plan and a host of other changes to help fight the root causes of climate change.

“California is already leading the way in aggressive targets for climate action and reduced emissions, which is leading to improved air quality and human health benefits across our state. The EPA’s rule today not only rewards states for being ahead of the curve, but provides flexible pathways for other states to move toward a more sustainable energy portfolio. By working with states, localities, and energy utility companies, the EPA is encouraging investments in innovation through higher national standards and a long-term vision for sustainable energy production that doesn’t raise utility rates for consumers.

“Continued work to reduce emissions in other sectors is essential as we work to fight climate change and mitigate potential damage – including drought, wildfires, extreme weather, and sea level rise – but today’s rule is a positive step forward in our international leadership, particularly as we look toward the global climate talks in Paris later this year.”

SEEC Energy Task Force Chair Jim Langevin (RI-02): “In Rhode Island and nationwide, we have seen the disastrous effects of climate change on infrastructure, on our economy and on public health. A national standard to limit carbon pollution is long overdue, and this plan is a major step forward in putting our country on a path to a cleaner, healthier future."

SEEC Environment Task Force Chair Judy Chu (CA-27): “I applaud the President for using his authority under the Clean Air Act to take such serious actions to curb our carbon emissions. The effects of climate change are being felt across the country, ranging from an increase in extreme weather and to an increase in the number of Americans diagnosed with asthma than ever before. By embracing innovations in clean energy and setting restrictions to limit carbon pollution, the Clean Power Plan will not only slow the rate of climate change, but will also contribute to our economy and improve our health. Of course, preventing the dangers of climate change requires a global effort. As world powers prepare to meet in Paris for the United Nations led talks on cutting emissions, this plan shows our country’s commitment and leadership.”

SEEC Member Niki Tsongas (MA-03): “Climate change is no longer an academic question for scientists to ponder. It is a very real crisis that, if left untouched, will cause irreparable harm to current and future generations. I applaud President Obama for his leadership in putting forward this historic proposal to protect public health and future generations from the impacts of climate change.

“America must be at the forefront and lead by example. We must embrace modern policies that aim to, among other things, cut carbon emissions, increase the use and effectiveness of sustainable energy, reduce our dependence on foreign oil and

fossil fuels, and encourage the development of innovative green technology. If we do, the economic, security and environmental benefits will be widespread, long-lasting and significant.

"Addressing climate change is not a political issue; it is a critical generational responsibility that will take a sustained commitment from Washington, from foreign governments and world leaders and from each of us here at home."

SEEC Member Ted Lieu (CA-33): "I am proud of my country and my president today as we embark on our most aggressive action thus far to fight climate change. The Clean Power Plan is a major step forward, and America is showing once again that we can lead the world by powerfully curbing emissions, protecting public health and the environment, and defending national security interests.

"One of the main reasons I ran for Congress is to combat climate change. And now, for the first time in our nation's history, carbon pollution is finally regulated.

"On this historic day, I look forward to working with President Obama and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to ensure that the plan is strongly implemented."

SEEC Member Raúl M. Grijalva (AZ-03): "A team of dead-ender Republicans have made a career of playing dumb on climate change and can't stop now. Everyone else understands how important this is. I agree with the people I represent that we shouldn't sell our children's future for a few more years of oil and coal profits, and I applaud the president for taking that public demand seriously. I especially thank him for facing down an obstructionist Republican majority that history will look back on with anger and disappointment."

SEEC Member Mike Quigley (IL-05): "Today, with the release of the final EPA Clean Power Plan, our country has taken a historic step to address the biggest environmental and public health challenge of our time. The Clean Power Plan is placing the first ever limits on carbon pollution from power plants, which will dramatically curtail greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 from 2005 levels. The rule sets ambitious carbon emissions reductions standards for each state, while giving them flexibility to meet their goals as well as an incentives program to provide federal funds to help them develop more clean energy. I applaud the President for his leadership on this issue and am grateful he has taken action in an area where Congress has refused to act. Thanks to the President and his Administration, we now have a plan that will accelerate our clean energy economy and create greater environmental and health protections for our children and future generations."

SEEC Member John Sarbanes (MD-03): "Day in and day out, local communities across America are feeling the impacts of climate change. The City of Annapolis expects nearly 50 flooding events every year, up from an average of 4 annual flooding events just 50 years prior. And according to a new report by the Union of

Concerned Scientists, the city should expect flooding events to occur every single day of the year by 2045.

"Climate change is the challenge of our generation, but for too long, a political cloud of denial has blocked meaningful efforts to take action. Before it's too late, the political consensus must catch up with the scientific consensus. That's why I strongly support the president's Clean Power Plan – a monumental and serious step toward a more healthy and sustainable future."

SEEC Member Donna Edwards (MD-04): "The Clean Power Plan is the most ambitious step the United States has ever taken in the global effort to tackle the threat of climate change," Edwards said. "It sets landmark clean air standards and gives states the opportunity to craft individual plans customized to their needs. Climate change is a matter not just of national significance, but global significance as well. With 2015 on track to be the hottest year on record for planet Earth, we owe it to our economy, our environment, and the health of future generations to tackle this growing danger.

"The Administration's Clean Power Plan outlines how all fifty states can work together to combat the danger posed by the effects of climate change. I urge state leaders nationwide to seize this opportunity to create innovative new jobs and protect public health. Maryland, as well as other states participating in carbon reduction programs like the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI), has already reduced household energy bills, bolstered state energy independence, and created new jobs in expanding industries. It's time for us to act as a nation. The Clean Power Plan is a tremendous step to boost American innovation and move us toward a clean energy future."

SEEC Member Earl Blumenauer (OR-03): "Finalizing the Clean Power Plan is a key moment for our country. It is the most important action we have taken to date to combat climate change, and I commend the Obama Administration for setting a bold, but achievable goal for states in curbing their emissions from power plants.

"If you accept modern science, you cannot deny that human carbon emissions are contributing to climate change. If you fight wildfires, farm, run a ski resort, or live in a low-lying coastal area, you are already living with the impacts of this climate change on a daily basis.

"As a major contributor to these changes, the United States has an obligation to set an example and act now to prevent the worst impacts to the vulnerable populations who will suffer the most and contributed the least to climate change. We must act for the fellow creatures that share our planet and for future generations.

"The Clean Power Plan is a monumental step toward this goal. While it is only a first step, I commend this progress and look forward to working with the Administration and with my colleagues in Congress to support and strengthen this

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SEEC Member Chris Van Hollen (MD-08): "Today's final Clean Power Plan is a historic milestone in the urgent battle to combat climate change. It will limit dangerous carbon pollution from power plants for the first time ever and provide an economic opportunity for every state to invest in renewable energy and energy efficiency. Maryland has been a leader in cutting greenhouse gas emissions, and now we have a national blueprint to better protect public health while creating good-paying jobs in new energy technologies.

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Great. I'll send a notice to staff as soon as I speak with you. We will be meeting in 2456 Rayburn.

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Feel free to give me a call when you can, I'm at my desk until 4:30, and I got my VM fixed (thanks for the earlier message).

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No worries at all...

It looks like 2pm works on this end. Joe Goffman will do the briefing. I'll call shortly for the logistical details.

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They recently transitioned our voicemail system and for some reason I am locked out from checking messages this morning. Sorry about that, and thanks again.

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Yep, I left you a vm yesterday afternoon saying that we're coordinating schedules to make this happen. We have some folks out Friday so just trying to identify the folks who would be available. I'll follow up as soon as I have more, should be later today.

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Of course. A lot of enthusiasm for CPP, and I will continue to add any late member statements to our website on the webpage that is linked at the bottom of the release.

I know that EPA has been doing several briefings this week, one on the Senate side today, and one here in the House late yesterday.

I'd like to ask if EPA might be willing to do a similar briefing for staff on Friday, at either 11am or 2pm, which is when we have our weekly SEEC staff meeting.

Let me know, or if I should connect with someone else could you put me in touch?

Thanks.

~Chris

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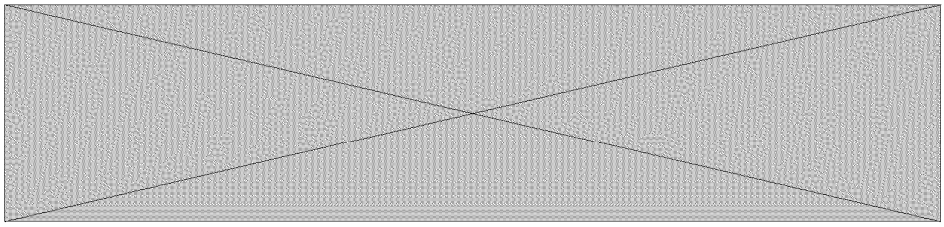

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SEEC Member Statements on the Clean Power Plan

Washington, D.C.–Yesterday, Surgeon General, Dr. Vivek Murthy, Environmental

Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Gina McCarthy, and President Obama announced the final version of the Clean Power Plan, which will place the first ever limits on carbon pollution from power plants. SEEC Members released the following statements:

SEEC Co-Chair Doris Matsui (CA-06): "I applaud the release of President Obama's Clean Power Plan. California has already taken aggressive action to reduce emissions and the EPA's plan will put our country at the forefront of global efforts to combat climate change," said Congresswoman Matsui. "I am also pleased that the plan incentivizes investment in clean energy. Sacramento continues to lead the nation in clean energy innovation and energy efficiency.

"Californians have seen firsthand the severe impact of climate change. As cycles of extended drought and extreme weather events become more frequent, we must act to protect the health of our communities and economy."

SEEC Co-Chair Gerry Connolly (VA-11): "Climate change poses a real and growing threat to our children, our families, our national security, and our economy. We cannot afford to wait to act on climate change.

"The Clean Power Plan lays the foundation for America's energy future. We have an opportunity and the ability to make our economy and our communities stronger by investing in proven clean energy technologies to improve efficiency and reliability.

"This balanced approach will reduce power-sector carbon pollution 32 percent from 2005 levels in 2030, and provides states greater flexibility and renewable energy incentives to meet these attainable goals. This plan will save the average American family about $85 annually on their energy bill by 2030, and have important public health benefits, including an 88% decline in premature death.

"I applaud the President and the EPA for their leadership on the Clean Power Plan, and look forward to working with state and local partners in supporting and implementing this important effort."

SEEC Co-Chair Paul Tonko (NY-20): "I applaud the President for this historic movement to strengthen public health, invest in clean and renewable energy, and present a tremendous opportunity for businesses to innovate and further develop our green-collar economy. This is a big win for every state, most of all New York, which has been a national leader in this arena for more than a decade through RGGI. New Yorkers know firsthand what others will soon see – that this Clean Power Plan will bring improvements to our health, the economy, and our nation as a whole."

SEEC Vice-Chair Chellie Pingree (ME-01): "I applaud President Obama for taking bold action to address climate change. Maine communities are already dealing with the effects of climate change and carbon emissions, including rising sea levels, more extreme weather, and ocean acidification. By reducing these emissions at their greatest source—power plants—we can not only head off future impacts and protect public health, but drive toward utilizing clean energy sources. With sources like offshore wind and tidal power already being developed in Maine, it would be a huge opportunity for the state's economy and workforce."

SEEC Vice-Chair Matt Cartwright (PA-17): "The Clean Power Plan sets a clear path towards America's energy future, a plan that will protect public health, invest in clean, renewable energy development, boost energy efficiency measures, and lower electric bills in the long run.

"The plan strengthens our economy and communities in large part through an emphasis on energy efficiency. This year I have introduced three pieces of legislation which address energy efficiency within our schools, non-profit organizations, and manufacturing. I remain committed to promoting energy efficiency and will continue to fight in support of this initiative."

SEEC Climate Task Force Chair Scott Peters (CA-52): "The United States must lead the world in fighting for a cleaner energy future. Reducing emissions from power plants – by far the largest emitters of harmful pollutants in our country – is a significant action. I want to thank President Obama and EPA Secretary Gina McCarthy for their steadfast leadership both on this plan and a host of other changes to help fight the root causes of climate change.

"California is already leading the way in aggressive targets for climate action and reduced emissions, which is leading to improved air quality and human health benefits across our state. The EPA's rule today not only rewards states for being ahead of the curve, but provides flexible pathways for other states to move toward a more sustainable energy portfolio. By working with states, localities, and energy utility companies, the EPA is encouraging investments in innovation through higher national standards and a long-term vision for sustainable energy production that doesn't raise utility rates for consumers.

"Continued work to reduce emissions in other sectors is essential as we work to fight climate change and mitigate potential damage – including drought, wildfires, extreme weather, and sea level rise – but today's rule is a positive step forward in our international leadership, particularly as we look toward the global climate talks in Paris later this year."

SEEC Energy Task Force Chair Jim Langevin (RI-02): "In Rhode Island and nationwide, we have seen the disastrous effects of climate change on infrastructure, on our economy and on public health. A national standard to limit carbon pollution is long overdue, and this plan is a major step forward in putting our country on a path to a cleaner, healthier future."

SEEC Environment Task Force Chair Judy Chu (CA-27): "I applaud the President for using his authority under the Clean Air Act to take such serious actions to curb our carbon emissions. The effects of climate change are being felt across the country, ranging from an increase in extreme weather and to an increase in the number of Americans diagnosed with asthma than ever before. By embracing innovations in clean energy and setting restrictions to limit carbon pollution, the Clean Power Plan will not only slow the rate of climate change, but will also contribute to our economy and improve our health. Of course, preventing the dangers of climate change requires a global effort. As world powers prepare to meet in Paris for the United Nations led talks on cutting emissions, this plan shows our country's commitment and leadership."

SEEC Member Niki Tsongas (MA-03): "Climate change is no longer an academic question for scientists to ponder. It is a very real crisis that, if left untouched, will cause irreparable harm to current and future generations. I applaud President Obama for his leadership in putting forward this historic proposal to protect public health and future generations from the impacts of climate change.

"America must be at the forefront and lead by example. We must embrace modern policies that aim to, among other things, cut carbon emissions, increase the use and effectiveness of sustainable energy, reduce our dependence on foreign oil and fossil fuels, and encourage the development of innovative green technology. If we do, the economic, security and environmental benefits will be widespread, long-lasting and significant.

"Addressing climate change is not a political issue; it is a critical generational responsibility that will take a sustained commitment from Washington, from foreign governments and world leaders and from each of us here at home."

SEEC Member Ted Lieu (CA-33): "I am proud of my country and my president today as we embark on our most aggressive action thus far to fight climate change. The Clean Power Plan is a major step forward, and America is showing once again that we can lead the world by powerfully curbing emissions, protecting public health and the environment, and defending national security interests.

"One of the main reasons I ran for Congress is to combat climate change. And now, for the first time in our nation's history, carbon pollution is finally regulated.

"On this historic day, I look forward to working with President Obama and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to ensure that the plan is strongly implemented."

SEEC Member Raúl M. Grijalva (AZ-03): "A team of dead-ender Republicans have made a career of playing dumb on climate change and can't stop now. Everyone else understands how important this is. I agree with the people I

represent that we shouldn't sell our children's future for a few more years of oil and coal profits, and I applaud the president for taking that public demand seriously. I especially thank him for facing down an obstructionist Republican majority that history will look back on with anger and disappointment."

SEEC Member Mike Quigley (IL-05): "Today, with the release of the final EPA Clean Power Plan, our country has taken a historic step to address the biggest environmental and public health challenge of our time. The Clean Power Plan is placing the first ever limits on carbon pollution from power plants, which will dramatically curtail greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 from 2005 levels. The rule sets ambitious carbon emissions reductions standards for each state, while giving them flexibility to meet their goals as well as an incentives program to provide federal funds to help them develop more clean energy. I applaud the President for his leadership on this issue and am grateful he has taken action in an area where Congress has refused to act. Thanks to the President and his Administration, we now have a plan that will accelerate our clean energy economy and create greater environmental and health protections for our children and future generations."

SEEC Member John Sarbanes (MD-03): "Day in and day out, local communities across America are feeling the impacts of climate change. The City of Annapolis expects nearly 50 flooding events every year, up from an average of 4 annual flooding events just 50 years prior. And according to a new report by the Union of Concerned Scientists, the city should expect flooding events to occur every single day of the year by 2045.

"Climate change is the challenge of our generation, but for too long, a political cloud of denial has blocked meaningful efforts to take action. Before it's too late, the political consensus must catch up with the scientific consensus. That's why I strongly support the president's Clean Power Plan – a monumental and serious step toward a more healthy and sustainable future."

SEEC Member Donna Edwards (MD-04): "The Clean Power Plan is the most ambitious step the United States has ever taken in the global effort to tackle the threat of climate change," Edwards said. "It sets landmark clean air standards and gives states the opportunity to craft individual plans customized to their needs. Climate change is a matter not just of national significance, but global significance as well. With 2015 on track to be the hottest year on record for planet Earth, we owe it to our economy, our environment, and the health of future generations to tackle this growing danger.

"The Administration's Clean Power Plan outlines how all fifty states can work together to combat the danger posed by the effects of climate change. I urge state leaders nationwide to seize this opportunity to create innovative new jobs and protect public health. Maryland, as well as other states participating in carbon reduction programs like the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI), has already reduced household energy bills, bolstered state energy independence, and

created new jobs in expanding industries. It's time for us to act as a nation. The Clean Power Plan is a tremendous step to boost American innovation and move us toward a clean energy future."

SEEC Member Earl Blumenauer (OR-03): "Finalizing the Clean Power Plan is a key moment for our country. It is the most important action we have taken to date to combat climate change, and I commend the Obama Administration for setting a bold, but achievable goal for states in curbing their emissions from power plants.

"If you accept modern science, you cannot deny that human carbon emissions are contributing to climate change. If you fight wildfires, farm, run a ski resort, or live in a low-lying coastal area, you are already living with the impacts of this climate change on a daily basis.

"As a major contributor to these changes, the United States has an obligation to set an example and act now to prevent the worst impacts to the vulnerable populations who will suffer the most and contributed the least to climate change. We must act for the fellow creatures that share our planet and for future generations.

"The Clean Power Plan is a monumental step toward this goal. While it is only a first step, I commend this progress and look forward to working with the Administration and with my colleagues in Congress to support and strengthen this rule nationally, and with Oregonians to ensure we meet and exceed these goals here at home."

SEEC Member Chris Van Hollen (MD-08): "Today's final Clean Power Plan is a historic milestone in the urgent battle to combat climate change. It will limit dangerous carbon pollution from power plants for the first time ever and provide an economic opportunity for every state to invest in renewable energy and energy efficiency. Maryland has been a leader in cutting greenhouse gas emissions, and now we have a national blueprint to better protect public health while creating good-paying jobs in new energy technologies.

"With 2014 recently eclipsing 2010 as the hottest year on record, continuing a dangerous trend that threatens Maryland communities and the Chesapeake Bay, we have an obligation to act now to curb the most damaging impacts of climate change and leave a better world for future generations. I applaud President Obama for this important step and call on my colleagues in Congress to pass meaningful legislation to continue this effort, like my Healthy Climate and Family Security Act."

SEEC Member Don Beyer (VA-08): "Climate change is the existential crisis of our time. President Obama's Clean Power Plan will combat this threat to our health, safety, and security of the generations who will inherit our environmental legacy. Millions of American families depend on us to take the necessary steps to clean up our air and water. The Clean Power Plan is a smart and effective first step to limit carbon emissions from power plants, drive our transition to a zero-carbon

renewable energy future, and make aggressive investments in clean energy technologies."

SEEC Member John Delaney (MD-06): "Climate change is one of the defining challenges of our time, threatening our health, our economy and our national security and it is time to act. I applaud the White House for taking the first steps towards limiting carbon emissions. But climate change is a big problem that goes beyond just power plants and will require a bigger solution, which is why I've always supported a carbon tax, an approach that can harness market forces to encourage innovation and help working families and those directly impacted by new technologies. I am also pleased that states will have the option to implement a state-based carbon tax, a change I called for last year. As the Pope made clear, we have a moral obligation to leave a healthy planet to future generations and I will continue to work to build support for my Tax Pollution, Not Profits Act in Congress."

SEEC Member Lois Capps (CA-24): "The Clean Power Plan is a major step forward in our nation's effort to combat climate change and I strongly support it. "These new rules will help ensure that future generations have safer air to breathe and a healthier planet to enjoy, while supporting the green tech efforts that call the Central Coast home. I commend the Obama Administration for its steadfast commitment to addressing climate change for the health of our nation and our economy."

SEEC Member Mark Pocan (WI-02): "I believe climate change represents one of the greatest threats to our national security, economic livelihood and the health of our planet. This historic plan renews our commitment to being good stewards of our environment and shows the United States is willing to be an international leader in combating global climate change."

SEEC Member Jim Himes (CT-04): "Today, we're taking our biggest step ever to reduce our carbon footprint and tackle the threat that climate change poses to our health, security and environment. I stand in support of the Clean Power Plan, which will further the transition to a cleaner, more renewable energy economy."

SEEC Members Keith Ellison (MN-05) and Raúl M. Grijalva (AZ-03): "The Clean Power Plan is the most ambitious step ever taken by the U.S. to address global climate change. While we already limit harmful power plant emissions like arsenic, mercury and sulfur dioxide, we've been turning a blind eye to carbon. This plan will begin to undo some of the harmful effects that have gone unchecked in recent years and reduce carbon 32 percent below what they were in 2005.

"At the same time, we're setting a course for our nation to become energy independent while reducing our dangerous greenhouse emissions and creating clean energy jobs at home. By investing in energy efficiency and clean energy technology, we can reduce energy bills, boost our economy, and take on climate change.

"The Clean Power Plan will also protect our health. The Environmental Protection Agency projects it will stop 3,600 premature deaths and prevent up to 90,000 asthma attacks in children. These health benefits will be especially important to communities of color, since they are more likely to live near environmental hazards like power plants and be exposed to air pollution from fossil fuels.

"We shouldn't sell our children's future for a few more years of oil and coal profits, and I applaud the president for leading on this vital issue."

SEEC Member Peter Welch (VT-AL): "Climate change is real and has serious consequences for our economy, our livelihoods, and our health. You don't have to go any further than communities across Vermont to hear about its early impacts. Just ask the businesses and families wiped out by Tropical Storm Irene. Or the ski lift operator worried about losing his job as the season shortens. Or the farmer planning for changes in the productivity of her crops. Or the sugar maker coping with the uncertainty of when the season will start and how long it will last.

"Every day we wait makes solving this problem more difficult. And make no mistake about it, this is a problem that can be solved.

"President Obama's bold Clean Power Plan will have an enormous impact on carbon emissions that are a leading cause of climate change. It is a practical and flexible plan that is the product of constructive input from states and utilities. To succeed, it is essential that all parties choose a path of cooperation over litigation and problem solving over intransigence. Time is of the essence."

SEEC Member Lloyd Doggett (TX-35): "With Congress dominated by climate change deniers, the President is relying on sound science to combat one of our greatest security, environmental, and health challenges. Moving away from dirty coal means more reliance upon natural gas and renewable energy on which San Antonio and Austin are leaders. CPS and Austin Energy are prepared to be part of the solution. Our local entrepreneurs will gain more opportunities and all of us will have more hope that we can overcome the many threats posed by global warming."

SEEC Member Jared Huffman (CA-02): "The Clean Power Plan is the biggest single step the United States has ever taken to fight climate change and avert its worst impacts. I applaud President Obama and EPA Administrator McCarthy for taking action when Congress would not.

"Congress must begin to take the existential threat of climate change seriously, following the example set by the Obama administration along with California and many other states.

"As the President said today, we are the first generation to feel the effects of climate change, and perhaps the last with an opportunity to do something about it. It is up to us to act to ensure our children don't inherit a world beyond fixing."

SEEC Member David Price (NC-04): "I welcome President Obama's Clean Power Plan, which will enable our country to transition to a cleaner future, mitigating the effects of climate change, boosting the economy, and providing relief to consumers," said Congressman Price. "The proposal gives states flexibility, and in North Carolina, we will be able to build on our past success with the Clean Smokestacks act and our state renewable portfolio standard. Adopting the President's plan could create thousands of jobs for North Carolinians and cut electric bills by over $700 million state-wide. The Clean Power Plan is a clear win for the economy, the environment, and consumers, and I look forward to working with the Administration and the EPA to ensure that its provisions are effectively implemented."

SEEC Statement: "Extreme weather events such as longer droughts, more intense wildfires, sea-level rise, flooding, and super storms, clearly demonstrate what climate change looks like in communities across the country. Climate change poses a real and growing threat to our children, our families, our national security, and our economy. We have a moral obligation to act on climate, and we cannot afford to wait any longer to further reduce carbon pollution.

"The Clean Power Plan lays the foundation for America's energy future. We have an opportunity and the ability to make our economy and our communities stronger by investing in proven clean energy technologies to improve efficiency and reliability. As members of the Sustainable Energy and Environment Coalition, we are leading the fight in Congress against the dirty energy status quo. We applaud the President and the EPA for their leadership on the Clean Power Plan, and we will continue to work with the Administration and our community partners in supporting and defending this initiative for the benefit of American families and our planet."

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DEADLINE TODAY: Tell EPA to Protect our Country's Waterways

From: The Honorable John D. Dingell

Sent By: neal.ullman@mail.house.gov
Date: 12/13/2013

Tell EPA to Protect our Country's Waterways

Deadline: TODAY, Friday, December 13

Current Signers: Dingell, Moran, Slaughter, Schneider, Van Hollen, Alcee Hastings, Castor, Quigley, Conyers, McCollum, Levin, Blumenauer, Grijalva, Pocan, Frederica Wilson, Connolly, Holt, Lee, Huffman, Susan Davis, Schiff, Speier, Cartwright, Tsongas, Nadler, Cohen, Schakowsky, Langevin, Eshoo, Capps, Sarbanes, Pallone, Lofgren, Rangel, Bobby Scott, DeLauro, Carolyn Maloney, Clay, Cicilline, Waxman, Israel, Waters, Capuano, Chu, Tonko, Lipinski, Kennedy, Hank Johnson, Shea-Porter, Honda, Ellison, Rush, Moore, Gary Peters, Edwards, Ruppersberger, Pascrell, Schwartz, DeGette, Esty, Meeks, Scott Peters, Adam Smith, O'Rourke, Holmes Norton, Wasserman Schultz, David Price, Keating, Delaney, Christensen, Lewis, McDermott, Serrano, Michaud, Courtney, Tierney, Kuster, Brownley, Pingree, Matsui, Mcleod, Deutch, Napolitano, Butterfield, Frankel, Polis

Dear Colleague:

Please join us in sending a letter to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) urging them to move quickly in proposing a rule to protect our nation's waterways. Tens of millions of Americans depend on the health of our rivers, lakes, streams, wetlands, and coastal waters for drinking water, recreation, and their livelihoods and our message is clear that the EPA must act to protect those resources.

Recent decisions by the Supreme Court have cast uncertainty over EPA's jurisdiction under the Clean Water Act. A rule clarifying that role would provide certainty to small businesses, families, farmers, ranchers, and industry regarding the important role the Clean Water Act has in protecting water resources.

If you have any questions or would like to sign on, please contact Neal Ullman in Rep. Dingell's office at 5-4071 or neal.ullman@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,

John D. Dingell
Member of Congress

James P. Moran
Member of Congress

Louise M. Slaughter
Member of Congress

The Honorable Gina McCarthy
Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator McCarthy:

As members of the United States House of Representatives, we urge you to swiftly propose a rule to restore protections to all of our nation's waterways. For the sake of our communities and the prospects of having waterways clean enough to swim in, fish from, and drink from, we must have a rule that protects all waters of the United States under the Clean Water Act, and we need your leadership to make that vision a reality.

Last year we celebrated the 40th anniversary of the Clean Water Act, which has been one of the most significant environmental laws in our nation's history. As was said on the floor of the House in 1972, "the conference bill defines the term 'navigable waters' broadly for water quality purposes. It means all 'the waters of the United States' in a geographical sense. It does not mean the 'navigable waters of the United States' in the technical sense as we sometimes see in some laws." This definition protected our country's precious waterways by safeguarding our drinking water, alleviating flooding conditions, providing recreational opportunities, maintaining fish and wildlife habitat, and promoting a healthy economy.

However, two Supreme Court decisions – Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County v. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Rapanos v. the United States – have created significant uncertainty regarding federal jurisdiction under the Clean Water Act. According to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), these decisions have left almost 60 percent of our country's streams, at least 20 million acres of wetlands, and the drinking water for 117 million Americans at increased risk of pollution.

We are encouraged by EPA's commitment to follow sound science through their recent science report, which illustrates the significant relationship between tributaries and wetlands and the larger bodies of water into which they feed. EPA must continue to move this process forward swiftly and efficiently to prevent more pollution from entering our waterways.

As you have said, "We must ensure that water – so critical to human health, quality of life, and economic activity – is protected from dangerous contaminants, including new, emerging ones." We call on EPA to continue to prioritize a rulemaking to restore protections to all of our waterways. We stand ready to work with you and your

Administration to help America on a path to a future where all our waterways are protected from dangerous pollution. Thank you for your support and leadership.

Sincerely,

To: Bailey, KevinJ[Bailey.KevinJ@epa.gov]; Vaught, Laura[Vaught.Laura@epa.gov]
Cc: Haman, Patricia[Haman.Patricia@epa.gov]; Distefano, Nichole[DiStefano.Nichole@epa.gov]; Asher, Jonathan[Asher.Jonathan@epa.gov]
From: Rackens, Chris
Sent: Wed 8/5/2015 2:12:09 PM
Subject: RE: News from SEEC: SEEC Member Statements on the Clean Power Plan

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Hey Kevin,

Just wanted to check back in to see if we could get this set up.

Thanks,

~Chris

From: Bailey, KevinJ [mailto:Bailey.KevinJ@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, August 04, 2015 12:59 PM
To: Vaught, Laura
Cc: Rackens, Chris; Haman, Patricia; Distefano, Nichole; Asher, Jonathan
Subject: Re: News from SEEC: SEEC Member Statements on the Clean Power Plan

Hey Chris,

I'll be in touch shortly to discuss getting this set up.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 4, 2015, at 12:52 PM, Vaught, Laura <Vaught.Laura@epa.gov> wrote:

> Sure – we're happy to set something up. Looping in some others over here to help make that happen and for awareness.
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> **From:** Rackens, Chris [mailto:Chris.Rackens@mail.house.gov]
> **Sent:** Tuesday, August 04, 2015 12:29 PM
> **To:** Vaught, Laura
> **Subject:** RE: News from SEEC: SEEC Member Statements on the Clean Power Plan
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> Of course. A lot of enthusiasm for CPP, and I will continue to add any late member statements to our website on the webpage that is linked at the bottom of the release.
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> I know that EPA has been doing several briefings this week, one on the Senate side today, and one here in the House late yesterday.
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> I'd like to ask if EPA might be willing to do a similar briefing for staff on Friday, at either 11am or 2pm, which is when we have our weekly SEEC staff meeting.
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> Let me know, or if I should connect with someone else could you put me in touch?

Thanks.

~Chris

Chris Rackens

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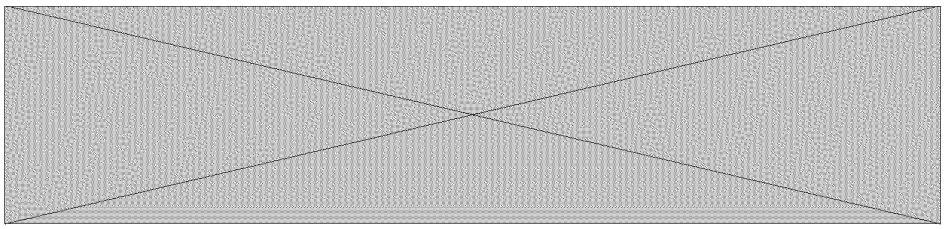
From: Vaught, Laura [mailto:Vaught.Laura@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, August 04, 2015 11:47 AM
To: Rackens, Chris
Subject: RE: News from SEEC: SEEC Member Statements on the Clean Power Plan

Thanks Chris!

From: Rackens, Chris [mailto:Chris.Rackens@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, August 04, 2015 11:28 AM
To: Rackens, Chris
Subject: News from SEEC: SEEC Member Statements on the Clean Power Plan



For Immediate Release: August 4, 2015

Press Contact: Chris Rackens (SEEC), 202-226-5034

SEEC Member Statements on the Clean Power Plan

Washington, D.C.–Yesterday, Surgeon General, Dr. Vivek Murthy, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Gina McCarthy, and President Obama announced the final version of the Clean Power Plan, which will place the first ever

limits on carbon pollution from power plants. SEEC Members released the following statements:

SEEC Co-Chair Doris Matsui (CA-06): "I applaud the release of President Obama's Clean Power Plan. California has already taken aggressive action to reduce emissions and the EPA's plan will put our country at the forefront of global efforts to combat climate change," said Congresswoman Matsui. "I am also pleased that the plan incentivizes investment in clean energy. Sacramento continues to lead the nation in clean energy innovation and energy efficiency.

"Californians have seen firsthand the severe impact of climate change. As cycles of extended drought and extreme weather events become more frequent, we must act to protect the health of our communities and economy."

SEEC Co-Chair Gerry Connolly (VA-11): "Climate change poses a real and growing threat to our children, our families, our national security, and our economy. We cannot afford to wait to act on climate change.

"The Clean Power Plan lays the foundation for America's energy future. We have an opportunity and the ability to make our economy and our communities stronger by investing in proven clean energy technologies to improve efficiency and reliability.

"This balanced approach will reduce power-sector carbon pollution 32 percent from 2005 levels in 2030, and provides states greater flexibility and renewable energy incentives to meet these attainable goals. This plan will save the average American family about $85 annually on their energy bill by 2030, and have important public health benefits, including an 88% decline in premature death.

"I applaud the President and the EPA for their leadership on the Clean Power Plan, and look forward to working with state and local partners in supporting and implementing this important effort."

SEEC Co-Chair Paul Tonko (NY-20): "I applaud the President for this historic movement to strengthen public health, invest in clean and renewable energy, and present a tremendous opportunity for businesses to innovate and further develop our green-collar economy. This is a big win for every state, most of all New York, which has been a national leader in this arena for more than a decade through RGGI. New Yorkers know firsthand what others will soon see – that this Clean Power Plan will bring improvements to our health, the economy, and our nation as a whole."

SEEC Vice-Chair Chellie Pingree (ME-01): "I applaud President Obama for taking bold action to address climate change. Maine communities are already dealing with the effects of climate change and carbon emissions, including rising sea levels, more extreme weather, and ocean acidification. By reducing these emissions at

their greatest source—power plants—we can not only head off future impacts and protect public health, but drive toward utilizing clean energy sources. With sources like offshore wind and tidal power already being developed in Maine, it would be a huge opportunity for the state's economy and workforce."

SEEC Vice-Chair Matt Cartwright (PA-17): "The Clean Power Plan sets a clear path towards America's energy future, a plan that will protect public health, invest in clean, renewable energy development, boost energy efficiency measures, and lower electric bills in the long run.

"The plan strengthens our economy and communities in large part through an emphasis on energy efficiency. This year I have introduced three pieces of legislation which address energy efficiency within our schools, non-profit organizations, and manufacturing. I remain committed to promoting energy efficiency and will continue to fight in support of this initiative."

SEEC Climate Task Force Chair Scott Peters (CA-52): "The United States must lead the world in fighting for a cleaner energy future. Reducing emissions from power plants – by far the largest emitters of harmful pollutants in our country – is a significant action. I want to thank President Obama and EPA Secretary Gina McCarthy for their steadfast leadership both on this plan and a host of other changes to help fight the root causes of climate change.

"California is already leading the way in aggressive targets for climate action and reduced emissions, which is leading to improved air quality and human health benefits across our state. The EPA's rule today not only rewards states for being ahead of the curve, but provides flexible pathways for other states to move toward a more sustainable energy portfolio. By working with states, localities, and energy utility companies, the EPA is encouraging investments in innovation through higher national standards and a long-term vision for sustainable energy production that doesn't raise utility rates for consumers.

"Continued work to reduce emissions in other sectors is essential as we work to fight climate change and mitigate potential damage – including drought, wildfires, extreme weather, and sea level rise – but today's rule is a positive step forward in our international leadership, particularly as we look toward the global climate talks in Paris later this year."

SEEC Energy Task Force Chair Jim Langevin (RI-02): "In Rhode Island and nationwide, we have seen the disastrous effects of climate change on infrastructure, on our economy and on public health. A national standard to limit carbon pollution is long overdue, and this plan is a major step forward in putting our country on a path to a cleaner, healthier future."

SEEC Environment Task Force Chair Judy Chu (CA-27): "I applaud the President for using his authority under the Clean Air Act to take such serious

actions to curb our carbon emissions. The effects of climate change are being felt across the country, ranging from an increase in extreme weather and to an increase in the number of Americans diagnosed with asthma than ever before. By embracing innovations in clean energy and setting restrictions to limit carbon pollution, the Clean Power Plan will not only slow the rate of climate change, but will also contribute to our economy and improve our health. Of course, preventing the dangers of climate change requires a global effort. As world powers prepare to meet in Paris for the United Nations led talks on cutting emissions, this plan shows our country's commitment and leadership."

SEEC Member Niki Tsongas (MA-03): "Climate change is no longer an academic question for scientists to ponder. It is a very real crisis that, if left untouched, will cause irreparable harm to current and future generations. I applaud President Obama for his leadership in putting forward this historic proposal to protect public health and future generations from the impacts of climate change.

"America must be at the forefront and lead by example. We must embrace modern policies that aim to, among other things, cut carbon emissions, increase the use and effectiveness of sustainable energy, reduce our dependence on foreign oil and fossil fuels, and encourage the development of innovative green technology. If we do, the economic, security and environmental benefits will be widespread, long-lasting and significant.

"Addressing climate change is not a political issue; it is a critical generational responsibility that will take a sustained commitment from Washington, from foreign governments and world leaders and from each of us here at home."

SEEC Member Ted Lieu (CA-33): "I am proud of my country and my president today as we embark on our most aggressive action thus far to fight climate change. The Clean Power Plan is a major step forward, and America is showing once again that we can lead the world by powerfully curbing emissions, protecting public health and the environment, and defending national security interests.

"One of the main reasons I ran for Congress is to combat climate change. And now, for the first time in our nation's history, carbon pollution is finally regulated.

"On this historic day, I look forward to working with President Obama and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to ensure that the plan is strongly implemented."

SEEC Member Raúl M. Grijalva (AZ-03): "A team of dead-ender Republicans have made a career of playing dumb on climate change and can't stop now. Everyone else understands how important this is. I agree with the people I represent that we shouldn't sell our children's future for a few more years of oil and coal profits, and I applaud the president for taking that public demand seriously. I especially thank him for facing down an obstructionist Republican majority that history will look back on with anger and disappointment."

SEEC Member Mike Quigley (IL-05): "Today, with the release of the final EPA Clean Power Plan, our country has taken a historic step to address the biggest environmental and public health challenge of our time. The Clean Power Plan is placing the first ever limits on carbon pollution from power plants, which will dramatically curtail greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 from 2005 levels. The rule sets ambitious carbon emissions reductions standards for each state, while giving them flexibility to meet their goals as well as an incentives program to provide federal funds to help them develop more clean energy. I applaud the President for his leadership on this issue and am grateful he has taken action in an area where Congress has refused to act. Thanks to the President and his Administration, we now have a plan that will accelerate our clean energy economy and create greater environmental and health protections for our children and future generations."

SEEC Member John Sarbanes (MD-03): "Day in and day out, local communities across America are feeling the impacts of climate change. The City of Annapolis expects nearly 50 flooding events every year, up from an average of 4 annual flooding events just 50 years prior. And according to a new report by the Union of Concerned Scientists, the city should expect flooding events to occur every single day of the year by 2045.

"Climate change is the challenge of our generation, but for too long, a political cloud of denial has blocked meaningful efforts to take action. Before it's too late, the political consensus must catch up with the scientific consensus. That's why I strongly support the president's Clean Power Plan – a monumental and serious step toward a more healthy and sustainable future."

SEEC Member Donna Edwards (MD-04): "The Clean Power Plan is the most ambitious step the United States has ever taken in the global effort to tackle the threat of climate change," Edwards said. "It sets landmark clean air standards and gives states the opportunity to craft individual plans customized to their needs. Climate change is a matter not just of national significance, but global significance as well. With 2015 on track to be the hottest year on record for planet Earth, we owe it to our economy, our environment, and the health of future generations to tackle this growing danger.

"The Administration's Clean Power Plan outlines how all fifty states can work together to combat the danger posed by the effects of climate change. I urge state leaders nationwide to seize this opportunity to create innovative new jobs and protect public health. Maryland, as well as other states participating in carbon reduction programs like the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI), has already reduced household energy bills, bolstered state energy independence, and created new jobs in expanding industries. It's time for us to act as a nation. The Clean Power Plan is a tremendous step to boost American innovation and move us toward a clean energy future."

SEEC Member Earl Blumenauer (OR-03): "Finalizing the Clean Power Plan is a key moment for our country. It is the most important action we have taken to date to combat climate change, and I commend the Obama Administration for setting a bold, but achievable goal for states in curbing their emissions from power plants.

"If you accept modern science, you cannot deny that human carbon emissions are contributing to climate change. If you fight wildfires, farm, run a ski resort, or live in a low-lying coastal area, you are already living with the impacts of this climate change on a daily basis.

"As a major contributor to these changes, the United States has an obligation to set an example and act now to prevent the worst impacts to the vulnerable populations who will suffer the most and contributed the least to climate change. We must act for the fellow creatures that share our planet and for future generations.

"The Clean Power Plan is a monumental step toward this goal. While it is only a first step, I commend this progress and look forward to working with the Administration and with my colleagues in Congress to support and strengthen this rule nationally, and with Oregonians to ensure we meet and exceed these goals here at home."

SEEC Member Chris Van Hollen (MD-08): "Today's final Clean Power Plan is a historic milestone in the urgent battle to combat climate change. It will limit dangerous carbon pollution from power plants for the first time ever and provide an economic opportunity for every state to invest in renewable energy and energy efficiency. Maryland has been a leader in cutting greenhouse gas emissions, and now we have a national blueprint to better protect public health while creating good-paying jobs in new energy technologies.

"With 2014 recently eclipsing 2010 as the hottest year on record, continuing a dangerous trend that threatens Maryland communities and the Chesapeake Bay, we have an obligation to act now to curb the most damaging impacts of climate change and leave a better world for future generations. I applaud President Obama for this important step and call on my colleagues in Congress to pass meaningful legislation to continue this effort, like my Healthy Climate and Family Security Act."

SEEC Member Don Beyer (VA-08): "Climate change is the existential crisis of our time. President Obama's Clean Power Plan will combat this threat to our health, safety, and security of the generations who will inherit our environmental legacy. Millions of American families depend on us to take the necessary steps to clean up our air and water. The Clean Power Plan is a smart and effective first step to limit carbon emissions from power plants, drive our transition to a zero-carbon renewable energy future, and make aggressive investments in clean energy technologies."

SEEC Member John Delaney (MD-06): "Climate change is one of the defining

challenges of our time, threatening our health, our economy and our national security and it is time to act. I applaud the White House for taking the first steps towards limiting carbon emissions. But climate change is a big problem that goes beyond just power plants and will require a bigger solution, which is why I've always supported a carbon tax, an approach that can harness market forces to encourage innovation and help working families and those directly impacted by new technologies. I am also pleased that states will have the option to implement a state-based carbon tax, a change I called for last year. As the Pope made clear, we have a moral obligation to leave a healthy planet to future generations and I will continue to work to build support for my Tax Pollution, Not Profits Act in Congress."

SEEC Member Lois Capps (CA-24): "The Clean Power Plan is a major step forward in our nation's effort to combat climate change and I strongly support it. "These new rules will help ensure that future generations have safer air to breathe and a healthier planet to enjoy, while supporting the green tech efforts that call the Central Coast home. I commend the Obama Administration for its steadfast commitment to addressing climate change for the health of our nation and our economy."

SEEC Member Mark Pocan (WI-02): "I believe climate change represents one of the greatest threats to our national security, economic livelihood and the health of our planet. This historic plan renews our commitment to being good stewards of our environment and shows the United States is willing to be an international leader in combating global climate change."

SEEC Member Jim Himes (CT-04): "Today, we're taking our biggest step ever to reduce our carbon footprint and tackle the threat that climate change poses to our health, security and environment. I stand in support of the Clean Power Plan, which will further the transition to a cleaner, more renewable energy economy."

SEEC Members Keith Ellison (MN-05) and Raúl M. Grijalva (AZ-03): "The Clean Power Plan is the most ambitious step ever taken by the U.S. to address global climate change. While we already limit harmful power plant emissions like arsenic, mercury and sulfur dioxide, we've been turning a blind eye to carbon. This plan will begin to undo some of the harmful effects that have gone unchecked in recent years and reduce carbon 32 percent below what they were in 2005.

"At the same time, we're setting a course for our nation to become energy independent while reducing our dangerous greenhouse emissions and creating clean energy jobs at home. By investing in energy efficiency and clean energy technology, we can reduce energy bills, boost our economy, and take on climate change.

"The Clean Power Plan will also protect our health. The Environmental Protection Agency projects it will stop 3,600 premature deaths and prevent up to 90,000 asthma attacks in children. These health benefits will be especially important to

communities of color, since they are more likely to live near environmental hazards like power plants and be exposed to air pollution from fossil fuels.

"We shouldn't sell our children's future for a few more years of oil and coal profits, and I applaud the president for leading on this vital issue."

SEEC Member Peter Welch (VT-AL): "Climate change is real and has serious consequences for our economy, our livelihoods, and our health. You don't have to go any further than communities across Vermont to hear about its early impacts. Just ask the businesses and families wiped out by Tropical Storm Irene. Or the ski lift operator worried about losing his job as the season shortens. Or the farmer planning for changes in the productivity of her crops. Or the sugar maker coping with the uncertainty of when the season will start and how long it will last.

"Every day we wait makes solving this problem more difficult. And make no mistake about it, this is a problem that can be solved.

"President Obama's bold Clean Power Plan will have an enormous impact on carbon emissions that are a leading cause of climate change. It is a practical and flexible plan that is the product of constructive input from states and utilities. To succeed, it is essential that all parties choose a path of cooperation over litigation and problem solving over intransigence. Time is of the essence."

SEEC Member Lloyd Doggett (TX-35): "With Congress dominated by climate change deniers, the President is relying on sound science to combat one of our greatest security, environmental, and health challenges. Moving away from dirty coal means more reliance upon natural gas and renewable energy on which San Antonio and Austin are leaders. CPS and Austin Energy are prepared to be part of the solution. Our local entrepreneurs will gain more opportunities and all of us will have more hope that we can overcome the many threats posed by global warming."

SEEC Member Jared Huffman (CA-02): "The Clean Power Plan is the biggest single step the United States has ever taken to fight climate change and avert its worst impacts. I applaud President Obama and EPA Administrator McCarthy for taking action when Congress would not.

"Congress must begin to take the existential threat of climate change seriously, following the example set by the Obama administration along with California and many other states.

"As the President said today, we are the first generation to feel the effects of climate change, and perhaps the last with an opportunity to do something about it. It is up to us to act to ensure our children don't inherit a world beyond fixing."

SEEC Member David Price (NC-04): "I welcome President Obama's Clean Power Plan, which will enable our country to transition to a cleaner future, mitigating the

effects of climate change, boosting the economy, and providing relief to consumers," said Congressman Price. "The proposal gives states flexibility, and in North Carolina, we will be able to build on our past success with the Clean Smokestacks act and our state renewable portfolio standard. Adopting the President's plan could create thousands of jobs for North Carolinians and cut electric bills by over $700 million state-wide. The Clean Power Plan is a clear win for the economy, the environment, and consumers, and I look forward to working with the Administration and the EPA to ensure that its provisions are effectively implemented."

SEEC Statement: "Extreme weather events such as longer droughts, more intense wildfires, sea-level rise, flooding, and super storms, clearly demonstrate what climate change looks like in communities across the country. Climate change poses a real and growing threat to our children, our families, our national security, and our economy. We have a moral obligation to act on climate, and we cannot afford to wait any longer to further reduce carbon pollution.

"The Clean Power Plan lays the foundation for America's energy future. We have an opportunity and the ability to make our economy and our communities stronger by investing in proven clean energy technologies to improve efficiency and reliability. As members of the Sustainable Energy and Environment Coalition, we are leading the fight in Congress against the dirty energy status quo. We applaud the President and the EPA for their leadership on the Clean Power Plan, and we will continue to work with the Administration and our community partners in supporting and defending this initiative for the benefit of American families and our planet."

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http://seec-israel.house.gov/press-release/statement-clean-power-plan

The Sustainable Energy and Environment Coalition (SEEC) is a coalition of fifty –three Democratic members of the U.S. House of Representatives that was founded in January 2009 to be a focused, active, and effective coalition for advancing "policies that promote clean energy technology innovation and domestic manufacturing, develop renewable energy resources, and create green collar jobs throughout the product supply-chain, and polices to help arrest global warming and protect our nation's clean air, water and natural environment." SEEC is Co-Chaired by Reps. Paul Tonko (D-NY), Gerald Connolly (D-VA), and Doris Matsui (D-CA). SEEC Vice-Chairs are Reps. Jared Polis (D-CO), Steve Israel (D-NY), Chellie Pingree (D-ME), Matt Cartwright (D-PA), and Alan Lowenthal (D-CA).

To: Distefano, Nichole[DiStefano.Nichole@epa.gov]; Vaught, Laura[Vaught.Laura@epa.gov]
From: Allen, Kara
Sent: Tue 2/4/2014 3:09:23 PM
Subject: RE: SEEC/EPA Attendance List

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Adding: Cleaver, Clark, Doggett to the list below.

Kara Allen

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From: Allen, Kara
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 5:27 PM
To: 'Distefano, Nichole'; Vaught, Laura
Subject: RE: SEEC/EPA Attendance List

Yes, though I think they are leaning more toward petcoke. His CoS had flagged this article for me as well: http://www.nytimes.com/2013/12/15/us/scientists-turn-their-gaze-toward-tiny-threats-to-great-lakes.html?_r=0

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On Great Lakes – do you mean funding for Great Lakes?

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From: Allen, Kara [mailto:Kara.Allen@mail.house.gov]
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To: Vaught, Laura; Distefano, Nichole
Subject: SEEC/EPA Attendance List

Hi Ladies,

If you need to reach me tomorrow after 10 AM, my BlackBerry is the best way to do so: Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy If you get the voicemail, just shoot me an e-mail (I have no idea how to access my voicemails). Here's the latest member list (which continues to change):

1. Honda

2. Tonko

3. Keating

4. Connolly (chairing)

5. Lofgren

6. Quigley (I forgot to mention Nichole that he may raise issues either about the Great Lakes or petcoke)

7. Schneider

8. Nolan (one of our recruits)

9. D. Price

10. Kilmer

11. Capps

12. Cartwright

13. Holt

14. Shea-Porter

15. Sarbanes

16. Heck

17. Edwards

18. Cohen

19. Christensen

20. Matsui

21. Brownley

22. Waxman

23. G. Miller

24. Tsongas

25. Welch

26. Van Hollen

Let me know if you have any other questions. Looking forward to it.

Best,

Kara

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From: Allen, Kara
Sent: Mon 6/2/2014 5:22:05 PM
Subject: Half Day Roundup from SEEC MoCs
SEEC Activity on CPS.docx

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All,
Attached and below is what I've caught thus from SEEC and our members on today's announcement (includes statements, tweets, Facebook posts, press, and op-eds). Will have a wrap for you later on today as well.
Best,
Kara

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Statements:

- McDermott (below)
- SEEC
- Blumenauer
- Ellison
- Capps
- Van Hollen
- Matsui
- Moran

McDermott Statement on Obama Administration's Proposal to Cut Carbon Emissions

WASHINGTON, DC – Today, Jim McDermott (D, WA-7) issued the following statement on the Obama administration's announcement of its proposal to cut carbon emissions from existing power plants.

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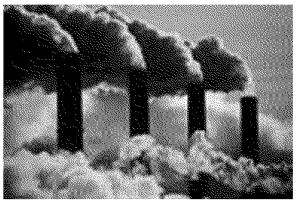

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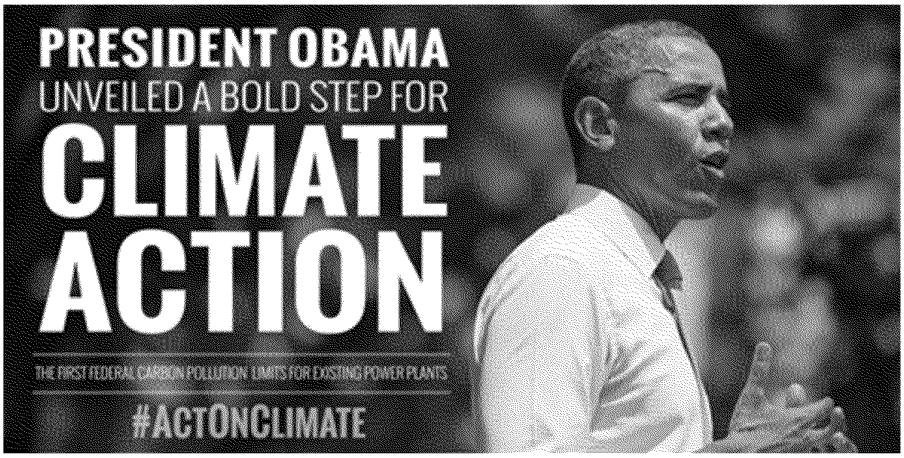

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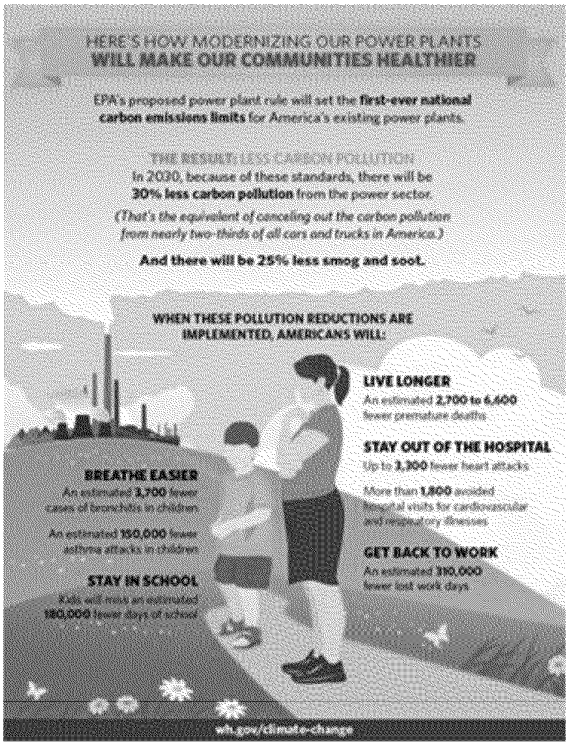

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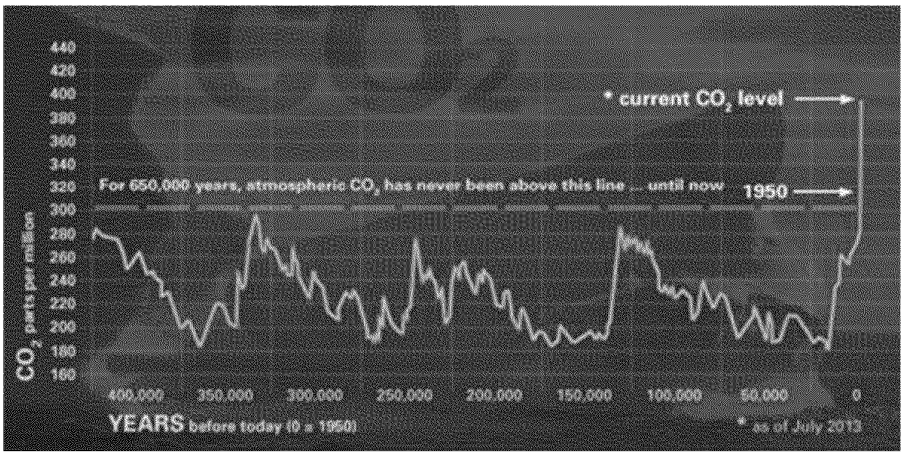

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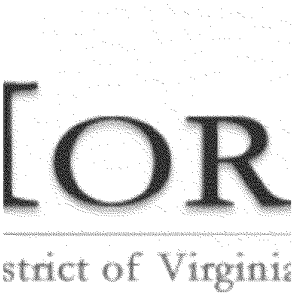

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Since @**HouseGOP** won't act, I applaud the @**EPA**'s proposed carbon pollution standards for power plants http://1.usa.gov/1wW5dJF #**ActOnClimate**
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Understanding Climate Change impacts in the New England region is one thing, and actually working to improve vision, capability and capacity to confront climate change and make our communities more...

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Paul D. Tonko
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Keith Ellison
6 mins ·
As a father of four, I am always thinking about the kind of world I want to leave to my kids. President Obama and the Environmental Protection Agency outlined today the most significant step the United States has ever taken to curb carbon emissions and fight back against climate change. We have an obligation to future generations, and to the millions of Americans already feeling the affects of pollution and global warming, to make changes now. Thank you, Mr. President.

Time for National Action to Reduce Carbon Pollution
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Congressman John Sarbanes
7 mins ·
In the face of reckless Congressional inaction, the EPA's proposal to reduce carbon pollution over the next 16 years is the strongest action to date on climate change. Despite an overwhelming consensus in the scientific community that climate change is a real danger, Republicans in Congress continue to block legislation to address the threat. We must work constructively to find solutions that are rooted in science and protect our environment for the next generation. #ActOnClimate

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ACT ON CLIMATE: As an environmentalist and a member of Congress, fighting climate change can feel like an uphill battle. Thankfully, new carbon emission standards announced today will protect our public health and spur smart investments in clean energy that will create jobs and economic growth. Perhaps most important, they help fulfill a promise we make to our young people to leave them with a world that is better than we found it, rich in natural resources and that will last for generations to come. Learn more at www.whitehouse.gov/climate-change.

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Congressman Jim McGovern

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Today, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency released the Clean Power Plan proposal, which for the first time cuts carbon pollution from existing power plants, the single largest source of carbon pollution in the United States.

I am proud that Massachusetts has been a national leader in implementing policies that reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) while spurring economic development and am happy to see the nation follow its lead.

06/02/2014: EPA Proposes First Guidelines to Cut Carbon Pollution from Existing Power...

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Chris Van Hollen

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From NASA - National Aeronautics and Space Administration -- visualizing the urgent need to # ActOnClimate change.

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Congressman Jim Moran

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The EPA's proposal today is a game changing decision that reflects President Obama's commitment to act on climate change. This is a problem that won't go away unless we take decisive action to reduce the carbon emissions that are driving climate change. But this isn't just about the threat it poses in the future. This is a present day threat to our national security, our economy, our health and well-being. Climate change is already affecting communities across the country...

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Today's announcement by the EPA is a historic step forward in our effort to combat climate change and protect the health of our communities. These proposed rules will go a long way toward reducing greenhouse gas emissions, keeping our air clean, and protecting the health of seniors, children, and families.

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Chellie Pingree

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I know it will be opposed by big oil and coal companies, but I fully support EPA's proposal to cut carbon emissions from power plants by 30% by 2030. It's past time to take this pollution out of the air and move toward cleaner energy resources. Maine's economy is already suffering from climate change, ocean acidification, and other carbon-related effects on our environment--we can't afford to wait anymore. http://1.usa.gov/1mK5E2B

Praising EPA proposal on global warming pollution
Official web site for Representative Chellie Pingree (D - ME).
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Raul M. Grijalva
10 mins ·
With the Clean Power Plan, we kill two birds with one stone – we significantly curb the amount of carbon being released into our atmosphere and we encourage more investment and job creation in the clean and renewable energy sectors.

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Congresswoman Annie Kuster
3 mins ·
Glad that the EPA is catching up to what New Hampshire has already been doing and rolling out standards for reducing pollution from power plants. A few months ago, I led 40 Representatives from the Northeast in asking EPA to use our Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) as a model for developing their national standard. RGGI has been successful in reducing emissions in our states by 40% since 2005 while supporting efforts to increase efficiency and spur innovative new companies. I'm pleased that EPA listened to our suggestions and is proposing a flexible approach that will empower states to develop custom solutions to meeting this national challenge through cooperation, innovation, and a shared commitment to a cleaner, safer, healthier future for all Americans.

Chris Van Hollen
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FACT: The President's plan to clean up our power plants will save lives. #ActOnClimate

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Congressman Scott Peters
2 mins ·
Today's plan from U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will reward states, like California, that are finding innovative solutions to reducing carbon emissions, cutting down on pollution and smog, and providing cleaner air for our children and seniors. It is time to #ActOnClimate!
The EPA is taking public comments about their proposal for the next four months. Submit your thoughts here: http://www2.epa.gov/carbon-pollution-standards/how-comment-clean-power-plan-proposed-rule

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Steve Israel
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Climate change is a risk to our economy and our health. I applaud the new standards proposed today by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency that would cut air pollution and put New York on the path to a sustainable future.
http://www.nytimes.com/2014/06/03/us/politics/obama-epa-rule-coal-carbon-pollution-power-plants.html?hp

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Congressman John K. Delaney
53 mins ·

Today the EPA announced new greenhouse gas standards. I discussed the best way forward on this issue in yesterday's Washington Post. In my view, we should give the states more flexibility, including using a market-based approach like a carbon tax. You can read my op-ed here:
Ahead of New EPA Guidelines Delaney Op-Ed in Washington Post Calls for State-Based Carbon Tax...
WASHINGTON – Sunday's print edition of the Washington Post featured...
delaney.house.gov

Representative Alan Lowenthal
36 mins ·

With Congress unable to face climate reality, President Obama promotes game-changing steps to cut carbon pollution from power plants and combat climate change:

Reducing Carbon Pollution in Our Power Plants
In this week's address, President Obama discussed new actions by the Environmental Protection Agency to cut dangerous carbon pollution, a plan that builds on...
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Peter Welch
1 hr ·

This is what Peter said after the Obama administration announced a plan to reduce power plant emissions:
"Climate change is real and poses a serious threat to our economy, environment and public health. And Vermont is not immune from its effects. Just ask our farmers, sugar makers and ski area operators. They will tell you how climate change is already upon them. Across the country, severe weather events related to climate change, like Tropical Storm Irene, are becoming ...
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Congresswoman Susan Davis
51 mins ·

We have a responsibility to our children to leave them a planet with cleaner air. The President's proposed cut in carbon pollution will mean a healthier future for generations to come. #ActOnClimate
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Congressman Jared Huffman
11 mins ·

Climate change is already having far-reaching impacts -- catastrophic droughts and wildfires in California, more extreme weather events around the world, a rising sea level globally, and impacts to our public health and food supply. We cannot afford to let industry-funded climate deniers, who ignore the science and the facts, continue to block any major federal action.
We have a legal and moral obligation to cut carbon pollution now.
The President's Clean Power Plan is a cr...
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A primer on new regulation EPA will propose
The EPA will propose a rule to cut emissions from existing coal plants by as much as 30 percent by 2030.
Washington Post

Steve Israel
1 hr ·
Climate change is a matter of national security. It poses a grave risk to our economy and the health of NY families. NY is a step ahead, but it's time to #ActofClimate

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Congresswoman Katherine Clark
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I applaud the Administration for taking a necessary step to ensure better health and a better planet for our children by reducing the dangerous amounts of carbon pollution introduced daily into the air.
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New rules on carbon emissions give states flexibility - The Boston Globe
WASHINGTON (AP) — The Obama administration's new rules targeting power plant emissions will give states until mid-2018 in some circumstances to determine how they'll reach...
The Boston Globe
Representative Zoe Lofgren
1 hr ·
I applaud the EPA's announcement proposing regulations to limit carbon dioxide emissions from power plants. Carbon pollution exacerbates the effects of climate change and leads to higher risks of respiratory disease and asthma attacks. Climate change is a critical issue and this is one step towards addressing it and protecting the public health.

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Congresswoman Julia Brownley
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The Supreme Court's misguided decisions in Citizens United and McCutcheon have compounded the influence of wealthy special interests and so-called Super PACs, threatening our government "of the people, by the people, and for the people." The current campaign finance system is broken and we need a constitutional amendment to allow Congress and states to set reasonable limits to avoid the corrupting influence of money in politics. I applaud Chairman Leahy's commitment to returning the balance of power to the American people.

BROWNLEY APPLAUDS SENATE HEARING ON CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM | Congresswoman Julia Brownley
WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, Congresswoman...
juliabrownley.house.gov
Henry Waxman
9 mins ·
The #CleanPowerPlan proposal released today by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

marks a major step forward for our country. Acting now to curb carbon pollution will protect public health, slow global warming, and create new clean energy jobs. Doing nothing will lead to catastrophic changes in the #climate & endanger our health and economy.
We can be certain special interests will exaggerate the impacts of clear air regulations, but the history of the Clean Air A...
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Press:

Blumenauer in LATimes (forthcoming)
Van Hollen on Ronan Farrow

Op-Ed:

Delaney: http://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/john-k-delaney-an-excise-tax-would-give-states-a-role-in-fighting-climate-change/2014/05/30/ac2a58b4-e763-11e3-a86b-362fd5443d19

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We've cut air pollution by 70% while tripling the growth of our economy. We don't have to pick

bet economy & enviro #**ActOnClimate** @**GinaEPA**

Rep. Keith Ellison @**keithellison** 12m

VIDEO: It's time to #**ActonClimate**, Minnesota: http://bit.ly/1kAMSIg

Steve Israel @**RepSteveIsrael** 10m

We researched, engineered, built to win WW2 & land on moon. Now we will again to stop weather xtremes.

Mike Quigley @**RepMikeQuigley** 10m

New @**EPA** #**CarbonEmission** limits will protect public health & spur #**CleanEnergy** innovation. Learn more: http://www.whitehouse.gov/climate-change #**ActOnClimate**

Paul Tonko @**RepPaulTonko** 1m

Power plants responsible for 40% of carbon pollution in US and for first time, we're taking meaningful steps to #**ActOnClimate** and limit it

Rep. Alan Lowenthal @**RepLowenthal** 49s

With Congress unable to face climate reality, @**WhiteHouse** proposes decisive action to combat climate change. #**ActOnClimate**

Blumenauer Media @**BlumenauerMedia** 8m

Blumenauer: New EPA Regulations "Bold First Step" to Combating Climate Change http://blumenauer.house.gov/index.php/newsroom/press-releases/2355-blumenauer-statement-on-carbon-pollution-standards-for-power-plants …

Rep. Doris Matsui @**DorisMatsui** 6m

Power plants account for 40% of carbon pollution in US. For first time we're taking action to limit it #**ActOnClimate** http://1.usa.gov/U79afX

Paul Tonko @**RepPaulTonko** 9m

I agree w/ the Conf. of Catholic Bishops: it's time to #**ActOnClimate** to 'protect the health & welfare of all people.' http://goo.gl/SoXhOy

Rep. Zoe Lofgren @**RepZoeLofgren** 1m

New EPA regs limitng CO2 emissions a good step-fusion research like #**NIF** also critical to reduce future fossil fuel dependence #**ActOnClimate**

Jim Moran @**Jim_Moran** 39m

Read my full statement on @**EPA** & @**GinaEPA** game changing proposal to limit carbon emissions and #**ActOnClimate** - http://goo.gl/kUzhSB

Jim McDermott @**RepJimMcDermott** 22m

I commend @**BarackObama** @**EPA** 4 plan to curb carbon emissions. USA is already feeling effects of climate change. We must #**ActOnClimate** @**SEEC**

Lois Capps @**RepLoisCapps** 13m

These proposed @**EPA** rules will go a long way toward keeping our air clean, and protecting the

health of seniors, children, and families.

Chellie Pingree @chelliepingree 2m

EPA carbon proposal good step forward. Climate change is already here http://1.usa.gov/1mK5E2B **#mepolitics**

Rep.George Miller @askgeorge 1m

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Denny Heck @RepDennyHeck 1h

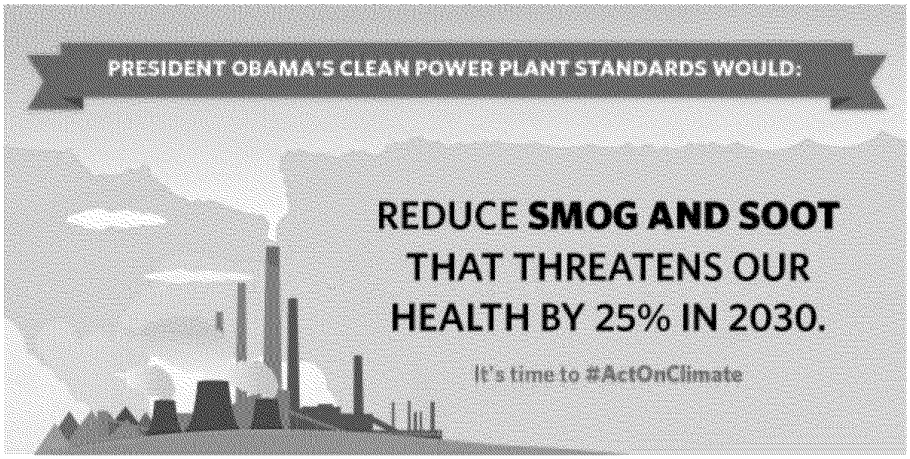
A big win for kids' health: **@EPA** just proposed standards to reduce carbon pollution from power plants → http://wh.gov/climate-change **#ActOnClimate**

Rep. Jared Polis @RepJaredPolis 1h

Since **@HouseGOP** won't act, I applaud the **@EPA**'s proposed carbon pollution standards for power plants http://1.usa.gov/1wW5dJF **#ActOnClimate**

Niki Tsongas @nikiinthehouse 1h

.**@EPA** proposed carbon pollution standards for powerplants: protect public health http://wh.gov/climate-change **#ActOnClimate** pic.twitter.com/Pnyj6mVavi



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Time to stop smoke-stacking the deck against our health. Reduce carbon pollution http://wh.gov/climate-change #**ActOnClimate** pic.twitter.com/WbEJ0lenH9

Rep. John Delaney @RepJohnDelaney 48m

Video of my interview with Energy Week on the new EPA guidelines here: http://youtu.be/c1a2hfiibO8 #**ActOnClimate**

Rep. Susan Davis @RepSusanDavis 46m

We have a responsibility to our children to leave them a planet w/ cleaner air. #**ActOnClimate** http://www.house.gov/susandavis/press2014/pr060214.shtml … pic.twitter.com/kPCpFC6nJj

Chris Van Hollen @ChrisVanHollen 28m

.@**WhiteHouse**'s plan to cut carbon builds off successes achieved in Maryland, other states - http://bsun.md/1nIFi6t #**ActOnClimate**

Rep.George Miller @askgeorge 21m

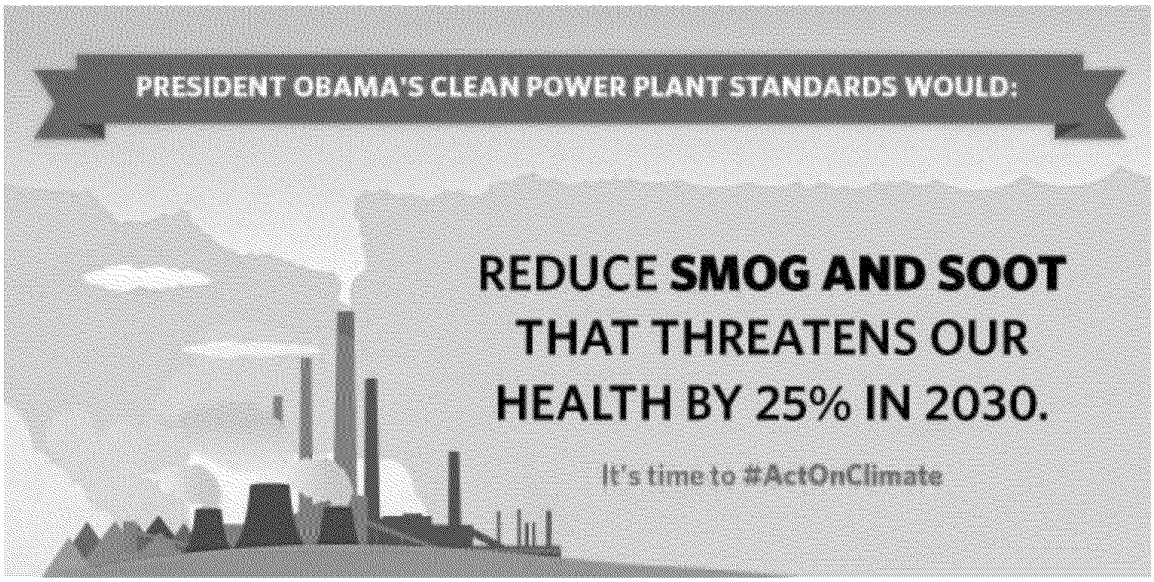
Today we took one huge step closer to a healthier, cleaner and more prosperous America. Limiting carbon pollution... http://fb.me/2EQTV6edk

Rep. John Delaney @RepJohnDelaney 12m

Delaney Applauds New EPA Rule, Calls for Expanded Options for States http://delaney.house.gov/media-center/press-releases/delaney-applauds-new-epa-rule-calls-for-expanded-options-for-states …

Denny Heck @RepDennyHeck 9m

Spread the word: Proposed @**EPA** clean power plant standards would reduce soot and smog by 25% in 2030. #**ActOnClimate** pic.twitter.com/nK3taKKu7n



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Congressman Matt Cartwright shared a link.

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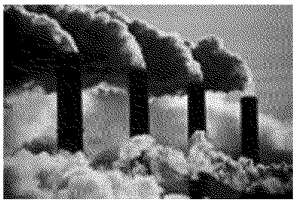
Today, EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy is laying the groundwork for the biggest reduction in carbon pollution ever proposed. Check it out at 10:30 AM: http://www.epa.gov/ #ActOnClimate



US Environmental Protection Agency
www.epa.gov
Understanding Climate Change impacts in the New England region is one thing, and actually working to improve vision, capability and capacity to confront climate change and make our communities more...

Congressman Gerry Connolly

9 mins ·

Today's Clean Power Plan will improve public health, create jobs, spur innovation & show the world the US is ready to lead on climate change

Barbara Lee

35 mins ·

Glad to see President Obama taking strong action today to cut carbon pollution at power plants. We have a moral obligation to address climate change and safeguard our planet for future generations. This important step will protect our environment, our health, and our economy. # ActOnClimate

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Paul D. Tonko

1 hr ·

With today's announcement, we are taking an important step in fulfilling our promise of a healthier and brighter tomorrow for our children. We already have limits on toxins like lead, mercury, and arsenic. Carbon pollution should be no different and as of today it no longer is.

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Statement on Carbon Pollution Standard for Existing Sources | Sustainable Energy and Environment...
Washington, D.C.—Today, the Environmental...
seec-israel.house.gov

Congresswoman Doris O. Matsui

10 mins ·

Today, EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy outlined the most significant step ever taken by the US to curb carbon pollution and combat climate change. It's time to #ActOnClimate!

http://matsui.house.gov/press-releases/congresswoman-matsui-applauds-epa-for-firstever-carbon-pollution-standard-for-existing-sources/

Keith Ellison

6 mins ·

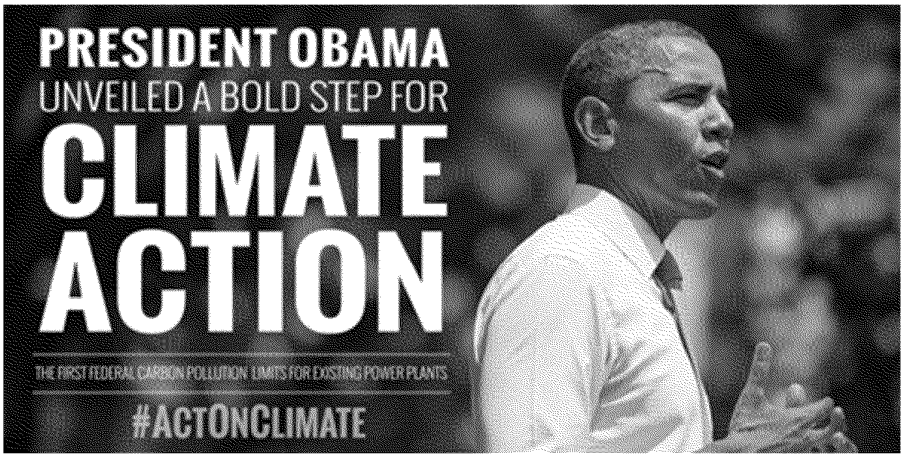
As a father of four, I am always thinking about the kind of world I want to leave to my kids. President Obama and the Environmental Protection Agency outlined today the most significant step the United States has ever taken to curb carbon emissions and fight back against climate change. We have an obligation to future generations, and to the millions of Americans already feeling the affects of pollution and global warming, to make changes now. Thank you, Mr. President.

Time for National Action to Reduce Carbon Pollution
Music: "I Dunno" by Grapes
youtube.com

Congressman John Sarbanes

7 mins ·

In the face of reckless Congressional inaction, the EPA's proposal to reduce carbon pollution over the next 16 years is the strongest action to date on climate change. Despite an overwhelming consensus in the scientific community that climate change is a real danger, Republicans in Congress continue to block legislation to address the threat. We must work constructively to find solutions that are rooted in science and protect our environment for the next generation. #ActOnClimate



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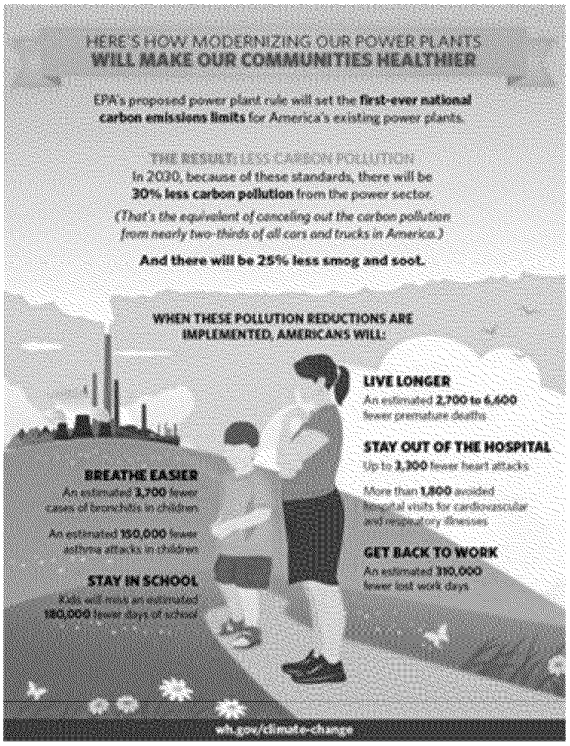
Mike Quigley

2 hrs ·

ACT ON CLIMATE: As an environmentalist and a member of Congress, fighting climate change can feel like an uphill battle. Thankfully, new carbon emission standards announced today will protect our public health and spur smart investments in clean energy that will create jobs and economic growth. Perhaps most important, they help fulfill a promise we make to our young people to leave them with a world that is better than we found it, rich in natural resources and that will last for generations to come. Learn more at www.whitehouse.gov/climate-change.



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Congressman Jim McGovern

1 hr ·

Today, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency released the Clean Power Plan proposal, which for the first time cuts carbon pollution from existing power plants, the single largest source of carbon pollution in the United States.

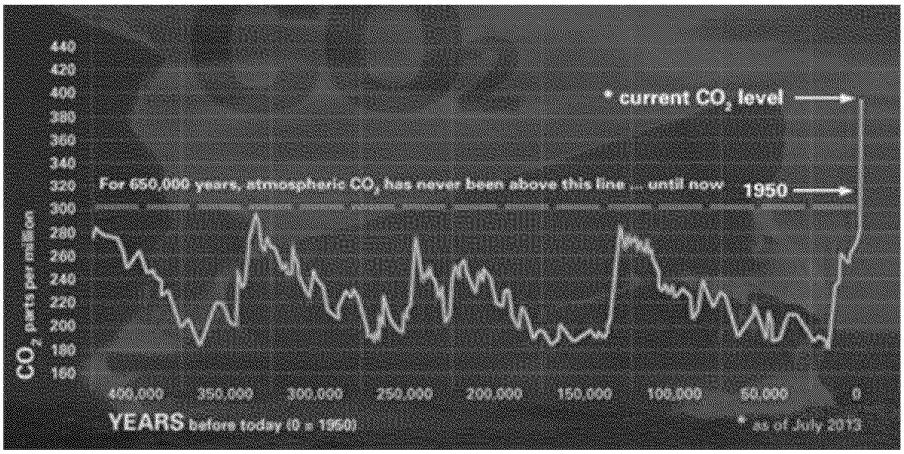
I am proud that Massachusetts has been a national leader in implementing policies that reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) while spurring economic development and am happy to see the nation follow its lead.

06/02/2014: EPA Proposes First Guidelines to Cut Carbon Pollution from Existing Power...
yosemite.epa.gov

Chris Van Hollen

40 mins ·

From NASA - National Aeronautics and Space Administration -- visualizing the urgent need to # ActOnClimate change.



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Congressman Jim Moran

1 hr ·

The EPA's proposal today is a game changing decision that reflects President Obama's commitment to act on climate change. This is a problem that won't go away unless we take decisive action to reduce the carbon emissions that are driving climate change. But this isn't just about the threat it poses in the future. This is a present day threat to our national security, our economy, our health and well-being. Climate change is already affecting communities across the country...

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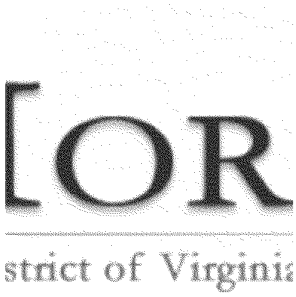

Moran Applauds EPA Proposal to Cut Carbon | Congressman Jim Moran
Washington D.C. -- Representative Jim Moran, Northern Virginia Democrat, Ranking Member on the House Appropriations Interior...
moran.house.gov

Today's announcement by the EPA is a historic step forward in our effort to combat climate change and protect the health of our communities. These proposed rules will go a long way toward reducing greenhouse gas emissions, keeping our air clean, and protecting the health of seniors, children, and families.

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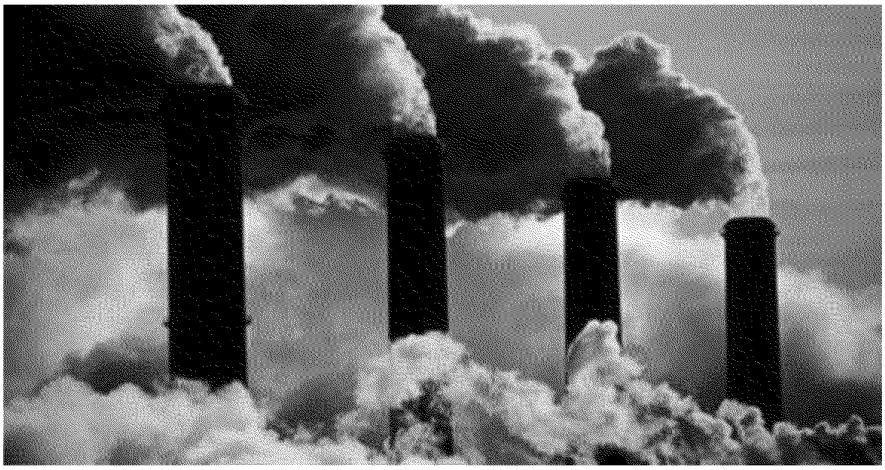
Chellie Pingree

41 secs ·

I know it will be opposed by big oil and coal companies, but I fully support EPA's proposal to cut carbon emissions from power plants by 30% by 2030. It's past time to take this pollution out of the air and move toward cleaner energy resources. Maine's economy is already suffering from climate change, ocean acidification, and other carbon-related effects on our environment--we can't afford to wait anymore. http://1.usa.gov/1mK5E2B



Praising EPA proposal on global warming pollution

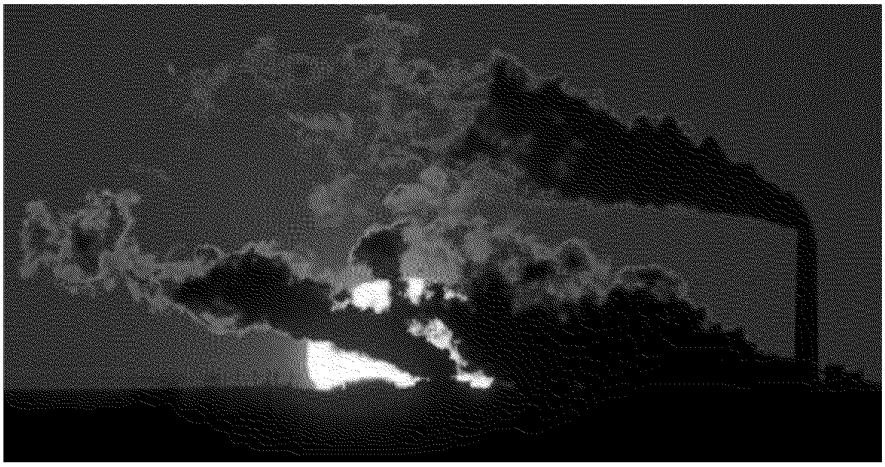
Official web site for Representative Chellie Pingree (D - ME).

pingree.house.gov

Raul M. Grijalva

10 mins ·

With the Clean Power Plan, we kill two birds with one stone – we significantly curb the amount of carbon being released into our atmosphere and we encourage more investment and job creation in the clean and renewable energy sectors.



Unveiling New Carbon Plan, E.P.A. Focuses on Flexibility

A rule announced Monday will give states a wide menu of policy options to...

The New York Times | By Coral Davenport

Congresswoman Annie Kuster

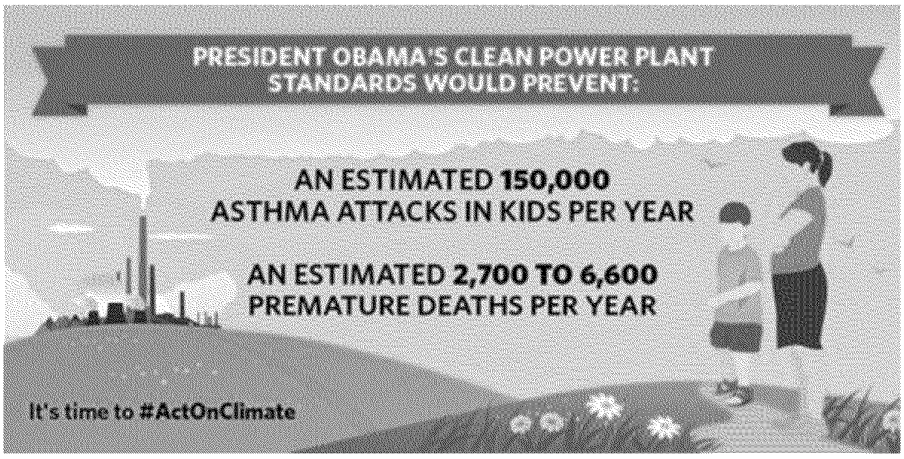
3 mins ·

Glad that the EPA is catching up to what New Hampshire has already been doing and rolling out standards for reducing pollution from power plants. A few months ago, I led 40 Representatives from the Northeast in asking EPA to use our Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) as a model for developing their national standard. RGGI has been successful in reducing emissions in our states by 40% since 2005 while supporting efforts to increase efficiency and spur innovative new companies. I'm pleased that EPA listened to our suggestions and is proposing a flexible approach that will empower states to develop custom solutions to meeting this national challenge through cooperation, innovation, and a shared commitment to a cleaner, safer, healthier future for all Americans.

Chris Van Hollen

7 mins ·

FACT: The President's plan to clean up our power plants will save lives. #ActOnClimate



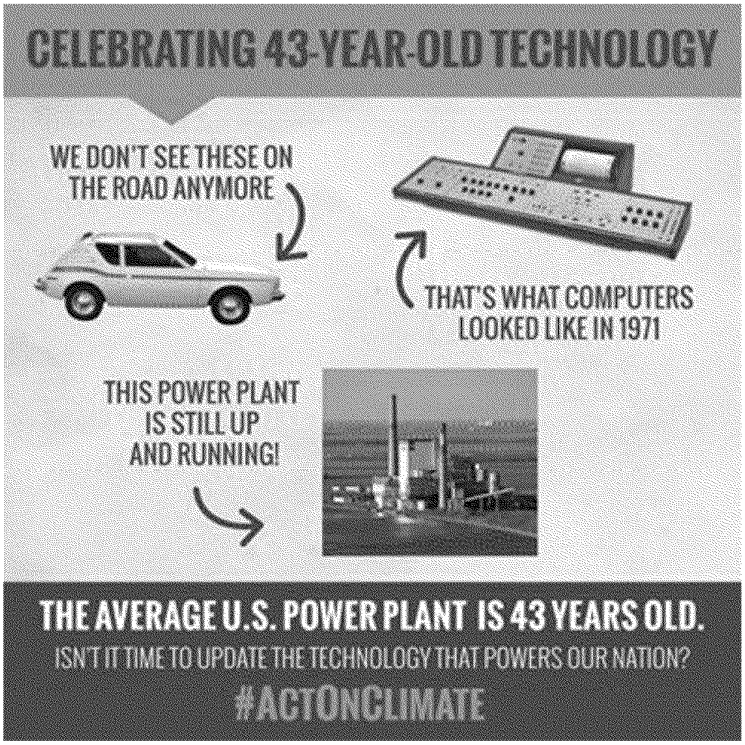
Congressman Scott Peters

2 mins ·

Today's plan from U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will reward states, like California, that are finding innovative solutions to reducing carbon emissions, cutting down on pollution and

smog, and providing cleaner air for our children and seniors. It is time to #ActOnClimate!

The EPA is taking public comments about their proposal for the next four months. Submit your thoughts here: http://www2.epa.gov/carbon-pollution-standards/how-comment-clean-power-plan-proposed-rule

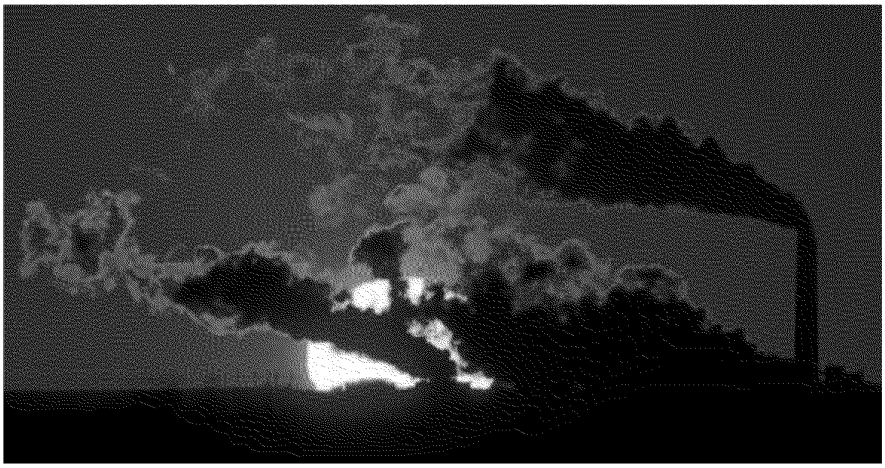


Steve Israel

2 mins ·

Climate change is a risk to our economy and our health. I applaud the new standards proposed today by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency that would cut air pollution and put New York on the path to a sustainable future.

http://www.nytimes.com/2014/06/03/us/politics/obama-epa-rule-coal-carbon-pollution-power-plants.html?hp



Unveiling New Carbon Plan, E.P.A. Focuses on Flexibility

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The New York Times | By Coral Davenport

Congressman John K. Delaney

53 mins ·

Today the EPA announced new greenhouse gas standards. I discussed the best way forward on this issue in yesterday's Washington Post. In my view, we should give the states more flexibility, including using a market-based approach like a carbon tax. You can read my op-ed here:

Ahead of New EPA Guidelines Delaney Op-Ed in Washington Post Calls for State-Based Carbon Tax...

WASHINGTON – Sunday's print edition of the Washington Post featured...

delaney.house.gov

Representative Alan Lowenthal

36 mins ·

With Congress unable to face climate reality, President Obama promotes game-changing steps to cut carbon pollution from power plants and combat climate change:

Reducing Carbon Pollution in Our Power Plants

In this week's address, President Obama discussed new actions by the Environmental Protection Agency to cut dangerous carbon pollution, a plan that builds on...

www.youtube.com

Peter Welch

1 hr ·

This is what Peter said after the Obama administration announced a plan to reduce power plant emissions:

"Climate change is real and poses a serious threat to our economy, environment and public health. And Vermont is not immune from its effects. Just ask our farmers, sugar makers and ski area operators. They will tell you how climate change is already upon them. Across the country, severe weather events related to climate change, like Tropical Storm Irene, are becoming ...

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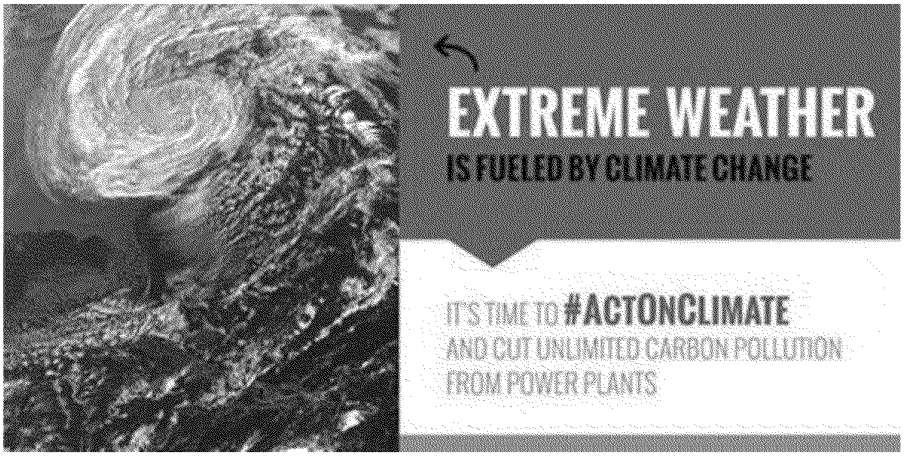

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Congresswoman Susan Davis

51 mins ·

We have a responsibility to our children to leave them a planet with cleaner air. The President's proposed cut in carbon pollution will mean a healthier future for generations to come. # ActOnClimate

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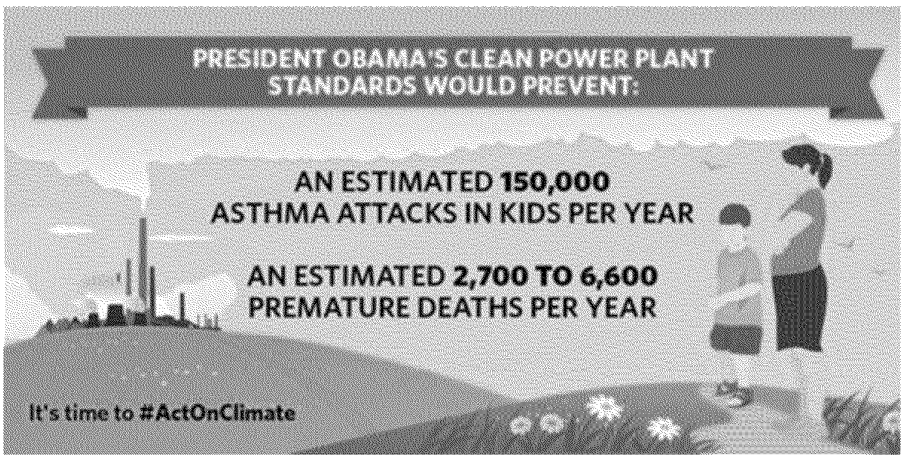

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Congressman Jared Huffman

11 mins ·

Climate change is already having far-reaching impacts -- catastrophic droughts and wildfires in California, more extreme weather events around the world, a rising sea level globally, and impacts to our public health and food supply. We cannot afford to let industry-funded climate deniers, who ignore the science and the facts, continue to block any major federal action.

We have a legal and moral obligation to cut carbon pollution now.

The President's Clean Power Plan is a cr...

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A primer on new regulation EPA will propose

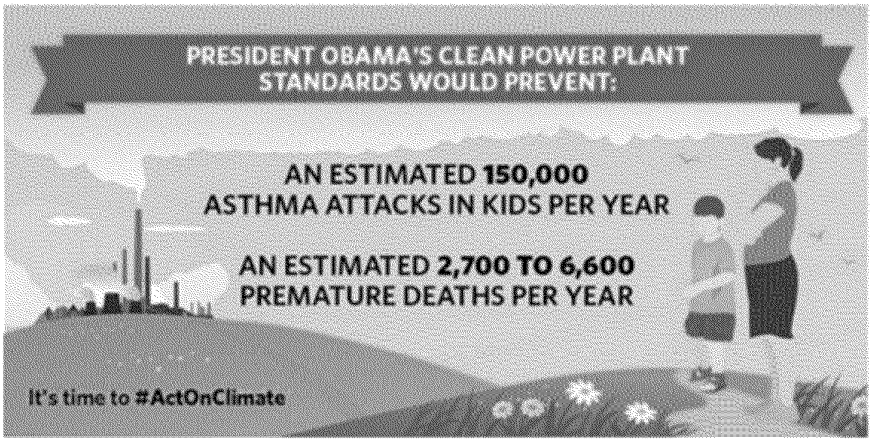
The EPA will propose a rule to cut emissions from existing coal plants by as much as 30 percent by 2030.

Washington Post

Steve Israel

1 hr ·

Climate change is a matter of national security. It poses a grave risk to our economy and the health of NY families. NY is a step ahead, but it's time to #ActofClimate



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Congresswoman Katherine Clark

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I applaud the Administration for taking a necessary step to ensure better health and a better planet for our children by reducing the dangerous amounts of carbon pollution introduced daily into the air.

http://www.bostonglobe.com/news/nation/2014/06/02/new-rules-carbon-emissions-give-states-flexibility/pQWXf461I0SiOkkkJuOp5N/story.html

New rules on carbon emissions give states flexibility - The Boston Globe

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Obama administration's new rules targeting power plant emissions will give states until mid-2018 in some circumstances to determine how they'll reach...

The Boston Globe

Representative Zoe Lofgren

1 hr ·

I applaud the EPA's announcement proposing regulations to limit carbon dioxide emissions from power plants. Carbon pollution exacerbates the effects of climate change and leads to higher risks of respiratory disease and asthma attacks. Climate change is a critical issue and this is one step towards addressing it and protecting the public health.

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Congresswoman Julia Brownley

34 mins ·

The Supreme Court's misguided decisions in Citizens United and McCutcheon have compounded the influence of wealthy special interests and so-called Super PACs, threatening our government "of the people, by the people, and for the people." The current campaign finance system is broken and we need a constitutional amendment to allow Congress and states to set reasonable limits to avoid the corrupting influence of money in politics. I applaud Chairman Leahy's commitment to returning the balance of power to the American people.

BROWNLEY APPLAUDS SENATE HEARING ON CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM | Congresswoman Julia Brownley

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, Congresswoman...

juliabrownley.house.gov

Henry Waxman

9 mins ·

The #CleanPowerPlan proposal released today by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency marks a major step forward for our country. Acting now to curb carbon pollution will protect public health, slow global warming, and create new clean energy jobs. Doing nothing will lead to catastrophic changes in the #climate & endanger our health and economy.

We can be certain special interests will exaggerate the impacts of clear air regulations, but the history of the Clean Air A...

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Clean Power Plan Explained

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Press:

Blumenauer in LATimes (forthcoming)

Van Hollen on Ronan Farrow

Op-Ed:

Delaney: http://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/john-k-delaney-an-excise-tax-would-give-states-a-role-in-fighting-climate-change/2014/05/30/ac2a58b4-e763-11e3-a86b-362fd5443d19_story.html

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To: Distefano, Nichole[DiStefano.Nichole@epa.gov]; 'Amanda_D._Anderson@who.eop.gov'[Amanda_D._Anderson@who.eop.gov]; Vaught, Laura[Vaught.Laura@epa.gov]
From: Allen, Kara
Sent: Mon 6/2/2014 10:34:59 PM
Subject: Re: End of Day Roundup from SEEC MoCs

;;;;;;Laura, Nichole,

Might it be possible to do a SEEC Staff briefing on the proposal? As you know, we meet every Friday. I know many of our staff will be at the briefing tomorrow but I know they'd also love to have a more intimate conversation.

Best,

Kara
Kara Allen
Executive Director
Sustainable Energy and Environment Coalition (SEEC)
(202) 226-5034 (direct)

From: Distefano, Nichole [mailto:DiStefano.Nichole@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, June 02, 2014 05:31 PM
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Subject: Re: End of Day Roundup from SEEC MoCs

Thanks!

From: Allen, Kara
Sent: Monday, June 2, 2014 5:28:59 PM
To: 'Anderson, Amanda D.'; Vaught, Laura; Distefano, Nichole
Subject: End of Day Roundup from SEEC MoCs
26 pages of activity—and this is just what was flagged for me. Will update with a more fine-toothed comb tomorrow.
Kara Allen
Sustainable Energy & Environment Coalition (SEEC)
202-226-5034 (direct)

Please consider the environment before printing this e-mail.

Statements:

- McDermott (below)
- SEEC
- Blumenauer
- Ellison
- Capps
- Van Hollen
- Matsui
- Moran

- S. Peters

McDermott Statement on Obama Administration's Proposal to Cut Carbon Emissions

WASHINGTON, DC – Today, Jim McDermott (D, WA-7) issued the following statement on the Obama administration's announcement of its proposal to cut carbon emissions from existing power plants.

"I commend the Obama administration on its announcement today to curb harmful carbon emissions from coal-fired power plants. This action represents the single strongest commitment ever taken by an American president to combat climate change. This action also helps make the price of carbon emissions – which is paid by each and every one of us – increasingly transparent to the American people. The science of climate change is clear: this is not an abstract notion for future generations to cope with; it is happening now. The price of carbon emissions and the impacts of climate change are now being felt across the United States – in our polluted air, the warming and acidification of our oceans, stressed ecosystems and increasingly destructive weather patterns. Democrats in Congress recognize the need to act now for environmental stewardship, for businesses, for national security, for the health and security of American families. Carbon in the atmosphere doesn't just accelerate a change in climate, it poses a public health risk to everyone downwind. I recently reintroduced the Managed Carbon Price Act of 2014, legislation to put a price on carbon and lower harmful greenhouse gas emissions over time. I support the Environmental Protection Agency's actions moving forward and hope my legislation will contribute to this critical discussion moving forward."

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Twitter:

Rep. Barbara Lee @RepBarbaraLee 29m

Big news! **@BarackObama** announces big steps to cut carbon pollution and **#ActOnClimate**. See more here: http://1.usa.gov/1uvaerr

House of Reps. SEEC @SEEC 10m

SEEC responds to first ever **#carbonpollution** standards: http://seec-israel.house.gov/press-release/statement-carbon-pollution-standard-existing-sources ... **#ActOnClimate** **@EPA** **@WhiteHouse**

.**@SEEC** Statement on Carbon Pollution Standard for Existing Sources http://seec-israel.house.gov/press-release/statement-carbon-pollution-standard-existing-sources ...

Rep. Keith Ellison @keithellison 1m

A strong proposed rule to cut carbon pollution is essential to our future. I applaud the **@EPA** and **@WhiteHouse**: http://1.usa.gov/1kxGZAt

Rep. Keith Ellison @keithellison 26s

Reducing carbon pollution from power plants will guarantee a healthier future for our children **#ActonClimate**

Rep. Keith Ellison @keithellison 1m

In MN, we've had three 1,000-year flooding events in the last decade. We must slow the worst effects of climate change **#ActOnClimate**

Paul Tonko @RepPaulTonko 18m

Watch **@GinaEPA** discuss the biggest step yet to **#ActOnClimate** this morn at 10:30 AM ET http://www.epa.gov

Chris Van Hollen @ChrisVanHollen 13m

Today's new carbon standard will improve public health, create jobs & show the world the US is ready to #ActOnClimate change.
Paul Tonko @RepPaulTonko 3m
LIVE: @GinaEPA announces game-changing limits on the carbon pollution that fuels climate change: http://www.epa.gov #ActOnClimate
Jim Moran @Jim_Moran 2m
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Gerry Connolly @GerryConnolly 1m
Today's Clean Power Plan will improve public health, create jobs, spur innovation & show the world the US is ready to lead on climate change
House of Reps. SEEC @SEEC 5m
.@GinaEPA: "We are directed by our laws & it is reaffirmed by the courts that we r here 2 protect public health & the enviro" #ActOnClimate
House of Reps. SEEC @SEEC 4m
.@GinaEPA: "There are no limits on carbon pollution from power plants, our nation's largest sources." #ActOnClimate
House of Reps. SEEC @SEEC 3m
.@GinaEPA: "1/10 kids suffer from asthma." #ActOnClimate @LungAssociation
House of Reps. SEEC @SEEC 1m
If we do nothing, we could see temps increase 10 degrees and seas rise 4 ft. It's abt protecting our homes, jobs #ActOnClimate @GinaEPA
Rep. Scott Peters @RepScottPeters 1m
HAPPENING NOW: @GinaEPA is announcing decisive steps to curb carbon pollution and #ActOnClimate. Watch here: http://epa.gov
Rep. Keith Ellison @keithellison 1m
Watch @GinaEPA of the @EPA talk about the new carbon rule: http://1.usa.gov/4LfaFa
Rep. John Delaney @RepJohnDelaney 13s
New EPA rules out today. Read my Washington Post oped here: http://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/john-k-delaney-an-excise-tax-would-give-states-a-role-in-fighting-climate-change/2014/05/30/ac2a58b4-e763-11e3-a86b-362fd5443d19_story.html ... #ActOnClimate
Jim Moran @Jim_Moran 1m
Happening now: @GinaEPA decision to #ActOnClimate will lead us to a healthier future.
Paul Tonko @RepPaulTonko 1m
Read more information on the administration's plan to #ActOnClimate here: http://www.whitehouse.gov/climate-change
House of Reps. SEEC @SEEC 3m

Watch @GinaEPA on today's #carbonpollution standards and the @EPA plan to #ActOnClimate: http://epa.gov

House of Reps. SEEC @SEEC 36s

We've cut air pollution by 70% while tripling the growth of our economy. We don't have to pick bet economy & enviro #ActOnClimate @GinaEPA

Rep. Keith Ellison @keithellison 12m

VIDEO: It's time to #ActonClimate, Minnesota: http://bit.ly/1kAMSIg

Steve Israel @RepSteveIsrael 10m

We researched, engineered, built to win WW2 & land on moon. Now we will again to stop weather xtremes.

Mike Quigley @RepMikeQuigley 10m

New @EPA #CarbonEmission limits will protect public health & spur #CleanEnergy innovation. Learn more: http://www.whitehouse.gov/climate-change #ActOnClimate

Paul Tonko @RepPaulTonko 1m

Power plants responsible for 40% of carbon pollution in US and for first time, we're taking meaningful steps to #ActOnClimate and limit it

Rep. Alan Lowenthal @RepLowenthal 49s

With Congress unable to face climate reality, @WhiteHouse proposes decisive action to combat climate change. #ActOnClimate

Blumenauer Media @BlumenauerMedia 8m

Blumenauer: New EPA Regulations "Bold First Step" to Combating Climate Change http://blumenauer.house.gov/index.php/newsroom/press-releases/2355-blumenauer-statement-on-carbon-pollution-standards-for-power-plants ...

Rep. Doris Matsui @DorisMatsui 6m

Power plants account for 40% of carbon pollution in US. For first time we're taking action to limit it #ActOnClimate http://1.usa.gov/U79afX

Paul Tonko @RepPaulTonko 9m

I agree w/ the Conf. of Catholic Bishops: it's time to #ActOnClimate to 'protect the health & welfare of all people.' http://goo.gl/SoXhOy

Rep. Zoe Lofgren @RepZoeLofgren 1m

New EPA regs limitng CO2 emissions a good step-fusion research like #NIF also critical to reduce future fossil fuel dependence #ActOnClimate

Jim Moran @Jim_Moran 39m

Read my full statement on @EPA & @GinaEPA game changing proposal to limit carbon emissions and #ActOnClimate - http://goo.gl/kUzhSB

Jim McDermott @RepJimMcDermott 22m

I commend @BarackObama @EPA 4 plan to curb carbon emissions. USA is already feeling effects of climate change. We must #ActOnClimate @SEEC

Lois Capps @RepLoisCapps 13m

These proposed @EPA rules will go a long way toward keeping our air clean, and protecting the health of seniors, children, and families.

Chellie Pingree @chelliepingree 2m

EPA carbon proposal good step forward. Climate change is already here http://1.usa.gov/1mK5E2B #mepolitics

Rep.George Miller @askgeorge 1m

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Denny Heck @RepDennyHeck 1h

A big win for kids' health: @**EPA** just proposed standards to reduce carbon pollution from power plants → http://wh.gov/climate-change #**ActOnClimate**

Rep. Jared Polis @RepJaredPolis 1h

Since @**HouseGOP** won't act, I applaud the @**EPA**'s proposed carbon pollution standards for power plants http://1.usa.gov/1wW5dJF #**ActOnClimate**

Niki Tsongas @nikiinthehouse 1h

.@**EPA** proposed carbon pollution standards for powerplants: protect public health http://wh.gov/climate-change #**ActOnClimate** pic.twitter.com/Pnyj6mVavi

Katherine Clark @RepKClark 1h

Pleased #**EPA** taking a necessary step to ensure better health and a better planet for our children. #**ActOnClimate** http://bit.ly/1mKtWcR

Niki Tsongas @nikiinthehouse 1h

Time to stop smoke-stacking the deck against our health. Reduce carbon pollution http://wh.gov/climate-change #**ActOnClimate** pic.twitter.com/WbEJ0lenH9

Rep. John Delaney @RepJohnDelaney 48m

Video of my interview with Energy Week on the new EPA guidelines here: http://youtu.be/c1a2hfiibO8 #**ActOnClimate**

Rep. Susan Davis @RepSusanDavis 46m

We have a responsibility to our children to leave them a planet w/ cleaner air. #**ActOnClimate** http://www.house.gov/susandavis/press2014/pr060214.shtml … pic.twitter.com/kPCpFC6nJj

Chris Van Hollen @ChrisVanHollen 28m

.@**WhiteHouse**'s plan to cut carbon builds off successes achieved in Maryland, other states - http://bsun.md/1nIFi6t #**ActOnClimate**

Rep.George Miller @askgeorge 21m

Today we took one huge step closer to a healthier, cleaner and more prosperous America. Limiting carbon pollution... http://fb.me/2EQTV6edk

Rep. John Delaney @RepJohnDelaney 12m

Delaney Applauds New EPA Rule, Calls for Expanded Options for States http://delaney.house.gov/media-center/press-releases/delaney-applauds-new-epa-rule-calls-for-expanded-options-for-states …

Denny Heck @RepDennyHeck 9m

Spread the word: Proposed @**EPA** clean power plant standards would reduce soot and smog by 25% in 2030. #**ActOnClimate** pic.twitter.com/nK3taKKu7n

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Congressman Matt Cartwright shared a link.

4 minutes ago · Edited

Today, EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy is laying the groundwork for the biggest reduction in carbon pollution ever proposed. Check it out at 10:30 AM: http://www.epa.gov/ #ActOnClimate

US Environmental Protection Agency
www.epa.gov
Understanding Climate Change impacts in the New England region is one thing, and actually working to improve vision, capability and capacity to confront climate change and make our communities more...

Congressman Gerry Connolly
9 mins ·
Today's Clean Power Plan will improve public health, create jobs, spur innovation & show the world the US is ready to lead on climate change

Barbara Lee
35 mins ·
Glad to see President Obama taking strong action today to cut carbon pollution at power plants. We have a moral obligation to address climate change and safeguard our planet for future generations. This important step will protect our environment, our health, and our economy. #ActOnClimate

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Paul D. Tonko
1 hr ·
With today's announcement, we are taking an important step in fulfilling our promise of a healthier and brighter tomorrow for our children. We already have limits on toxins like lead, mercury, and arsenic. Carbon pollution should be no different and as of today it no longer is.

Statement on Carbon Pollution Standard for Existing Sources | Sustainable Energy and Environment...
Washington, D.C.—Today, the Environmental...
seec-israel.house.gov

Congresswoman Doris O. Matsui
10 mins ·
Today, EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy outlined the most significant step ever taken by the US to curb carbon pollution and combat climate change. It's time to #ActOnClimate!
http://matsui.house.gov/press-releases/congresswoman-matsui-applauds-epa-for-firstever-carbon-pollution-standard-for-existing-sources/

Keith Ellison
6 mins ·
As a father of four, I am always thinking about the kind of world I want to leave to my kids. President Obama and the Environmental Protection Agency outlined today the most significant step the United States has ever taken to curb carbon emissions and fight back against climate change. We have an obligation to future generations, and to the millions of Americans already feeling the affects of pollution and global warming, to make changes now. Thank you, Mr. President.

Time for National Action to Reduce Carbon Pollution

Music: "I Dunno" by Grapes
youtube.com
Congressman John Sarbanes
7 mins ·
In the face of reckless Congressional inaction, the EPA's proposal to reduce carbon pollution over the next 16 years is the strongest action to date on climate change. Despite an overwhelming consensus in the scientific community that climate change is a real danger, Republicans in Congress continue to block legislation to address the threat. We must work constructively to find solutions that are rooted in science and protect our environment for the next generation. #ActOnClimate

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Mike Quigley
2 hrs ·
ACT ON CLIMATE: As an environmentalist and a member of Congress, fighting climate change can feel like an uphill battle. Thankfully, new carbon emission standards announced today will protect our public health and spur smart investments in clean energy that will create jobs and economic growth. Perhaps most important, they help fulfill a promise we make to our young people to leave them with a world that is better than we found it, rich in natural resources and that will last for generations to come. Learn more at www.whitehouse.gov/climate-change.

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Congressman Jim McGovern
1 hr ·
Today, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency released the Clean Power Plan proposal, which for the first time cuts carbon pollution from existing power plants, the single largest source of carbon pollution in the United States.
I am proud that Massachusetts has been a national leader in implementing policies that reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) while spurring economic development and am happy to see the nation follow its lead.
06/02/2014: EPA Proposes First Guidelines to Cut Carbon Pollution from Existing Power...
yosemite.epa.gov
Chris Van Hollen
40 mins ·
From NASA - National Aeronautics and Space Administration -- visualizing the urgent need to # ActOnClimate change.

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Congressman Jim Moran
1 hr ·
The EPA's proposal today is a game changing decision that reflects President Obama's commitment to act on climate change. This is a problem that won't go away unless we take

decisive action to reduce the carbon emissions that are driving climate change. But this isn't just about the threat it poses in the future. This is a present day threat to our national security, our economy, our health and well-being. Climate change is already affecting communities across the country...
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Moran Applauds EPA Proposal to Cut Carbon | Congressman Jim Moran
Washington D.C. -- Representative Jim Moran, Northern Virginia Democrat, Ranking Member on the House Appropriations Interior...
moran.house.gov
Today's announcement by the EPA is a historic step forward in our effort to combat climate change and protect the health of our communities. These proposed rules will go a long way toward reducing greenhouse gas emissions, keeping our air clean, and protecting the health of seniors, children, and families.

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Chellie Pingree
41 secs ·
I know it will be opposed by big oil and coal companies, but I fully support EPA's proposal to cut carbon emissions from power plants by 30% by 2030. It's past time to take this pollution out of the air and move toward cleaner energy resources. Maine's economy is already suffering from climate change, ocean acidification, and other carbon-related effects on our environment--we can't afford to wait anymore. http://1.usa.gov/1mK5E2B

Praising EPA proposal on global warming pollution
Official web site for Representative Chellie Pingree (D - ME).
pingree.house.gov

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Raul M. Grijalva
10 mins ·
With the Clean Power Plan, we kill two birds with one stone – we significantly curb the amount of carbon being released into our atmosphere and we encourage more investment and job creation in the clean and renewable energy sectors.

Unveiling New Carbon Plan, E.P.A. Focuses on Flexibility
A rule announced Monday will give states a wide menu of policy options to...
The New York Times | By Coral Davenport

Congresswoman Annie Kuster
3 mins ·
Glad that the EPA is catching up to what New Hampshire has already been doing and rolling out standards for reducing pollution from power plants. A few months ago, I led 40 Representatives from the Northeast in asking EPA to use our Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) as a model for developing their national standard. RGGI has been successful in reducing emissions in our states by 40% since 2005 while supporting efforts to increase efficiency and spur innovative new companies. I'm pleased that EPA listened to our suggestions and is proposing a flexible approach that will empower states to develop custom solutions to meeting this national challenge through cooperation, innovation, and a shared commitment to a cleaner, safer, healthier future

for all Americans.
Chris Van Hollen
7 mins ·
FACT: The President's plan to clean up our power plants will save lives. #ActOnClimate

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Congressman Scott Peters
2 mins ·
Today's plan from U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will reward states, like California, that are finding innovative solutions to reducing carbon emissions, cutting down on pollution and smog, and providing cleaner air for our children and seniors. It is time to #ActOnClimate!
The EPA is taking public comments about their proposal for the next four months. Submit your thoughts here: http://www2.epa.gov/carbon-pollution-standards/how-comment-clean-power-plan-proposed-rule

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Steve Israel
2 mins ·
Climate change is a risk to our economy and our health. I applaud the new standards proposed today by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency that would cut air pollution and put New York on the path to a sustainable future.
http://www.nytimes.com/2014/06/03/us/politics/obama-epa-rule-coal-carbon-pollution-power-plants.html?hp

Unveiling New Carbon Plan, E.P.A. Focuses on Flexibility
A rule announced Monday will give states a wide menu of policy options to...
The New York Times | By Coral Davenport
Congressman John K. Delaney
53 mins ·
Today the EPA announced new greenhouse gas standards. I discussed the best way forward on this issue in yesterday's Washington Post. In my view, we should give the states more flexibility, including using a market-based approach like a carbon tax. You can read my op-ed here:
Ahead of New EPA Guidelines Delaney Op-Ed in Washington Post Calls for State-Based Carbon Tax...
WASHINGTON – Sunday's print edition of the Washington Post featured...
delaney.house.gov
Representative Alan Lowenthal
36 mins ·
With Congress unable to face climate reality, President Obama promotes game-changing steps to cut carbon pollution from power plants and combat climate change:

Reducing Carbon Pollution in Our Power Plants
In this week's address, President Obama discussed new actions by the Environmental Protection Agency to cut dangerous carbon pollution, a plan that builds on...
www.youtube.com
Peter Welch
1 hr ·
This is what Peter said after the Obama administration announced a plan to reduce power plant emissions:

"Climate change is real and poses a serious threat to our economy, environment and public health. And Vermont is not immune from its effects. Just ask our farmers, sugar makers and ski area operators. They will tell you how climate change is already upon them. Across the country, severe weather events related to climate change, like Tropical Storm Irene, are becoming ...
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Congresswoman Susan Davis

51 mins ·

We have a responsibility to our children to leave them a planet with cleaner air. The President's proposed cut in carbon pollution will mean a healthier future for generations to come. #ActOnClimate
http://www.house.gov/susandavis/press2014/pr060214.shtml

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Congressman Jared Huffman

11 mins ·

Climate change is already having far-reaching impacts -- catastrophic droughts and wildfires in California, more extreme weather events around the world, a rising sea level globally, and impacts to our public health and food supply. We cannot afford to let industry-funded climate deniers, who ignore the science and the facts, continue to block any major federal action.
We have a legal and moral obligation to cut carbon pollution now.
The President's Clean Power Plan is a cr...
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A primer on new regulation EPA will propose
The EPA will propose a rule to cut emissions from existing coal plants by as much as 30 percent by 2030.
Washington Post

Steve Israel

1 hr ·

Climate change is a matter of national security. It poses a grave risk to our economy and the health of NY families. NY is a step ahead, but it's time to #ActofClimate

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Congresswoman Katherine Clark

1 hr ·

I applaud the Administration for taking a necessary step to ensure better health and a better planet for our children by reducing the dangerous amounts of carbon pollution introduced daily into the air.
http://www.bostonglobe.com/news/nation/2014/06/02/new-rules-carbon-emissions-give-states-flexibility/pQWXf461I0SiOkkkJuOp5N/story.html

New rules on carbon emissions give states flexibility - The Boston Globe
WASHINGTON (AP) — The Obama administration's new rules targeting power plant emissions will give states until mid-2018 in some circumstances to determine how they'll reach...

The Boston Globe
Representative Zoe Lofgren
1 hr ·
I applaud the EPA's announcement proposing regulations to limit carbon dioxide emissions from power plants. Carbon pollution exacerbates the effects of climate change and leads to higher risks of respiratory disease and asthma attacks. Climate change is a critical issue and this is one step towards addressing it and protecting the public health.

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Congresswoman Julia Brownley
34 mins ·
The Supreme Court's misguided decisions in Citizens United and McCutcheon have compounded the influence of wealthy special interests and so-called Super PACs, threatening our government "of the people, by the people, and for the people." The current campaign finance system is broken and we need a constitutional amendment to allow Congress and states to set reasonable limits to avoid the corrupting influence of money in politics. I applaud Chairman Leahy's commitment to returning the balance of power to the American people.

BROWNLEY APPLAUDS SENATE HEARING ON CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM | Congresswoman Julia Brownley
WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, Congresswoman...
juliabrownley.house.gov
Henry Waxman
9 mins ·
The #CleanPowerPlan proposal released today by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency marks a major step forward for our country. Acting now to curb carbon pollution will protect public health, slow global warming, and create new clean energy jobs. Doing nothing will lead to catastrophic changes in the #climate & endanger our health and economy.
We can be certain special interests will exaggerate the impacts of clear air regulations, but the history of the Clean Air A...
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Clean Power Plan Explained
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Press:

Blumenauer in LATimes (forthcoming)
Van Hollen on Ronan Farrow

Op-Ed:

Delaney: http://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/john-k-delaney-an-excise-tax-would-give-states-a-

role-in-fighting-climate-change/2014/05/30/ac2a58b4-e763-11e3-a86b-362fd5443d19

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Cc: Distefano, Nichole[DiStefano.Nichole@epa.gov]
From: Allen, Kara
Sent: Tue 6/17/2014 7:49:35 PM
Subject: Re: Additions

;;;;;;Great. Mr. Peters is coming from the Senate and may be a few minutes late. We'll start as soon as I arrive. I told him you all have a hardstop of 5 PM.
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From: Lewis, Josh [mailto:Lewis.Josh@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, June 17, 2014 03:44 PM
To: Allen, Kara
Cc: Distefano, Nichole
Subject: Re: Additions

We're in a cab now ...will likely be there right at 4

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To: Allen, Kara[Kara.Allen@mail.house.gov]
From: Distefano, Nichole
Sent: Mon 6/2/2014 5:22:59 PM
Subject: Re: Half Day Roundup from SEEC MoCs

Thank you!

From: Allen, Kara <Kara.Allen@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 2, 2014 1:22:05 PM
To: Anderson, Amanda D.; Vaught, Laura; Distefano, Nichole
Subject: Half Day Roundup from SEEC MoCs

All,

Attached and below is what I've caught thus from SEEC and our members on today's announcement (includes statements, tweets, Facebook posts, press, and op-eds). Will have a wrap for you later on today as well.

Best,

Kara

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Statements:

- McDermott (below)
- SEEC
- Blumenauer
- Ellison
- Capps
- Van Hollen
- Matsui
- Moran

McDermott Statement on Obama Administration's Proposal to Cut Carbon Emissions

WASHINGTON, DC – Today, Jim McDermott (D, WA-7) issued the following statement on the Obama administration's announcement of its proposal to cut carbon emissions from existing power plants.
"I commend the Obama administration on its announcement today to curb harmful carbon emissions from coal-fired power plants. This action represents the single strongest commitment ever taken by an American president to combat climate change. This action also helps make the price of carbon

emissions – which is paid by each and every one of us – increasingly transparent to the American people. The science of climate change is clear: this is not an abstract notion for future generations to cope with; it is happening now. The price of carbon emissions and the impacts of climate change are now being felt across the United States – in our polluted air, the warming and acidification of our oceans, stressed ecosystems and increasingly destructive weather patterns. Democrats in Congress recognize the need to act now for environmental stewardship, for businesses, for national security, for the health and security of American families. Carbon in the atmosphere doesn't just accelerate a change in climate, it poses a public health risk to everyone downwind. I recently reintroduced the Managed Carbon Price Act of 2014, legislation to put a price on carbon and lower harmful greenhouse gas emissions over time. I support the Environmental Protection Agency's actions moving forward and hope my legislation will contribute to this critical discussion moving forward."

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Twitter:

Rep. Barbara Lee @RepBarbaraLee 29m
Big news! **@BarackObama** announces big steps to cut carbon pollution and **#ActOnClimate**. See more here: http://1.usa.gov/1uvaerr
House of Reps. SEEC @SEEC 10m
SEEC responds to first ever **#carbonpollution** standards: http://seec-israel.house.gov/press-release/statement-carbon-pollution-standard-existing-sources … **#ActOnClimate** **@EPA** **@WhiteHouse**
.**@SEEC** Statement on Carbon Pollution Standard for Existing Sources http://seec-israel.house.gov/press-release/statement-carbon-pollution-standard-existing-sources ...
Rep. Keith Ellison @keithellison 1m
A strong proposed rule to cut carbon pollution is essential to our future. I applaud the **@EPA** and **@WhiteHouse**: http://1.usa.gov/1kxGZAt
Rep. Keith Ellison @keithellison 26s
Reducing carbon pollution from power plants will guarantee a healthier future for our children **#ActonClimate**
Rep. Keith Ellison @keithellison 1m
In MN, we've had three 1,000-year flooding events in the last decade. We must slow the worst effects of climate change **#ActOnClimate**
Paul Tonko @RepPaulTonko 18m
Watch **@GinaEPA** discuss the biggest step yet to **#ActOnClimate** this morn at 10:30 AM ET http://www.epa.gov
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House of Reps. SEEC @SEEC 4m
.@**GinaEPA**: "There are no limits on carbon pollution from power plants, our nation's largest sources." #**ActOnClimate**
House of Reps. SEEC @SEEC 3m
.@**GinaEPA**: "1/10 kids suffer from asthma." #**ActOnClimate** @**LungAssociation**
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If we do nothing, we could see temps increase 10 degrees and seas rise 4 ft. It's abt protecting our homes, jobs #**ActOnClimate** @**GinaEPA**
Rep. Scott Peters @RepScottPeters 1m
HAPPENING NOW: @**GinaEPA** is announcing decisive steps to curb carbon pollution and #**ActOnClimate**. Watch here: http://epa.gov
Rep. Keith Ellison @keithellison 1m
Watch @**GinaEPA** of the @**EPA** talk about the new carbon rule: http://1.usa.gov/4LfaFa
Rep. John Delaney @RepJohnDelaney 13s
New EPA rules out today. Read my Washington Post oped here: http://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/john-k-delaney-an-excise-tax-would-give-states-a-role-in-fighting-climate-change/2014/05/30/ac2a58b4-e763-11e3-a86b-362fd5443d19_story.html … #**ActOnClimate**
Jim Moran @Jim_Moran 1m
Happening now: @**GinaEPA** decision to #**ActOnClimate** will lead us to a healthier future.
Paul Tonko @RepPaulTonko 1m
Read more information on the administration's plan to #**ActOnClimate** here: http://www.whitehouse.gov/climate-change
House of Reps. SEEC @SEEC 3m
Watch @**GinaEPA** on today's #**carbonpollution** standards and the @**EPA** plan to #**ActOnClimate**: http://epa.gov
House of Reps. SEEC @SEEC 36s
We've cut air pollution by 70% while tripling the growth of our economy. We don't have to pick bet economy & enviro #**ActOnClimate** @**GinaEPA**
Rep. Keith Ellison @keithellison 12m
VIDEO: It's time to #**ActonClimate**, Minnesota: http://bit.ly/1kAMSIg
Steve Israel @RepSteveIsrael 10m
We researched, engineered, built to win WW2 & land on moon. Now we will again to stop weather xtremes.

Mike Quigley @RepMikeQuigley 10m
New **@EPA** **#CarbonEmission** limits will protect public health & spur **#CleanEnergy** innovation. Learn more: http://www.whitehouse.gov/climate-change **#ActOnClimate**
Paul Tonko @RepPaulTonko 1m
Power plants responsible for 40% of carbon pollution in US and for first time, we're taking meaningful steps to **#ActOnClimate** and limit it
Rep. Alan Lowenthal @RepLowenthal 49s
With Congress unable to face climate reality, **@WhiteHouse** proposes decisive action to combat climate change. **#ActOnClimate**
Blumenauer Media @BlumenauerMedia 8m
Blumenauer: New EPA Regulations "Bold First Step" to Combating Climate Change http://blumenauer.house.gov/index.php/newsroom/press-releases/2355-blumenauer-statement-on-carbon-pollution-standards-for-power-plants …
Rep. Doris Matsui @DorisMatsui 6m
Power plants account for 40% of carbon pollution in US. For first time we're taking action to limit it **#ActOnClimate** http://1.usa.gov/U79afX
Paul Tonko @RepPaulTonko 9m
I agree w/ the Conf. of Catholic Bishops: it's time to **#ActOnClimate** to 'protect the health & welfare of all people.' http://goo.gl/SoXhOy
Rep. Zoe Lofgren @RepZoeLofgren 1m
New EPA regs limitng CO2 emissions a good step-fusion research like **#NIF** also critical to reduce future fossil fuel dependence **#ActOnClimate**
Jim Moran @Jim_Moran 39m
Read my full statement on **@EPA** & **@GinaEPA** game changing proposal to limit carbon emissions and **#ActOnClimate** - http://goo.gl/kUzhSB
Jim McDermott @RepJimMcDermott 22m
I commend **@BarackObama** **@EPA** 4 plan to curb carbon emissions. USA is already feeling effects of climate change. We must **#ActOnClimate** **@SEEC**
Lois Capps @RepLoisCapps 13m
These proposed **@EPA** rules will go a long way toward keeping our air clean, and protecting the health of seniors, children, and families.

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Congressman Matt Cartwright shared a link.
4 minutes ago · Edited
Today, EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy is laying the groundwork for the biggest reduction in carbon pollution ever proposed. Check it out at 10:30 AM: http://www.epa.gov/ #ActOnClimate

US Environmental Protection Agency
www.epa.gov
Understanding Climate Change impacts in the New England region is one thing, and actually working to improve vision, capability and capacity to confront climate change and make our communities more...

Congressman Gerry Connolly

9 mins ·
Today's Clean Power Plan will improve public health, create jobs, spur innovation & show the world the US is ready to lead on climate change

Barbara Lee
35 mins ·
Glad to see President Obama taking strong action today to cut carbon pollution at power plants. We have a moral obligation to address climate change and safeguard our planet for future generations. This important step will protect our environment, our health, and our economy. #ActOnClimate

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Paul D. Tonko
1 hr ·
With today's announcement, we are taking an important step in fulfilling our promise of a healthier and brighter tomorrow for our children. We already have limits on toxins like lead, mercury, and arsenic. Carbon pollution should be no different and as of today it no longer is.

Statement on Carbon Pollution Standard for Existing Sources | Sustainable Energy and Environment...
Washington, D.C.—Today, the Environmental...
seec-israel.house.gov

Congresswoman Doris O. Matsui
10 mins ·
Today, EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy outlined the most significant step ever taken by the US to curb carbon pollution and combat climate change. It's time to #ActOnClimate!
http://matsui.house.gov/press-releases/congresswoman-matsui-applauds-epa-for-firstever-carbon-pollution-standard-for-existing-sources/

Keith Ellison
6 mins ·
As a father of four, I am always thinking about the kind of world I want to leave to my kids. President Obama and the Environmental Protection Agency outlined today the most significant step the United States has ever taken to curb carbon emissions and fight back against climate change. We have an obligation to future generations, and to the millions of Americans already feeling the affects of pollution and global warming, to make changes now. Thank you, Mr. President.

Time for National Action to Reduce Carbon Pollution
Music: "I Dunno" by Grapes
youtube.com

Congressman John Sarbanes
7 mins ·

In the face of reckless Congressional inaction, the EPA's proposal to reduce carbon pollution over the next 16 years is the strongest action to date on climate change. Despite an overwhelming consensus in the scientific community that climate change is a real danger, Republicans in Congress continue to block legislation to address the threat. We must work constructively to find solutions that are rooted in science and protect our environment for the next generation. #ActOnClimate

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Mike Quigley

2 hrs ·

ACT ON CLIMATE: As an environmentalist and a member of Congress, fighting climate change can feel like an uphill battle. Thankfully, new carbon emission standards announced today will protect our public health and spur smart investments in clean energy that will create jobs and economic growth. Perhaps most important, they help fulfill a promise we make to our young people to leave them with a world that is better than we found it, rich in natural resources and that will last for generations to come. Learn more at www.whitehouse.gov/climate-change.

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Congressman Jim McGovern

1 hr ·

Today, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency released the Clean Power Plan proposal, which for the first time cuts carbon pollution from existing power plants, the single largest source of carbon pollution in the United States.

I am proud that Massachusetts has been a national leader in implementing policies that reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) while spurring economic development and am happy to see the nation follow its lead.

06/02/2014: EPA Proposes First Guidelines to Cut Carbon Pollution from Existing Power...
yosemite.epa.gov

Chris Van Hollen

40 mins ·

From NASA - National Aeronautics and Space Administration -- visualizing the urgent need to #ActOnClimate change.

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Congressman Jim Moran

1 hr ·

The EPA's proposal today is a game changing decision that reflects President Obama's commitment to act on climate change. This is a problem that won't go away unless we take

decisive action to reduce the carbon emissions that are driving climate change. But this isn't just about the threat it poses in the future. This is a present day threat to our national security, our economy, our health and well-being. Climate change is already affecting communities across the country...
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Moran Applauds EPA Proposal to Cut Carbon | Congressman Jim Moran
Washington D.C. -- Representative Jim Moran, Northern Virginia Democrat, Ranking Member on the House Appropriations Interior...
moran.house.gov

Today's announcement by the EPA is a historic step forward in our effort to combat climate change and protect the health of our communities. These proposed rules will go a long way toward reducing greenhouse gas emissions, keeping our air clean, and protecting the health of seniors, children, and families.

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Press:

Blumenauer in LATimes (forthcoming)

Op-Ed:

Delaney: http://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/john-k-delaney-an-excise-tax-would-give-states-a-role-in-fighting-climate-change/2014/05/30/ac2a58b4-e763-11e3-a86b-362fd5443d19

To: Allen, Kara[Kara.Allen@mail.house.gov]
From: Distefano, Nichole
Sent: Tue 2/4/2014 4:58:30 PM
Subject: Re: SEEC/EPA Attendance List

We r on our way in.

From: Allen, Kara <Kara.Allen@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 5:26:38 PM
To: Distefano, Nichole; Vaught, Laura
Subject: RE: SEEC/EPA Attendance List

Yes, though I think they are leaning more toward petcoke. His CoS had flagged this article for me as well: http://www.nytimes.com/2013/12/15/us/scientists-turn-their-gaze-toward-tiny-threats-to-great-lakes.html?_r=0

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Subject: SEEC/EPA Attendance List

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26. Van Hollen

Let me know if you have any other questions. Looking forward to it.

Best,

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Cc: Carolyn Levine (Levine.Carolyn@epa.gov)[Levine.Carolyn@epa.gov]
From: Haman, Patricia
Sent: Tue 5/17/2016 9:24:34 PM
Subject: EPA response to Rep. Sarbanes March 29th letter regarding auto racing
Signed Response to Hon John Sarbanes AL-16-000-6255.pdf

Ann, Attached is EPA's response to your boss's letter regarding race cars. Please let me know if you have any questions. Pat

Patricia Haman

U.S. EPA

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MAY 17 2016

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The Honorable John P. Sarbanes
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Again, thank you for your letter. If you have further questions or concerns, please contact me or your staff may contact Patricia Haman in the EPA's Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations at haman.patricia@epa.gov or at (202) 564-2806.

Sincerely,

Janet G. McCabe
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From: Killius, Anna
Sent: Wed 9/21/2016 7:53:48 PM
Subject: RE: Thursday's HEC joint subcommittees hearing on the EPA/NHTSA mid-term evaluation

Hi Patricia –

The Congressman does plan on getting by the hearing tomorrow, though he may be a bit late. He doesn't have any planned questions at this time.

Thanks,

Anna Killius | *Legislative Assistant*

Congressman John P. Sarbanes, MD-03

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Sent: Wednesday, September 21, 2016 3:48 PM
To: Killius, Anna
Subject: Thursday's HEC joint subcommittees hearing on the EPA/NHTSA mid-term evaluation

Anna, I am checking in this afternoon to see if your boss is planning to attend tomorrow morning's hearing and to ask if there are any questions you would like to share ahead of time. Thank you, Pat

Patricia Haman

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Cc: Lewis, Josh[Lewis.Josh@epa.gov]
From: Batson, Will
Sent: Thur 10/15/2015 7:03:47 PM
Subject: 10-07-15 Ms. McCabe's Hearing Transcript for Edits
2015-10-07 McCabe Transcript.pdf

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Attached are Ms. McCabe's remarks from the Subcommittee on Energy and Power hearing entitled "EPA's CO2 Regulations for New and Existing Plants" and held on October 7, 2015. Please indicate corrections, if any, in red, and return the original by October 29, 2015.

PLEASE NOTE: Only technical, grammatical, stenographic, and typographical corrections will be accepted.

Your edits and supplemental material may be e-mailed to will.batson@mail.house.gov>.

Thanks,

Will Batson

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2015

House of Representatives

Subcommittee on Energy and Power

Committee on Energy and Commerce

Washington, D.C.

The subcommittee met, pursuant to call, at 10:00 a.m., in Room 2123 Rayburn House Office Building, Hon. Ed Whitfield [chairman of the subcommittee] presiding.

Members present: Representatives Whitfield, Barton, Olson, Shimkus, Pitts, Latta, Harper, McKinley, Pompeo, Kinzinger, Griffith, Johnson, Long, Ellmers, Flores, Mullin, Upton (ex officio), Rush, McNerney, Tonko, Green, Capps, Doyle, Castor, Sarbanes, Welch, Yarmuth, Loebsack, and Pallone (ex officio).

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Staff present: Nick Abraham, Legislative Associate, Energy and Power; Will Batson, Legislative Clerk; Leighton Brown, Press Assistant; Patrick Currier, Senior Counsel, Energy and Power; Tom Hassenboehler, Chief Counsel, Energy and Power; A.T. Johnston, Senior Policy Advisor; Mary Neumayr, Senior Energy Counsel; Chris Sarley, Policy Coordinator, Environment and Economy; Dan Schneider, Press Secretary; Peter Spencer, Professional Staff Member, Oversight; Andy Zach, Counsel, Environment and Economy; Jeff Carroll, Staff Director; Timia Crisp, AAAS Fellow; Caitlin Haberman, Professional Staff Member; Rick Kessler, Senior Advisor and Staff Director, Energy and Environment; Josh Lewis, EPA Detailee; Alexander Ratner, Policy Analyst.

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320 STATEMENT OF JANET McCABE, ACTING ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR, OFFICE
321 OF AIR AND RADIATION, U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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323 Ms. McCabe. Thank you very much, Chairman Whitfield, Ranking
324 Member Rush, and members of the subcommittee. I really appreciate
325 the opportunity to testify before you today on EPA's Carbon
326 Pollution Regulations for New and Existing Power Plants.
327 My testimony will focus mostly on the regulations for
328 existing plants, also known as the Clean Power Plan. On August
329 3rd, President Obama and EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy
330 announced the final Clean Power Plan, a historic and important
331 step in reducing carbon pollution from power plants that takes
332 concrete action to address climate change, as well as final
333 standards limiting carbon pollution from new, modified, and
334 reconstructed power plants, and a proposal for a federal plan and
335 model rules that demonstrate clear options for how states can
336 implement the Clean Power Plan in ways that maximize flexibility
337 for power plants in achieving their carbon pollution obligations.
338 Shaped by a process of unprecedented outreach and public
339 engagement that is still ongoing, the final Clean Power Plan is
340 fair, flexible, and designed to strengthen the fast-growing trend
341 toward cleaner and lower polluting American energy. It sets strong
342 but achievable standards for power plants and reasonable goals

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343 for states to met in cutting the carbon pollution that is driving
344 climate change tailored to their specific mix of sources. It also
345 shows the world that the United States is committed to leading
346 global efforts to address climate change.
347 The final Clean Power Plan mirrors the way electricity
348 already moves across the grid in this country. It sets standards
349 that are fair and consistent across the country and that are based
350 on what states and utilities are already doing to reduce CO2 from
351 power plants. And it gives states and utilities the time and a
352 broad range of options they need to adopt strategies that work
353 for them.
354 These features of the final rule along with tools like
355 interstate trading and emissions averaging mean that states and
356 power plants can achieve the standards while maintaining an ample
357 and reliable electricity supply and keeping power affordable.
358 When the Clean Power Plan is fully in place in 2030, carbon
359 pollution from the power sector will be 32 percent 2005 levels,
360 and the transition to cleaner methods of generating electricity
361 will better protect Americans from other harmful air pollution,
362 too; meaning we will avoid thousands of premature deaths and
363 suffer thousands fewer asthma attacks and hospitalizations in
364 2030 and every year beyond.
365 States and utilities told us they needed more time than the

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366 proposal gave them, and we responded. In the final rule, the
367 compliance period does not start until 2022, the interim
368 reductions are more gradual, states can determine their own glide
369 path and any state can get up to three years to submit a plan.
370 We heard the concerns about reliability. We listened, and
371 we consulted with the planning and reliability authorities, with
372 FERC and the Department of Energy. The final Clean Power Plan
373 reflects this input, and it includes several elements to assure
374 that the plan requirements will not compromise system
375 reliability. In addition, to provide an extra incentive for states
376 to move forward with plan investments we're creating a Clean
377 Energy Incentive Program that will recognize early progress.
378 Since issuing the final Clean Power Plan, EPA has continued
379 to engage with states, territories, tribes, utilities, industry
380 groups, community organizations, health and environmental
381 groups, and others. To help states and stakeholders understand
382 the Clean Power Plan and to further support states' efforts to
383 create plans that suit their needs, EPA has developed a variety
384 of tools and resources which are largely available on our website,
385 and we remain committed to assisting states with development and
386 implementation of their state plans.
387 We're convinced both by our analyses and our experiences that
388 both the carbon pollution reduction called for under the Clean

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389 Power Plan will extend the trajectory of the last 40 years when
390 we cut air pollution in this country by 70 percent while our
391 economy has tripled.
392 I, again, thank the committee for inviting me to speak on
393 the Agency's work to implement our nation's environmental laws
394 to protect public healthand the environment, and I look forward
395 to your questions.
396 [The prepared statement of Ms. McCabe follows:]
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399 Mr. Whitfield. Thank you, Ms. McCabe. And I recognize myself
400 for five minutes; questions.
401 When do you expect the two rules to be published in the
402 Federal Register?
403 Ms. McCabe. Congressman, we're working with the Office of
404 the Federal Register. They will make the decision about when to
405 publish it. We expect it to be in the second half of October, and
406 we're working with them to resolve all the little formatting
407 things that is a routine part of getting a rule published in the
408 Federal Register.
409 Mr. Whitfield. Now, did you finalize the rule in August? Is
410 that right; those two rules?
411 Ms. McCabe. That's right.
412 Mr. Whitfield. And you're working with the Office of the
413 Federal Register.
414 Ms. McCabe. Correct.
415 Mr. Whitfield. And who makes the decision on when it's
416 published?
417 Ms. McCabe. The Office of the Federal Register makes the
418 decision. There's a routine set of steps that we do whenever we
419 finalize a rule. We work on fixing any typos and all that sort
420 of thing. We submit it to the Office of the Federal Register, and
421 we work with them to resolve any issues that they have, but they

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422 make the final decision.

423 Mr. Whitfield. And how many pages in these rules?

424 Ms. McCabe. There's several thousands of pages in the rules.

425 Mr. Whitfield. I mean, 2,000, 3,000, 4,000?

426 Ms. McCabe. I think the 111(d) rule is about 1,500 pages,

427 and the other rules are less than that.

428 Mr. Whitfield. Well, you know, it's important that they be

429 published in the Federal Register because, as you know, lawsuits

430 have already been filed, but they were filed before they were

431 published.

432 Ms. McCabe. Yes.

433 Mr. Whitfield. And if they're not published, then there's

434 no standing to bring the suit. So, you think they'll be published

435 in October?

436 Ms. McCabe. Yes, I do.

437 Mr. Whitfield. This month?

438 Ms. McCabe. Yes. We've moved this along very expeditiously

439 given the size of the rule and the number of the rules.

440 Mr. Whitfield. Now, under the NACS rules, normally EPA gives

441 states three years to come up with a plan. This 111(d) is

442 unprecedented, never been used in this way before. You changed

443 your legal opinions because prior to this, your lawyers have said

444 we can't operate this way under 111(d). But why are you giving

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445 states only like 13 months to issue a final plan, when under the
446 NACS rule you give them up to three years?
447 Ms. McCabe. Yes.
448 Mr. Whitfield. This is more complicated.
449 Ms. McCabe. No, they actually do have up to three years under
450 the -- -
451 Mr. Whitfield. No, no, wait. You give them one year to submit
452 the plan and then they have to come and ask permission for an
453 additional two years. Is that correct?
454 Ms. McCabe. The rule is clear that states can have up to three
455 years to do their plan.
456 Mr. Whitfield. Do you have -- okay. So, what is the magic
457 of September 2016?
458 Ms. McCabe. The rule says that by September of 2013, they
459 either submit a plan. Some states indicated to us that they were
460 well on their way and could meet an early deadline.
461 Mr. Whitfield. The rule says that they have to have the plan
462 filed by September 2016.
463 Ms. McCabe. Or an initial submittal that gives essentially
464 a status report of the work that they're doing, and a request for
465 additional time. And we'd made it clear -- -
466 Mr. Whitfield. And who makes the decision that that request
467 will be granted?

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468 Ms. McCabe. The EPA will make that decision.

469 Mr. Whitfield. You make that decision.

470 Ms. McCabe. We've been very clear of the elements that are

471 required.

472 Mr. Whitfield. Are you required to give them an extension,

473 or is that at your discretion?

474 Ms. McCabe. If they meet the elements of an initial

475 submittal, we will give them an extension. That's quite clear.

476 Mr. Whitfield. Now, let me ask you this. Under the new rule,

477 all of us are still scratching our heads. You picked out these

478 four sites. The Boundary Dam Facility in Canada appears to be the

479 only coal project using CCS, Carbon Capture Sequestration, that

480 is actually producing electric power today, the only facility in

481 the world. Is that your understanding?

482 Ms. McCabe. I wouldn't want to speak to the whole world. That

483 one has been operating for a year. As you know, of course, the

484 technology is being used in other facilities.

485 Mr. Whitfield. Now, let me just say this. I want to note for

486 the record, according to an August Department of Energy

487 communication to a committee hearing record, DOE confirmed that

488 this small Canadian project, 110 megawatts, has and is not likely

489 to achieve the technology-readiness level that demonstrates a

490 commercial scale power system with CCS can operate over the full

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491 range of expected conditions. No one expects to beable to meet
492 this standard of 1400, what is it, 1400 pounds of carbon dioxide
493 per megawatt hour. That's the standard. Right?
494 Ms. McCabe. Well, if I could speak to that, Congressman, I'd
495 like to, because you reference the standard itself. I think you
496 know that the standard that we finalized in 111(d) is less strict
497 than the standard that we proposed. That was based on our review
498 of all the information that we --
499 Mr. Whitfield. Whether it's less strict or not, the final
500 is 1,400 pounds of CO2 per megawatt hour. Is that correct?
501 Ms. McCabe. That's correct.
502 Mr. Whitfield. Now, you know the cleanest plant operating
503 in the U.S. today is the Turk plant, Texarkana, Arkansas, built
504 about two or three years ago. It's at 1,800 pounds, so there's
505 no way to meet this standard.
506 My time has expired, so I'll recognize the gentleman from
507 Illinois, Mr. Rush, for five minutes.
508 Mr. Rush. Madam Assistant Administrator, the last time you
509 were here, you and I spoke about the impact that the Clean Power
510 Plan would have on minorities and low-income communities, and at
511 that time you assured me that the EPA would take into account those
512 disadvantaged communities before the final rule was issued. Has
513 there been any outreach to disadvantaged communities by theEPA

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514 before the issuance of this rule? And does the EPA provide any
515 guidance to states for how to make sure that their plans take into
516 account the impact on minorities and low-income communities?
517 Ms. McCabe. Yes, indeed, Congressman. I know this is a
518 concern that you've asked us about before, so a couple of things
519 I want to say in response.
520 First of all, we've had extensive outreach with community
521 groups. We know, and you reflected in your opening remarks that
522 the impacts of climate change and air pollution are severely felt
523 by low-income and minority communities across the country.
524 They're among the most vulnerable. They are also communities that
525 we're concerned about in terms of keeping electric rates
526 affordable, and keeping jobs in those communities, so we focused
527 on that a lot.
528 So, we spent a lot of time listening to community groups and
529 talking with states. We made clear in the final rule that states
530 needed to pay attention to involving, providing opportunities for
531 meaningful involvement for communities all across their states.
532 We asked them to tell us how they were going to do that. We didn't
533 micro manage and tell them exactly how to do it, but we have lots
534 of tools available to help states do that.
535 We also indicated that we intend in future years after the
536 rule is in place and working to go back and take a look at air

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537 pollution levels in those communities and make sure that the
538 public health protections that this rule promises have been
539 delivered in a fair way across our state and truly protect those
540 vulnerable communities.
541 Mr. Rush. Other rules were supposed to invest in cleaner and
542 more efficient energy measures such as the CCP proposes, and also
543 provide help to the most vulnerable communities. Are there any
544 incentives in the final rule for disadvantaged communities who
545 might want to participate in a clean green economy? And can you
546 give me an example, say Appalachia, how does Appalachia respond
547 to the Clean Power Plan?
548 Ms. McCabe. Yes. So, probably the best example of incentives
549 that you asked about, Congressman, is the Clean Energy Incentive
550 Program, which provides additional incentives for states that
551 want to get going early and, in particular, invest in wind and
552 solar, but also in energy efficiency programs in low-income
553 communities. We felt that it was important to provide extra
554 incentives to get those projects going early. And, of course,
555 energy efficiency while not a basis for the rates that we set in
556 the Clean Power Plan, is a very affordable, cost-effective, and
557 positive means that states and utilities can build into their
558 compliance plans.
559 Your question about coal country, you know, is a very, very

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560 serious and valid one. The final design of the Clean Power Plan
561 is so flexible for states, especially in their ability to work
562 regionally, and for the utilities to work regionally. That will
563 provide the states the ability to make sure that they're
564 preserving and protecting the important things for their states.
565 And we predict through this plan that coal will still be a very
566 substantial source of energy in this country well into the future,
567 and it's partly because of the flexible design of the rule.
568 Mr. Rush. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
569 Mr. Whitfield. The gentleman yields back. At this time, the
570 Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas, Mr. Barton, for five
571 minutes.
572 Mr. Barton. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It's good to have you
573 here, Ms. McCabe. We appreciate your courtesy of coming to talk
574 to us.
575 I think it's a true statement that back in 1990 when we passed
576 the Clean Air Act amendments, Chairman Upton and myself were the
577 only two members of the committee currently that were also on the
578 committee then. I don't think any of the senior Democrats were
579 on the committee at that time, but if they were, I apologize. In
580 any event, the Full Committee Chairman was John Dingell of
581 Michigan. He spent several years putting together the coalition
582 of which I was a small part of to move that bill through this

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583 committee, and through the Congress.

584 My recollection is that we spent an inordinate amount of time
585 working on the acid rain title which implemented a nationwide
586 emissions trading program for SO2. There were numerous
587 stakeholder meetings. I remember going to the White House to meet
588 with President Bush and Governor Sununu. I remember numerous
589 Congressional hearings. I mean, we spent a lot of time on that.

590 We spent no time on section 111(d) of the Clean Air Act, none.
591 Do you have any records at EPA that indicate the Congress spent,
592 I mean, any public time at all on this minor provision?

593 Ms. McCabe. I really don't know, Congressman.

594 Mr. Barton. Yes. Well, they didn't. I mean, I -- now you're
595 using, not you personally but your Agency is using section 111(d)
596 to give the EPA basically total authority to create in a regulatory
597 fashion a cap and trade program for carbon dioxide, which there
598 was no intent in the Congress in the early '90s, no legislative
599 record, no background at all. Your own attorneys at the EPA think
600 it's uncertain. You know there's going to be a court case on this,
601 and yet you're trying literally to create in a regulatory fashion
602 what the Congress has refused to do in a legislative fashion. I
603 think that's just wrong.

604 Can you tell this committee or this subcommittee where
605 section 111(d) spells out clearly and specifically that the EPA

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606 has the authority to set mandatory emission limits, requirements
607 that extend well beyond the actual sources being regulated?
608 Ms. McCabe. Well, Congressman, I appreciate you asking this
609 question because it's obviously on everybody's minds. So, the
610 first thing that I want to make absolutely clear is that the Clean
611 Power Plan does not set in place a cap and trade program.
612 Mr. Barton. I beg the -- how can you say that with a straight
613 face?
614 Ms. McCabe. Well, because that's what the rule sets. The rule
615 sets -- -
616 Mr. Barton. With all respect, ma'am, in the State of Texas
617 we're going to have to shut down existing coal plants and build
618 more wind power than the rest of the world has. If that's not a
619 cap and trade program, what the heck is it?
620 Ms. McCabe. Texas, by the way, is doing an awesome job in
621 terms of wind power. It's incredible opportunities to do that.
622 The reason that I'm disagreeing with you respectfully,
623 Congressman, is because the way the rule works is it establishes
624 an emission rate of CO2 emissions for coal and gas-fired power
625 plants. That is the way section 111 has traditionally worked, and
626 that's the way it's working here. So, that is the primary starting
627 point, is that rate.
628 We then in the rule provide options and flexibilities largely

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629 in response to input and requests that we got from states and the
630 utility industry to provide alternative ways for them to comply.
631 Mr. Barton. Well, with all respect, my time is about to
632 expire, but if this rule goes through, and I hope it doesn't, Texas
633 has to build more wind generation than any other nation in the
634 world currently has. Now that's a fact. And the problem is, even
635 in Texas we can't make the wind blowhen the EPA says it has to.
636 I mean, it's simply not going to work.
637 I respect your integrity, I respect your commitment to what
638 you do but, again, I was here in 1990. I voted for the Clean Air
639 Act amendments. Your Agency is trying to do with it somethingtth
640 it was never intended to. We would have put it in, you can guarantee
641 that John Dingell would have put it in if that's what the intent
642 of the Congress was.
643 With that, Mr. Chairman, I yield back.
644 Mr. Whitfield. The gentleman's time has expired. At th is
645 time, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from New Jersey, Mr.
646 Pallone, for five minutes.
647 Mr. Pallone. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. And thank you, Ms.
648 McCABE, for your testimony.
649 The Clean Power Plan is an important step in reducing
650 emissions from power plants, the nation's largest source of carbon
651 pollution. And today we've heard about the actions that EPA has

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652 taken to create strong, fair, and flexible standards that will
653 put us on the path to a clean energy future and help avoid the
654 worst impacts of climate change.
655 However, despite the overwhelming scientific evidence and broad
656 public support we continue to hear a litany of arguments from the
657 GOP for why we shouldn't act, you know, climate change is a hoax.
658 They say carbon dioxide isnot a pollutant, EPA is a rogue agency
659 with no authority to limit carbon pollution.
660 I'd like to give you an opportunity to respond to a few of
661 these assertions. And first, you know, yes or no, is carbon dioxide
662 a pollutant?
663 Ms. McCabe. Yes, it is.
664 Mr. Pallone. Can you briefly explain why EPA has the
665 authority to address carbon pollution from power plants?
666 Ms. McCabe. Well, the Clean Air Act directs EPA to address
667 public health and environmental issues that result from air
668 pollution. The Supreme Court has confirmed that. One key authority
669 in the Clean Air Act that has been used many times to address air
670 pollution from industrial facilities is section 111, which
671 directs us to look at the range of approaches that industries are
672 using to control air pollution, in this case CO2, and to set
673 emission standards based on what's known as the Best System of
674 Emission Reduction. That's things that the best companies are

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675 doing already, and to require that over time that's where
676 everybody end up in terms of their emissions. So, that's where
677 our authority comes from to do this rule.
678 Mr. Pallone. All right. Is there any way we can reduce our
679 emissions by enough to avoid the worst impacts of climate change
680 without controlling carbon pollution from power plants?
681 Ms. McCabe. Power plants are the largest stationary source
682 of CO2 in the country. They are substantial. We are taking steps
683 to address CO2 emissions from the mobile source sector and from
684 other sectors, but this is a global problem, of course,and the
685 U.S. cannot solve it alone. But for us to take meaningful steps
686 we need to look at the power sector, as well as mobile sources.
687 Mr. Pallone. I've also heard from my Republican colleagues
688 that they say that no one goes to the hospital for breathingin
689 carbon pollution so there can't be any real public health benefits
690 from limiting carbon pollution from power plants. Could you
691 explain how the Clean Power Plan will help protect public health
692 and welfare?
693 Ms. McCabe. Yes, and there's increasing science every day
694 on these issues. CO2 emissions are affecting the global climate
695 and are leading to changes in the way our world responds to those
696 levels in the atmosphere in a way that affects public health very
697 directly. Temperatures get hotter, there are droughts, there are

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698 wildfires, there are unpredictable and more severe storms. These
699 can lead to a number of public health issues related to respiratory
700 issues when there's more ozone because of hot weather, when the
701 allergen seasons are longer because of changes in vegetation,
702 vectors change their habitats and the length of their seasons.
703 All of these things can lead to significant public health issues,
704 as well as the disruption that can occur in our communities as
705 a result of more severe flooding, or drought, or other severe
706 weather.
707 Mr. Pallone. I know that in our previous hearings you've
708 discussed the unprecedented outreach efforts undertaken by EPA
709 to inform the development, to inform the public about the proposed
710 rule. So, I just wanted to hear a little bit now about outreach
711 on the final rule. Could you please briefly comment on EPA's
712 outreach to both the interested stakeholders and the public, and
713 how this engagement has been reflected in the final rule?
714 Ms. McCabe. Yes, certainly. I mean, I have talked about the
715 outreach that we did during the development of the rule, literally
716 hundreds of meetings across the country. You referred to some of
717 them yourself. We haven't stopped, so as soon as the rule wastou
718 we started engaging people. We've had numerous and continuing
719 opportunities, especially with our state ~~re~~regulators as they're
720 starting to really think about the choices that they want to make,

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721 so we have regular opportunities to meet with them. In fact, I
722 was with a group of state air directors just this week, as were
723 some of my staff, to talk about these issues.
724 We're continuing to engage with the public through webinars,
725 and visits with them at appropriate venues that they might invite
726 us to. We haverobust and ongoing relationships with the utility
727 industry, and with all of the various agencies on the energy side
728 that help make sure that utilities are moving forward in a way
729 that's going to protect reliability, and help them plan ahead.
730 So, all of that is well underway, very robust, and we intend to
731 continue it.
732 Mr. Pallone. Thank you very much. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
733 Mr. Whitfield. The Chair recognizes the representative of
734 the Houston Astros for five minutes, Mr. Olson.
735 Mr. Olson. I thank the Chair.
736 I know all of us have former Chairman Dingell in our prayers.
737 He is in the hospital with a heart issue, but he'll be fine. He
738 was quoted in the paper yesterday saying, "Being old sucks." But
739 please lift him up in your prayers.
740 My first question, Ms. McCabe, is when fully rolling, EPA
741 wants existing coal plants to hit a standard of 1,305 pounds of
742 CO2 per megawatt hour. That is pretty aggressive. It's a nightmare
743 for some states, and expensive for rate payers. But here's what

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744 I find more stunning; your standard for new plants is 1,400 pounds
745 per megawatt hour. In other words, your new rule says existing
746 coal plants have to be even cleaner than a brand new one.
747 People I've talked to back home said they've never seen this.
748 They know that it's harder and more expensive to retrofit a plant
749 than to build a new one from scratch with the best controls.
750 Don't you agree that it's unusual to make these rules tougher
751 for existing plants than new ones? Has EPA ever thought it's okay
752 for newer to be dirtier?
753 Ms. McCabe. I'm glad you asked that, Congressman, because
754 I've heard that, and there's confusion about it, but there's a
755 pretty straightforward answer to that; which is that the
756 difference between a standard for a new plant and a standard under
757 111(d).
758 For existing facilities, there are a variety of
759 opportunities that the utilities have through the way they manage
760 their fleets and the mix of fuels that they use, and moving towards
761 cleaner energy, which they are doing to on average bring that
762 carbon intensity down. And they have years to do it, and the
763 averaging time for the standard is very long. It's measured in
764 years or multiple years.
765 A new plant under the Clean Air Act whether it's a power plant
766 or some other kind of plant, in this case power plant, needs to

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767 meet that emission rate right away as soon as it's built; so if
768 a plant started up in a year or two, they would be expected to
769 meet that rate all the time on a much shorter term averaging time
770 continuously. So, they work very differently in a way that if you
771 think about it that way, makes a lot of sense.
772 Mr. Olson. Ma'am, people back home respectfully disagree,
773 but one other question which I'd like to ask with my remaining
774 time is, according to IEA, current global emissions of carbon are
775 somewhere around 36 billion tons per year, that ballpark. Others
776 say it's closer to 40 billion tons per year. Either way, we know
777 America is not the top source. As billions of people in developing
778 countries get their first cars, their first light bulbs, it will
779 keep rising.
780 EPA's analysis says the way to approach this rule, reduce
781 carbon emissions by 232 million tons per year in the next decade.
782 I'm just an old Naval aviator who did math on a knee board with
783 a lead pencil in my airplane, but my rough math says if we hit
784 that goal tomorrow, we'd decrease carbon by .065 percent, or 0.58
785 percent. The world's exposure of carbon will dwarf our reductions.
786 The main reason for this rule is climate change. Is that correct;
787 yes or no, ma'am?
788 Ms. McCabe. Yes.
789 Mr. Olson. So, how do you think this rule will impact global

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790 temperature?

791 Ms. McCabe. No one rule is going to address the problem of
792 climate change, Congressman. This is going to take a global
793 solution. The United States is one of the largest emitters of CO2
794 in the world, and we have a responsibility to take the steps that
795 we can take in order to help push in the direction of addressing
796 this significant public health issue.

797 Mr. Olson. How does it affect sea levels, ma'am; going up,
798 down, I mean, how do you know?

799 Ms. McCabe. Sea level is rising as a result of this global
800 threat. This is a step that the United States is taking in order
801 to contribute to addressing this global problem.

802 Mr. Olson. One final question. Am I safe to assume that EPA
803 could revisit this new source of rules in the future, and that
804 rules on natural gas plants might get tougher like coal today,
805 natural gas lumped in with coal in the future? Could that happen,
806 possibly?

807 Ms. McCabe. Well, under the Clean Air Act, EPA is required
808 to revisit its technology rules on a regular basis. And we're also,
809 as you know, I think looking at rules for the oil and gas industry,
810 working with the industry on sensible ways to reduce emissions.

811 Mr. Olson. I'm out of time. I close by saying Go Astros. I
812 yield back.

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813 Mr. Whitfield. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from
814 California, Mr. McNerney, for five minutes.
815 Mr. McNerney. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I ask
816 -- actually, I implore my Republican colleagues to embrace carbon
817 sequestration. I do this every time I get a chance to talk about
818 it. The atmosphere is not a garbage dump, especially in the Udite
819 States we need to be responsible for what we're putting into the
820 air.
821 Now, we repeatedly have heard this morning about the
822 manifestations of climate change. These are real, they're getting
823 more severe. Soon enough these impacts are going to be severe
824 enough that the public will demand that high carbon emitters such
825 as coal-fired power plants be shut down, so ignoring the carbon
826 emission problem until that day will condemn the coal industry
827 to extinction. For your own sake, especially if you're a coal mine
828 Republican, please embrace carbon sequestration.
829 Ms. McCabe, in California we've made significant strides
830 toward increasing our use of renewable energies and cutting our
831 greenhouse gas emissions. California passed legislation to reduce
832 greenhouse gas emissions to 1990 levels by the year 2020, and
833 Governor Brown recently set a goal of an additional 40 percent
834 reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by the year 2030. So, when
835 writing the Clean Power Plan, did the EPA look at early state

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836 actions as a model, as a potential model?

837 Ms. McCabe. We certainly looked at everything that all states
838 are doing, and California is one that is out ahead on this. There
839 are several other states that are moving forward on this, and
840 that's our job under the Clean Air Act, is to look at what the
841 industry is doing in its current operations, and where those
842 technologies and approaches are good at reducing carbon emissions
843 to make sure that that's what we build into the standard.

844 Mr. McNerney. Good. Well, when creating the final rule did
845 you insure that each state has the flexibility to implement the
846 Clean Power Plan in a way that is most efficient and effective,
847 and also insuring reliability?

848 Ms. McCabe. We did. And, in fact, we provided a lot of
849 flexibility and a lot of choice in the final rule to make sure
850 that we could accommodate states like California that already had
851 plans in place, and states that did not yet have plans in place,
852 and also to accommodate the wide range of energy mix across the
853 country from states that are significant coal users to states that
854 are not. So, lots and lots of flexibility is built in.

855 Mr. McNerney. Do you believe that the Clean Power rule has
856 given China and India motive to produce their own carbon emission
857 reduction plans?

858 Ms. McCabe. I think that the United States going forward with

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859 this rule has been a significant factor in the international
860 debate. In fact, as soon as we proposed the rule that was the topic
861 of discussion in many international conversations. And I do
862 believe it has been influential in the international commitments
863 that we're seeing from other countries.
864 Mr. McNerney. So even though the Clean Power Plan won't solve
865 the carbon plan by itself, it's given significant impetus
866 worldwide to help other countries reduce their carbon emissions
867 and get the world to a better place in terms of the total carbon
868 emissions that are being produced.
869 Ms. McCabe. I believe so. It's shown real leadership from
870 the United States.
871 Mr. McNerney. Thank you. How does the final rule address
872 states that may need more time to reach their carbon reduction
873 goals?
874 Ms. McCabe. So, we built more time into the rule in terms
875 of the starting date. Through the comment period we heard more
876 about that, about the starting date than about 2030, so we moved
877 the starting date from 2020 to 2022, and also smoothed that glide
878 path down from 2020 to 2022. And based on the information we had,
879 we were pretty comfortable that that met the needs that we were
880 hearing from the utility industry, in particular, about the time
881 that they would need to make the investments that they would need

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882 to make.

883 Mr. McNerney. And that takes into account the reliability

884 issue. Reliability is certainly an issue I've heard from -- -

885 Ms. McCabe. Yes.

886 Mr. McNerney. -- -utilities across the country. They need

887 to make sure that they're not going to be put in a position where

888 they lose power for their customers.

889 Ms. McCabe. Oh, that's absolutely true. I mean, that was made

890 in the context of reliability concerns, and so adding additional

891 time was one key part of that. We did some other things, too, in

892 the final rule to make sure we were paying attention to that,

893 especially in consultation with FERC. We included a reliability

894 safety valve in case there's an unforeseen situation that folks

895 were very keen to have us include. States also have the flexibility

896 to come in partway through the plan and say something's happened

897 that we didn't expect. We need to adjust our plan. So, lots of

898 things are built in to make sure that the reliability of the system

899 is protected.

900 Mr. McNerney. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

901 Mr. Whitfield. The gentleman yields back. At this time, the

902 Chair recognizes the gentleman from Illinois, Mr. Shimkus, for

903 five minutes.

904 Mr. Shimkus. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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905 Ms. McCabe, one way to measure the impact of your rule is
906 to look at what is expected energy mix would be without the rule
907 using what is called a reference or base case, and then what the
908 projected energy mix would be with the rule. Do you agree?
909 Ms. McCabe. Those are the kinds of things that we would look
910 at, sure.
911 Mr. Shimkus. Yes, you agree, that's how we do it.
912 Ms. McCabe. Right.
913 Mr. Shimkus. Or that's how you should do it. When EPA proposed
914 its rule on June 14, it projected a base case that said there would
915 be an estimated 244 gigawatts of coal generation in 2020 under
916 existing regulatory and economic conditions. Does that sound
917 right to you?
918 Ms. McCabe. You know, I -- -
919 Mr. Shimkus. It's right here. Say yes. I can show it to you.
920 Ms. McCabe. Okay.
921 Mr. Shimkus. Today, EPA says that the base case shows an
922 estimated 208 gigawatts of coal generation capacity by 2020. My
923 understanding is there have been no significant regulations or
924 economic changes since your first estimate, so can you explain
925 why EPA would eliminate 36 gigawatts of coal generation from its
926 baseline?
927 Ms. McCabe. So, we look to information that's put out by other

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928 agencies who follow these issues.

929 Mr. Shimkus. Okay, 244 in June, 230 in August of '15. that's

930 72 power plants.

931 Ms. McCabe. We know that there are trends in the industry

932 that are moving away from the older coal -- -

933 Mr. Shimkus. 36 gigawatts of power.

934 Ms. McCabe. And more gigawatts are coming -- -

935 Mr. Shimkus. Okay, let me go to the next question. According

936 to EPA's data when it eliminated all that coal generation from

937 last year's baseline, 31 gigawatts, 70 power plants of coal

938 capacity drop off in 2016 alone, one year. You're projecting 70

939 coal-fired power plants to drop generating in one year. Will you

940 please explain why EPA in one year's time has eliminated that 31

941 gigawatts?

942 Ms. McCabe. Congressman, we're not eliminating power plants.

943 We're reflecting information that we have about what's -- -

944 Mr. Shimkus. Your baseline of the initial rule, you dropped

945 off 31 gigawatts of generation in a year, 70 power plants.

946 Ms. McCabe. But not all of that would be -- -

947 Mr. Shimkus. Could I ask you to give us a detailed explanation

948 about this for the record?

949 Ms. McCabe. We'd be happy to follow-up with that.

950 Mr. Shimkus. Okay. In total, EPA projects 214 gigawatts of

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951 coal capacity in 2016, while the Department of Energy's
952 Information Agency, administration projections are 261
953 gigawatts. Can you explain why the Energy Information Agency says
954 261 gigawatts of power, coal-fired power, and you say 214?
955 Ms. McCabe. I'll be happy to get back with you on that,
956 Congressman.
957 Mr. Shimkus. Thank you very much. For the record, I would
958 appreciate that.
959 In March of 2015, EPA estimated 238 gigawatts of coal
960 generation in its baseline, then just a few months later in August
961 that number dropped to 214 gigawatts, in just a few months. Will
962 you please explain why EPA according to its own documents
963 eliminated between March and August of this year, 23 gigawatts
964 of coal generation from its baseline. That would be about 46 power
965 plants. What possibly could change in a few months time?
966 Ms. McCabe. Again, Congressman, we'll be happy to provide
967 a thorough explanation of -- -
968 Mr. Shimkus. For the record -- -
969 Ms. McCabe. -- - all of those numbers for the record.
970 Mr. Shimkus. Okay. Now, the last question. Would you agree
971 that if EPA is underestimating coal power capacity in the baseline
972 of this rule, the agency is significantly under-reporting the
973 impacts of its rule on coal generation?

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974 Ms. McCabe. Congressman, we do our best to use the
975 information available to us, and the modeling tools that are
976 available to us.
977 Mr. Shimkus. Okay, but part of this debate is going to be
978 the cost to the individual, the companies, the rate increases.
979 So, if you're underestimating by your 2014 June analysis and your
980 2015, and you drop off 70 coal-fired power plants, base-load going
981 to my friend, Jerry McNerney's question, your final analysis
982 you're going to under-report the impact because you have sliced
983 major gigawatt production of coal in this country with no
984 explanation that we can find in any of these documents.
985 Ms. McCabe. I would point to the history of the Clean Air
986 Act, where it has been proven time and time again that compliance
987 comes in -- -
988 Mr. Shimkus. But that's when we had technology to meet it.
989 There's no technology right now, as been already identified,
990 that's affordable and accessible to the industry, penalizing
991 those existing generations, and make it more difficult for new
992 generation. This is a disaster. We're trying to help you from
993 yourselves, and if we don't get the real numbers, there's no way
994 you can adequately defend this in the courts. And I yield back
995 my time.
996 Mr. Whitfield. The gentleman yields back. At this time, the

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997 Chair recognizes the gentlelady from California, Mrs. Capps, for
998 five minutes.
999 Mrs. Capps. Thank you, Mr. Chairman, for holding this
1000 hearing. Ms. McCabe, thank you very much for your testimony.
1001 Adapting to and mitigating climate change should be front
1002 and center in our discussions at every level of society and
1003 government. As representatives who should be advocating for the
1004 best interests of our constituents and future constituents, we
1005 should be jumping at the chance to pursue avenues to protect their
1006 health and well-being, and to insure that we provide a safe and
1007 vibrant world to live in. Fortunately, we seem to be having the
1008 same discussion over and over again mired in the same shortsighted
1009 rhetoric.
1010 So my first question, we've heard the majority repeatedly
1011 claim that the Clean Power Plan will harm rate payers, and
1012 particularly disadvantaged and low-income individuals; however,
1013 both the EPA and independent organizations have demonstrated that
1014 increase use of renewables and energy efficiency will over time
1015 lead to significant decreases in the cost of electricity for
1016 American families. Could you elaborate on how the Clean Power Plan
1017 will impact cost to rate payers over the short, but also
1018 particularly over the long term?
1019 Ms. McCabe. Yes, thank you. And I appreciate your mentioning

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1020 the long view, that's what we're about here. So, there are a couple
1021 of ways in which I would respond.
1022 The first way is to look at the information that we got in
1023 response to our proposal about the costs of cleaner energy, and
1024 they are coming down. Solar energy, wind energy, those things are
1025 becoming more affordable which is why people are building them,
1026 even without our rule they're building them. So, we know that
1027 that's good for the system.
1028 We did an analysis; again, it's illustrative because states
1029 will design their own plans, utilities will figure out the best
1030 ways to comply, they always do, the cheapest ways to comply because
1031 they care about these issues, as well. And what we show is,
1032 especially because of the increased use of energy efficiency which
1033 lowers demand, lowers bills, that by 2030 we expect to see about
1034 a 7 percent drop in energy bills for households on average across
1035 the country.
1036 Mrs. Capps. Thank you. I think you partially answered my
1037 second question, but to emphasize, can you speak to how we could
1038 accelerate the transition to renewables and energy efficiency?
1039 I mean, long term it isn't very appetizing to some people who are
1040 having trouble making it month to month. What are some ways we
1041 can help to speed up that process?
1042 Ms. McCabe. Well, one of the elements of the final Clean Power

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1043 Plan that I mentioned already is the Clean Energy Incentive Fund.
1044 That's intended to be a signal from the federal government that
1045 we want to help support early adoption of energy efficiency
1046 programs, especially in low-income communities. But states and
1047 utilities have the ability now to front load those types of
1048 activities, and we certainly would encourage them to do that. We
1049 have a lot of information and expertise at our agency and there
1050 are many other organizations and companies that are working right
1051 now to invest in these sorts of energy-saving technologies.
1052 Mrs. Capps. Okay, thank you. Another topic or aspect to this;
1053 my colleagues often discuss the issue as a matter of dollars and
1054 cents focusing only on the cost to polluters, while ignoring the
1055 benefits for customers, consumers. And that's partly because you
1056 can't really put a price tag on human well-being, but there are
1057 definite tangible economic benefits, wouldn't you say, both for
1058 employers and employees that come from having a healthier
1059 workforce.
1060 Ms. McCabe. Yes.
1061 Mrs. Capps. EPA has projected the climate and health benefits
1062 of the Clean Power Plan to be between $3-54 billion. Could you
1063 elaborate on this, or give us some specific examples of how cleaner
1064 air translates into more money in people's pockets?
1065 Ms. McCabe. Absolutely. We know that that is the case.

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1066 Cleaner air means healthier workforce, it means healthier
1067 children, it means fewer missed school days, fewer missed work
1068 days, it means less time at the hospital, less time at the doctor,
1069 fewer medical bills, fewer hospitalizations for those sort of
1070 things, and that's just the respiratory issues that result from
1071 polluted air and the climate change impacts on that.
1072 There are, of course, other expenses and burdens that people
1073 bear as a result of climate change, especially when we see the
1074 droughts and the severe storms and flooding that are affecting
1075 people today.
1076 Mrs. Capps. Right. I'm going to just put this out there, but
1077 there's not going to be time for you to answer it. We have in my
1078 home state of California been very proactive at reducing emission
1079 rates through our California Air Resources Board. Is there a way
1080 that the Clean Power Plan and other EPA actions like the Ozone
1081 Rule could produce similar results nationwide?
1082 Ms. McCabe. Absolutely. I think we all can learn from one
1083 another, and we certainly can learn from the states that are moving
1084 forward with a lot of these programs.
1085 Mrs. Capps. Thank you very much. I yield back.
1086 Mr. Whitfield. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from West
1087 Virginia, Mr. McKinley, for five minutes.
1088 Mr. McKinley. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thought there were

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1089 going to be some folks in between, but thank you again for your
1090 appearance with us.
1091 I want to follow back up again with some of the earlier
1092 remarks. There was in Forbes Magazine had said that China and
1093 India, quoting, "China and India collectively consume about 60
1094 percent of all the coal produced in the world, and that in the
1095 next 10 years Asia will be increasing their demands for coal by
1096 31 percent." They're already at 60 percent, and they want to
1097 increase 30 percent. I find that incredible.
1098 And then I want to follow back up again with the remark that
1099 you made to the Congressman from California. You said India may
1100 very well be following our lead by making these reductions, but
1101 yet the quote in this article says that "India has rejectedany
1102 absolute cuts, and that it needs to emit more as it grows to beat
1103 poverty." So, I'm not sure that anyone is following what you think
1104 is happening around the world. It goes to that old adage, a leader
1105 that has no followers is merely a man taking a walk.And I think
1106 that's what you have here, is no one in the country. They may very
1107 well go if they did to Kyoto and elsewhere, Stockholm and make
1108 these agreements, but then they don't uphold them. So, I don't
1109 know that Paris is going to be any better with this.So, I'm looking
1110 back at the question more directly, what you're trying to propose,
1111 you're willing to sacrifice the economy of this country. When

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1112 everyone else is going to continue to use coal, you're going to
1113 sacrifice our economy to this rule, and drive another dagger into
1114 the hearts of the coal fields of this country, and all across
1115 because the electricity.
1116 I think it's curious, and I wanted to hear your explanation
1117 of why in the initial rule; for example, West Virginia was opposed
1118 to have a 20 percent reduction, but then when the final rule came
1119 out, it went to 37 percent. And North Dakota went from 11 percent
1120 to 45 percent, and Kentucky went from 18 to 41, and Wyoming 19
1121 to 44. Are you trying to suggest that during your hearings in those
1122 respective states that the people actually said we want more
1123 stringent controls on our emissions in Kentucky, and Wyoming, and
1124 West Virginia?
1125 I want to hear that answer, but I also want to add one more,
1126 backdrop information. I just got notice just here just a minute
1127 ago, that Patriot Coal has just now issued a warn notice to the
1128 miners in West Virginia that 2,000 more coal miners in West
1129 Virginia are going to lose their job in the next few days, and
1130 you all can sit there and just say we need -- this is going to
1131 be good for our air, when other nations are polluting our
1132 atmosphere far greater than we are. So, can you tell me why you
1133 doubled and tripled the standards for -- when they can't meet the
1134 first standard, why you've tripled it?

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1135 Ms. McCabe. Absolutely, Congressman. I'd be glad to address
1136 that. There's a lot in your question there. I'm not sure I'll get
1137 to respond to everything, but let me focus on the changes between
1138 the proposal and the final rule, especially as it relates to the
1139 states that you mentioned.
1140 Mr. McKinley. Yes.
1141 Ms. McCabe. Yes, very fair question, and we've been having
1142 those discussions with state officials and utilities, and others
1143 since the final rule came out. In fact, I was meeting with some
1144 West Virginia officials just last week, and had this very
1145 discussion.
1146 So, as we do rulemaking, we put out a proposal, we lay out
1147 our reasoning, our legal support, we lay out the information that
1148 we have, and then we put it out, and people comment on it, peopl
1149 give us additional information, people give us their different
1150 views. And as I've said, there was just an extraordinary amount
1151 of input on this rule.
1152 Mr. McKinley. But that led you to doubling down the penalties
1153 on West Virginia, Wyoming, Kentucky, all these other coal
1154 producing -- you actually got testimony that we should double down
1155 the penalty?
1156 Ms. McCabe. Congressman, I certainly object to the use of
1157 the word "penalty." That's not an appropriate term for this rule.

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1158 Mr. McKinley. Well, I object to your use of the word "fair,"
1159 when I'm talking about all these people losing their job.
1160 Ms. McCabe. Can I explain why I used the word "fair?"
1161 Mr. McKinley. Good luck.
1162 Ms. McCabe. Okay. In the proposed rule, we took a very state
1163 centric approach, and that led to a certain proposal which, in
1164 fact, set differential rates for the same type of plant across
1165 the country, so a coal rate in one state was significantly
1166 different than a coal rate in another state. And through --
1167 Mr. McKinley. Okay. I want to hear what's fair when you shut
1168 down a coal-fired power plant and it destroys the fabric, the
1169 economic basis to run a school system in a county, when millions
1170 of dollars are lost. I want to talk, that's fair. Is that fair?
1171 Mr. Whitfield. The gentleman's time has expired. At this,
1172 the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania, Mr. Doyle,
1173 for five minutes.
1174 Mr. Doyle. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
1175 Administrator McCabe, when you appeared before this
1176 committee for previous hearings on the proposed rule, I had voiced
1177 my concern that only 6 percent of existing nuclear power in states
1178 would be counted towards developing a state's goal, while 100
1179 percent of existing renewable power was credited. Now, in the
1180 final rule credits for both of those are gone. However, I

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1181 understand that states will have the option to choose mass-based
1182 goal for compliance that would insure that we value all existing
1183 zero carbon resources within a state similarly. Is that correct?
1184 Ms. McCabe. Actually, whether a state chooses a mass-based
1185 approach or a rate-based approach, all new and increasing zero
1186 emitting generation whether it's renewable or nuclear can be part
1187 of a compliance --
1188 Mr. Doyle. New, but there's no credits for existing.
1189 Ms. McCabe. Well, we start in 2012, so anything that's new
1190 from that point on. The mix of generation from before 2012 has
1191 already led to a particular profile for --
1192 Mr. Doyle. Well, let me ask you this. If a state adopts a
1193 mass-based goal and implements stringent leakage mitigation
1194 policy.
1195 Ms. McCabe. Yes.
1196 Mr. Doyle. Do you believe nuclear plants will not be able
1197 to prematurely retire unless they're replaced by equivalent zero
1198 carbon power or energy efficient measures?
1199 Ms. McCabe. Well, Congressman, there's a lot more that goes
1200 into the economic viability of nuclear plants than this rule can
1201 address, so I really can't speak to --
1202 Mr. Doyle. Well, if the nuclear plant retires prematurely
1203 just for cost factor, you know, because it's priced --

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1204 Ms. McCabe. Right.

1205 Mr. Doyle. -- - out of the market and a state adopts a
1206 mass-based goal, will they have to replace that with zero - you
1207 know, will their only choice for replacement of that be zero carbon
1208 power?

1209 Ms. McCabe. It really depends on the state's situation and
1210 how they design their plan.

1211 Mr. Doyle. What happens if these nuclear plants retire in
1212 a state with a rate-based plan? What's the difference between
1213 nuclear plants retiring in a rate-based plan versus in a
1214 mass-based plan?

1215 Ms. McCabe. So, in a -- this is probably a longer
1216 conversation. We'll be happy to follow-up with you, but in a
1217 mass-based plan what's counted is the emissions coming out of the
1218 smokestacks from the fossil fuel generation. In a rate-based plan,
1219 the state is allowed to take account of other types of generation
1220 and sort of discount that against the emission rate of the fossil
1221 generation. So, either way they can take credit for or count for
1222 zero generating facilities, whether nuclear or renewable.

1223 Mr. Doyle. Let me ask you another question. In my state in
1224 Pennsylvania, and our governor is not a governor that's saying
1225 he won't comply. He's looking forward to working to come up with
1226 a plan. My state is a net exporter of electricity. We could benefit

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1227 from the option to submit multi-state plans.

1228 Ms. McCabe. Yes.

1229 Mr. Doyle. So, adopting a mass-based rather than a rate-based

1230 goal may facilitate the kind of a plan, but I've heard that this

1231 mass-based goal could handicap future economic growth as emission

1232 limits in total are capped. So, how do you respond to the concerns

1233 that some states have about that? Could these multi-state plans

1234 shift to accommodate new sources of power?

1235 Ms. McCabe. Yes, we believe that that can be fully

1236 accommodated. And your point about multi-state plans, the final

1237 rule is very flexible in terms of states working with one another

1238 either formally or informally. 111(d) of the Clean Power Plan does

1239 not constrain new growth, and so new power plants can be built

1240 in this country to meet new load growth, just as they always can.

1241 In terms of a Clean Power Plan that is using a mass-based

1242 approach, we've given the states some guideposts to use to make

1243 sure that that plan is not artificially distorting the

1244 relationship between new generation and existing generation. We'd

1245 be happy to provide more information to you.

1246 Mr. Doyle. Yes, I'd appreciate that. And, finally, the

1247 formula for the first building block of the Clean Power Plan, EPA

1248 determined that states could reasonably improve coal fleet

1249 efficiency between 2.1 and 4.3 percent rather than the 6 percent

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1250 across the board under the proposed rule.

1251 Ms. McCabe. Correct.

1252 Mr. Doyle. Can you elaborate on how the EPA determined this

1253 range for efficiency improvements in the final rule, and how the

1254 EPA reached different rates for different parts of the country?

1255 Ms. McCabe. Yes, that's a really good question. And, again,

1256 that came out of the response and the comments that we got. So,

1257 as you reflected, in the proposal we looked across the universe

1258 and came up with our 6 percent number as we thought was a reasonable

1259 national number, not that every single plant would be able to do

1260 that. The comments that we got back showed even more range of

1261 abilities, and what we did was we looked regionally across the

1262 country in the three interconnects, which are the three main

1263 sections of the power grid, and we found that when we looked at

1264 the data on an interconnect basis, we actually came up with

1265 slightly different capabilities, different capacities, because

1266 of the age of the fleet, and other characteristics of the regional

1267 fleet. So, that's how we got to those different rates. And to us,

1268 that made a lot of sense based on that input that we got.

1269 Mr. Doyle. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, the

1270 Pittsburgh Pirates this evening, the team that I represent in

1271 Congress, are going to take the major league's best pitcher, Mr.

1272 Arrieta, and give him a massive beating tonight.

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1273 Mr. Whitfield. Yes, I should have introduced --

1274 Mr. Doyle. Let me say that for the record.

1275 Mr. Whitfield. At this time, the Chair recognizes the

1276 gentleman from Ohio, Mr. Latta, for five minutes.

1277 Mr. Latta. Thanks, Mr. Chairman, and Administrator, thanks

1278 very much for being with us today.

1279 Under 111(d) the states mustfile a state plan by September

1280 the 6th, 2016 unless it submits an extension request that is

1281 approved by the EPA. EPA has said that, "This approval of state

1282 extension requests is a ministerial action." Before rejecting a

1283 state's extension request will EPA allow for public notice and

1284 comment?

1285 Ms. McCabe. The requirements are very straightforward for

1286 what's required in the extension request, so we're not

1287 contemplating a formal notice and comment period, but we certainly

1288 will be in consultation with the state.

1289 Mr. Latta. Okay. If the EPA then rejects a state's extension

1290 request, EPA believes it can issue a federal plan for that state.

1291 In that case, will EPA allow for notice and comment before imposing

1292 a federal plan?

1293 Ms. McCabe. Well, we have a proposed federal plan out now

1294 that will be going through notice and comment, so if we are put

1295 in a position, which I hope we will not be, because I think states

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1296 want to go forward with plans, if we're put in a position of
1297 finalizing a plan, we will have already gone through the proposal
1298 process, have gotten people's input on that proposed federal plan.
1299 Mr. Latta. So, if I understand then, that you won't have a
1300 notice and comment period then if a state is disallowed. Is that
1301 correct?
1302 Ms. McCabe. If a state does not submit aplan, we would go
1303 forward and finalize a plan.
1304 Mr. Latta. Okay. But in this case, though, if a state rejects
1305 -- if the EPA rejects a state's plan, if it rejects it?
1306 Ms. McCabe. If we receive a plan from a state and our
1307 evaluation is that it doesn't meet the requirements of the rule,
1308 we would propose to disapprove it. We would not -- -
1309 Mr. Latta. Okay. But in that case, though, are you still
1310 saying then there won't be a notice and comment period?
1311 Ms. McCabe. No, there would be.
1312 Mr. Latta. There would be.
1313 Ms. McCabe. There would be.
1314 Mr. Latta. Okay. And how long would that be for?
1315 Ms. McCabe. It would be at least 30 days.
1316 Mr. Latta. Okay.
1317 Ms. McCabe. That's generally --
1318 Mr. Latta. At least 30 days. Now, will you be in direct

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1319 contact with the states, or -- -

1320 Ms. McCabe. Oh, absolutely.

1321 Mr. Latta. Ohio, my home state, the Ohio EPA has repeatedly

1322 asked EPA to consider investments made before 2012 to lower CO2

1323 emissions which especially affects the coal plants in my state.

1324 Would you explain why the original baseline date of 2005 was

1325 abandoned for the 2012?

1326 Ms. McCabe. Well, I need to correct the way you stated that

1327 last part. We've never had a baseline, we've never had a baseline

1328 of 2005. We've always had our starting point in this rule be 2012.

1329 This is a technology-based rule, so we always pick a year to start

1330 from to go forward, and 2012 was the year in the proposal, as well

1331 as in the final, where we had the most current, and complete and

1332 accurate data about the generation fleet, so that's why we started

1333 with that year.

1334 Mr. Latta. Let me ask, because of that, since we have in Ohio,

1335 until recently had about 70 percent of our energy is coal-fired.

1336 What factors did you consider for the State of Ohio when you were

1337 looking at that 2012 date? Did you look at the number of coal-fired

1338 plants we have, our manufacturers, our consumers? Did you take

1339 into, you know, the cost and expense that's going to incur out

1340 there? Could you explain a little bit on that?

1341 Ms. McCabe. Yes, sure we did. 2012 is the year we use

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1342 nationally. And as I say, that's because we want to have everybody
1343 starting from the same place. For each state, once we established
1344 a national uniform rate that was reasonable to expect in our view
1345 based on our review of the approaches that were available, we then
1346 took that emission rate and applied it to each state, which is
1347 why each state ends up with its target in the rule. So, a state
1348 like Ohio or like my home state of Indiana that has a lot of
1349 coal-fired generation, ends up with a significantly higher rate
1350 in the final plan than a state with less coal-fired generation.
1351 Mr. Latta. Well, you say in your testimony that this rule
1352 sets an achievable standard for power plants, but seeing as Ohio
1353 has achieved approximately 30 percent reduction in CO2 emissions
1354 between 2005 and 2014 in its coal-fired power plants, doesn't your
1355 choice of a 2012 baseline mean power plants that are not coal-fired
1356 at that time then?
1357 Ms. McCabe. Well, it treats all the states the same, so many
1358 states and utilities across the country have been moving towards
1359 cleaner energy. That's what our rule found to be the case, and
1360 that can continue. So, we took a snapshot in 2012 and said okay,
1361 going forward what's reasonable to achieve beyond where people
1362 are in 2012? And it --
1363 Mr. Latta. Well, let me just-- I'm cutting you off because
1364 my time is running out here. Just real quick, because I know since

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1365 Ohio was over 70 percent coal-fired, my recollection was since
1366 -- I'm right next to Indiana. Wasn't your state about 90 percent
1367 coal-fired just a few years ago?
1368 Ms. McCabe. 90 plus, I think it still is, Congressman.
1369 Mr. Latta. Do you think there's going to be a measurable
1370 impact on industries in the State of Indiana because of what's
1371 going to happen there, that you are over 90 percent in the state?
1372 Ms. McCabe. I think that with the amount of time in the rule
1373 and with the options that are out there for cleaner energy, that
1374 we're going to be able to move forward, implement this, and it
1375 is not going to have significant impacts on the economy; that it's
1376 going to be positive.
1377 Mr. Latta. Thank you, Mr. Chair. I yield back.
1378 Mr. Whitfield. The gentleman's time has expired. At this
1379 time, the Chair recognizes the gentlelady from Florida, Ms.
1380 Castor, for five minutes.
1381 Ms. Castor. Well, thank you, Mr. Chairman, for calling this
1382 hearing on the Clean Air Act and the Clean Power Plan.
1383 The Clean Air Act is one of America's bedrock environmental
1384 protection laws, and it has been for over 40 years. I believe the
1385 Clean Air Act reflects our values. We value the air that we
1386 breathe, we are willing here in America to tackle significant
1387 environmental threats, and to tackle these threats EPA uses the

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1388 best science, public input, examines health impacts. And what we
1389 understand here in 2015 is that we've got to tackle one of the
1390 most critical modern challenges yet, the changing climate, and
1391 the very costly impacts of the changing climate.
1392 I believe EPA has developed a flexible carbon pollution
1393 reduction plan that is good for consumers, it's good the
1394 environment, it's good for the public health, and it will be good
1395 for our economy. And I think, Ms. McCabe, that EPA is right to
1396 encourage and spur states to meet the challenges, and the rising
1397 costs of the changing climate.
1398 Coming from the State of Florida, these costs are daunting
1399 looking ahead. You've detailed some of them relating to public
1400 health, but what I see on the horizon if we do not act, increases
1401 in property insurance in Florida, flood insurance; boy, that's
1402 really hitting home now watching what's happening in South
1403 Carolina.
1404 I was a county commissioner before I came to Congress. Storm
1405 water fees, the ability of local governments, what they're going
1406 to have to do to replace storm water and waste water facilities,
1407 beach renourishment costs are going to increase.
1408 Another cost unless we act will be the failure to tap into
1409 these clean energy jobs and innovation. And I noticed in the Clean
1410 Power Plan you have -- EPA has included a Clean Energy Incentive

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1411 Program to reward early investments in renewable energy
1412 generation, specifically solar and wind during 2020-2021. Now,
1413 coming from Florida where we have huge potential for solar
1414 projects like other states do, I'm excited about what a program
1415 like this could mean for my state. Could you please elaborate on
1416 that initiative?
1417 Ms. McCabe. Sure. And you're sure right that local government
1418 is really on the front lines of facing these issues. So, the Clean
1419 Energy Incentive Program was intended to do exactly what you said,
1420 which is we know that these projects are going forward. They're
1421 teed up, they're moving forward, the costs are coming down,
1422 especially because we moved the start date from 2020 to 2022. We
1423 didn't want to inadvertently put the brakes on any projects that
1424 were going forward anticipating the Clean Power Plan, so this
1425 program would allow states if they opt into it, they certainly
1426 don't have to, to bring forward some of their compliance plan,
1427 which the federal government will then match to encourage, to
1428 provide that little bit of extra incentive for solar projects,
1429 for wind projects, and for energy efficiency in low-income areas
1430 to get a head start and really get rolling.
1431 Ms. Castor. I wondered, as well, the Union of Concerned
1432 Scientists recently issued a report as they do routinely, and they
1433 said that most states are already well on their way to complying

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1434 with the Clean Power Plan. They released an analysis in
1435 mid-August. They said they find that 31 states are on track to
1436 be more than halfway to meeting their 2022 emission rate
1437 benchmark, and that 20 states are on track to be more than halfway
1438 toward meeting their final 2030 compliance targets. They said they
1439 see great movement because of renewable energy standards, energy
1440 efficiency initiatives, nuclear power in states, and transition
1441 to natural gas. Do you agree with their analysis that we've got
1442 31 states on track to be more than halfway to 2020, and the other
1443 20 states closing in on halfway of 2030 targets?
1444 Ms. McCabe. I think what this is reflecting is exactly what
1445 we saw when we looked at the record, which is that states and
1446 utilities are moving forward to move to cleaner natural gas, to
1447 build new nuclear facilities, to invest in renewable and solar.
1448 That's the trend that we're seeing all across the country, that's
1449 what the rule is built on, that's what we're supposed to do in
1450 building the rule. So, without speaking to the exact numbers in
1451 the study; yes, that's exactly the idea, that these things are
1452 already underway.
1453 Ms. Castor. Thank you, and I yield back my time.
1454 Mr. Whitfield. The gentlelady yields back. At this time, the
1455 Chair recognizes the gentleman from Kansas, Mr. Pompeo, for five
1456 minutes.

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1457 Mr. Pompeo. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

1458 I want to get to the substance of this rule, but it's
1459 difficult to do if we can't expect the witness to fulfill
1460 commitments that they've made to this committee. In June of last
1461 year when you testified, I asked you a question, I asked you a
1462 question about how many times you and EPA had spoken with Mr.
1463 Podesta, who is now the Chairman of the Hillary Clinton for
1464 President campaign. I asked you that question, you said you'd take
1465 it back and you'd get us an answer. We submitted a formal QFR asking
1466 you about meetings with the White House, and we got a letter back
1467 that said we had a lot of meetings, that we met with thousands
1468 of people. Ms. McCabe, how many times did you meet with Mr.
1469 Podesta?

1470 Ms. McCabe. I don't know the answer to that.

1471 Mr. Pompeo. So, still a year and two months later you haven't
1472 bothered to go back and look at your records to answer a legitimate
1473 question presented by this committee.

1474 Ms. McCabe. Congressman, we do our best to respond to the
1475 questions that we get from you, and we'll certainly do that in
1476 the future.

1477 Mr. Pompeo. So, the best you can do is tell this committee
1478 that you've met, when asked a direct question about the politics
1479 of this rule and who you met with, a simple administrative

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1480 question, the best you can do is say we met with thousands of
1481 people. I have the letter, that's what it says. It's your response,
1482 it's the EPA's response.
1483 Ms. McCabe. Without seeing my response, Congressman, I can't
1484 --
1485 Mr. Pompeo. I'll read it to you.
1486 Ms. McCabe. -- - what else we might have said in response
1487 to your question.
1488 Mr. Pompeo. It says, "We reached out to thousands of people
1489 through hundreds of meetings, listening sessions, video
1490 conferences, phone calls, conference calls, and almost 2,000
1491 emails." No mention of Mr. Podesta in the entire response, no
1492 mention of any officials from the White House in the entire
1493 response. You didn't answer the question, Ms. McCabe. It's a
1494 simple question.
1495 Ms. McCabe. I will go back and talk with folks about how we
1496 responded to your question.
1497 Mr. Pompeo. When you see the frustration and you hear members
1498 of Congress talk about the EPA being out of control, can you
1499 understand when you won't answer simple questions why someone
1500 might conclude that you don't give a darn what Congress thinks?
1501 Ms. McCabe. Well, it's unfortunate if that's your view,
1502 because I think that we're all here to serve the public.

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1503 Mr. Pompeo. Not just my view, Ms. McCabe, it's the view that
1504 you expressed when you said we're not going to give you an answer,
1505 Mr. Pompeo. We're going to blow you off. Unacceptable,
1506 unacceptable.
1507 You said today that if a state needs more time, it's a
1508 ministerial action, you'll give them an incremental two years.
1509 At the end of those three years, if the Governor of Kansas, this
1510 one or the next governor concludes that there'll be massive
1511 brownouts in Kansas as a result of complying with this rule, and
1512 writes you a letter to that effect, what will the response of the
1513 EPA be?
1514 Ms. McCabe. I can't speak to a future eventuality like that.
1515 We did ask the states -- -
1516 Mr. Pompeo. No, no. You can answer it. This is a legal
1517 question, this is about the rule. The governor says we can't
1518 comply, or we're going to have poor people freezing in the winter
1519 in Kansas if we comply with this rule. Tell me what the EPA's
1520 actions will be in response to what I'm sure you will view as
1521 non-compliance with the state's obligation under this rule? Tell
1522 me what the Environmental Protection Agency is going to do to those
1523 poor people in Kansas?
1524 Ms. McCabe. I cannot speak to a future action of the EPA based
1525 on facts that we'll need to look at very carefully.

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1526 Mr. Pompeo. All right. But you'll have the right to put a
1527 federal plan in place.
1528 Ms. McCabe. We will go through a process to make a
1529 determination -- -
1530 Mr. Pompeo. That's a yes or no question, Ms. McCabe. You'll
1531 have the right to put a federal program in place. You might
1532 conclude not to do so, but you'd have the right do so under this
1533 rule.
1534 Ms. McCabe. If a state submits a plan that we feel does not
1535 comply with the law, we have the authority. It's not a question
1536 of right, we have the authority and the responsibility under the
1537 Clean Air Act.
1538 Mr. Pompeo. Right. So, you talked earlier about states
1539 cooperating. You said they're cooperating. I don't view it as
1540 cooperation. If someone comes up to me on the street and threatens
1541 my life, and I hand them my money, I just simply don't view that
1542 as cooperation. These governors will be under enormous pressure.
1543 It's not about them cooperating, it's about the heavy hand of the
1544 EPA forcing them to make decisions that they believe are
1545 inconsistent with their duty to the state, and to protect the
1546 citizens of their states. But that's a far cry from cooperation,
1547 the word that you used three times so far this morning.
1548 Ms. McCabe. Well, I know from conversations that I've had

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1549 and meetings that I've had with people that states are talking
1550 about working -- -
1551 Mr. Pompeo. Because they know what's coming. Let me go down
1552 a -- you said there were fewer missed school days. How many fewer
1553 missed school days per student per year will there be as a result
1554 of the Clean Power Plan?
1555 Ms. McCabe. Well, I'd be happy to get you the numbers that
1556 we put together, Congressman. No, really. I mean -- -
1557 Mr. Pompeo. I'll look forward to it. I mean, this is the kind
1558 of data. If you're going to make assertions here to this committee
1559 today about fewer missed school days, and you said there will be
1560 shorter allergen seasons, it would seem to me, response of you
1561 to say this allergen season in a particular region will be shorter
1562 by 7 hours 26 minutes, plus or minutes whatever your science can
1563 determine. But you throw these things out without any foundation
1564 in the data set and expect us to accept that as a fait accompli.
1565 So, I'd just like to know how many fewer school days as a result
1566 of this. And I'll look forward to your letter.
1567 Mr. Pompeo. Do you have a response? Sure.
1568 Ms. McCabe. I can answer that.
1569 Mr. Pompeo. Sure.
1570 Ms. McCabe. Because we did put that information together.
1571 Mr. Pompeo. Great. Tell me what it is.

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1572 Ms. McCabe. I just didn't want to fish through a bunch of
1573 papers while I was listening to you. What we predicted is that
1574 in 2030 when the plan is in place, there would be 140,000 fewer
1575 missed school days.
1576 Mr. Pompeo. Great, thank you very much. I'm way out of time.
1577 Thank you.
1578 Mr. Whitfield. At this time, the Chair recognizes Mr.
1579 Loebsack of Iowa for five minutes.
1580 Mr. Loebsack. Thank you, Mr. Chair. First, I do want to thank
1581 Administrator McCabe for testifying here today.
1582 I may not take up the whole five minutes. I want to focus
1583 on the 2012 date that was already mentioned, and go to my home
1584 state, Ms. McCabe. You know that over 28 percent of our electricity
1585 in Iowa is generated by wind power. We're the leader in the
1586 country. And I applaud the EPA, of course, for working to cut
1587 America's carbon pollution. I think it's a great idea, and we've
1588 got to move our energy and environmental policy into the 21st
1589 century. But in my state we've made a hell of a lot of progress
1590 over the years, and I just-- I have a concern that starting this
1591 2012, doesn't really recognize what states like Iowa have already
1592 done. Can you talk to me about that, you know? I mean, it's really
1593 difficult, you know, to sort of start it at a particular point
1594 when a place like Iowa has made so much progress, and then a number

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1595 gets attached after 2012, and it just didn't seem to honor the
1596 commitment that folks in Iowa have already made up to this point.
1597 Ms. McCabe. Yes, I'm glad you asked that, Congressman. I
1598 think that there are a number of states who can legitimately make
1599 a similar claim and utilities where they have invested early. And
1600 the way this program works, it actually reflects the good work
1601 that states who have been forward-looking have already done
1602 because they have less far to go, ultimately, in getting to that
1603 2030, because they're already well along the way. So, the way the
1604 Clean Power Plan works, since it takes into account each state's
1605 mix, current mix as of 2012, states that are further ahead were
1606 further ahead when we took that snapshot and projected into the
1607 future. So, there's lots of opportunity, and for those
1608 technologies to continue to be invested in, but states, some of
1609 them are well along the way. It's similar to what the Congresswoman
1610 cited before.
1611 Mr. Loebsack. I've seen a 42 percent number attached to Iowa.
1612 I don't know if that's accurate or not, but that's going to be
1613 very difficult, of course; and we've already come a long way. If
1614 we had set that date back to 2010 or whatever the case might be,
1615 it would be a less onerous burden certainly on the State of Iowa.
1616 We all want clean energy, we all want to cut, you know, obviously
1617 carbon pollution. We all want to do those things, and Iowa is going

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1618 to continue to do the right thing. The governor there just now
1619 putting together a team to try to come up with some kind of an
1620 energy plan, and I commend him for that. And we're going to do
1621 the right thing, we're going to keep doing it.
1622 Ms. McCabe. Yes.
1623 Mr. Loebsack. But it just does seem a bit unfair to start
1624 it at that 2012 date and not recognize all the progress that was
1625 already made in a place like Iowa. And, hopefully, we'll be able
1626 to take advantage of the incentive program, as well. You know,
1627 we'll continue to work with you on that but, you know, I'm making
1628 a plea for some degree of flexibility in all this at this point.
1629 Ms. McCabe. Well, I think the fact that the final plan focuses
1630 much more than the proposal did on the regional nature of the power
1631 market, goes directly to your point, as well.
1632 Mr. Loebsack. Right.
1633 Ms. McCabe. Because it allows the regions, the utilities and
1634 the regions to work together. And, again, states that are further
1635 ahead are further ahead, and will benefit from that investment
1636 that they've made.
1637 Mr. Loebsack. Right. Well, we'll stay in touch going forward,
1638 and I just wanted to express the concern that I have about that
1639 date. And, hopefully, we'll have a little bit of flexibility that
1640 we'll see from you folks moving down the road. Thank you so much.

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1641 Ms. McCabe. Thank you.

1642 Mr. Loebsack. Thank you, and I yield back the rest.

1643 Mr. Whitfield. The gentleman yields back. The Chair
1644 recognizes the gentleman from Virginia, Mr. Griffith, for five
1645 minutes.

1646 Mr. Griffith. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

1647 Ms. McCabe, I've heard some confusion here today. I read you
1648 some quotes out that said on four occasions over the last few years
1649 it said that you all weren't going to move towards a cap and trade
1650 program. I then read you something that indicated you are going
1651 to a cap and trade program, and then you told Congressman Barton
1652 that you weren't going to a cap and trade program. And I find that
1653 hard to understand. Is it your position that you all are not
1654 heading towards a cap and trade program?

1655 Ms. McCabe. This rule does not set up a cap and trade program,
1656 Congressman.

1657 Mr. Griffith. All right. I beg to differ. Let me go through
1658 some of the documents, and I guess we just have to start with your
1659 own documents. You know, when you take a look at it in the
1660 Environmental Protection Agency in the preplan that's out there
1661 and the summary, it says, "This proposal," talking about your
1662 plan, and I can be glad to give you a copy of this after I finish
1663 reading it. "This proposal presents two approaches to a federal

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1664 plan for states and other jurisdictions that do not submit an
1665 approval plan to the EPA; a rate-based emissions trading program,
1666 and a mass-based emissions trading program." Now that to me sounds
1667 like cap and trade of one form or another.
1668 It goes on to say on page 43, "As discussed at length in the
1669 emission guidelines, electric generation units operate less as
1670 individual isolated entities, and more as multiple components of
1671 a large interconnected system designed to integrate a range of
1672 functions that insure an uninterrupted supply of affordable and
1673 reliable electricity, while also for the past several decades
1674 maintaining compliance with air pollution control programs. Since
1675 as a practical matter under both the emission guidelines and any
1676 federal plan, emissions reductions must occur at the affected
1677 electric generation units, a broad scale emission trading program
1678 would be particularly effective in allowing the electric
1679 generation units to operate in a way that achieves pollution
1680 control without disturbing the overall system of which they are
1681 a part, and the critical functions that this system performs. In
1682 addition, consistency of requirements benefits the affected
1683 electric generation units, as well as the states, and the EPA in
1684 their role as administrators and implementers of a trading
1685 program. The EPA believes that there are," skip a line, and then,
1686 "The EPA believes there are compelling policy reasons that support

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1687 the provisions of a proposed model trading rule at this time."

1688 It goes on to talk about the public hearings that you had

1689 which you didn't have in my district, where you would have heard

1690 something completely different. As I told you before, I was

1691 elected on this issue, and a 28-year incumbent who agreed with

1692 you all isn't here because of this issue, cap and trade. And you

1693 go on to talk about, "There's strong interest in seeing a model

1694 state program," and then it goes on to say and I find this

1695 fascinating. "In addition, some states have indicated that they

1696 may prefer to rely on a federal plan, either temporarily or

1697 permanently, rather than develop a plan of their own. This

1698 proposal of a model trading rule addresses these policy interests.

1699 The approach of proposing model trading rules that are identical

1700 in all key respects to proposed federal plans that may be

1701 promulgated later is consistent with prior Clean Air Act Section

1702 111(d)."

1703 Now, I don't know in what kind of a universe or what English

1704 language you're looking at, but I just picked out some small parts

1705 here, and every time I turn around it's talking about this rule

1706 pushing on the states a trading plan similar to cap and trade,

1707 if not cap and trade heavy, it's cap and trade of some form, and

1708 two different versions of it. And then it says, and I will-- I

1709 interpret it differently. It says, "In addition, some states have

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1710 indicated they may prefer to rely on a federal plan." That's
1711 because they're not going to do it, because isn't--isn't I correct
1712 that if a state says like we heard earlier that one of the state
1713 feared blackouts and people freezing in their homes, if they
1714 choose not to do it, you all are going to come in with your federal
1715 trading program and do a federal program. Isn't that correct; yes
1716 or no? It's simple yes or no.
1717 Ms. McCabe. No, it's not, it's not a simple question to
1718 answer.
1719 Mr. Griffith. It is a simple question. Are you going to make
1720 the states do a trading program; if they don't comply with your
1721 Clean Power Plan, are you coming in there and impose a federal
1722 trading plan on them, and the answer is either yes or no.
1723 Ms. McCabe. We have not finalized a federal plan. We have
1724 a proposal out there, so I cannot speak to what the --
1725 Mr. Griffith. Okay. Under this proposal, wouldn't that be
1726 the natural and logical conclusion, for someone reasonable
1727 reading the English language that I just read to you out of your
1728 own document. Would that not be reasonable?
1729 Ms. McCabe. We have proposed trading programs, a rate-based
1730 one, and a mass-based one, and I would commend you to the comment
1731 record, Congressman, where we got overwhelmingly inputs from
1732 states and utilities saying --

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1733 Mr. Griffith. Where you --

1734 Ms. McCabe. -- -the trading programs were effective and

1735 efficient, and they were using them, and it works.

1736 Mr. Griffith. And where you disenfranchised the people of

1737 Appalachia because you didn't come to talk to any of the

1738 coal-producing areas in Central Appalachia. You refused to come

1739 and have a hearing there. We asked you all to do it, you wouldn't

1740 do it, didn't have to be my district, could have been Mr. Johnson's

1741 district, or Mr. McKinley's district, or somebody else's

1742 district. You wouldn't do it. That's why your comments are going

1743 to support what you got, because you went out and found the people

1744 that agreed with you to go put your hearings in.

1745 Mr. Chairman, I apologize. I am over my time; I yield back.

1746 Mr. Whitfield. The gentleman yields back. At this time, the

1747 Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas, Mr. Green, who I guess

1748 represents part of Houston, as well, Astros.

1749 Mr. Green. Yes.

1750 Mr. Whitfield. Okay, five minutes.

1751 Mr. Green. I'm proud to be a fan with my good friend from

1752 the south with the Astros. But I want to thank the Chair and the

1753 Ranking Member for holding the hearing, and I want to thank Acting

1754 Administrator McCabe for coming. The EPA's Clean Power Plan has

1755 been subject to much debate. We're happy to have you here today.

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1756 Administrator, the EPA's Clean Power Plan changed
1757 significantly from the proposed rule to the final product. My
1758 understanding was the EPA wanted to be responsive to stakeholder
1759 feedback, including many concerns brought by the industry. The
1760 final rule included both reliability safety valve, and what looks
1761 like a reliability assurance mechanism. My question is, does the
1762 Memorandum of Understanding between DOE, EPA, and FERC function
1763 as the beginning of a reliability assurance mechanism? Can you
1764 explain what steps EPA took to insure that reliability before the
1765 implementation?
1766 Ms. McCabe. Yes, that's a good question, Congressman. The
1767 Memorandum between the three agencies is really a continuation
1768 of the relationship that we've developed, our three agencies, to
1769 make sure that we're focused collectively on what's going on in
1770 the power industry as they're responding not just to EPA rules,
1771 but to the various trends in the industry, and moving forward,
1772 how it's going so that we're all on the same page, and in good
1773 communication.
1774 The variety of things that we built into the Clean Power Plan
1775 that were directly responsive to the reliability issues that we
1776 heard were more time, more flexibility in the glide path, making
1777 sure that the states in developing their plans specifically
1778 address reliability which may involve, up to them, but may involve

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1779 consulting with their reliability entities or with their PUCs,
1780 making sure that those conversations are happening.
1781 The reliability safety valve that you mentioned is also
1782 something that we put in that was very important, the ability for
1783 states to adjust their plans. So, it's the whole package really
1784 that collectively addresses the reliability concerns.
1785 Mr. Green. Both Congressman Olson and Congressman Doyle over
1786 the past two Congresses and I have worked on legislation to address
1787 the must-run orders. Through a strange twist in the law, the DOE
1788 told a power plant to run even in violation of the Clean Air Act,
1789 the operator could be civilly liable. Does CPP include your
1790 reliability safety valve that allows 90-day must-run orders in
1791 the event of an emergency? Would an operator face potential
1792 litigation for following those orders?
1793 Ms. McCabe. We actually think it's very unlikely that an
1794 operator would be put in that position because of the flexibility
1795 in the plan, and how states can set up their plans. But in the
1796 event that an operator was put in that position, that's the purpose
1797 of the reliability safety valve, to give them the ability to go
1798 forward without being worried about being in violation of the
1799 Clean Air Act.
1800 Mr. Green. EPA stated that federal implementation has not
1801 been finalized. EPA is deciding between rate-based or mass-based

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1802 federal implementation plan. The final rule indicated a 90-day
1803 comment period. How many comments has the agency received thus
1804 far?
1805 Ms. McCabe. We actually -- that comment period will start
1806 when the Federal Register publishes the rule, which we expect to
1807 be later this month, so we haven't gotten any formal comments yet.
1808 Mr. Green. Does the agency anticipate extending the comment
1809 period? I guess will that depend on the amount of comments you
1810 receive?
1811 Ms. McCabe. If we get those requests, Congressman, we'll take
1812 a look at them and decide. We wanted to start out with quite a
1813 lengthy comment period to make sure that people had time to put
1814 their thoughts together.
1815 Mr. Green. The final rule changed the way EPA views nuclear
1816 power. Can you explain further how existing or under construction
1817 nuclear could be counted?
1818 Ms. McCabe. Yes. So, any under construction or upgraded
1819 nuclear power since 2012 can be included by a state as part of
1820 its compliance plan, just like any-- it's treated just the same
1821 as any other zero emitting generation, which was a lot of the
1822 feedback that we got from folks.
1823 Mr. Green. Okay. Well, in Texas we have invested significant
1824 amounts in wind power, and I'd like to see the same done with solar.

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1825 How does EPA envision the Clean Energy Incentives Program
1826 encouraging new construction of solar?
1827 Ms. McCabe. It allows states, if they choose, to sort of front
1828 load by providing some extra incentive to those projects. And in
1829 order to make that an incentive, the federal government will match
1830 the investment that the state would put in in terms of compliance
1831 allowances or credits, however they choose to do it.
1832 Mr. Green. My last 20 seconds, how does EPA envision the Clean
1833 Energy Incentive Program encouraging new construction? The EPA
1834 wants to establish a credit reserve, and will run into problems
1835 of verification, authenticity issues before, but how is EPA going
1836 to do that?
1837 Ms. McCabe. So, we proposed an approach for people to have
1838 accountability systems. It's very important, as you recognize,
1839 that everybody be following a good set of rules, and there's a
1840 lot of information out there because of the renewable energy
1841 markets that already exist. So, we'll work with all of that
1842 information and get a set of guidelines out there for people that
1843 everybody's comfortable with.
1844 Mr. Green. Okay. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
1845 Mr. Whitfield. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from
1846 Texas, Mr. Flores, for five minutes.
1847 Mr. Flores. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I appreciate the

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1848 opportunity to have this important hearing today. Thank you for
1849 being here, Ms. McCabe.
1850 States have to file, if they want an extension to produce
1851 plan, they've got to file before 2016. Correct?
1852 Ms. McCabe. In September of 2016. Yes, sir.
1853 Mr. Flores. Okay. If the Texas legislature doesn't meet until
1854 2017, how are they supposed to file a plan in 2016?
1855 Ms. McCabe. Well, every state is different, but in many
1856 states it's the environmental agency or on behalf of the governor
1857 through the environmental agency that has the responsibility for
1858 filing the plan.
1859 Mr. Flores. But the representatives of people really don't
1860 have any input into it, because the legislature doesn't meet. Did
1861 cap and trade pass Congress?
1862 Ms. McCabe. Well --
1863 Mr. Flores. No, it didn't.
1864 Ms. McCabe. For acid rain, it did. This is not a cap and trade
1865 rule, Congressman.
1866 Mr. Flores. Well, I think, Mr. Griffith, if you look at pages
1867 1174 and 1775 of the rulemaking, it's pretty clear that Mr.
1868 Griffith was right. He was on to something. EPA is going to have
1869 cap and trade in this, and we both know that that's the direction
1870 you're trying to go.

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1871 Let's talk about new natural gas EGUs for a minute. Do those
1872 improve the emissions profile of the country?
1873 Ms. McCabe. Sure they do. Yes, that's clean energy.
1874 Mr. Flores. Okay. Does EPA support the construction of new
1875 natural gas EGUs?
1876 Ms. McCabe. We support the move towards cleaner energy.
1877 Natural gas is a very important part of our diverse energy mix.
1878 Mr. Flores. Okay. On page 346 of the 111(d) rule, it says
1879 in the second full paragraph, the EPA says, "Unlike emission
1880 reductions achieved through the use of any of the building blocks,
1881 emission reduction is achieved through the use of," and I'm going
1882 to put parenthetically here, "natural gas combined cycle plants
1883 require the construction of additional CO2 emitting generating
1884 capacity, a consequence that is inconsistent with the longterm
1885 need to continue reducing CO2 emissions beyond the reduction that
1886 will be achieved by the rule." So, can you explain what that means?
1887 Ms. McCabe. I think what that's reflecting is that natural
1888 gas is a fossil fuel. It does have CO2 emissions, and there's a
1889 range of options that this country has to make sure that we're
1890 always moving towards a cleaner energy supply. Natural gas and
1891 some coal is part of that, but there are also even cleaner types
1892 of energy that we want to encourage.
1893 Mr. Flores. So, does the EPA support or oppose the

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1894 construction of natural gas EGUs?

1895 Ms. McCabe. We do not oppose the construction of clean energy

1896 in this country.

1897 Mr. Flores. Okay, thank you. Because solar is not going to

1898 produce base load, wind is not going to produce base load power,

1899 but natural gas EGUs do produce base load power, as coal does,

1900 as nuclear, but you're not giving any credits for nuclear power.

1901 This is going to be fully implemented by 2030 according to

1902 your present plan. What will the emissions reduction be across

1903 the nation for CO2 in the year 2050 versus today?

1904 Ms. McCabe. I don't have that number. We'd be glad to get

1905 some information back to you on that.

1906 Mr. Flores. Yes, that would be good. I mean, you give us these

1907 metrics about 140,000 fewer lost school days, and a shorter

1908 allergy season. You know, it seems to me like you start with what's

1909 the sort of the headline number, we're going to have experts that

1910 said reduction. It seemed like that that would be a number that

1911 would be on top of your mind.

1912 In order to get to this 2030 standard, how much of the

1913 technology exists today to get to that standard?

1914 Ms. McCabe. All of it.

1915 Mr. Flores. All of it, every bit of it.

1916 Ms. McCabe. Yes, sir.

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1917 Mr. Flores. Okay. What's the mean cost per reduced ton of
1918 CO2 emissions to get there?
1919 Ms. McCabe. I don't have that number off the top of my head.
1920 Mr. Flores. That would be a really good number to have.
1921 Ms. McCabe. Sure.
1922 Mr. Flores. So, when we have-- let's roll back out to 2050
1923 again. So, what's the change in the mean temperature going to be
1924 around the world?
1925 Ms. McCabe. Again, we'd be happy to provide you more
1926 information about the specific metrics.
1927 Mr. Flores. Okay. And what's the change in sea levels going
1928 to be?
1929 Ms. McCabe. Again, that's something -- -
1930 Mr. Flores. But we talk about school days, but the whole thing
1931 here, all the arguments I've heard particularly from the other
1932 side of the aisle about how this is going to make the world a
1933 better, happier place.
1934 Ms. McCabe. Yes.
1935 Mr. Flores. But you don't have the information we need, so
1936 I'd really like to know.
1937 So the other thing that would be nice to know, what's the
1938 economic impact of reduced reliability? I mean, you've heard the
1939 states say that there's going to be reduced reliability. The only

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1940 people in this room that say we're going to have improved
1941 reliability are the folks in the EPA.
1942 Ms. McCabe. Respectfully, I disagree with that. There are
1943 many people who weighed in on the climate plan that have taken
1944 just the opposite view, and gave us advice about how to make sure
1945 that our rule would not impair reliability.
1946 Mr. Flores. Well, I can tell you in the winter of 2013, and
1947 this plan had been in effect in Texas where we had a record cold
1948 snap, there would have been a lot of school days missed because
1949 there was no power for schools because a big chunk of the
1950 coal-powered plants would have been offline because of this. And
1951 I'm at the end of my time, I yield back.
1952 Mr. Whitfield. The gentleman yields back. At this time, the
1953 Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York, Mr. Tonko, for five
1954 minutes.
1955 Mr. Tonko. Thank you, Mr. Chair. And thank you, Assistant
1956 Administrator McCabe for joining us today. Thank you for your
1957 patience and your responses which are very much governed by
1958 civility, so I appreciate that.
1959 The Clean Power Plan has the goal of reducing carbon
1960 emissions by 32 percent below 2005 levels by 2030. States will
1961 have 15 years to achieve those goals under this plan. This is
1962 definitely achievable, in my opinion. New York's experience

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1963 demonstrates that it, indeed, is possible. Since 2005, New York
1964 and the other states participating in the Regional Greenhouse Gas
1965 Initiative, or REGGI, have seen a decrease in carbon emissions
1966 of more than 45 percent. And we have not sacrificed economic growth
1967 or reliability to achieve those given reductions. And according
1968 to several reports done by an independent group, New York's
1969 auction proceeds generated over $1 billion in savings for New
1970 Yorkers, so this can be done. So, I look at a charge of 32 percent
1971 over 15 years, and look at a record achieved of 45 percent over
1972 10 years in contrast.
1973 Ms. McCabe, one of the current statements the opposition to
1974 the Clean Power Plan is making is that the rule mandates an
1975 emissions trading scheme. As I read it, there is no mandate to
1976 use emissions trading as the way to meet the standard. Is that
1977 correct?
1978 Ms. McCabe. That's correct.
1979 Mr. Tonko. And as I understand it, it was utilities and system
1980 operators who advocated for including this compliance option in
1981 the final rule, not just state governments that were already
1982 participating in these systems. Is that correct?
1983 Ms. McCabe. Yes, we heard from many utilities that this was
1984 a preferred way that they're already operating.
1985 Mr. Tonko. What reasons did the utilities and system

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1986 operators offer in support of including this option?

1987 Ms. McCabe. Well, trading has been shown through the acid

1988 rain program and a number of other programs to be the most flexible

1989 way for operators to manage their assets. Many utility companies

1990 operate in multiple states. They have a range of assets, they may

1991 have coal, they may have renewables, they may have gas, and having

1992 a system where they can average, they can trade back and forth,

1993 it just makes sense. They're going to have more ability to make

1994 the investments where they are the most cost-effective, and not

1995 make them in places where they won't. And then they can use the

1996 system to average over. And if they can trade with other companies,

1997 it just broadens the capacity for the system to find the cheapest

1998 and most cost-effective technologies and approaches.

1999 Mr. Tonko. Was it just about that cost, or was reliability

2000 also a consideration?

2001 Ms. McCabe. Reliability is-- the more flexible and open the

2002 system is, the easier it is for companies to feel confident that

2003 they have play in the system, and they'll be able to meet the load

2004 needs.

2005 Mr. Tonko. Thank you. I also want to express my appreciation

2006 for the agency's efforts at outreach, outreach to state

2007 governments, and to the wide range of stakeholders in this effort.

2008 One of the things that the original proposal did not include

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2009 was a reliability safety valve. This was something mentioned by
2010 a number of witnesses at our hearings on the original proposal.
2011 The final rule does include a safety valve, and I heard you
2012 exchanging with Representative Green a few moments ago. Can you
2013 further develop or describe for us how that would work?
2014 Ms. McCabe. Yes. So, as I mentioned, states can certainly
2015 design plans that will minimize the chance that an operator will
2016 be put in the position of having to choose between complying with
2017 a must-run order and violating the Clean Air Act. But if that
2018 should occur, what the reliability safety valve does, is it allows
2019 that plant to continue running. In fact, our expectation is that
2020 if a plant gets a must-run order in an emergency situation, it
2021 will run. And it sets up a period of 90 days for the company to
2022 take a breath, do what they need to do, and figure out whether
2023 there's a problem with the state plan, whether this is a situation
2024 that's going to resolve itself, and what it needs to do long term.
2025 So, for that safety valve period of time, they can do what they
2026 need to do, relax, and figure out the next steps.
2027 Mr. Tonko. Thank you. I believe the final rule addresses a
2028 number of the concerns raised and provides an achievable,
2029 affordable path for reducing emissions. And, you know, it's been
2030 stated time and time again that there are many concerns about
2031 climate change in this nation, and for our world. And I believe

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2032 that the leadership that we can all provide will inspire responses
2033 around the world to make certain that we, in fact, will have a
2034 global response to what is a critical situation that faces not
2035 only this generation, but the many to follow. So, thank you very
2036 much, again, for our appearance here.
2037 Ms. McCabe. Thank you.
2038 Mr. Whitfield. At this time, the Chair recognizes the
2039 gentleman from Ohio, Mr. Johnson, for five minutes.
2040 Mr. Johnson. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
2041 Assistant Administrator McCabe, I'm incensed and I think the
2042 American people are incensed, and I'm certain that the people that
2043 I represent in Eastern and Southeastern Ohio are incensed at the
2044 logic that's being used by the EPA as it addresses the concerns
2045 around employment. The logic that seems to be applied to coal
2046 regions of the country where we've got communities of 1,000, 1,500
2047 people that are all coal miners, and such, that they can just plant
2048 seeds like a seasonal garden and all of a sudden industries and
2049 new job opportunities might crop up. The logic that the EPA is
2050 using in their rationale, I certainly understand it because every
2051 time a new government regulation by the EPA comes out, new offices
2052 are stood up, employees are hired, and the Washington bureaucracy
2053 grows ad nauseam. It happens like that at the expense of the
2054 American taxpayer.

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2055 I'm concerned about that, and if you look at page 47 of the
2056 Clean Power Plan, and the heading that reads, "Addressing
2057 Employment Concern," on page 47 your agency states, "The EPA
2058 encourages states in designing their state plans to consider the
2059 effect of their plans on employment and overall economic
2060 development to assure that the opportunities for economic growth
2061 and jobs that the plans offer are realized. To the extent possible,
2062 states should try to assure that communities that can be expected
2063 to experience job losses can also take advantage of the
2064 opportunities for job growth or otherwise transition to healthy,
2065 sustainable economic growth."
2066 You're obviously not familiar with Appalachia, Ohio and
2067 rural America, and how these rules will affect places likehat.
2068 So, I'm trying to understand what you mean by economic
2069 development. You're asking states to prematurely retire and
2070 replace existing plants with new energy infrastructure, and then
2071 claim this as a net benefit for jobs and economic growth. This
2072 is like breaking a window and then claiming the spending on the
2073 replacing of that window as a net benefit. So, what would the EPA
2074 do if a state chooses to show it could use the funds that the EPA
2075 wants it to spend on replacing perfectly good and reliable energy
2076 infrastructure by putting those funds toward a more productive
2077 economic use?

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2078 Ms. McCabe. Congressman, our job under the Clean Air Act is
2079 to implement the Clean Air Act, and we believe that we put forward
2080 --
2081 Mr. Johnson. I've heard that, Assistant Administrator
2082 McCabe. That incenses me even more. You work for the President
2083 of the United States who was elected by the American people with
2084 a mandate to care for all of the American people. For the EPA to
2085 blindly like a mule going down a furrow say that we don't have
2086 to look to the right and the left, and our job is to keep the air
2087 clean, or job is not to consider the economic viability of the
2088 communities that we're affecting, that is not only irresponsible,
2089 it is incomprehensible that aagency in the United States federal
2090 government would do that to its own people. So, I'm not even going
2091 to engage in that dialogue because it doesn't make any sense.
2092 Ms. McCabe. Could I reply?
2093 Mr. Johnson. I'll give you --
2094 Ms. McCabe. I wasn't able to get very many words out.
2095 Mr. Johnson. Quickly.
2096 Ms. McCabe. The President and the Administration absolutely
2097 cares about these issues. That's a key reason why he put forward
2098 the Power Plus Plan, which is specifically targeted at the
2099 transitions that are happening in coal country, and -- -
2100 Mr. Johnson. All right. Let me ask you a specific question.

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2101 Let's get -- if that's what the President really believes, and
2102 that's what Administrator McCarthy really believes, and if that's
2103 what you really believe, tell me what you're going to do in
2104 Beallsville, Ohio when you shut down that coal mining operation
2105 that employs about 1,500 people. Tell me what you're going to do
2106 to establish a new industry there and create economic growth.
2107 Ms. McCabe. These are the conversations that --
2108 Mr. Johnson. No, it's not a conversation. It's not a
2109 conversation that needs to be had. A conversation is not going
2110 to put food on the table, clothes on the kids, pay for school
2111 supplies. A conversation is not going to solve this problem. And
2112 I don't understand how you folks in the Administration do not see
2113 the devastating impacts that it's going to wreak on -- you know,
2114 I'm totally off my questions, Mr. Chairman, but I'm just so
2115 incensed by the answers to these questions. And I've extended my
2116 time, and I apologize. I yield back.
2117 Mr. Whitfield. The gentleman's time has expired. At this
2118 time, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Vermont, Mr. Welch,
2119 for five minutes.
2120 Mr. Welch. Well, I want to in a way take up where Mr. Johnson
2121 was speaking. I had a chance to go to West Virginia and go into
2122 a coal mine with Mr. McKinley, and I'll tell you, it was a really
2123 powerful experience. Those folks work hard, as you know, and we

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2124 don't have coal in Vermont, but we have electricity, and those
2125 coal miners, many from the UMW, they kept the lights on for us,
2126 kept our farms humming, kept the factories going. And there is
2127 dislocation. It happens to be the case that I am a strong supporter
2128 of efforts to clean our air and to move away from fossil fuels,
2129 but that trip really brought home to me that there is an impact
2130 on real people who are proud, who are hardworking, who approach
2131 things in a patriotic and team-oriented way, and are doing good
2132 work.

2133 And what I think this whole committee has to do, not just
2134 the Administration, is get behind some legislation that my friend,
2135 Mr. McKinley, is sponsoring; two things, in particular. One, a
2136 lot of folks who have paid into their health care and the
2137 retirement benefits are in jeopardy of having them be lost, and
2138 Mr. McKinley and others have legislation that would protect that.
2139 And I strongly support it, and I hope a lot of my colleagues,
2140 whatever side of the debate they are on on the Clean Air rule
2141 support Mr. McKinley in that.

2142 And the second is, there is that kind of economic dislocation
2143 that my colleagues who are from coal country are acutely aware
2144 of. And it's amazing to meet those coal miners, and I saw Mr.
2145 McKinley in his heartfelt relationship with them in real world
2146 understanding. One very vivid example, we were there on Friday.

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2147 Friday night the big custom down there is to go to the high school
2148 football games. They used to have-- in this region they used to
2149 have eight high schools, now they have three. So, it's really,
2150 really tough.
2151 So, I'm a supporter. I think that climate change is a real
2152 issue, and some of my colleagues disagree. But there in my view
2153 can't be any disagreement about the reality that there is
2154 dislocation. These are good people, and somehow, some way we've
2155 got to help them, and Mr. McKinley has two ways to do it.
2156 But it also suggests to me that to the extent that you in
2157 doing your job at EPA can also have some flexibility, I think it's
2158 worthy of as much consideration as possible because while we have
2159 to make this transition, in my view, we also have to mitigate the
2160 real world consequences of what's happening.
2161 So, I appreciate you being here, I appreciate the work that
2162 you're doing. I say to my colleagues that this is not just an EPA
2163 issue, because whatever impact is occurring because of rules,
2164 there are also market forces that are very much at work. The price
2165 of natural gas is a big factor, efficiency which is a good tool
2166 is reducing the demand in some cases from what it would be. So,
2167 this is a kind of all of the above approach that we have to take.
2168 And I just want to end by saying thank you for the work you
2169 do, but I also want to say to my colleagues from coal country that

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2170 you've got some allies on our side who want to be there tohelp
2171 you help those extraordinary people who have kept the lights on
2172 in Vermont, kept our farms running, kept our factories operating.
2173 So, thank you.
2174 Mr. Whitfield. The gentleman yields back. At this time, the
2175 Chair recognizes the gentleman from Mississippi, Mr. Harper, for
2176 five minutes.
2177 Mr. Harper. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Ms. McCabe, thank you.
2178 You know, I come from a state where we rely heavily on
2179 electric co-ops to help keep lights on. I've been in close contact
2180 with them as the Clean Power Plan has been discussed, and I would
2181 like to share just one of their concerns today, if I may.
2182 South Mississippi Electric; one of South Mississippi
2183 Electric's biggest concerns is the drastic and unproven shift to
2184 renewables in the final version of the Clean Power Plan that would
2185 require that 21 percent of SMEs generation come from renewables
2186 by 2030. If I could put that in perspective, SME just executed
2187 a power purchase agreement for all of the output of a 52 megawatt
2188 solar facility being constructed in Lamar County, Mississippi.
2189 The capital cost associated with this one solar facility is $102
2190 million with a 30 percent tax credit. The output of the facility
2191 will total less than 1 percent of SME's total generation in a year.
2192 Therefore, to meet the 2030 emissions rate, over 21 of these

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2193 facilities would be required at a cost in excess of $2 billion.
2194 To put that further in perspective, SME currently has just over
2195 $2 billion in assets that have been accumulated over about a
2196 50-year time frame, andunder this rule it would double in a mere
2197 decade.
2198 So my question for you is, how will people in my state be
2199 able to afford costs associated with the dramatic shift from
2200 fossil generation to renewable energy generation set forth in the
2201 Clean Power Plan?
2202 Ms. McCabe. Yes. We've spent a lot of time with eops, and
2203 they have some particular concerns that they've raised to us. I
2204 think the important thing to think about in response to that
2205 question is that the way the Clean Power Plan, no individual
2206 company needs to do it on its own, no individual state needs to
2207 do it on its own. The regional approach, ability to average and
2208 trade allows people to make appropriate choices so that the most
2209 cost-effective and achievable -- -
2210 Mr. Harper. Trade as in cap and trade?
2211 Ms. McCabe. Trading as in trading. Trading as in trading.
2212 Mr. Harper. Okay.
2213 Ms. McCabe. Which is a perfectly reasonable approach to use
2214 whether you're in a rate-based approach, or whether a state
2215 chooses to go with a mass-based approach.

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2216 Mr. Harper. Here's what it appears. It appears that the
2217 President and the Environmental Protection Agency have, in
2218 effect, declared war on affordable energy for families in my state
2219 and throughout the country. And I want to remind you, and I know
2220 you know it, is what then Candidate Obama said in 2008. And I just
2221 want to repeat what he said, because we've addressed this on
2222 concerns on coal plants, as well. He said, "So, if somebody wants
2223 to build," and this is President Obama when he was running in '08.
2224 "So, if somebody wants to build a coal-powered plant, they can.
2225 It's just that it will bankrupt them because they're going to be
2226 charged a huge sum for all that greenhouse gas that's been
2227 emitted." Further, he said, "Under my plan of a cap and trade
2228 system, electricity rates would necessarily skyrocket, even
2229 regardless of what I say about whether coal is good or bad, because
2230 I'm capping greenhouse gases, coal-powered plants, you know,
2231 natural gas, you name it, whatever the plants were, whatever the
2232 industry was, they would have to retrofit their operations. That
2233 will cost money. They will pass that money on to consumers, pass
2234 that cost on."

2235 So, when you were asked earlier by Mr. Pompeo about meetings
2236 that you would have had that were political meetings within the
2237 Administration, have you ever had a political meeting with anyone
2238 in the Administration, not the number, but have you ever had any?

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2239 Ms. McCabe. We certainly meet with staff from the White House
2240 on major rulemakings that we do.
2241 Mr. Harper. I'm just curious, have you ever discussed this
2242 with President Obama himself?
2243 Ms. McCabe. I've had the pleasure of meeting the President
2244 only a couple of times.
2245 Mr. Harper. Was this discussed?
2246 Ms. McCabe. No.
2247 Mr. Harper. My remaining time that I have, I'm going to yield
2248 to Mr. Griffith from Virginia.
2249 Mr. Griffith. Thank you very much. The overarching policy
2250 of the Clean Power Plan is to limit the amount of carbon that an
2251 individual state can put out. Isn't that correct?
2252 Ms. McCabe. The overarching approach of the rule is to set
2253 emission rates for power plants that -- -
2254 Mr. Griffith. And certain limit on the emissions.
2255 Ms. McCabe. The amount of carbon they emit per megawatt hour.
2256 Mr. Griffith. And isn't another word of saying that a cap?
2257 Ms. McCabe. No, it is not.
2258 Mr. Griffith. All right. We're going to disagree on that.
2259 I will say this, I appreciate very much Mr. Welch's comments,
2260 appreciate his help. We are having problems. I also agree with
2261 Mr. Johnson, it's not something you just have a conversation on.

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2262 I've got a county where they fight over flat land because there's
2263 only about three pieces of it in the whole county that don't
2264 already have something built on them, or in a floodway, so it's
2265 not something you just easily say we're going to be able to create
2266 jobs.
2267 And with that, Mr. Chairman, I yield back.
2268 Mr. Whitfield. At this time, the Chair recognizes the
2269 gentleman from Kentucky, Mr. Yarmuth, for five minutes.
2270 Mr. Yarmuth. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. Ms. McCabe,
2271 thank you for being here, and I want to thank you in advance--
2272 well, thank you initially for the responsiveness you've had both
2273 to our state officials in Kentucky, but also to me personally and
2274 our office. We certainly appreciate the goals of this plan.
2275 Before I get to the question I have, I have to set the record
2276 straight, or at least revisit history a little bit about cap and
2277 trade, because I was here in 2009 when we passed Waxman-Markey
2278 in the House. No, it didn't pass the Senate, it didn't get 60 votes.
2279 It had a majority of senators for it, but when Waxman-Markey was
2280 introduced, those of us who were from states where a significant
2281 majority of our power was produced by coal couldn't support the
2282 initial plan because it was going to cost our consumers a lot of
2283 money. So, a group of us led by Rick Boucher, who's the incumbent
2284 that Mr. Griffith defeated, went to our leadership and said, "We

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2285 can't support this, and you need our votes in order to do it."
2286 And what we were able to do was change Waxman-Markey in a way that
2287 made it very, very reasonable for our states to comply, was not
2288 going to have an undue impact on our consumers. As a matter of
2289 fact, when I surveyed our businesses and our utility company they
2290 said it would have minimal impact. It might raise rates 15 percent
2291 over 10 years if the users did nothing else, and it would also
2292 create tens of thousands of new jobs in Kentucky. So, the reason
2293 we did that was because we didn't want to be here today, because
2294 we didn't want EPA to have a plan that might unduly impact our
2295 states.
2296 We had no way of guaranteeing that that wouldn't happen, and
2297 we knew that because of the Supreme Court decision and so forth,
2298 the obligation of EPA was to regulate carbon emissions. So, that's
2299 where we were. We're here today because Republicans stopped
2300 Waxman-Markey. That's why we're here. So, if they have a complaint
2301 about that, they can blame themselves.
2302 Now to my question, and this relates to the line of
2303 questioning that Mr. McKinley raised earlier. Kentucky is one of
2304 those states, as he mentioned, that in the initial plan we were
2305 supposed to reduce our emissions by 18 percent. We felt
2306 comfortable with that. We thought that was doable. In the final
2307 plan, we're up -- it wasn't 41. I think we're closer to 30, but

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2308 still it's a significant increase. And I understand the rationale
2309 for doing that, the way the utilities deliver power is not
2310 commensurate with a state-specific target. But what I am concerned
2311 about is that with this increase, while the projections for
2312 long-term cost-savings seem attractive, there's the possibility
2313 of short term price increases to rate payers, and certainly, if
2314 I were not in the United States Congress, I would say I'm all for
2315 the plan. I'm for clean air, I'm a tree hugger, you know. I'm fine,
2316 but I do have responsibilities to my constituents to make sure
2317 that this doesn't unduly impact them.
2318 So, my fear is that if in our regional network, whatever that
2319 region might be, in our mix, that the way that the ultimate
2320 resolution of this, or accomplishment of this goal is something
2321 that Kentucky's utilities bear the brunt of, and that our prices
2322 rise disproportionately to those other areas in our region that
2323 are affected by this mix. So, my question is, is there any
2324 analysis, or is there any consideration in your Agency about how
2325 we would, if we're going to spread the responsibility over
2326 regions, how we might spread the increased costs so that one state
2327 doesn't have their rates go up 30, 40, 50 percent, and another
2328 state doesn't have their rates go up at all?
2329 Ms. McCabe. Well, our analysis doesn't show that even if you
2330 look at smaller regions than the whole country or the interconnect

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2331 that there would be a wide range of increases. But I think
2332 everybody's concerned about this, everybody wants to protect
2333 against that. And now that the plan is out and people are starting
2334 to dig in and think about, there's a lot of discussion going on
2335 about how to manage this in a way that would avoid that situatio
2336 So, the reliability entities are talking, the states are talking
2337 to find those ways to make sure that that doesn't happen.
2338 Mr. Yarmuth. Okay. Well, I appreciate that. I look forward
2339 to being a part of those conversations.
2340 Ms. McCabe. Absolutely.
2341 Mr. Yarmuth. And once again, I thank you for your
2342 consideration in our dealings together. And thank you for
2343 appearing today. I yield back.
2344 Ms. McCabe. Thank you, Congressman.
2345 Mr. Whitfield. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from
2346 Missouri, Mr. Long, for five minutes.
2347 Mr. Long. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. And, Ms. McCabe, in terms
2348 of complexity, the rules contain hundreds of pages regarding
2349 variations in state plans and emissions trading. For example, you
2350 could turn to page 65 of the proposed federal plan/model trading
2351 rule, beginning at the top of the page EPA states and I quote,
2352 "In the final emissions guidelines the EPA also discussed a
2353 concern that CO2 emissions reductions would be eroded in

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2354 situations where an effective EGU in a rate-based state counts
2355 the megawatt hours for measures located in a mass-based state,
2356 but the generation from that measure acts solely to serve load
2357 in the mass-based state. In that scenario, expected CO2 emissions
2358 reduction actions in the rate-based state are foregone as a result
2359 of counting the megawatt hours that resulted in CO2 emissions
2360 reductions in a mass-based state." Can you decipher that for me?
2361 Ms. McCabe. I think you're reflecting that there is some
2362 complexity in this rule. It's partly because of the choices and
2363 the flexibility that we provided in response to people's requests
2364 on it, but that's reflecting particular situations where states
2365 have been asking how do we deal with one another because power
2366 does flow across state borders?
2367 Mr. Long. Well, what does that have to do with standards of
2368 performance of a power plant? I mean, how does that relate to the
2369 states trying to work together? How does this relate?
2370 Ms. McCabe. It's all about the flexibility, and it's
2371 reflection that the power sector works as an integrated system.
2372 So, a system that demanded that each individual unit meet a
2373 specific rate would be more costly, would be more difficult, would
2374 have more reliability implications than a system that affords a
2375 lot of flexibility across the system, recognizing the way it
2376 actually works.

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2377 Mr. Long. Okay, I've got another question here, and this has
2378 been reflected today by other members that have used coal to supply
2379 a lot of their electricity. But in my home state of Missouri, we
2380 rely on coal for 83 percent of our energy generation, and I know
2381 that's not true on the east coast and the west coast, but in
2382 Missouri it is, and that's what the folks I represent are concerned
2383 about.

2384 The Clean Power Plan places a huge burden on coal-fired power
2385 plants, and this rule also restricts, and I don't understand this,
2386 the construction of new natural gas plants as a compliance
2387 measure. Could you explain to me why the EPA restricts the
2388 construction of natural gas-fired power plants as a compliance
2389 measure?

2390 Ms. McCabe. So, new generation to meet new load is subject
2391 to its own set of rules. This particular rule which addresses
2392 existing facilities is intended to manage that existing fleet of
2393 power plants and bring those emissions down. So, there's some
2394 provisions in there to make sure that that's what the rule is
2395 focused on, and those plans are actually delivering the reductions
2396 from that existing fleet.

2397 Mr. Long. I still don't understand the restriction on new
2398 construction of natural gas-fired plants.

2399 Ms. McCabe. Well, we'd be happy to follow-up with you or your

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2400 staff and walk through it a little bit in more detail, Congressman.

2401 Mr. Long. Okay. My staff is here today, so if we can do that,

2402 that would be greatly appreciated.

2403 And the final rule's interim and final goals for Missouri

2404 are even more stringent than the proposed rule's. What factors

2405 did the EPA consider when reaching this adjustment?

2406 Ms. McCabe. So, in the final rule there was adjustment across

2407 the board, across all states, and some of the states' targets went

2408 up, and some of them went down. It's a reflection of a couple of

2409 things. One is that, as I mentioned earlier today, in the final

2410 rule we set a uniform emission rate for all coal plants across

2411 the country. That's not the way the proposal was designed. And

2412 another key feature was information that we got from commenters,

2413 from states, and utilities, and others really suggesting that the

2414 appropriate way to look at this was on a regional basis because

2415 that's the way the power system worked. So, when you look at it

2416 across a regional basis, states have, and utilities in those

2417 states have more opportunities to invest in renewables and cleaner

2418 energy than if they were restricted to looking within their state

2419 borders, which is an artificial boundary when it comes to the way

2420 the industry works.

2421 Mr. Long. Okay, so we end up with more stringent rules in

2422 flyover countries, so we're used to that.

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2423 Mr. Chairman, I yield back. Thank you.

2424 Mr. Whitfield. The Chair at this time recognizes the
2425 gentleman from New York, Mr. Engel, for five minutes.

2426 Mr. Engel. Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and I appreciate your
2427 courtesy very much. Hello, Administrator. It's good to see you
2428 again. Last time we spoke, the Clean Power Plan was still a
2429 proposed rule, and now it's been finalized. And I really just want
2430 to applaud you for your commitment to this important issue. So,
2431 thank you.

2432 Ms. McCabe. Thank you.

2433 Mr. Engel. We know the U.S. emits more carbon pollution than
2434 any nation except China, and existing power plants are the
2435 country's largest single source of carbon pollution. And before
2436 now, most power plants could emit unlimited amounts of carbon
2437 dioxide, and those emissions have significant health impacts.
2438 They've threatened the lives andwell-being of all people across
2439 America.

2440 I say this because my district has some of the highest rates
2441 of asthma in the United States. I'm from New York City, from the
2442 Bronx, and death rates from asthma in the Bronx are about three
2443 times higher than the national average, and hospitalization rates
2444 are about five times higher. And the EPA estimates that the climate
2445 and public health benefits of the Clean Power Plan will range

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2446 between $34-54 billion in 2030, and it will help avoid between
2447 1,500 and 3,600 premature deaths, and 90,000 asthma attacks in
2448 children in the year 2030 alone. So, I believe that the Clean Power
2449 Plan is important because of the public health benefits associated
2450 with reductions in domestic emissions, and also because it signals
2451 to the international community that the U.S. is serious about
2452 reigning in its contribution to global greenhouse gas pollution.
2453 So, let me ask you this. When President Obama entered office,
2454 he set out to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions 17 percent below
2455 2005 levels by the year 2020. The intended nationally determined
2456 contribution that we submitted to the U.N. Framework Convention
2457 on Climate Change says that we plan to reduce our emissions by
2458 26 to 28 percent below 2005 levels by 2025. Do you think we'll
2459 hit those targets, and would we hit them without the Clean Power
2460 Plan? And how does implementation of the Clean Power Plan impact
2461 the international climate negotiations coming up in Paris in
2462 December?
2463 Ms. McCabe. Well, the Clean Power Plan along with a number
2464 of the other programs that we have underway across the federal
2465 government are critical to the United States meeting that
2466 ambitious goal that we've set for ourselves, and it would be
2467 extremely difficult to get to those targets without the reductions
2468 from the power sector, which as you said is the largest stationary

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2469 source of emissions in the country. So, it's really important.

2470 And as I mentioned earlier this morning, putting the Clean

2471 Power Plan out even in proposal really changed the debate

2472 internationally, and showed that the U.S. is really serious about

2473 doing this in a way that really counted, and would really result

2474 in reduced emissions. So, we think it has been hugely beneficial.

2475 Mr. Engel. Thank you. I certainly agree with you. And let

2476 me ask you this question. Since 1990, a vast majority of the new

2477 electric generation capacity in the United States has been built

2478 to burn natural gas, the second largest source of new capacity

2479 has been wind power which creates noair pollution at all, as we

2480 all know.

2481 I understand that with state flexibility built into the Clean

2482 Power Plan it's impossible to know the precise mix of fuels that

2483 will result, but do you anticipate the Clean Power Plan changing

2484 the fuel trends that we've seen emerging over the last 25 years?

2485 And if so, how?

2486 Ms. McCabe. What we see is that the Clean Power Plan will

2487 continue and enhance the momentum that you've already reflected,

2488 which is moving towards greater reliance on natural gas, and

2489 greater reliance on renewables, recognizing that you need a

2490 diverse supply, and you need a variety of sources to provide

2491 base-load power, and increased use of renewables, which is

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2492 becoming more and more affordable. So, we see a greater percentage
2493 becoming renewables of all sorts, a greater percentage becoming
2494 natural gas reliant over the period of time of this Clean Power
2495 Plan.
2496 Mr. Engel. Well, thank you very much. I'm happy to hear that,
2497 and keep up your good work. We really appreciate it. And thank
2498 you, Mr. Chairman.
2499 Ms. McCabe. Thank you, Congressman.
2500 Mr. Whitfield. Well, that concludes the hearing. I have one
2501 additional question, and you may or may not have an additional
2502 question, Mr. Rush. But, Ms. McCabe, we will be electing a new
2503 governor in Kentucky next month. The Democratic candidate who is
2504 currently attorney general, is one of those that filed the lawsuit
2505 against EPA. Of course, the lawsuit was dismissed for lack of
2506 standing because the rule has not been published in the Register
2507 yet, but he's indicated that he will not be submitting a state
2508 implementation plan. The Republican candidate for governor said
2509 if he wins, he would not submit a state implementation plan. My
2510 question is, what would be the earliest if that occurred that EPA
2511 could impose a federal plan?
2512 Ms. McCabe. So, the rule requires that by September 6th of
2513 2016 the state either submit a plan or a request for an extension.
2514 If the state does not submit something on September 6th, EPA would

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2515 then look to the steps that it needs to take in order to fulfill
2516 our responsibilities under the Clean Air Act. So, that would be
2517 the first event that could trigger our consideration.
2518 Mr. Whitfield. So, what do you think it would be like 30 days
2519 after September 6th?
2520 Ms. McCabe. I really couldn't speak to the timing,
2521 Congressman.
2522 Mr. Whitfield. I mean, you don't have any idea?
2523 Ms. McCabe. Well, I think we will work to -- -
2524 Mr. Whitfield. Would it be a year, or would it be 30 days?
2525 Ms. McCabe. I think we will look to work with those states
2526 and move in a prompt manner, but as to a specific calendar, I don't
2527 have one.
2528 Mr. Whitfield. Do you have any questions?
2529 Mr. Rush. No, I don't have any.
2530 Mr. Whitfield. All right. That concludes today's hearing.
2531 Thank you very much.
2532 Ms. McCabe. Thank you.
2533 Mr. Rush. Mr. Chairman?
2534 Mr. Whitfield. Yes.
2535 Mr. Rush. I would like to ask unanimous consent to entering
2536 two letters entered in the record; one being a letter from the
2537 Medical and Health Community Organization supporting the Clean

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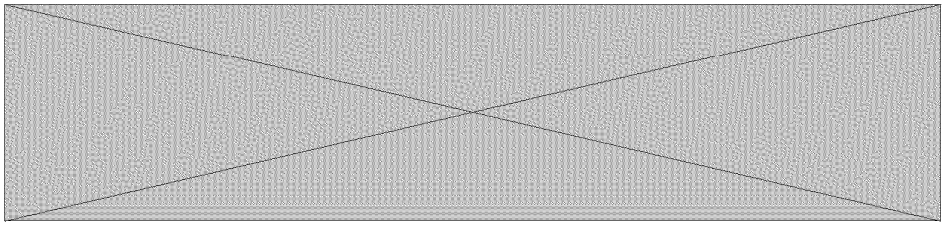

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SEEC Member Statements on the Clean Power Plan

Washington, D.C.–Yesterday, Surgeon General, Dr. Vivek Murthy, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Gina McCarthy, and President Obama announced the final version of the Clean Power Plan, which will place the first ever limits on carbon pollution from power plants. SEEC Members released the following statements:

SEEC Co-Chair Doris Matsui (CA-06): "I applaud the release of President Obama's Clean Power Plan. California has already taken aggressive action to reduce emissions and the EPA's plan will put our country at the forefront of global efforts to combat climate change," said Congresswoman Matsui. "I am also pleased that the plan incentivizes investment in clean energy. Sacramento continues to lead the nation in clean energy innovation and energy efficiency.

"Californians have seen firsthand the severe impact of climate change. As cycles of extended drought and extreme weather events become more frequent, we must act to protect the health of our communities and economy."

SEEC Co-Chair Gerry Connolly (VA-11): "Climate change poses a real and growing threat to our children, our families, our national security, and our economy. We cannot afford to wait to act on climate change.

"The Clean Power Plan lays the foundation for America's energy future. We have an opportunity and the ability to make our economy and our communities stronger by investing in proven clean energy technologies to improve efficiency and reliability.

"This balanced approach will reduce power-sector carbon pollution 32 percent from 2005 levels in 2030, and provides states greater flexibility and renewable energy incentives to meet these attainable goals. This plan will save the average American family about $85 annually on their energy bill by 2030, and have important public health benefits, including an 88% decline in premature death.

"I applaud the President and the EPA for their leadership on the Clean Power Plan, and look forward to working with state and local partners in supporting and implementing this important effort."

SEEC Co-Chair Paul Tonko (NY-20): "I applaud the President for this historic movement to strengthen public health, invest in clean and renewable energy, and present a tremendous opportunity for businesses to innovate and further develop our green-collar economy. This is a big win for every state, most of all New York, which has been a national leader in this arena for more than a decade through RGGI. New Yorkers know firsthand what others will soon see – that this Clean Power Plan will bring improvements to our health, the economy, and our nation as a whole."

SEEC Vice-Chair Chellie Pingree (ME-01): "I applaud President Obama for taking bold action to address climate change. Maine communities are already dealing with the effects of climate change and carbon emissions, including rising sea levels, more extreme weather, and ocean acidification. By reducing these emissions at their greatest source—power plants—we can not only head off future impacts and protect public health, but drive toward utilizing clean energy sources. With sources like offshore wind and tidal power already being developed in Maine, it would be a huge opportunity for the state's economy and workforce."

SEEC Vice-Chair Matt Cartwright (PA-17): "The Clean Power Plan sets a clear path towards America's energy future, a plan that will protect public health, invest in clean, renewable energy development, boost energy efficiency measures, and lower electric bills in the long run.

"The plan strengthens our economy and communities in large part through an emphasis on energy efficiency. This year I have introduced three pieces of legislation which address energy efficiency within our schools, non-profit organizations, and manufacturing. I remain committed to promoting energy efficiency and will continue to fight in support of this initiative."

SEEC Climate Task Force Chair Scott Peters (CA-52): "The United States must lead the world in fighting for a cleaner energy future. Reducing emissions from power plants – by far the largest emitters of harmful pollutants in our country – is a significant action. I want to thank President Obama and EPA Secretary Gina McCarthy for their steadfast leadership both on this plan and a host of other changes to help fight the root causes of climate change.

"California is already leading the way in aggressive targets for climate action and reduced emissions, which is leading to improved air quality and human health benefits across our state. The EPA's rule today not only rewards states for being ahead of the curve, but provides flexible pathways for other states to move toward a more sustainable energy portfolio. By working with states, localities, and energy utility companies, the EPA is encouraging investments in innovation through higher national standards and a long-term vision for sustainable energy production that doesn't raise utility rates for consumers.

"Continued work to reduce emissions in other sectors is essential as we work to fight climate change and mitigate potential damage – including drought, wildfires, extreme weather, and sea level rise – but today's rule is a positive step forward in our international leadership, particularly as we look toward the global climate talks in Paris later this year."

SEEC Energy Task Force Chair Jim Langevin (RI-02): "In Rhode Island and nationwide, we have seen the disastrous effects of climate change on infrastructure, on our economy and on public health. A national standard to limit carbon pollution is long overdue, and this plan is a major step forward in putting our country on a path to a cleaner, healthier future."

SEEC Environment Task Force Chair Judy Chu (CA-27): "I applaud the President for using his authority under the Clean Air Act to take such serious actions to curb our carbon emissions. The effects of climate change are being felt across the country, ranging from an increase in extreme weather and to an increase in the number of Americans diagnosed with asthma than ever before. By embracing innovations in clean energy and setting restrictions to limit carbon pollution, the Clean Power Plan will not only slow the rate of climate change, but will also contribute to our economy and improve our health. Of course, preventing the dangers of climate change requires a global effort. As world powers prepare to meet in Paris for the United Nations led talks on cutting emissions, this plan shows our country's commitment and leadership."

SEEC Member Niki Tsongas (MA-03): "Climate change is no longer an academic question for scientists to ponder. It is a very real crisis that, if left untouched, will cause irreparable harm to current and future generations. I applaud President Obama for his leadership in putting forward this historic proposal to protect public health and future generations from the impacts of climate change.

"America must be at the forefront and lead by example. We must embrace modern

policies that aim to, among other things, cut carbon emissions, increase the use and effectiveness of sustainable energy, reduce our dependence on foreign oil and fossil fuels, and encourage the development of innovative green technology. If we do, the economic, security and environmental benefits will be widespread, long-lasting and significant.

"Addressing climate change is not a political issue; it is a critical generational responsibility that will take a sustained commitment from Washington, from foreign governments and world leaders and from each of us here at home."

SEEC Member Ted Lieu (CA-33): "I am proud of my country and my president today as we embark on our most aggressive action thus far to fight climate change. The Clean Power Plan is a major step forward, and America is showing once again that we can lead the world by powerfully curbing emissions, protecting public health and the environment, and defending national security interests.

"One of the main reasons I ran for Congress is to combat climate change. And now, for the first time in our nation's history, carbon pollution is finally regulated.

"On this historic day, I look forward to working with President Obama and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to ensure that the plan is strongly implemented."

SEEC Member Raúl M. Grijalva (AZ-03): "A team of dead-ender Republicans have made a career of playing dumb on climate change and can't stop now. Everyone else understands how important this is. I agree with the people I represent that we shouldn't sell our children's future for a few more years of oil and coal profits, and I applaud the president for taking that public demand seriously. I especially thank him for facing down an obstructionist Republican majority that history will look back on with anger and disappointment."

SEEC Member Mike Quigley (IL-05): "Today, with the release of the final EPA Clean Power Plan, our country has taken a historic step to address the biggest environmental and public health challenge of our time. The Clean Power Plan is placing the first ever limits on carbon pollution from power plants, which will dramatically curtail greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 from 2005 levels. The rule sets ambitious carbon emissions reductions standards for each state, while giving them flexibility to meet their goals as well as an incentives program to provide federal funds to help them develop more clean energy. I applaud the President for his leadership on this issue and am grateful he has taken action in an area where Congress has refused to act. Thanks to the President and his Administration, we now have a plan that will accelerate our clean energy economy and create greater environmental and health protections for our children and future generations."

SEEC Member John Sarbanes (MD-03): "Day in and day out, local communities across America are feeling the impacts of climate change. The City of Annapolis

expects nearly 50 flooding events every year, up from an average of 4 annual flooding events just 50 years prior. And according to a new report by the Union of Concerned Scientists, the city should expect flooding events to occur every single day of the year by 2045.

“Climate change is the challenge of our generation, but for too long, a political cloud of denial has blocked meaningful efforts to take action. Before it’s too late, the political consensus must catch up with the scientific consensus. That’s why I strongly support the president’s Clean Power Plan – a monumental and serious step toward a more healthy and sustainable future.”

SEEC Member Donna Edwards (MD-04): “The Clean Power Plan is the most ambitious step the United States has ever taken in the global effort to tackle the threat of climate change,” Edwards said. “It sets landmark clean air standards and gives states the opportunity to craft individual plans customized to their needs. Climate change is a matter not just of national significance, but global significance as well. With 2015 on track to be the hottest year on record for planet Earth, we owe it to our economy, our environment, and the health of future generations to tackle this growing danger.

“The Administration's Clean Power Plan outlines how all fifty states can work together to combat the danger posed by the effects of climate change. I urge state leaders nationwide to seize this opportunity to create innovative new jobs and protect public health. Maryland, as well as other states participating in carbon reduction programs like the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI), has already reduced household energy bills, bolstered state energy independence, and created new jobs in expanding industries. It's time for us to act as a nation. The Clean Power Plan is a tremendous step to boost American innovation and move us toward a clean energy future."

SEEC Member Earl Blumenauer (OR-03): “Finalizing the Clean Power Plan is a key moment for our country. It is the most important action we have taken to date to combat climate change, and I commend the Obama Administration for setting a bold, but achievable goal for states in curbing their emissions from power plants.

“If you accept modern science, you cannot deny that human carbon emissions are contributing to climate change. If you fight wildfires, farm, run a ski resort, or live in a low-lying coastal area, you are already living with the impacts of this climate change on a daily basis.

“As a major contributor to these changes, the United States has an obligation to set an example and act now to prevent the worst impacts to the vulnerable populations who will suffer the most and contributed the least to climate change. We must act for the fellow creatures that share our planet and for future generations.

“The Clean Power Plan is a monumental step toward this goal. While it is only a first step, I commend this progress and look forward to working with the Administration and with my colleagues in Congress to support and strengthen this rule nationally, and with Oregonians to ensure we meet and exceed these goals here at home.”

SEEC Member Chris Van Hollen (MD-08): "Today's final Clean Power Plan is a historic milestone in the urgent battle to combat climate change. It will limit dangerous carbon pollution from power plants for the first time ever and provide an economic opportunity for every state to invest in renewable energy and energy efficiency. Maryland has been a leader in cutting greenhouse gas emissions, and now we have a national blueprint to better protect public health while creating good-paying jobs in new energy technologies.

"With 2014 recently eclipsing 2010 as the hottest year on record, continuing a dangerous trend that threatens Maryland communities and the Chesapeake Bay, we have an obligation to act now to curb the most damaging impacts of climate change and leave a better world for future generations. I applaud President Obama for this important step and call on my colleagues in Congress to pass meaningful legislation to continue this effort, like my Healthy Climate and Family Security Act."

SEEC Member Don Beyer (VA-08): "Climate change is the existential crisis of our time. President Obama's Clean Power Plan will combat this threat to our health, safety, and security of the generations who will inherit our environmental legacy. Millions of American families depend on us to take the necessary steps to clean up our air and water. The Clean Power Plan is a smart and effective first step to limit carbon emissions from power plants, drive our transition to a zero-carbon renewable energy future, and make aggressive investments in clean energy technologies."

SEEC Member John Delaney (MD-06): "Climate change is one of the defining challenges of our time, threatening our health, our economy and our national security and it is time to act. I applaud the White House for taking the first steps towards limiting carbon emissions. But climate change is a big problem that goes beyond just power plants and will require a bigger solution, which is why I've always supported a carbon tax, an approach that can harness market forces to encourage innovation and help working families and those directly impacted by new technologies. I am also pleased that states will have the option to implement a state-based carbon tax, a change I called for last year. As the Pope made clear, we have a moral obligation to leave a healthy planet to future generations and I will continue to work to build support for my Tax Pollution, Not Profits Act in Congress."

SEEC Member Lois Capps (CA-24): "The Clean Power Plan is a major step forward in our nation's effort to combat climate change and I strongly support it. "These new rules will help ensure that future generations have safer air to breathe and a healthier planet to enjoy, while supporting the green tech efforts that call the Central Coast home. I commend the Obama Administration for its steadfast commitment to addressing climate change for the health of our nation and our economy."

SEEC Member Mark Pocan (WI-02): "I believe climate change represents one of the greatest threats to our national security, economic livelihood and the health of our planet. This historic plan renews our commitment to being good stewards of our

environment and shows the United States is willing to be an international leader in combating global climate change."

SEEC Member Jim Himes (CT-04): "Today, we're taking our biggest step ever to reduce our carbon footprint and tackle the threat that climate change poses to our health, security and environment. I stand in support of the Clean Power Plan, which will further the transition to a cleaner, more renewable energy economy."

SEEC Members Keith Ellison (MN-05) and Raúl M. Grijalva (AZ-03): "The Clean Power Plan is the most ambitious step ever taken by the U.S. to address global climate change. While we already limit harmful power plant emissions like arsenic, mercury and sulfur dioxide, we've been turning a blind eye to carbon. This plan will begin to undo some of the harmful effects that have gone unchecked in recent years and reduce carbon 32 percent below what they were in 2005.

"At the same time, we're setting a course for our nation to become energy independent while reducing our dangerous greenhouse emissions and creating clean energy jobs at home. By investing in energy efficiency and clean energy technology, we can reduce energy bills, boost our economy, and take on climate change.

"The Clean Power Plan will also protect our health. The Environmental Protection Agency projects it will stop 3,600 premature deaths and prevent up to 90,000 asthma attacks in children. These health benefits will be especially important to communities of color, since they are more likely to live near environmental hazards like power plants and be exposed to air pollution from fossil fuels.

"We shouldn't sell our children's future for a few more years of oil and coal profits, and I applaud the president for leading on this vital issue."

SEEC Member Peter Welch (VT-AL): "Climate change is real and has serious consequences for our economy, our livelihoods, and our health. You don't have to go any further than communities across Vermont to hear about its early impacts. Just ask the businesses and families wiped out by Tropical Storm Irene. Or the ski lift operator worried about losing his job as the season shortens. Or the farmer planning for changes in the productivity of her crops. Or the sugar maker coping with the uncertainty of when the season will start and how long it will last.

"Every day we wait makes solving this problem more difficult. And make no mistake about it, this is a problem that can be solved.

"President Obama's bold Clean Power Plan will have an enormous impact on carbon emissions that are a leading cause of climate change. It is a practical and flexible plan that is the product of constructive input from states and utilities. To succeed, it is essential that all parties choose a path of cooperation over litigation and problem solving over intransigence. Time is of the essence."

SEEC Member Lloyd Doggett (TX-35): "With Congress dominated by climate change deniers, the President is relying on sound science to combat one of our greatest security, environmental, and health challenges. Moving away from dirty coal means more reliance upon natural gas and renewable energy on which San Antonio and Austin are leaders. CPS and Austin Energy are prepared to be part of the solution. Our local entrepreneurs will gain more opportunities and all of us will have more hope that we can overcome the many threats posed by global warming."

SEEC Member Jared Huffman (CA-02): "The Clean Power Plan is the biggest single step the United States has ever taken to fight climate change and avert its worst impacts. I applaud President Obama and EPA Administrator McCarthy for taking action when Congress would not.

"Congress must begin to take the existential threat of climate change seriously, following the example set by the Obama administration along with California and many other states.

"As the President said today, we are the first generation to feel the effects of climate change, and perhaps the last with an opportunity to do something about it. It is up to us to act to ensure our children don't inherit a world beyond fixing."

SEEC Member David Price (NC-04): "I welcome President Obama's Clean Power Plan, which will enable our country to transition to a cleaner future, mitigating the effects of climate change, boosting the economy, and providing relief to consumers," said Congressman Price. "The proposal gives states flexibility, and in North Carolina, we will be able to build on our past success with the Clean Smokestacks act and our state renewable portfolio standard. Adopting the President's plan could create thousands of jobs for North Carolinians and cut electric bills by over $700 million state-wide. The Clean Power Plan is a clear win for the economy, the environment, and consumers, and I look forward to working with the Administration and the EPA to ensure that its provisions are effectively implemented."

SEEC Statement: "Extreme weather events such as longer droughts, more intense wildfires, sea-level rise, flooding, and super storms, clearly demonstrate what climate change looks like in communities across the country. Climate change poses a real and growing threat to our children, our families, our national security, and our economy. We have a moral obligation to act on climate, and we cannot afford to wait any longer to further reduce carbon pollution.

"The Clean Power Plan lays the foundation for America's energy future. We have an opportunity and the ability to make our economy and our communities stronger by investing in proven clean energy technologies to improve efficiency and reliability. As members of the Sustainable Energy and Environment Coalition, we are leading the fight in Congress against the dirty energy status quo. We applaud the President and the EPA for their leadership on the Clean Power Plan, and we will continue to work with the Administration and our community partners in supporting and defending this initiative for the benefit of American families and our planet."

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http://seec-israel.house.gov/press-release/statement-clean-power-plan

The Sustainable Energy and Environment Coalition (SEEC) is a coalition of fifty –three Democratic members of the U.S. House of Representatives that was founded in January 2009 to be a focused, active, and effective coalition for advancing "policies that promote clean energy technology innovation and domestic manufacturing, develop renewable energy resources, and create green collar jobs throughout the product supply-chain, and polices to help arrest global warming and protect our nation's clean air, water and natural environment." SEEC is Co-Chaired by Reps. Paul Tonko (D-NY), Gerald Connolly (D-VA), and Doris Matsui (D-CA). SEEC Vice-Chairs are Reps. Jared Polis (D-CO), Steve Israel (D-NY), Chellie Pingree (D-ME), Matt Cartwright (D-PA), and Alan Lowenthal (D-CA).

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Good morning,

The following press release will be going out officially around 11 am today. See the link at the bottom for additional info (site should be updated by 11), and please call if you have any questions.

EPA Determines that Aircraft Emissions Contribute to Climate Change Endangering Public Health and the Environment

(WASHINGTON) – The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) today finalized a determination under the Clean Air Act that greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from certain types of aircraft engines contribute to the pollution that causes climate change and endangers Americans' health and the environment. The findings are for carbon dioxide (CO2), methane, nitrous oxide, hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), perfluorocarbons (PFCs), and sulfur hexafluoride (SF6), all of which contribute to GHG pollution that represents the largest driver of human-caused climate change. These particular GHGs come primarily from engines used on large commercial jets.

"Addressing pollution from aircraft is an important element of U.S. efforts to address climate change. Aircraft are the third largest contributor to GHG emissions in the U.S. transportation sector, and these emissions are expected to increase in the future," said Janet McCabe, EPA's Acting Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation. "EPA has already set effective GHG standards for cars and trucks and any future aircraft engine standards will also provide important climate and public health benefits."

The agency is not issuing emissions standards for aircraft engines in this action. The final endangerment and contribution findings for aircraft engine GHG emissions are an important step that EPA must take prior to adopting domestic GHG engine standards. EPA anticipates that the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) will formally adopt its environmental committee's February 2016 agreement on international aircraft CO2 standards in March 2017. EPA anticipates moving forward on standards that would be at least as stringent as ICAO's standards.

The rulemaking process for aircraft GHG emissions will provide opportunities for industry, NGOs and other interested parties to provide their input through public review and comment.

In 2009, EPA issued similar findings regarding GHG emissions from new cars and light trucks. The agency determined that those vehicles contribute to GHG pollution that threatens Americans' health and welfare by leading to long-lasting changes in our climate that can have a range of negative effects today and in the future. Since then, the science on human-induced climate change has strengthened, further supporting today's final determination.

Today's findings support the goals of the President's Climate Action Plan to reduce emissions from large sources of carbon pollution. U.S. aircraft emit roughly 12 percent of GHG emissions from the U.S. transportation sector and 29 percent of GHG emissions from all aircraft globally. Under the Clean Air Act, EPA consults with the Federal Aviation Administration as it develops aircraft engine emissions standards. By law, any standards EPA sets must not cause a significant increase in noise or adversely affect safety.

Today's findings do not apply to small piston-engine planes (the type of plane often used for recreational purposes), or to military aircraft.

For more information on the final aircraft endangerment and cause or contribute findings, visit http://epa.gov/otaq/aviation.htm.

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Please see below for a press release that will be going out shortly regarding EPA's final emissions standards for petroleum refineries. Final materials (fact sheet, etc.) will be up on the web at: http://www3.epa.gov/ttn/atw/petref.html

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EPA Updates Emissions Standards for Petroleum Refineries

First-ever fenceline monitoring requirements will protect nearby communities

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has updated air pollution standards to further control toxic air emissions from petroleum refineries. Exposure to toxic air pollutants, such as benzene, can cause respiratory problems and other serious health issues and can increase the risk of developing cancer. The rule requires first-of-its-kind fenceline monitoring to better protect and inform nearby communities, while also strengthening emission controls for flares, pressure relief devices, storage tanks, and delayed coker operations that will reduce thousands of tons of hazardous air pollutants.

"These updated Clean Air Act standards will lower the cancer risk from petroleum refineries for more than 1.4 million people and are a substantial step forward in EPA's work to protect the health of vulnerable communities located near these facilities," said Gina McCarthy EPA Administrator. "The Act requires a healthy environment for all communities, and this rule delivers on EPA's commitment to environmental justice by reducing toxic air pollutants that impact families living near refineries by requiring, for the first time ever in an EPA air rule, monitoring of emissions at the fenceline and corrective action if standards are exceeded."

When fully implemented, the rule will result in a reduction of 5,200 tons per year of toxic air pollutants, and 50,000 tons per year of volatile organic compounds (VOC). Also, as a co-benefit of these final standards, EPA projects that these standards will eliminate emissions of greenhouse gases equivalent to approximately 660,000 tons per year of CO2. These cost-effective steps will have no noticeable impact on the cost of petroleum products at the approximately 150 petroleum refineries around the country.

Today's action requires continuous monitoring of benzene concentrations at the fenceline of refinery facilities to ensure that refineries appropriately manage toxic emissions. The rule requires corrective action to protect neighboring communities from being exposed to harmful levels of emissions if the established standard level is exceeded. The new fenceline monitors must encircle the facility to detect benzene at very low levels, and the monitoring data will be posted on EPA's website. In addition, in response to public feedback, the rule provides room for alternative monitoring methods in the future as technology advances.

Other specific requirements in this rule will virtually eliminate visible flare emissions and releases by pressure release devices by requiring a comprehensive program of process changes and pollution prevention measures for these emission sources. It will also require additional emission reductions from storage tanks and delayed coking units, some of which had no previous required controls.

This rulemaking was informed by a Petroleum Refinery Risk and Technology Review (RTR). During this scientific and technical review, EPA also engaged with key communities in the two years prior to

proposing a regulation in 2014. After an extensive review of practices, processes, control technologies and public input, including two public hearings, today's regulatory updates ensure that petroleum refineries use the most up to date and effective monitoring and control technologies.

Additional information: http://www3.epa.gov/ttn/atw/petref.html

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The following press release will be going out very shortly. Additional materials will be on the web site at the bottom of the release.

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Proposal Cuts GHG Emissions, Reduces Smog-Forming Air Pollution and Provides Certainty for Industry

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Methane, the key constituent of natural gas, is a potent GHG with a global warming potential more than 25 times greater than that of carbon dioxide. Methane is the second most prevalent greenhouse gas emitted in the United States from human activities, and nearly 30 percent of those emissions come from oil production and the production, transmission and distribution of natural gas.

"Today, through our cost-effective proposed standards, we are underscoring our commitment to reducing the pollution fueling climate change and protecting public health while supporting responsible energy development, transparency and accountability," said EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy. "Cleaner-burning energy sources like natural gas are key compliance options for our Clean Power Plan and we are committed to ensuring safe and responsible production that supports a robust clean energy economy."

The proposed standards for new and modified sources are expected to reduce 340,000 to 400,000 short tons of methane in 2025, the equivalent of reducing 7.7 to 9 million metric tons of carbon dioxide. EPA estimates the rule will yield net climate benefits of $120 to $150 million in 2025. Those standards are also expected to reduce 170,000 to 180,000 tons of ozone-forming VOCs in 2025, along with 1,900 to 2,500 tons of air toxics, such as benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene and xylene. Ozone is linked to a variety of serious public health effects, including reduced lung function, asthma attacks, asthma development, emergency room visits and hospital admissions, and early death from respiratory and cardiovascular causes. Air toxics include chemicals that are known or suspected to cause cancer and other serious health effects.

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The following text – and pdfs of the 5 white papers referenced – will be posted around 11 am today at the following web site: www.epa.gov/airquality/oilandgas

White Papers on Methane and VOC Emissions

On April 15, 2014, EPA released for external peer review five technical white papers on potentially significant sources of emissions in the oil and gas sector. The white papers focus on technical issues covering emissions and mitigation techniques that target methane and volatile organic compounds (VOCs). As noted in the Obama Administration's Strategy to Reduce Methane Emissions, EPA will use the papers, along with the input we receive from the peer reviewers and the public, to determine how to best pursue additional reductions from these sources.

The five white papers cover:

- Compressors: Compressors are mechanical devices that increase the pressure of natural gas and allow the natural gas to be transported along a pipeline. Vented emissions of methane and VOCs from compressors occur from seal degassing for wet seal centrifugal compressors or packing surrounding the mechanical compression components of reciprocating compressors of the compressor. These emissions typically increase over time as the compressor components begin to degrade. This paper presents data and mitigation techniques for emissions from these compressors, some of which are not covered under EPA's 2012 New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) for VOCs.

- Emissions from completions and ongoing production of hydraulically fractured oil wells: Completion is the process of preparing a well for production. Completions of hydraulically fractured or refractured oil wells can be a source of methane and VOC emissions. Hydraulically fractured oil wells also may natural gas along with the oil; this gas is often vented during production. This paper presents data and mitigation techniques for emissions from completions and associated gas from ongoing production at hydraulically fractured oil wells, which are not covered under the 2012 NSPS.

- Leaks: As oil and gas production from unconventional formations such as shale deposits continues to grow, so does the amount of related equipment that has the potential to leak. This paper presents data and mitigation techniques for onshore natural gas leak emissions that occur from natural gas production, processing, transmission and storage.

- Liquids unloading: Liquids unloading refers to a number of processes used to remove

accumulated liquids that can impede the flow of gas from a well to the surface. This paper presents data and mitigation techniques for the methane and VOC emissions that can occur during these processes. Liquids unloading is not covered under EPA's 2012 NSPS for VOCs.

- Pneumatic devices: Controllers and pumps powered by high-pressure natural gas are widespread in the oil and natural gas industry. These pneumatic devices may release gas – including methane and VOCs – with every valve movement, or continuously in many cases. This paper presents data and mitigation techniques for emissions from pneumatic controllers and pumps, some of which are not covered under EPA's 2012 NSPS for VOCs.

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First, see http://www2.epa.gov/cleanpowerplan for additional information that has just been posted. This information includes rule text for the Clean Power Plan (which covers existing sources); rule text for the final standards for new, modified and reconstructed sources; and rule text for the proposed federal plan. There are also state specific fact sheets, and a "state goal visualizer" if you want a more detailed understanding of how a state goal was calculated, and much more.

Second, regarding Hill briefings, there will be a briefing open to any interested House staff today at 4:15 in Rayburn 2322, and a briefing open to any interested Senate staff tomorrow at 1 pm in Dirksen 406.

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Third, if you have questions on any of the actions, please include Pat Haman and Kevin Bailey (email addresses in the cc line) on any emails you send.

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Good morning,

Today, President Obama and EPA will announce the Clean Power Plan - a historic and important step in reducing carbon pollution from power plants.

EPA just posted the following fact sheets at http://www2.epa.gov/cleanpowerplan: (see the green box on the upper left of the web site)

- The Clean Power Plan Overview
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Subject: FYI: EPA Final Rule signed today - Change of Listing Status for Certain Substitutes under the Significant New Alternatives Policy Program

The following press release will be issued very shortly. Additional information (inc. fact sheet and pre-publication version of the final rule) is available at: http://www.epa.gov/ozone/snap/regulations.html.

Please let me or Pat Haman (cc'd) know if you have any questions.

EPA Finalizes Rule to Reduce Climate-Damaging HFCs

WASHINGTON – Today, the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is finalizing a rule to prohibit certain uses of chemicals that significantly contribute to climate change in favor of safer, more climate-friendly alternatives. This action responds to President Obama's Climate Action Plan by reducing emissions of hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), a class of potent greenhouse gases used in air-conditioning, refrigeration, and other equipment.

"Today's action delivers on the President's Climate Action Plan and the administration's commitment to acting on climate. And it is in line with steps leading businesses are already taking to reduce and replace HFCs with safer, climate-friendly alternatives," said EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy. "This rule will not only reduce harmful greenhouse gas emissions, but also encourage greater use and development of the next generation of safer HFC alternatives."

In the United States, HFC emissions are expected to nearly double by 2020 and triple by 2030. New technologies and new climate-friendly refrigerants can significantly reduce these emission increases. EPA estimates this final rule will reduce greenhouse gas emissions of 54 to 64 million metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent in 2025, equal to the carbon dioxide emissions from the annual electricity use of more than 5.8 million homes.

The HFCs and HFC-containing blends affected by today's rule are used in aerosols, foam blowing, motor vehicle air conditioning, retail food refrigeration and vending machines. In many of the sectors addressed by today's rulemaking, EPA is also approving several alternatives under its Significant New Alternatives Policy (SNAP) Program; the new options offer better climate protection without harming the ozone layer.

Under the authority of the Clean Air Act and EPA's SNAP Program, EPA reviews alternatives on an ongoing basis and issues updates to the lists of acceptable and unacceptable substitutes. Today's rule changes the status of certain high-global warming potential (GWP) HFCs that were previously listed as acceptable under the SNAP Program as unacceptable in specific end uses. These changes are based on information showing other alternatives are available for the same uses that pose lower risk overall to human health and the environment.

In developing and finalizing the rule, EPA received input from industry, environmental groups and others through workshops and meetings, and reviewed more than 7,000 public comments. Based on public comment on the proposal and additional information submitted to the agency, the agency's final rule makes a number of changes from the proposal. These include giving manufacturers the time and flexibility they need to ensure a smooth transition to safer alternatives.

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Fact sheet for 2014-2015-2016 NPRM.PDF

Today EPA is proposing volume requirements under the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) program for the years 2014, 2015, and 2016, as well as proposed volume requirements for biomass based diesel for 2017.

EPA is proposing to establish 2014 standards at levels that reflect the actual amount of domestic biofuel use in that year, and standards for 2015 and 2016 (and 2017 for biodiesel), that increase steadily over time.

EPA will hold a public hearing on this proposal on June 25, 2015, in Kansas City, Kansas. The period for public input and comment will be open until July 27. EPA intends to finalize the volume standards in this rule by November 30th of this year.

Embargoed near-final fact sheet with the proposed volumes is attached.

The following website will go live at approximately 10 am: www.epa.gov/otaq/fuels/renewablefuels. There you will find a copy of the proposal as well as other materials.

Call or email if you have any questions.

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EPA Proposes Renewable Fuel Standards for 2014, 2015, and 2016, and the Biomass-Based Diesel Volume for 2017

Under the Clean Air Act (CAA), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is required to set the annual standards for the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) program for each year. This regulatory action proposes to establish the annual percentage standards for cellulosic biofuel, biomass-based diesel, advanced biofuel, and total renewable fuels that apply to all gasoline and diesel produced or imported in years 2014, 2015, and 2016. EPA is also proposing the applicable volume of biomass-based diesel that will be required in 2017.

The Clean Air Act provides EPA with the authority to reduce the volume requirements from their statutory targets under certain conditions, and we are proposing to use these authorities in this action. EPA has evaluated the availability of qualifying renewable fuels and factors that in some cases constrain the supply of those fuels to the vehicles that can consume them. EPA has also considered the ability of the market to respond to the applicable standards by producing changes in production, infrastructure, and relative pricing to boost the use of renewable fuels.

Based on these and other considerations, EPA is proposing volumes which, while below the volumes originally set by Congress, would increase renewable fuel use in the U.S. above historical levels and provide for steady growth over time. In particular, the proposed volumes would ensure continued growth in advanced biofuels, which have a lower greenhouse gas emissions profile than conventional biofuels. EPA is also proposing to increase the required volume of biomass-based diesel in 2015, 2016, and 2017 while maintaining the opportunity for growth in other advanced biofuels that is needed over the long term.

Congress developed the renewable fuels program in an effort to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and expand the nation's renewable fuels sector, while reducing reliance on foreign oil. Biofuels are an important component in the Administration's efforts to enhance energy security and address climate change.

EPA is seeking comment and any new data to inform setting the final volume standards, and will hold a public hearing on June 25, 2015, in Kansas City, Kansas.

EPA intends to take final action on this proposal by November 30, 2015, which will return the Agency to the program's statutory timeline for issuing RFS annual rules.

Overview

Due to constraints in the fuel market to accommodate increasing volumes of ethanol, along with limits on the availability of non-ethanol renewable fuels, the volume targets specified by Congress in the Clean Air Act for 2014, 2015 and 2016 cannot be achieved. However, EPA recognizes that the statutory volume targets were intended to be ambitious; Congress set targets that envisioned growth at a pace that far exceeded historical growth rates. Congress clearly intended the RFS program to incentivize changes that would be unlikely to occur absent the RFS program. Thus while EPA is proposing to use the tools provided by Congress to waive the annual volumes below the statutory levels, we are proposing standards that are directionally consistent with Congress' clear goal of increasing renewable fuel

production and use over time. The proposed volumes would require significant growth in renewable fuel production and use over historical levels. EPA believes the proposed standards to be ambitious but within reach of a responsive marketplace.

There are two different authorities in the statute that permit EPA to reduce volumes of advanced biofuel and total renewable fuel below the volumes specified in the statute. When the Agency lowers the applicable volume of cellulosic biofuel below the volume specified in the CAA, we also have the authority to reduce the applicable volumes of advanced biofuel and total renewable fuel by the same or a lesser amount. The Agency can also reduce the applicable volumes of any renewable fuel under the CAA general waiver authority under certain conditions, including where there is "inadequate domestic supply." This proposal uses a combination of these two authorities to reduce volumes of both advanced biofuel and total renewable fuel to address two important constraints:

- Limitations in the volume of ethanol that can be consumed given practical constraints on the supply of higher ethanol blends to the vehicles that can use them

- Limitations in the ability of the industry to produce sufficient volumes of qualifying renewable fuel, particularly non-ethanol fuels

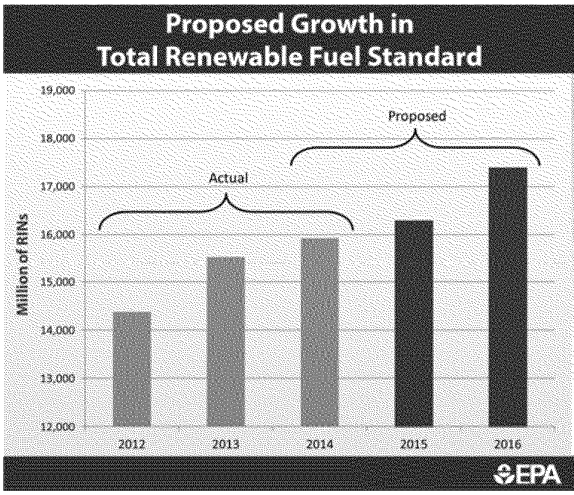
EPA is proposing to set the renewable fuel standards for 2014 at the levels that were actually produced and used as transportation fuel, heating oil or jet fuel in the contiguous U.S. and Hawaii. For 2015 and 2016, EPA is proposing ambitious increases in both advanced biofuel and total renewable fuel in comparison to 2014 levels. This proposed rulemaking also provides an evaluation of the expected volumes of cellulosic biofuel for 2015 and 2016, and proposes annual increases in the required volume of biomass-based diesel for 2015, 2016, and 2017. The volumes used to determine the proposed percentage standards are shown in Table 1.

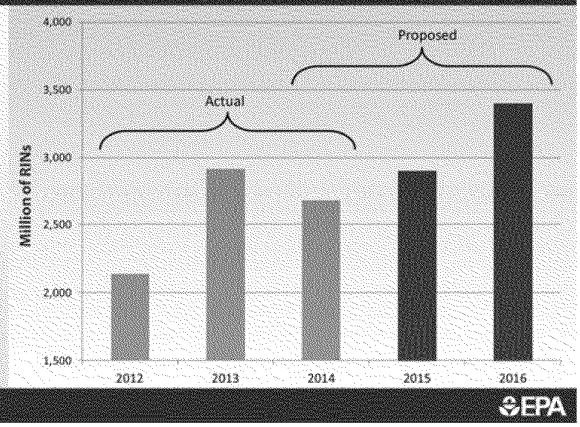
Table 1
Volumes Used to Determine the Proposed Percentage Standards[a]

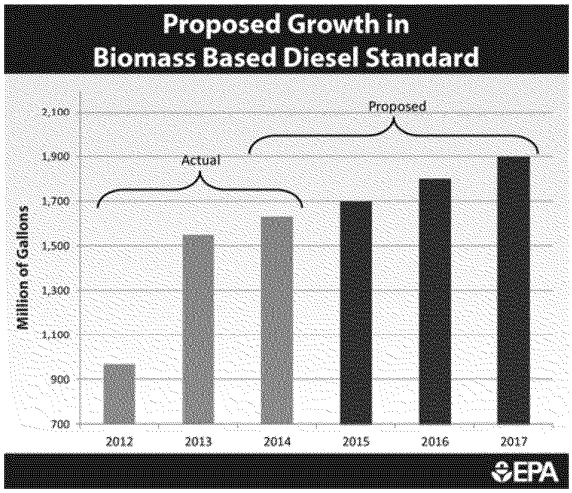
	2014	2015	2016	2017
Cellulosic biofuel	33 mill gal	106 mill gal	206 mill gal	n/a
Biomass-based diesel	1.63 bill gal	1.70 bill gal	1.80 bill gal	1.90 bill gal
Advanced biofuel	2.68 bill gal	2.90 bill gal	3.40 bill gal	n/a
Total renewable fuels	15.93 bill gal	16.30 bill gal	17.40 bill gal	n/a

[a]All volumes are ethanol-equivalent, except for biomass-based diesel which is actual.

These proposed volumes would allow volumes of conventional (non-advanced) renewable fuel of up to 13.25, 13.40, and 14.00 billion gallons to be used to satisfy the total renewable fuel requirements for years 2014, 2015, and 2016, respectively. The charts below demonstrate that the proposed standards would represent significant growth over recent historical levels.







Four separate percentage standards are required under the RFS program, corresponding to the four separate volume requirements shown in Table 1. The percentage standards represent the ratio of renewable fuel volume to non-renewable gasoline and diesel volume. Thus, in 2016 about 10% of all transportation fuel used would be from renewable sources. The proposed standards are shown in Table 2.

Table 2
Proposed Percentage Standards

	2014	2015	2016
Cellulosic biofuel	0.019%	0.059%	0.114%
Biomass-based diesel	1.42%	1.41%	1.49%
Advanced biofuel	1.52%	1.61%	1.88%
Total renewable fuels	9.02%	9.04%	9.63%

Once the proposal is published in the Federal Register, it will be open for public comment until July 27, 2015.

For More Information

For more information on this proposal, please visit the RFS website at:
www.epa.gov/otaq/fuels/renewablefuels

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EPA Finalizes Updates to Air Standards for Future Wood Heaters

Phased-in updates will ensure a smooth transition to cleaner and more efficient wood heaters

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is finalizing standards to limit the amount of pollution that wood heaters, which will be manufactured and sold in the future, can emit. These standards, which were last updated in 1988, reflect the significantly improved technology that is now available to make a range of models cleaner burning and more efficient. Today's final rule will provide important health benefits to communities across the country and will be phased in over a five-year period, giving manufacturers time to adapt their product lines to develop the best next-generation models to meet these new standards. The final rule does not affect current heaters already in use in homes today. It also does not replace state or local requirements governing wood heater use. Instead, it ensures that consumers buying wood heaters anywhere in the United States in the future will be able to choose from cleaner-burning models.

Wood heaters, which are used around the clock in some areas, can increase particle pollution to levels that pose serious health concerns. This pollution, sometimes called soot, includes volatile organic compounds, carbon monoxide and air toxics, which are linked to a wide range of serious health effects, including heart attacks, strokes and asthma attacks. People with heart, vascular or lung disease, older adults and children are the most at risk from particle pollution exposure. EPA's updated standards will build on the work that states and local communities have done to improve air quality in these communities and are based on significant improvements in technology.

Emissions from new models would be reduced by roughly two-thirds, improving air quality and providing between $3.4 and $7.6 billion in public health benefits. This means that for every dollar spent to bring cleaner heaters to market, the American public will see between $74 and $165 in health benefits. Consumers purchasing new models will also benefit from efficiency improvements, which means they will use less wood to heat their homes. Consumers can play an important role in cutting pollution by following the guidelines in their owner's manuals and following best burning practices available on EPA's website.

EPA conducted extensive public outreach as it developed the proposed rule, seeking input from numerous wood heater manufacturers, state, local and tribal governments, regional air quality agencies, and citizen and environmental groups. The agency also participated in a Small Business Advocacy Review Panel to seek input and advice as it developed the proposed rule.

Based on public comment on the proposal and additional information submitted to the agency, the agency's final standards make a number of important updates from the proposal including changes to provide manufacturers the time and flexibility they need to ensure a smooth transition to cleaner heaters. EPA is also updating the final emissions limits to reflect changes the agency made to the emissions test method requirements based on input received during the comment period.

The Clean Air Act requires EPA to set new source performance standards (NSPS) for categories of stationary sources of pollution that cause, or significantly contribute to, air pollution that may endanger public health or welfare. The agency's final rule announced today updates the 1988 standards for woodstoves and sets the first-ever federal standards for hydronic heaters, wood-fired forced air furnaces (also called warm-air furnaces), pellet stoves and a previously unregulated type of woodstove called a

single burn-rate stove. These standards do not cover fireplaces, fire pits, pizza ovens, barbecues or chimineas.

EPA received nearly 8,000 comments on the proposed rule and held one public hearing.

More information can be found around 2:00pm at: http://www2.epa.gov/residential-wood-heaters

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OVERVIEW OF FINAL UPDATES TO AIR EMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS FOR NEW RESIDENTIAL WOOD HEATERS

SUMMARY OF ACTION

- On February 3, 2015, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) strengthened its clean air standards for residential wood heaters to make new heaters significantly cleaner and improve air quality in communities where people burn wood for heat.
- The updates, which are based on improved wood heater technology, strengthen the emissions standards for new woodstoves, while establishing the first ever federal air standards for several types of previously unregulated new wood heaters, including outdoor and indoor wood-fired boilers (also known as hydronic heaters), and indoor wood-burning forced air furnaces. The rule will not affect existing woodstoves and other wood-burning heaters currently in use in people's homes.
- The final rule reflects a number of changes EPA made in response to public comments, including changes to provide manufacturers and retailers the time and flexibility they need to ensure a smooth transition to cleaner heaters.
- Smoke from residential wood heaters contains harmful particle pollution, also known as fine particulate matter or $PM_{2.5}$, along with other pollutants including carbon monoxide, volatile organic compounds (VOCs), black carbon, and air toxics such as benzene. These heaters, which are used around the clock in some areas, can increase particle pollution to levels that pose serious health concerns. In some areas, residential wood smoke constitutes a significant portion of the particle pollution problem.
- By meeting the new requirements, manufacturers will make their wood heaters less polluting beginning this year and will produce even cleaner models by 2020. Fine particle and volatile organic compound (VOC) emissions from heaters covered by the rule are estimated to drop by nearly 70 percent (8,300 tons a year and 9,300 tons a year, respectively) compared to estimated emissions without the final rule. VOCs are a key ingredient of smog. Carbon monoxide emissions from wood heaters covered by the rule will be an estimated 46,100 tons lower – a reduction of 62 percent.
- EPA issued the existing emissions requirements for residential wood heaters in 1988. That rule applied to adjustable burn-rate woodstoves, including a type of adjustable burn-rate woodstove known as a fireplace insert. Since that time, the technology for reducing

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emissions from wood heaters has significantly improved and now is available to make a range of wood heaters more efficient and less polluting.

- The final requirements, known as new source performance standards, or NSPS, update PM emissions limits for newly manufactured adjustable-rate woodstoves and set the first federal air standards for several other types of wood: pellet stoves; indoor and outdoor wood-fired hydronic heaters; wood-burning forced-air furnaces; and a type of previously unregulated woodstove known as a "single burn-rate" stove.

- EPA is phasing in requirements over five years to allow manufacturers time to adapt emission control technologies to their particular model lines.

    - For woodstoves, pellet stoves, and hydronic heaters, the final rule phases in emissions limits in two steps, with the first limit taking effect 60 days after the final rule is published in the Federal Register (this is the effective date of the rule), and the second limit taking effect five years later (in 2020).

    - For wood-fired forced air furnaces (also called warm air furnaces), the final rule requires work practice standards beginning on the effective date of the rule. EPA is phasing in emissions limits for forced air furnaces in two steps between 2016/2017 and 2020, to give manufacturers the time they need to develop cleaner models and conduct emissions testing.

- Today's final rule does not replace state or local requirements governing wood heater use: it ensures that consumers buying wood heaters anywhere in the United States in the future will be able to choose from cleaner-burning models. Wood heaters sold at retail in the U.S. will have to have a permanent label indicating they are certified to meet emission limits in the rule. This label, currently required for adjustable burn-rate woodstoves, will signal to consumers that the heaters meet EPA standards. The rule also requires efficiency and carbon monoxide testing and reporting, which will provide consumers additional information to help them select the best wood heater for their homes.

- EPA estimates the benefits of the requirements for new residential wood heaters at $3.4 to $7.6 billion annually, with costs estimated at $46 million, meaning today's rule will yield $74 to $165 in benefits for every dollar spent to comply. This includes the value of avoiding asthma attacks, non-fatal heart attacks, emergency room visits for asthma, lost work days, and premature deaths, among other effects.

- The projected benefits do not include the value of the carbon monoxide, VOCs, air toxics (including formaldehyde, benzene and polycyclic organic matter), and black carbon emissions that would be reduced along with PM emissions.

Heaters not covered by the rule:

- The final rule applies to newly manufactured heaters; it does not affect existing woodstoves and other wood-burning heaters currently in use in people's homes. It also does not apply to outdoor fireplaces, pizza ovens, fire pits, barbecues or chimineas, and it does not apply to new or existing heaters that are fueled solely by oil, gas or coal. In addition, the rule does not prohibit or restrict the use of any wood-burning appliances for residential heating.
    - EPA has a number of tools available to help state and local governments address particle pollution from existing heaters, including "Strategies for Reducing Residential Wood Smoke." Issued by EPA's Burn Wise program, this comprehensive document covers options for local regulations, voluntary programs, funding mechanisms and best burn practices -- all of which can help reduce particle pollution from existing wood-burning appliances.
- The final rule also does not affect new indoor fireplaces. EPA did not propose emissions limits for fireplaces, because fireplaces generally are not effective heaters and thus are not subject to the rule. Fireplaces are included in an EPA voluntary program that encourages manufacturers to make cleaner-burning fireplaces and retrofits available for consumers.
- In addition, the final rule will not apply to masonry heaters, the majority of which are custom-built on site. EPA had proposed to set emissions limits for these heaters, but is not taking final action at this time to allow additional time for the development of emissions testing methods used to determine compliance. EPA will consider whether to finalize requirements for new masonry heaters in the future.

Other changes since proposal

- EPA received nearly 8,000 comments on the proposed rule and held a public hearing. Based on public input and additional data, the agency has made several changes in the final rule that will provide manufacturers time to transition to cleaner heaters, and allow retailers time to sell existing inventory. Many wood heater manufacturers are small businesses.
- For example, to allow manufacturers time to transition their model lines to cleaner wood heating technology and have emissions tested (a step required for certification), EPA is making the following changes in the final rule:
    - To give manufacturers of wood-burning **forced air furnaces** the time they need to develop cleaner models and have emissions tested, EPA is requiring work practice standards beginning on the effective date of the rule and is phasing in emissions limits in two steps based on furnace size between 2016 and 2020. Small furnaces will

have to meet the Step 1 emissions limit by 2016; large furnaces will have to meet it by 2017. All furnaces must meet the Step 2 emissions limit by 2020.

  - EPA changed the Step 1 emissions cap (part of testing requirements) for **hydronic heaters** in the final rule to match the current requirements of the agency's voluntary Hydronic Heaters Program. This change will allow most models that are "Phase 2 qualified" under the voluntary program to be automatically certified as meeting the first emissions limit in the final rule, further reducing the potential for testing delays. This certification will be good until 2020, when the Step 2 emissions limit takes effect.

  - To reduce potential certification delays, EPA will allow a conditional certification for up to one year for woodstoves, pellet stoves and forced air furnaces if a manufacturer submits a complete certification application that includes a full emissions test report by an EPA-accredited laboratory and that meets other application requirements.

- While woodstoves and hydronic heaters that are manufactured after the final rule becomes effective must meet the new emissions limits, today's final rule allows time for existing inventory to be sold. Woodstoves meeting requirements of EPA's 1988 rule and hydronic heaters may be sold through December 31, 2015.

- Based on public comment on the proposed rule and additional review, EPA has determined that the agency does not yet have sufficient data to require that emissions from woodstoves and hydronic heaters be tested using fires that burn cordwood (split wood). Instead, manufacturers will be required to test emissions using "cribs" – the same type of testing used for the 1988 wood stove standards. A crib consists of lumber assembled in a standardized configuration that is based on the type of heater being tested.

- EPA believes development of wood heaters that perform well in cordwood testing is important, because cordwood is what consumers use. The agency will allow cordwood testing for woodstoves and hydronic heaters with prior approval. In addition, to encourage further development of cordwood test methods, EPA is including an alternative Step 2 emissions limit based on cordwood testing for woodstoves and hydronic heaters. Based on data available to EPA at this time, the agency anticipates this alternative limit would be at least as stringent as the emissions limit for crib testing.

- Manufacturers may test using either cribs or cordwood in Step 2, and must meet the limit corresponding to the type of test they choose. (Manufacturers testing with cordwood for Step 1 must meet the same emissions limit as those testing using cribs.)

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- Manufacturers choosing to test woodstoves or hydronic heaters with cordwood will be required to have EPA approval of the test method before they can use the alternative limit. Any manufacturer that tests wood heaters using cordwood will be allowed to use a special EPA label that will recognize that emissions from cordwood testing more closely reflect emissions from in-home use. Use of this label is voluntary.

Cleaner, more efficient heaters will save fuel, improve public health protection

- Wood smoke is made up of a mixture of gases and fine particles that are produced when wood and other organic matter burns. The particles in smoke – also called particle pollution or PM – can get deep into the lungs, harming the lungs, blood vessels and heart. People with heart, vascular or lung disease, older adults and children are the most at risk.

- In addition to the health benefits provided by the rule, wood heaters meeting the standards generally will be more efficient than older ones, meaning homeowners will be able to heat their homes using less wood.

- Homeowners will play an important role in ensuring new stoves and other heaters are as efficient and clean as possible, by operating heaters according to the manufacturer's instructions. In many cases, not doing so could void the heater's warranty.

- EPA's Burn Wise program provides a wealth of information to help consumers ensure wood heaters burn as cleanly and efficiently as possible. For more information, visit: http://www.epa.gov/burnwise/bestburn.html

BACKGROUND

- The Clean Air Act requires EPA to set new source performance standards (NSPS) for categories of stationary sources of pollution that cause, or significantly contribute to, air pollution that may endanger public health or welfare. The law requires EPA to review these standards every eight years.

- EPA issued the first NSPS for residential wood heaters in 1988. The agency amended the standards once – in 1998 – to prohibit the sale of wood heaters to consumers if the manufacturer had used an invalid test to obtain EPA certification that the heater met NSPS requirements. The 1998 amendments did not change the emission limits in the original rule.

- EPA conducted extensive public outreach as it developed the 2013 proposed rule, seeking input from numerous wood heater manufacturers, state, local and tribal governments,

regional air quality agencies, and citizen and environmental groups. The agency also participated in a Small Business Advocacy Review Panel to seek input and advice as it developed the proposed rule.

- EPA issued the proposed rule January 3, 2014. On April 28, 2014, the agency finalized a consent agreement with a group of states and environmental organizations that required EPA to sign a final rule by February 3, 2015.

- On July 14, 2014, the agency issued a Notice of Data Availability seeking comment on additional information regarding residential wood heater testing using cordwood and emissions by burn rate excerpted from EPA certification test reports.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

- Today's proposed rule and additional background information is available at: http://www2.epa.gov/residential-wood-heaters .

FINAL UPDATES TO AIR EMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS FOR NEW RESIDENTIAL WOOD HEATERS: CHANGES SINCE PROPOSAL

SUMMARY OF ACTION

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CHANGES SINCE PROPOSAL

- EPA received nearly 8,000 comments on the proposed rule and held a public hearing. Based on those comments and additional information it received, the agency has made a number of changes to the rule, including changes to reflect available emissions test data and changes that will provide manufacturers and retailers time to transition to cleaner heaters. Many wood heater manufacturers are small businesses.

- The final rule will not apply to masonry heaters, the majority of which are custom-built on site. EPA had proposed to set emissions limits for these heaters, but is not taking final action at this time to allow additional time for the development of emissions testing methods used to determine compliance. EPA will consider whether to finalize requirements for new masonry heaters in the future.

- To allow manufacturers time to transition their model lines to cleaner wood heating technology, and have emissions tested (a step required for certification), EPA is making the following changes in the final rule:

    - To give manufacturers of wood-burning **forced air furnaces** the time they need to develop cleaner models and have emissions tested, EPA is requiring work practice standards beginning on the effective date of the rule, and phasing in emissions limits in two steps based on furnace size between 2016 and 2020. Small furnaces will have

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- To reduce potential certification delays, EPA will allow a conditional certification for up to one year for woodstoves, pellet stoves and forced air furnaces if a manufacturer submits a complete certification application that includes a full emissions test report by an EPA-accredited laboratory and meets other application requirements.

    - To ease the transition to cleaner stoves, EPA's final rule will allow retailers to sell woodstoves that meet requirements of EPA's 1988 rule and for hydronic heaters until December 31, 2015. After that date, any new woodstoves and hydronic heaters sold at retail in the U.S. must meet the Step 1 emissions limit.

- Based on public comment on the proposed rule and additional review, EPA has determined that the agency does not yet have sufficient data to require that emissions from woodstoves and hydronic heaters be tested using fires that burn cordwood (split wood). Instead, manufacturers will be required to test emissions using "cribs" – the same type of testing used for the 1988 wood stove standards. A crib consists of lumber assembled in a standardized configuration that is based on the type of heater being tested.

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In response to requests from stakeholders and to support states work to control the transport of pollution across state lines, today EPA is providing information that will help them develop "Good Neighbor" State Implementation Plans (SIPs) for the 2008 ozone standards. This information includes a discussion of proven approaches to address cross-state transport and also includes EPA's preliminary air quality modeling data that shows how air pollution is transported from one state to another. This modeling projects ozone levels at monitoring sites in 2018 and state-by-state contributions to those ozone levels.

Attached is a memo with additional information. The memo and other materials will be on the web at epa.gov/airtransport around 1:45 pm.

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The Honorable Paul Sarbanes
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Dear Congressman Sarbanes:

Thank you for you August 1, 2014, letter to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on behalf of your constituent Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy, who is seeking information on a 2015 MINI Cooper he ordered that was being stored at the port of Baltimore. It is my understanding that the vehicle was being stored at the port by BMW and not by an action of the federal government.

In order to import vehicles into the United States, manufacturers need to comply with several federal requirements, including compliance with the Clean Air Act. Manufacturers will on occasion store vehicles at their factories or ports until they complete the work necessary to import or ship their vehicles. Because we are not always fully aware of all of the reasons for holding a vehicle and because of potential assertions of Confidential Business Information (CBI) by a manufacturer, we generally refer such inquiries directly to the company to find out why the vehicle has not been delivered.

In this case, we understand that BMW has, on their own, communicated to some customers that the vehicles are being held by the company pending application and approval by the EPA for a certificate of conformity and/or a fuel economy label. EPA received a complete application from BMW for the MINI Cooper and the MINI Cooper S with the manual transmission on September 30, 2014, and approved the manufacturer's submittal on October 1, 2014. EPA received a complete application for the MINI Cooper S with the automatic transmission on October 6 and approved BMW's submittal on October 7.

Again, thank you for your letter. If you have further questions, please contact me or your staff may contact Josh Lewis in the EPA's Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations at lewis.josh@epa.gov or 202-564-2095.

Sincerely,

Janet G. McCabe
Acting Assistant Administrator

Bcc: Allen, Kara[Kara.Allen@mail.house.gov]; Gallo, Marcy[Marcy.Gallo@mail.house.gov]; Weerasinghe, Pamitha[Pamitha.Weerasinghe@mail.house.gov]; Rosenberg, Adam[Adam.Rosenberg@mail.house.gov]; murat.gokcigdem@mail.house.gov[murat.gokcigdem@mail.house.gov]; Meredith.sundlof@mail.house.gov[Meredith.sundlof@mail.house.gov]; stephanie.phillips@mail.house.gov[stephanie.phillips@mail.house.gov]; brian.laughlin@mail.house.gov[brian.laughlin@mail.house.gov]; alex.payne@mail.house.gov[alex.payne@mail.house.gov]; sarah.schenning@mail.house.gov[sarah.schenning@mail.house.gov]; mary.frances.repko@mail.house.gov[mary.frances.repko@mail.house.gov]; kenneth.degraff@mail.house.gov[kenneth.degraff@mail.house.gov]; aaron.shapiro@mail.house.gov (capps)[aaron.shapiro@mail.house.gov]; alexandra.teitz@mail.house.gov[alexandra.teitz@mail.house.gov]; andrew.jones@mail.house.gov (lujan)[andrew.jones@mail.house.gov]; caitlin.haberman@mail.house.gov[caitlin.haberman@mail.house.gov]; dennis.sills@mail.house.gov (butterfield)[dennis.sills@mail.house.gov]; eleanor.bastian@mail.house.gov (degette)[eleanor.bastian@mail.house.gov]; helena.mastrogianis@mail.house.gov (sarbanes)[helena.mastrogianis@mail.house.gov]; hill.thomas@mail.house.gov (barrow)[hill.thomas@mail.house.gov]; jacqueline silvers (matsui)[jacqueline.silvers@mail.house.gov]; jan.beukelman@mail.house.gov (matheson)[jan.beukelman@mail.house.gov]; jason.gleason@mail.house.gov (sarbanes)[jason.gleason@mail.house.gov]; javier.gamboa@mail.house.gov (castor)[javier.gamboa@mail.house.gov]; jean.fruci@mail.house.gov (tonko)[jean.fruci@mail.house.gov]; jean.roehrenbeck@mail.house.gov (doyle)[jean.roehrenbeck@mail.house.gov]; jeff.baran@mail.house.gov[jeff.baran@mail.house.gov]; jill.harrelson@mail.house.gov (matsui)[jill.harrelson@mail.house.gov]; johnm@mail.house.gov (rush)[johnm@mail.house.gov]; justin.ackley@mail.house.gov (green)[justin.ackley@mail.house.gov]; katy.siddall@mail.house.gov (braley)[katy.siddall@mail.house.gov]; makeda.okolo@mail.house.gov (christensen)[makeda.okolo@mail.house.gov]; mark.fowler (welch)[mark.fowler@mail.house.gov]; patrick.arness@mail.house.gov (mcnerney)[patrick.arness@mail.house.gov]; paul.beck@mail.house.gov[paul.beck@mail.house.gov]; rachel.mccleery@mail.house.gov (dingell)[rachel.mccleery@mail.house.gov]; travis.osen-foss@mail.house.gov (engel)[travis.osen-foss@mail.house.gov]; tuley.wright@mail.house.gov (pallone)[tuley.wright@mail.house.gov]
From: Lewis, Josh
Sent: Tue 9/16/2014 4:01:14 PM
Subject: FYI (And embargoed until 1:30): EPA extending comment period on carbon proposal for existing power plants

Today the EPA will announce a 45 day extension to the comment period for the 111(d) proposal for existing power plants. The deadline for submitting comments is now Monday, December 1, 2014. Thank you and please let me know if you have any questions.

Josh Lewis

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To: Mackay, Cheryl[Mackay.Cheryl@epa.gov]
From: Democratic Whip Press
Sent: Thur 5/16/2013 5:55:54 PM
Subject: Hoyer Joins House Democrats in Urging Confirmation of Tom Perez

For Immediate Release: May 16, 2013 **Contact:** Mariel Saez, 202-225-3130

Hoyer Joins House Democrats in Urging Confirmation of Tom Perez

WASHINGTON, DC – Today, House Democratic Whip Steny H. Hoyer (MD) joined Congresswoman Linda Sánchez and 137 House Democrats in urging Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid and Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell to confirm Tom Perez as the next Secretary of Labor. Earlier today, the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee voted to approve his nomination, sending it to the full Senate for consideration.

“The Senate should waste no time in scheduling a vote to confirm Tom Perez as the next Secretary of Labor," **stated Whip Hoyer**. "America’s workers deserve a Labor Department operating at full capacity, especially as our economic recovery moves forward. Mr. Perez is a highly qualified candidate who will bring great experience to his new role once confirmed. His approval by the Senate’s Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee should come as no surprise to any who are aware of his stellar qualifications. I join in calling on Senate Republicans not to delay Mr. Perez’s confirmation by the full Senate.”

The full text of the letter is below.

May 16, 2013

Senator Harry Reid
522 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Senator Mitch McConnell
317 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Reid and Senator McConnell,

As you consider the nomination of Thomas E. Perez to serve as Secretary of Labor, we respectfully urge you to vote in favor of his confirmation.

Mr. Perez has a distinguished record of accomplishments and experience from his career in public service at the local, state and federal levels. Known by those who have worked

with him for his consensus-building, collaborative approach to problem-solving, Mr. Perez would bring vigor to his new post that will serve the American economy well, by helping improve the skills of American workers to qualify for better-paying jobs and providing employers with a stronger workforce able to compete in the global market.

Mr. Perez first served in the Department of Justice under President Ronald Reagan and became a career attorney during the George H.W. Bush Administration. As a federal prosecutor for the Civil Rights Division, he prosecuted and supervised some of the Department's most high profile civil rights cases, including a hate crimes case in Texas involving a group of white supremacists who went on a

deadly, racially motivated crime spree.

In his current role as Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights, Mr. Perez has turned around his Division and increased the Civil Rights Division's productivity. A Department of Justice Inspector General report released March 12 of this year confirmed that Mr. Perez has put reforms in place to restore merit-based hiring practices and that none of the decisions regarding enforcement of voting rights laws have been based on racial or partisan political considerations

Under Mr. Perez's leadership, the Civil Rights Division has increased prosecutions of human trafficking by 40 percent, convicted 74 percent more defendants on hate crimes

charges, handled more new voting cases in 2012 than any year ever, won $50 million for service members whose homes were improperly foreclosed on while serving our nation in uniform overseas, and settled the three largest fair-lending cases in the history of the Fair Housing Act, recovering more money for victims in 2012 than in the previous 23 years combined. Mr. Perez achieved the Department's largest-ever disability-based housing discrimination settlement, worth $10.5 million.

Prior to his current role, Mr. Perez served as Maryland's Secretary of Labor, Licensing and Regulation at a critical time during the economic crisis, mitigating many of its worst impacts. With the input of business and labor leaders, Mr. Perez led

efforts to reform Maryland's enforcement of state and federal wage protection laws. His collaborative approach has earned him praise from both business and labor leaders. Indeed, the Maryland Chamber of Commerce as well as labor unions have endorsed Mr. Perez's nomination as Secretary of Labor.

We believe that Mr. Perez's record of achievement, especially his proven ability to successfully lead a state's labor department, make him a strong candidate for Secretary of Labor. We therefore respectfully urge you to vote in favor of his confirmation in a timely fashion.

Sincerely,

Steny Hoyer (MD-05)

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To: Mackay, Cheryl[Mackay.Cheryl@epa.gov]
From: Haberman, Caitlin
Sent: Tue 1/13/2015 6:40:11 PM
Subject: RE: HEC contact list
114 Contacts.doc

Hello!

The new contact list is attached, and the dark blocks indicate they're not on that subcommittee. Emails are standard House form, with the exception of John Marshall (JohnM@mail.house.gov) and Chris Huckleberry (Huck@mail.house.gov). Enjoy!

Caitlin

Caitlin Haberman

Committee on Energy & Commerce-Democratic Staff

202.225.4407

From: Mackay, Cheryl [mailto:Mackay.Cheryl@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, January 13, 2015 1:11 PM
To: Haberman, Caitlin
Subject: HEC contact list

Hi Caitlin,

Happy new year! Hope you're doing well. I'm updating our email contact list for the new Congress. Would you happen to have a list of email addresses for the environmental/CAA LAs for HEC Dems? I think I got one from you 2 years ago and it was super-helpful.

Thanks!

Cheryl

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WELCH	Mark Fowler	Mark Fowler
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LOEBSACK	Mitch Adams	Mitch Adams
SCHRADER	Chris Huckleberry	Chris Huckleberry
KENNEDY	Eric Fins	Eric Fins
CARDENAS	Miguel Franco	Miguel Franco

To: Colip, Matthew[colip.matthew@epa.gov]; Snyder, Raquel[Snyder.Raquel@epa.gov]
From: Killius, Anna
Sent: Thur 5/28/2015 5:17:11 PM
Subject: RE: EPA to Announce $54.3 Million to Assess and Clean Up Contaminated Sites and Revitalize Communities, Leverage Jobs and Promote Economic Redevelopment Nationwide

Having the application is helpful. Can't say I know exactly what counts as Central West Baltimore, either, but I'll take further questions to the project director. Many thanks!

-Anna

From: Colip, Matthew [mailto:colip.matthew@epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2015 1:07 PM
To: Killius, Anna; Snyder, Raquel
Subject: RE: EPA to Announce $54.3 Million to Assess and Clean Up Contaminated Sites and Revitalize Communities, Leverage Jobs and Promote Economic Redevelopment Nationwide

Hi Anna,

We don't know what specific sites will be part of the Baltimore's grant yet. Baltimore has to complete their selection process first. The site selection section of their proposal is below. I'm not sure if the Ridgley Cove area would be considered Central West Baltimore or not. If I hear any more specifics about sites as the process moves forward, I'll let you know. Grantees have three years to exhaust their funds. Baltimore's timing for their grant process from the proposal is below as well. If you'd like to contact the Project Director in Baltimore directly, her information is below.

Project Director, Abby Cocke, Baltimore Office of Sustainability within the City's Department of Planning.

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ii. Project Timing

Once funding is announced, the City of Baltimore will release a job description for a half-time Project Coordinator to oversee the development of the project. This individual will be hired as soon as funding is released in fall 2015. The Project Coordinator will simultaneously begin 1) convening partners, stakeholders, and residents to generate ideas for sites, and 2) vetting contractors for site assessment work, working closely with our partner Civic Works to ensure that locally-based workers are included in the hiring process. By Spring 2016, we will begin accepting applications for sites, and will have one or more contractors on board. By the end of Summer 2016, we will close the application process, and site assessments will begin in Fall 2016. Funding for the Project Coordinator will end at this time and Baltimore Office of Sustainability staff will manage the process for the remainder of the period of the grant.

Phase I site assessments will be completed in Winter 2016. In Spring 2017, we will reconvene our partners and applicants to review the findings of the Phase I assessments. We have earmarked funds for six Phase II site assessments. At this time, if more Phase II site assessments are needed, the original site selection panel will decide which sites will receive Phase II assessments under the grant. For those not chosen, we will seek additional funding so that they can also receive Phase II assessments. If fewer than six sites need Phase II assessments, we will re-release the call for applications for Phase I assessments. Either way, all or most of the Phase II assessments to be completed under this grant will begin at this time, and will be completed by the end of Summer 2017. If fewer sites than expected need Phase II assessments, new sites for Phase I assessments will be chosen by the end of Summer 2017, and those assessments will be completed in fall 2017. If funds remain to conduct any Phase II site assessments on those sites, that work will occur in Winter 2017. All funds will be expended by Spring 2018, and a report will be submitted to the EPA by summer 2018.

iii. Site selection

Proposals for sites to be assessed will be solicited from community-based organizations in Central East and Central West Baltimore, including neighborhood associations, faith-based organizations, and other local non-profits that work on a grassroots level. With assistance from our partners, the City of Baltimore will convene potential applicants and neighborhood residents, explain the process and goals of the program, and work with

applicants to help them envision future uses for brownfields in their communities. We will then accept applications for sites, in which applicants will be asked to describe what the green reuse of the site would be once assessment and remediation are complete.

Thanks - Matt

From: Killius, Anna [mailto:Anna.Killius@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2015 3:55 PM
To: Snyder, Raquel
Cc: Colip, Matthew
Subject: RE: EPA to Announce $54.3 Million to Assess and Clean Up Contaminated Sites and Revitalize Communities, Leverage Jobs and Promote Economic Redevelopment Nationwide

Great, Matt was going to be my next contact too. Thanks to you both!

-Anna

From: Snyder, Raquel [mailto:Snyder.Raquel@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2015 3:54 PM
To: Killius, Anna
Cc: Colip, Matthew
Subject: RE: EPA to Announce $54.3 Million to Assess and Clean Up Contaminated Sites and Revitalize Communities, Leverage Jobs and Promote Economic Redevelopment Nationwide

Hi Anna,

I just checked the information I have and it does not specify, so I'm ccing our Region 3 Congressional Liaison, Matt Colip, to see if he can help.

Many thanks,

Raquel Snyder

Congressional Liaison

U.S. EPA/Office of Congressional Affairs

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From: Killius, Anna [mailto:Anna.Killius@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2015 3:47 PM
To: Snyder, Raquel
Subject: RE: EPA to Announce $54.3 Million to Assess and Clean Up Contaminated Sites and Revitalize Communities, Leverage Jobs and Promote Economic Redevelopment Nationwide

Hi Raquel,

Any chance I can get more clarification on the Maryland grant for Baltimore? Would this include sites related to the Ridgley's Cove in the Middle Branch area of Baltimore Harbor? (I understand this is embargoed until tomorrow, so any information you can share would not go beyond our office.)

Thanks,

Anna

Anna Killius | *Legislative Assistant*

Congressman John P. Sarbanes, MD-03

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202-225-4016

From: Snyder, Raquel [mailto:Snyder.Raquel@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2015 12:00 PM
Subject: EPA to Announce $54.3 Million to Assess and Clean Up Contaminated Sites and Revitalize Communities, Leverage Jobs and Promote Economic Redevelopment Nationwide

EMBARGOED UNTIL 10:00 AM ET THURSDAY MAY 28, 2015

NEWS FOR RELEASE - The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will announce the selection of 243 new grant investments totaling $54.3 million to 147 communities across the U.S. This investment will provide communities with funding necessary to assess, clean and redevelop contaminated properties, boost local economies and leverage jobs while protecting public health and the environment. Recipients will each receive approximately $200,000 - $600,000 in funding toward EPA cooperative agreements.

These community leaders - represented by local governments, states, tribes, quasi-governmental organizations, and non-profit entities - have demonstrated strong partnerships and plan to leverage these grants with other public-private investments. The success of local community leaders in utilizing EPA's Brownfield grants is their use of these critical early resources. They use an inclusive process to catalyze the redevelopment of vacant formerly used manufacturing and commercial sites for broader revitalization in their downtowns. This results in a transformed economy and environment while addressing poverty and economic distress.

Among those communities selected for funding, more than thirty percent have been affected by plant closures, forty percent by significant economic disruptions, and forty-

two percent by adverse natural disasters. The City of Palatka, Florida for example, was declared an emergency area following the devastation of two tropical storms, and has also suffered economically from the closing of Georgia-Pacific paper towel manufacturing line and the lay-off of 130 employees from the regional water management company. Being selected for a $400,000 assessment grant will allow this small town of just over 10,000 residents to support their downtown and riverfront redevelopment plans and help restore the local economy.

Communities selected this year demonstrate a high-level of preparedness to undertake specific projects as they have firm commitments of leveraged funds to move projects forward. An impressive forty-five percent of the recipients have secured public and private resources which directly align and further the efforts of proposed projects. San Antonio, Texas, selected for a $400,000 assessment grant, will focus on three priority areas to restore urban waterways, attract commercial development, construct new multifamily housing, and sustainably reuse existing buildings. By creatively combining available resources, the city secured more than $470 million to advance community goals which will help ensure success of revitalizing the priority areas.

EPA continues help new communities to address Brownfields sites plaguing their neighborhoods. First-time recipient Columbus, Indiana plans to use a $400,000 assessment grant award to perform assessments that align with and promote the city's strategic plan to expand residential and educational opportunities for its residents, enhance greenspace and boost the economy with new retail stores and services.

EPA's grant awards support both urban and rural communities in their efforts to address their brownfields concerns. More than fifty-five percent of the communities selected are cities and towns with populations of 100,000 or less, of which forty-four percent are very small rural communities with populations of 10,000 or less. The Lower Brule Sioux Tribe in South Dakota, population 1,664, will use its $200,000 cleanup grant to remove contamination from the Former Housing Authority Building located in the middle of town and directly adjacent to an elementary school. Addressing contamination of the deteriorating building will enhance the environmental and public welfare of the resident and provide other direct community benefits by allowing the tribe to relocate their local Boys & Girls Club.

Approximately $17 million of the assessment and cleanup funding will go to applicants who are also Brownfields Area-Wide Planning grant recipients and HUD-DOT-EPA partnership communities. This funding will help communities clean up and reuse brownfield sites to produce community assets such as housing, recreation and open space, health facilities, create employment, education, social services, transportation options, infrastructure and commerce

opportunities. For example, the Camden Redevelopment Agency in New Jersey will receive three $200,000 cleanup grant awards, and a $200,000 assess grant which will lead to the redevelopment a 3.6-acre mercury and lead contaminated Camden Laboratories site into mixed residential and commercial use. Clark County in Nevada will receive a $500,000 assessment coalition grant award to address the Maryland Parkway High Capacity Corridor in the heart of the Las Vegas' urban core. As the region's first multi-modal corridor, over the next 20 years, the development will generate much needed jobs and will spur additional development and investments in the area.

Since the inception of the EPA's Brownfields Program in 1995, cumulative brownfield program investments have leveraged more than $22 billion from a variety of public and private sources for cleanup and redevelopment activities. This equates to an average of $17.79 leveraged per EPA brownfield dollar expended. These investments have resulted in approximately 105,942 jobs nationwide. EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields sites.

More information on EPA's brownfields program: http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/

More information on brownfields success stories: http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/success/index.htm

Many thanks,

Raquel Snyder

Congressional Liaison

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Among those communities selected for funding, more than thirty percent have been affected by plant closures, forty percent by significant economic disruptions, and forty-two percent by adverse natural disasters. The City of Palatka, Florida for example, was declared an emergency area following the devastation of two tropical storms, and has also suffered economically from the closing of Georgia-Pacific paper towel manufacturing line and the lay-off of 130 employees from the regional water management company. Being selected for a $400,000 assessment grant will allow this small town of just over 10,000 residents to support their downtown and riverfront redevelopment plans and help restore the local economy.

Communities selected this year demonstrate a high-level of preparedness to undertake specific projects as they have firm commitments of leveraged funds to move projects forward. An impressive forty-five percent of the recipients have secured public and private resources which directly align and further the efforts of proposed projects. San Antonio, Texas, selected for a $400,000 assessment grant, will focus on three priority areas to restore urban waterways, attract commercial development, construct new multifamily housing, and sustainably reuse existing buildings. By creatively combining available resources, the city secured more than $470 million to advance community goals which will help ensure success of revitalizing the priority areas.

EPA continues help new communities to address Brownfields sites plaguing their neighborhoods. First-time recipient Columbus, Indiana plans to use a $400,000 assessment grant award to perform assessments that align with and promote the city's strategic plan to expand residential and educational opportunities for its residents, enhance greenspace and boost the economy with new retail stores and services.

EPA's grant awards support both urban and rural communities in their efforts to address their brownfields concerns. More than fifty-five percent of the communities selected are cities and towns with populations of 100,000 or less, of which forty-four percent are very small rural communities with populations of 10,000 or less. The Lower Brule Sioux Tribe in South Dakota, population 1,664, will use its $200,000 cleanup grant to remove contamination from the Former Housing Authority Building located in the middle of town and directly adjacent to an elementary school. Addressing contamination of the deteriorating building will enhance the environmental and public welfare of the resident and provide other direct community benefits by allowing the tribe to relocate their local Boys & Girls Club.

Approximately $17 million of the assessment and cleanup funding will go to applicants who are also Brownfields Area-Wide Planning grant recipients and HUD-DOT-EPA partnership communities. This funding will help communities clean up and reuse brownfield sites to produce community assets such as housing, recreation and open space, health facilities, create employment, education, social services, transportation options, infrastructure and commerce opportunities. For example, the Camden Redevelopment Agency in New Jersey will receive three $200,000 cleanup grant awards, and a $200,000 assess grant which will lead to the redevelopment a 3.6-acre mercury and lead contaminated Camden Laboratories site into mixed residential and commercial use. Clark County in Nevada will receive a $500,000 assessment coalition grant award to address the Maryland Parkway High Capacity Corridor in the heart of the Las Vegas' urban core. As the region's first multi-modal corridor, over the next 20 years, the development will generate much needed jobs and will spur additional development and investments in the area.

Since the inception of the EPA's Brownfields Program in 1995, cumulative brownfield program investments have leveraged more than $22 billion from a variety of public and private sources for cleanup and redevelopment activities. This equates to an average of $17.79 leveraged per EPA brownfield dollar expended. These investments have resulted in approximately 105,942 jobs nationwide. EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields sites.

More information on EPA's brownfields program: http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/

More information on brownfields success stories: http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/success/index.htm

Many thanks,

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Subj: Discuss Outdoor/Environmental Education and Storm Water Management Efforts.

To: Allen, Kara[Kara.Allen@mail.house.gov]
From: Allen, Kara
Sent: Mon 7/15/2013 3:06:32 PM
Subject: News from SEEC: Coalition to President on Climate Change: "The Time to Act is Now"

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Press Contact: Kara Allen (SEEC), (202) 226-5034

House Members to President: "The Time to Act is Now and We Applaud Your Leadership"

WASHINGTON, D.C.—On Friday, 44 members of the House Sustainable Energy and Environment Coalition (SEEC) sent a letter to President Obama commending him for his leadership on climate change, exhibited through his recently announced Climate Action Plan. The letter notes components of the President's plan for which SEEC Members have advocated and affirms the Coalition's commitment to addressing climate change.

"I am proud to join my SEEC colleagues in support of the President's reasonable action plan to address climate change," said SEEC Co-Chair Rep. **Paul Tonko** (NY). *"There is so much to be gained from a serious and sustained investment in clean energy and energy efficiency, it is senseless to continue to stand on the sidelines. It is my hope that House Leadership will recognize that the threat of climate change is one that is already here, and will work with us to enact the President's commonsense proposals."*

SEEC Co-Chair Rep. **Steve Israel** (NY) said: *"I'm pleased to join my SEEC colleagues in thanking President Obama for his leadership on climate change. SEEC members understand the unique challenges facing us as we tackle climate change, and we're fortunate to have a President who is taking an important step forward on this issue."*

"I commend President Obama for his leadership in outlining a comprehensive plan to reduce carbon pollution and mitigate the threats of global climate change," said SEEC Vice-Chair Rep. **Rush Holt** (NJ). *"The crisis in not waning. President Obama should do all he can administratively while Congress fiddles. We have to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels."*

"Climate change left unaddressed will continue to bring devastating consequences to our communities," said SEEC Vice-Chair Rep. **Doris Matsui** (CA). *"I commend President Obama for taking meaningful steps to address our country's carbon pollution and to mitigate the dangerous effects it has on our environment and public health. Congress should follow the President's lead and enact responsible climate policies that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, invest in clean energy technology, and create jobs."*

"Addressing changing climate and preparing for extreme weather should continue to be a

national priority," said Climate Task Force Chair Rep. **Scott Peters** (CA). *"We must start working toward environmental sustainability now, including reducing the impact of harmful super pollutants. I look forward to working with the administration to find innovative approaches to improving our air and water."*

"I commend President Obama for addressing global climate change and putting a plan in motion that would help our environment long after he has left office," said SEEC Energy Task Force Chair Congressman **Jim Langevin** (RI). *"After years of scientists and environmentalists warning us that climate change posed a very real threat, we are feeling the effects. We are experiencing more frequent and intense storms, global temperature increase and rising sea levels, among other things, and it is time that we took a stand. Thank you, President Obama, for leading the charge."*

SEEC Member Rep. **Henry Waxman** (CA) said: *"The President is absolutely right to act now. Climate change is one of the great moral issues of our time, and we have a duty to our children and grandchildren to be responsible stewards of the earth. The President is listening to the science and acting responsibly to protect the nation from the dangers of runaway carbon pollution."*

"The American people are seeing the effects of climate change and expect their government to act," said SEEC Member Congressman **Earl Blumenauer** (OR). *"President Obama's address on climate change brought welcome focus to the issue, outlining some concrete steps to be taken. We need immediate action to combat many of the immediate dangers facing our planet, and we need to implement, not just outline, sound policies that will lower carbon emissions and protect and preserve the valuable resources that we have."*

SEEC Member Rep. **Barbara Lee** (CA) said, *"I applaud the President for his Climate Action Plan. It is far past time to address this crisis. For communities of color, who have shouldered a disproportionate burden of the effects of climate change, it is essential that we tackle this problem together; low-income communities face higher occurrences of chronic diseases like asthma and are more vulnerable to natural disasters. For so many African Americans and communities of color, the impact of climate change is a real and present danger—they bear the brunt of the effects of pollution, toxic dump sites, and greenhouse gas emissions, leading to higher rates of asthma and a greater vulnerability to natural disasters. It's far past time for us to address this, together."*

"President Obama understands that we must address critical environmental issues that, if left untouched, will cause irreparable harm for future generations," said SEEC Member Congresswoman **Niki Tsongas** (MA). *"Focusing on clean energy and innovation can not only protect the world we live in, but boost job growth and help strengthen the economy. The White House can't make these changes alone, and it is time for Congress to follow the President's lead and take strong action, harness modern technology and find creative solutions to protect our environment. As a founding member of the Sustainable Energy and Environment Coalition and member of the House Natural Resources Committee, I urge my colleagues and House Leadership to make this issue a priority."*

"President Obama's plan is a step in the right direction and I am encouraged that the E.P.A. is moving quickly on meaningful standards for power plants. Strong power plant standards are an imperative if we're going to avert the worst impacts of climate change," SEEC Member Congressman **Jared Huffman** (CA) said. *"Fighting climate change is the biggest imperative of our time. The stakes are high, and ignoring it will not make the problem go away."*

"I applaud the President for acting on the news that the GAO stated earlier this year," said SEEC Member Rep. **Matt Cartwright** (PA). *"The threats climate change poses to our nation's infrastructure, national security, and agricultural sector are some of the most pressing risks to the nation. In the coming months I intend to release a comprehensive climate adaptation bill that will address the need to protect our nation's assets and citizens from the devastation that is inevitable if we do not slow, stop, and reverse climate pollution."*

"I applaud the President for taking urgently needed action to address climate change," SEEC Member Rep. **David Price** (NC) said. *"Protecting the air we breathe, the water we drink and the land we depend on for the food we eat, should be a non-partisan issue. SEEC members will continue to work with the President to protect our environment for future generations."*

SEEC Member Rep. **Lois Capps** (CA) said: *"From stronger storms, to sea level rise, to changes in fresh water supply, climate change is not only taking a toll on our environment and infrastructure, but is threatening public health as well. I commend the President for taking this important step forward, and I hope the House Majority will follow his example and take action soon to address this critical issue."*

Letter signers include: SEEC Co-Chairs Reps. Gerald Connolly (VA), Paul Tonko (NY), and Steve Israel (NY); SEEC Vice-Chairs Reps. Rush Holt (NJ), Chellie Pingree (ME), Doris Matsui (CA), and Jared Polis (CO); SEEC Climate Task Force Chair Rep. Scott Peters (CA); SEEC Energy Task Force Chair Rep. Jim Langevin (RI); SEEC Environment Task Force Chair Rep. Judy Chu (CA); SEEC Members Reps. Jackie Speier (CA), Donna Christensen (VI), John Delaney (MD), Barbara Lee (CA), Jared Huffman (CA), Chris Van Hollen (MD), George Miller (CA), Lois Capps (CA), Niki Tsongas (MA), Brad Schneider (IL), Henry Waxman (CA), Jim Moran (VA), Mike Honda (CA), Peter Welch (VT), Donna Edwards (MD), Matt Cartwright (PA), Emanuel Cleaver (MO), Bill Keating (MA), John Garamendi (CA), Raul Grijalva (AZ), John Sarbanes (MD), Mike Quigley (IL), Lloyd Doggett (TX), Jan Schakowsky (IL), Susan Davis (CA), Louise Slaughter (NY), Steve Cohen (TN), Earl Blumenauer (OR), Jim McDermott (WA), Zoe Lofgren (CA), John Larson (CT), David Price (NC), Jim McGovern (MA), and Keith Ellison (MN).

The full text of the letter is below:

July 12, 2013

President Barack Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20220

Dear Mr. President:

As members of the House Sustainable Energy and Environment Coalition (SEEC), we commend you for your leadership to address our changing climate through your recently unveiled Climate Action Plan. The effects of climate change are starting to take hold and our constituents are feeling the impacts, either through personal experience or through their wallet as they pay for damages. To protect Americans now and in the future, we must take action to address this challenge. Your proposed plan provides reasonable steps that will enable us to do that.

This multi-pronged effort builds on successful initiatives advocated for and supported by SEEC Members. In December of last year, we encouraged then Secretary Salazar to continue his work to develop renewable energy on public lands. Our members have introduced proposals for federal buildings to receive 20 percent of their power from renewable energy sources by 2020. We applauded your Administration's work to increase vehicle fuel efficiency, which helps our constituents save money at the pump. Earlier this year, SEEC spearheaded an effort among our House colleagues to call on the Department of Housing and Urban Development, as a leader of the Hurricane Sandy Rebuilding Task Force, to issue guidance for the installation of combined heat and power (CHP) systems. As you know, CHP allowed many facilities, including hospitals, to maintain power during events such as hurricanes Katrina and Sandy. We are pleased to see these ideas adopted in your plan.

Members of our Coalition have and will continue to support safeguards that protect public health by reducing toxins that pollute our air and water. Your proposal would apply similar safeguards to carbon pollution, through a measured approach that engages states and interested parties from across the spectrum. This type of engagement is critical to getting in place achievable protections that will withstand challenge.

Be assured that SEEC Members will continue to fight for policies in Congress that will address climate change. The time to act is now and we applaud your leadership.

Sincerely,

Members of the House Sustainable Energy and Environment Coalition

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http://seec-israel.house.gov/press-release/seec-president-%E2%80%9C-time-act-now-and-we-applaud-your-leadership%E2%80%9D

SEEC is a coalition of fifty-one Democratic members of the U.S. House of Representatives that was founded in January 2009 to be a focused, active, and effective coalition for advancing "policies that promote clean energy technology innovation and domestic manufacturing, develop renewable energy resources, and create green collar jobs throughout the product supply-chain, and polices to help arrest global warming and protect our nation's clean air, water and natural environment." SEEC is co-chaired by Reps. Steve Israel (D-NY), Paul Tonko (D-NY), and

Gerald Connolly (D-VA). SEEC vice chairs are Reps. Rush Holt (D-NJ), Chellie Pingree (D-ME), Jared Polis (D-CO), and Doris Matsui (D-CA)

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From: Rackens, Chris
Sent: Wed 8/5/2015 6:59:42 PM
Subject: RE: News from SEEC: SEEC Member Statements on the Clean Power Plan

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Great. I'll send a notice to staff as soon as I speak with you. We will be meeting in 2456 Rayburn.

What is Joe's title and contact info? So I can include it in the meeting details.

Feel free to give me a call when you can, I'm at my desk until 4:30, and I got my VM fixed (thanks for the earlier message).

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From: Bailey, KevinJ [mailto:Bailey.KevinJ@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2015 2:53 PM
To: Rackens, Chris; Vaught, Laura
Cc: Haman, Patricia; Distefano, Nichole; Asher, Jonathan
Subject: RE: News from SEEC: SEEC Member Statements on the Clean Power Plan

No worries at all...

It looks like 2pm works on this end. Joe Goffman will do the briefing. I'll call shortly for the logistical details.

Kevin J. Bailey

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From: Rackens, Chris [mailto:Chris.Rackens@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2015 10:16 AM
To: Bailey, KevinJ; Vaught, Laura
Cc: Haman, Patricia; Distefano, Nichole; Asher, Jonathan
Subject: RE: News from SEEC: SEEC Member Statements on the Clean Power Plan

Great thanks.

They recently transitioned our voicemail system and for some reason I am locked out from checking messages this morning. Sorry about that, and thanks again.

From: Bailey, KevinJ [mailto:Bailey.KevinJ@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2015 10:14 AM
To: Rackens, Chris; Vaught, Laura
Cc: Haman, Patricia; Distefano, Nichole; Asher, Jonathan
Subject: RE: News from SEEC: SEEC Member Statements on the Clean Power Plan

Yep, I left you a vm yesterday afternoon saying that we're coordinating schedules to make this happen. We have some folks out Friday so just trying to identify the folks who would be available. I'll follow up as soon as I have more, should be later today.

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Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2015 10:12 AM
To: Bailey, KevinJ; Vaught, Laura
Cc: Haman, Patricia; Distefano, Nichole; Asher, Jonathan
Subject: RE: News from SEEC: SEEC Member Statements on the Clean Power Plan

Hey Kevin,

Just wanted to check back in to see if we could get this set up.

Thanks,

~Chris

From: Bailey, KevinJ [mailto:Bailey.KevinJ@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, August 04, 2015 12:59 PM
To: Vaught, Laura
Cc: Rackens, Chris; Haman, Patricia; Distefano, Nichole; Asher, Jonathan
Subject: Re: News from SEEC: SEEC Member Statements on the Clean Power Plan

Hey Chris,

I'll be in touch shortly to discuss getting this set up.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 4, 2015, at 12:52 PM, Vaught, Laura <Vaught.Laura@epa.gov> wrote:

Sure – we're happy to set something up. Looping in some others over here to help make that happen and for awareness.

From: Rackens, Chris [mailto:Chris.Rackens@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, August 04, 2015 12:29 PM
To: Vaught, Laura
Subject: RE: News from SEEC: SEEC Member Statements on the Clean Power Plan

Of course. A lot of enthusiasm for CPP, and I will continue to add any late member statements to our website on the webpage that is linked at the bottom of the release.

I know that EPA has been doing several briefings this week, one on the Senate side today, and one here in the House late yesterday.

I'd like to ask if EPA might be willing to do a similar briefing for staff on Friday, at either 11am or 2pm, which is when we have our weekly SEEC staff meeting.

Let me know, or if I should connect with someone else could you put me in touch?

Thanks.

~Chris

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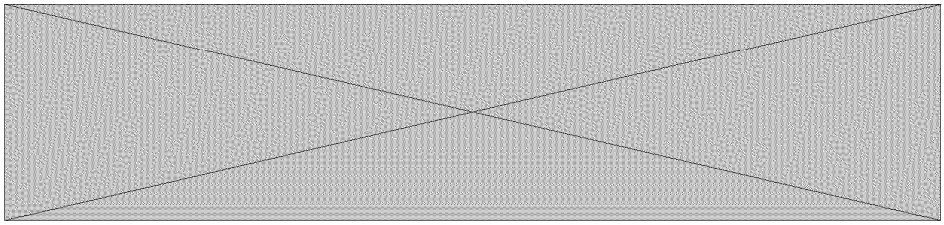
From: Vaught, Laura [mailto:Vaught.Laura@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, August 04, 2015 11:47 AM
To: Rackens, Chris
Subject: RE: News from SEEC: SEEC Member Statements on the Clean Power Plan

Thanks Chris!

From: Rackens, Chris [mailto:Chris.Rackens@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, August 04, 2015 11:28 AM
To: Rackens, Chris
Subject: News from SEEC: SEEC Member Statements on the Clean Power Plan



For Immediate Release: August 4, 2015

Press Contact: Chris Rackens (SEEC), 202-226-5034

SEEC Member Statements on the Clean Power Plan

Washington, D.C.–Yesterday, Surgeon General, Dr. Vivek Murthy, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Gina McCarthy, and President Obama announced the final version of the Clean Power Plan, which will place the first ever limits on carbon pollution from power plants. SEEC Members released the following statements:

SEEC Co-Chair Doris Matsui (CA-06): "I applaud the release of President Obama's Clean Power Plan. California has already taken aggressive action to reduce emissions and the EPA's plan will put our country at the forefront of global efforts to combat climate change," said Congresswoman Matsui. "I am also pleased that the plan incentivizes investment in clean energy. Sacramento continues to lead the nation in clean energy innovation and energy efficiency.

"Californians have seen firsthand the severe impact of climate change. As cycles of extended drought and extreme weather events become more frequent, we must act to protect the health of our communities and economy."

SEEC Co-Chair Gerry Connolly (VA-11): "Climate change poses a real and growing threat to our children, our families, our national security, and our economy. We cannot afford to wait to act on climate change.

"The Clean Power Plan lays the foundation for America's energy future. We have an opportunity and the ability to make our economy and our communities stronger by investing in proven clean energy technologies to improve efficiency and reliability.

"This balanced approach will reduce power-sector carbon pollution 32 percent from 2005 levels in 2030, and provides states greater flexibility and renewable energy incentives to meet these attainable goals. This plan will save the average American family about $85 annually on their energy bill by 2030, and have important public health benefits, including an 88% decline in premature death.

"I applaud the President and the EPA for their leadership on the Clean Power Plan, and look forward to working with state and local partners in supporting and implementing this important effort."

SEEC Co-Chair Paul Tonko (NY-20): "I applaud the President for this historic movement to strengthen public health, invest in clean and renewable energy, and present a tremendous opportunity for businesses to innovate and further develop our green-collar economy. This is a big win for every state, most of all New York, which has been a national leader in this arena for more than a decade through RGGI. New Yorkers know firsthand what others will soon see – that this Clean Power Plan will bring improvements to our health, the economy, and our nation as a whole."

SEEC Vice-Chair Chellie Pingree (ME-01): "I applaud President Obama for taking bold action to address climate change. Maine communities are already dealing with the effects of climate change and carbon emissions, including rising sea levels, more extreme weather, and ocean acidification. By reducing these emissions at their greatest source—power plants—we can not only head off future impacts and protect public health, but drive toward utilizing clean energy sources. With sources like offshore wind and tidal power already being developed in Maine, it would be a huge opportunity for the state's economy and workforce."

SEEC Vice-Chair Matt Cartwright (PA-17): "The Clean Power Plan sets a clear path towards America's energy future, a plan that will protect public health, invest in clean, renewable energy development, boost energy efficiency measures, and lower electric bills in the long run.

"The plan strengthens our economy and communities in large part through an emphasis on energy efficiency. This year I have introduced three pieces of legislation which address energy efficiency within our schools, non-profit organizations, and manufacturing. I remain committed to promoting energy efficiency and will continue to fight in support of this initiative."

SEEC Climate Task Force Chair Scott Peters (CA-52): "The United States must lead the world in fighting for a cleaner energy future. Reducing emissions from power plants – by far the largest emitters of harmful pollutants in our country – is a significant action. I want to thank President Obama and EPA Secretary Gina McCarthy for their steadfast leadership both on this plan and a host of other changes to help fight the root causes of climate change.

"California is already leading the way in aggressive targets for climate action and reduced emissions, which is leading to improved air quality and human health benefits across our state. The EPA's rule today not only rewards states for being ahead of the curve, but provides flexible pathways for other states to move toward a more sustainable energy portfolio. By working with states, localities, and energy utility companies, the EPA is encouraging investments in innovation through higher national standards and a long-term vision for sustainable energy production that doesn't raise utility rates for consumers.

"Continued work to reduce emissions in other sectors is essential as we work to fight climate change and mitigate potential damage – including drought, wildfires, extreme weather, and sea level rise – but today's rule is a positive step forward in our international leadership, particularly as we look toward the global climate talks in Paris later this year."

SEEC Energy Task Force Chair Jim Langevin (RI-02): "In Rhode Island and nationwide, we have seen the disastrous effects of climate change on infrastructure, on our economy and on public health. A national standard to limit carbon pollution is long overdue, and this plan is a major step forward in putting our country on a path to a cleaner, healthier future."

SEEC Environment Task Force Chair Judy Chu (CA-27): "I applaud the President for using his authority under the Clean Air Act to take such serious actions to curb our carbon emissions. The effects of climate change are being felt across the country, ranging from an increase in extreme weather and to an increase in the number of Americans diagnosed with asthma than ever before. By embracing innovations in clean energy and setting restrictions to limit carbon pollution, the Clean Power Plan will not only slow the rate of climate change, but will also contribute to our economy and improve our health. Of course, preventing the dangers of climate change requires a global effort. As world powers prepare to meet in Paris for the United Nations led talks on cutting emissions, this plan shows our country's commitment and leadership."

SEEC Member Niki Tsongas (MA-03): "Climate change is no longer an academic question for scientists to ponder. It is a very real crisis that, if left untouched, will cause irreparable harm to current and future generations. I applaud President Obama for his leadership in putting forward this historic proposal to protect public health and future generations from the impacts of climate change.

"America must be at the forefront and lead by example. We must embrace modern policies that aim to, among other things, cut carbon emissions, increase the use and effectiveness of sustainable energy, reduce our dependence on foreign oil and fossil fuels, and encourage the development of innovative green technology. If we do, the economic, security and environmental benefits will be widespread, long-lasting and significant.

"Addressing climate change is not a political issue; it is a critical generational responsibility that will take a sustained commitment from Washington, from foreign governments and world leaders and from each of us here at home."

SEEC Member Ted Lieu (CA-33): "I am proud of my country and my president today as we embark on our most aggressive action thus far to fight climate change. The Clean Power Plan is a major step forward, and America is showing once again that we can lead the world by powerfully curbing emissions, protecting public health and the environment, and defending national security interests.

"One of the main reasons I ran for Congress is to combat climate change. And now, for the first time in our nation's history, carbon pollution is finally regulated.

"On this historic day, I look forward to working with President Obama and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to ensure that the plan is strongly implemented."

SEEC Member Raúl M. Grijalva (AZ-03): "A team of dead-ender Republicans have made a career of playing dumb on climate change and can't stop now. Everyone else understands how important this is. I agree with the people I represent that we shouldn't sell our children's future for a few more years of oil and coal profits, and I applaud the president for taking that public demand seriously. I especially thank him for facing down an obstructionist Republican majority that history will look back on with anger and disappointment."

SEEC Member Mike Quigley (IL-05): "Today, with the release of the final EPA Clean Power Plan, our country has taken a historic step to address the biggest environmental and public health challenge of our time. The Clean Power Plan is placing the first ever limits on carbon pollution from power plants, which will dramatically curtail greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 from 2005 levels. The rule sets ambitious carbon emissions reductions standards for each state, while giving them flexibility to meet their goals as well as an incentives program to provide federal funds to help them develop more clean energy. I applaud the President for his leadership on this issue and am grateful he has taken action in an area where Congress has refused to act. Thanks to the President and his Administration, we now have a plan that will accelerate our clean energy economy and create greater environmental and health protections for our children and future generations."

SEEC Member John Sarbanes (MD-03): "Day in and day out, local communities

across America are feeling the impacts of climate change. The City of Annapolis expects nearly 50 flooding events every year, up from an average of 4 annual flooding events just 50 years prior. And according to a new report by the Union of Concerned Scientists, the city should expect flooding events to occur every single day of the year by 2045.

"Climate change is the challenge of our generation, but for too long, a political cloud of denial has blocked meaningful efforts to take action. Before it's too late, the political consensus must catch up with the scientific consensus. That's why I strongly support the president's Clean Power Plan – a monumental and serious step toward a more healthy and sustainable future."

SEEC Member Donna Edwards (MD-04): "The Clean Power Plan is the most ambitious step the United States has ever taken in the global effort to tackle the threat of climate change," Edwards said. "It sets landmark clean air standards and gives states the opportunity to craft individual plans customized to their needs. Climate change is a matter not just of national significance, but global significance as well. With 2015 on track to be the hottest year on record for planet Earth, we owe it to our economy, our environment, and the health of future generations to tackle this growing danger.

"The Administration's Clean Power Plan outlines how all fifty states can work together to combat the danger posed by the effects of climate change. I urge state leaders nationwide to seize this opportunity to create innovative new jobs and protect public health. Maryland, as well as other states participating in carbon reduction programs like the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI), has already reduced household energy bills, bolstered state energy independence, and created new jobs in expanding industries. It's time for us to act as a nation. The Clean Power Plan is a tremendous step to boost American innovation and move us toward a clean energy future."

SEEC Member Earl Blumenauer (OR-03): "Finalizing the Clean Power Plan is a key moment for our country. It is the most important action we have taken to date to combat climate change, and I commend the Obama Administration for setting a bold, but achievable goal for states in curbing their emissions from power plants.

"If you accept modern science, you cannot deny that human carbon emissions are contributing to climate change. If you fight wildfires, farm, run a ski resort, or live in a low-lying coastal area, you are already living with the impacts of this climate change on a daily basis.

"As a major contributor to these changes, the United States has an obligation to set an example and act now to prevent the worst impacts to the vulnerable populations who will suffer the most and contributed the least to climate change. We must act for the fellow creatures that share our planet and for future generations.

"The Clean Power Plan is a monumental step toward this goal. While it is only a first step, I commend this progress and look forward to working with the Administration and with my colleagues in Congress to support and strengthen this rule nationally, and with Oregonians to ensure we meet and exceed these goals here at home."

SEEC Member Chris Van Hollen (MD-08): "Today's final Clean Power Plan is a historic milestone in the urgent battle to combat climate change. It will limit dangerous carbon pollution from power plants for the first time ever and provide an economic opportunity for every state to invest in renewable energy and energy efficiency. Maryland has been a leader in cutting greenhouse gas emissions, and now we have a national blueprint to better protect public health while creating good-paying jobs in new energy technologies.

"With 2014 recently eclipsing 2010 as the hottest year on record, continuing a dangerous trend that threatens Maryland communities and the Chesapeake Bay, we have an obligation to act now to curb the most damaging impacts of climate change and leave a better world for future generations. I applaud President Obama for this important step and call on my colleagues in Congress to pass meaningful legislation to continue this effort, like my Healthy Climate and Family Security Act."

SEEC Member Don Beyer (VA-08): "Climate change is the existential crisis of our time. President Obama's Clean Power Plan will combat this threat to our health, safety, and security of the generations who will inherit our environmental legacy. Millions of American families depend on us to take the necessary steps to clean up our air and water. The Clean Power Plan is a smart and effective first step to limit carbon emissions from power plants, drive our transition to a zero-carbon renewable energy future, and make aggressive investments in clean energy technologies."

SEEC Member John Delaney (MD-06): "Climate change is one of the defining challenges of our time, threatening our health, our economy and our national security and it is time to act. I applaud the White House for taking the first steps towards limiting carbon emissions. But climate change is a big problem that goes beyond just power plants and will require a bigger solution, which is why I've always supported a carbon tax, an approach that can harness market forces to encourage innovation and help working families and those directly impacted by new technologies. I am also pleased that states will have the option to implement a state-based carbon tax, a change I called for last year. As the Pope made clear, we have a moral obligation to leave a healthy planet to future generations and I will continue to work to build support for my Tax Pollution, Not Profits Act in Congress."

SEEC Member Lois Capps (CA-24): "The Clean Power Plan is a major step forward in our nation's effort to combat climate change and I strongly support it. "These new rules will help ensure that future generations have safer air to breathe and a healthier planet to enjoy, while supporting the green tech efforts that call the

Central Coast home. I commend the Obama Administration for its steadfast commitment to addressing climate change for the health of our nation and our economy."

SEEC Member Mark Pocan (WI-02): "I believe climate change represents one of the greatest threats to our national security, economic livelihood and the health of our planet. This historic plan renews our commitment to being good stewards of our environment and shows the United States is willing to be an international leader in combating global climate change."

SEEC Member Jim Himes (CT-04): "Today, we're taking our biggest step ever to reduce our carbon footprint and tackle the threat that climate change poses to our health, security and environment. I stand in support of the Clean Power Plan, which will further the transition to a cleaner, more renewable energy economy."

SEEC Members Keith Ellison (MN-05) and Raúl M. Grijalva (AZ-03): "The Clean Power Plan is the most ambitious step ever taken by the U.S. to address global climate change. While we already limit harmful power plant emissions like arsenic, mercury and sulfur dioxide, we've been turning a blind eye to carbon. This plan will begin to undo some of the harmful effects that have gone unchecked in recent years and reduce carbon 32 percent below what they were in 2005.

"At the same time, we're setting a course for our nation to become energy independent while reducing our dangerous greenhouse emissions and creating clean energy jobs at home. By investing in energy efficiency and clean energy technology, we can reduce energy bills, boost our economy, and take on climate change.

"The Clean Power Plan will also protect our health. The Environmental Protection Agency projects it will stop 3,600 premature deaths and prevent up to 90,000 asthma attacks in children. These health benefits will be especially important to communities of color, since they are more likely to live near environmental hazards like power plants and be exposed to air pollution from fossil fuels.

"We shouldn't sell our children's future for a few more years of oil and coal profits, and I applaud the president for leading on this vital issue."

SEEC Member Peter Welch (VT-AL): "Climate change is real and has serious consequences for our economy, our livelihoods, and our health. You don't have to go any further than communities across Vermont to hear about its early impacts. Just ask the businesses and families wiped out by Tropical Storm Irene. Or the ski lift operator worried about losing his job as the season shortens. Or the farmer planning for changes in the productivity of her crops. Or the sugar maker coping with the uncertainty of when the season will start and how long it will last.

"Every day we wait makes solving this problem more difficult. And make no mistake about it, this is a problem that can be solved.

"President Obama's bold Clean Power Plan will have an enormous impact on carbon emissions that are a leading cause of climate change. It is a practical and flexible plan that is the product of constructive input from states and utilities. To succeed, it is essential that all parties choose a path of cooperation over litigation and problem solving over intransigence. Time is of the essence."

SEEC Member Lloyd Doggett (TX-35): "With Congress dominated by climate change deniers, the President is relying on sound science to combat one of our greatest security, environmental, and health challenges. Moving away from dirty coal means more reliance upon natural gas and renewable energy on which San Antonio and Austin are leaders. CPS and Austin Energy are prepared to be part of the solution. Our local entrepreneurs will gain more opportunities and all of us will have more hope that we can overcome the many threats posed by global warming."

SEEC Member Jared Huffman (CA-02): "The Clean Power Plan is the biggest single step the United States has ever taken to fight climate change and avert its worst impacts. I applaud President Obama and EPA Administrator McCarthy for taking action when Congress would not.

"Congress must begin to take the existential threat of climate change seriously, following the example set by the Obama administration along with California and many other states.

"As the President said today, we are the first generation to feel the effects of climate change, and perhaps the last with an opportunity to do something about it. It is up to us to act to ensure our children don't inherit a world beyond fixing."

SEEC Member David Price (NC-04): "I welcome President Obama's Clean Power Plan, which will enable our country to transition to a cleaner future, mitigating the effects of climate change, boosting the economy, and providing relief to consumers," said Congressman Price. "The proposal gives states flexibility, and in North Carolina, we will be able to build on our past success with the Clean Smokestacks act and our state renewable portfolio standard. Adopting the President's plan could create thousands of jobs for North Carolinians and cut electric bills by over $700 million state-wide. The Clean Power Plan is a clear win for the economy, the environment, and consumers, and I look forward to working with the Administration and the EPA to ensure that its provisions are effectively implemented."

SEEC Statement: "Extreme weather events such as longer droughts, more intense wildfires, sea-level rise, flooding, and super storms, clearly demonstrate what climate change looks like in communities across the country. Climate change poses a real and growing threat to our children, our families, our national security, and our economy. We have a moral obligation to act on climate, and we cannot afford to wait any longer to further reduce carbon pollution.

"The Clean Power Plan lays the foundation for America's energy future. We have an opportunity and the ability to make our economy and our communities stronger by investing in proven clean energy technologies to improve efficiency and reliability. As members of the Sustainable Energy and Environment Coalition, we are leading the fight in Congress against the dirty energy status quo. We applaud the President and the EPA for their leadership on the Clean Power Plan, and we will continue to work with the Administration and our community partners in supporting and defending this initiative for the benefit of American families and our planet."

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http://seec-israel.house.gov/press-release/statement-clean-power-plan

The Sustainable Energy and Environment Coalition (SEEC) is a coalition of fifty –three Democratic members of the U.S. House of Representatives that was founded in January 2009 to be a focused, active, and effective coalition for advancing "policies that promote clean energy technology innovation and domestic manufacturing, develop renewable energy resources, and create green collar jobs throughout the product supply-chain, and polices to help arrest global warming and protect our nation's clean air, water and natural environment." SEEC is Co-Chaired by Reps. Paul Tonko (D-NY), Gerald Connolly (D-VA), and Doris Matsui (D-CA). SEEC Vice-Chairs are Reps. Jared Polis (D-CO), Steve Israel (D-NY), Chellie Pingree (D-ME), Matt Cartwright (D-PA), and Alan Lowenthal (D-CA).

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From: Allen, Kara
Sent: Mon 6/2/2014 10:34:59 PM
Subject: Re: End of Day Roundup from SEEC MoCs

Laura, Nichole,

Might it be possible to do a SEEC Staff briefing on the proposal? As you know, we meet every Friday. I know many of our staff will be at the briefing tomorrow but I know they'd also love to have a more intimate conversation.

Best,

Kara
Kara Allen
Executive Director
Sustainable Energy and Environment Coalition (SEEC)
(202) 226-5034 (direct)

From: Distefano, Nichole [mailto:DiStefano.Nichole@epa.gov]
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To: Allen, Kara; 'Anderson, Amanda D.' <Amanda_D._Anderson@who.eop.gov>; Vaught, Laura <Vaught.Laura@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: End of Day Roundup from SEEC MoCs

Thanks!

From: Allen, Kara <Kara.Allen@mail.house.gov>
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To: 'Anderson, Amanda D.'; Vaught, Laura; Distefano, Nichole
Subject: End of Day Roundup from SEEC MoCs

26 pages of activity—and this is just what was flagged for me. Will update with a more fine-toothed comb tomorrow.

Kara Allen
Sustainable Energy & Environment Coalition (SEEC)
202-226-5034 (direct)

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Statements:

- McDermott (below)
- SEEC
- Blumenauer
- Ellison

- Capps
- Van Hollen
- Matsui
- Moran
- S. Peters

McDermott Statement on Obama Administration's Proposal to Cut Carbon Emissions

WASHINGTON, DC – Today, Jim McDermott (D, WA-7) issued the following statement on the Obama administration's announcement of its proposal to cut carbon emissions from existing power plants.

"I commend the Obama administration on its announcement today to curb harmful carbon emissions from coal-fired power plants. This action represents the single strongest commitment ever taken by an American president to combat climate change. This action also helps make the price of carbon emissions – which is paid by each and every one of us – increasingly transparent to the American people. The science of climate change is clear: this is not an abstract notion for future generations to cope with; it is happening now. The price of carbon emissions and the impacts of climate change are now being felt across the United States – in our polluted air, the warming and acidification of our oceans, stressed ecosystems and increasingly destructive weather patterns. Democrats in Congress recognize the need to act now for environmental stewardship, for businesses, for national security, for the health and security of American families. Carbon in the atmosphere doesn't just accelerate a change in climate, it poses a public health risk to everyone downwind. I recently reintroduced the Managed Carbon Price Act of 2014, legislation to put a price on carbon and lower harmful greenhouse gas emissions over time. I support the Environmental Protection Agency's actions moving forward and hope my legislation will contribute to this critical discussion moving forward."

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Twitter:

Rep. Barbara Lee @RepBarbaraLee 29m

Big news! **@BarackObama** announces big steps to cut carbon pollution and **#ActOnClimate**. See more here: http://1.usa.gov/1uvaerr

House of Reps. SEEC @SEEC 10m

SEEC responds to first ever **#carbonpollution** standards: http://seec-israel.house.gov/press-release/statement-carbon-pollution-standard-existing-sources ... **#ActOnClimate** **@EPA** **@WhiteHouse**

.**@SEEC** Statement on Carbon Pollution Standard for Existing Sources http://seec-israel.house.gov/press-release/statement-carbon-pollution-standard-existing-sources ...

Rep. Keith Ellison @keithellison 1m

A strong proposed rule to cut carbon pollution is essential to our future. I applaud the **@EPA** and **@WhiteHouse**: http://1.usa.gov/1kxGZAt

Rep. Keith Ellison @keithellison 26s

Reducing carbon pollution from power plants will guarantee a healthier future for our children **#ActonClimate**

Rep. Keith Ellison @keithellison 1m

In MN, we've had three 1,000-year flooding events in the last decade. We must slow the worst

effects of climate change #ActOnClimate
Paul Tonko @RepPaulTonko 18m
Watch @GinaEPA discuss the biggest step yet to #ActOnClimate this morn at 10:30 AM ET http://www.epa.gov
Chris Van Hollen @ChrisVanHollen 13m
Today's new carbon standard will improve public health, create jobs & show the world the US is ready to #ActOnClimate change.
Paul Tonko @RepPaulTonko 3m
LIVE: @GinaEPA announces game-changing limits on the carbon pollution that fuels climate change: http://www.epa.gov #ActOnClimate
Jim Moran @Jim_Moran 2m
.@GinaEPA is about to lay the foundation for the largest reduction in carbon pollution ever proposed. Check it out at http://epa.gov
Paul Tonko @RepPaulTonko 27s
.@GinaEPA is about to take decisive action to set limits on carbon pollution and #ActOnClimate. Watch here: http://www.epa.gov
Paul Tonko @RepPaulTonko 2m
WATCH @GinaEPA announcing the most significant steps ever taken by the US to curb carbon and combat climate change: http://www.epa.gov
Gerry Connolly @GerryConnolly 1m
Today's Clean Power Plan will improve public health, create jobs, spur innovation & show the world the US is ready to lead on climate change
House of Reps. SEEC @SEEC 5m
.@GinaEPA: "We are directed by our laws & it is reaffirmed by the courts that we r here 2 protect public health & the enviro" #ActOnClimate
House of Reps. SEEC @SEEC 4m
.@GinaEPA: "There are no limits on carbon pollution from power plants, our nation's largest sources." #ActOnClimate
House of Reps. SEEC @SEEC 3m
.@GinaEPA: "1/10 kids suffer from asthma." #ActOnClimate @LungAssociation
House of Reps. SEEC @SEEC 1m
If we do nothing, we could see temps increase 10 degrees and seas rise 4 ft. It's abt protecting our homes, jobs #ActOnClimate @GinaEPA
Rep. Scott Peters @RepScottPeters 1m
HAPPENING NOW: @GinaEPA is announcing decisive steps to curb carbon pollution and #ActOnClimate. Watch here: http://epa.gov
Rep. Keith Ellison @keithellison 1m
Watch @GinaEPA of the @EPA talk about the new carbon rule: http://1.usa.gov/4LfaFa

Rep. John Delaney @RepJohnDelaney 13s
New EPA rules out today. Read my Washington Post oped here: http://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/john-k-delaney-an-excise-tax-would-give-states-a-role-in-fighting-climate-change/2014/05/30/ac2a58b4-e763-11e3-a86b-362fd5443d19_story.html ... #ActOnClimate

Jim Moran @Jim_Moran 1m
Happening now: **@GinaEPA** decision to **#ActOnClimate** will lead us to a healthier future.
Paul Tonko @RepPaulTonko 1m
Read more information on the administration's plan to **#ActOnClimate** here: http://www.whitehouse.gov/climate-change
House of Reps. SEEC @SEEC 3m
Watch **@GinaEPA** on today's **#carbonpollution** standards and the **@EPA** plan to **#ActOnClimate**: http://epa.gov
House of Reps. SEEC @SEEC 36s
We've cut air pollution by 70% while tripling the growth of our economy. We don't have to pick bet economy & enviro **#ActOnClimate** **@GinaEPA**
Rep. Keith Ellison @keithellison 12m
VIDEO: It's time to **#ActonClimate**, Minnesota: http://bit.ly/1kAMSIg
Steve Israel @RepSteveIsrael 10m
We researched, engineered, built to win WW2 & land on moon. Now we will again to stop weather xtremes.
Mike Quigley @RepMikeQuigley 10m
New **@EPA** **#CarbonEmission** limits will protect public health & spur **#CleanEnergy** innovation. Learn more: http://www.whitehouse.gov/climate-change **#ActOnClimate**
Paul Tonko @RepPaulTonko 1m
Power plants responsible for 40% of carbon pollution in US and for first time, we're taking meaningful steps to **#ActOnClimate** and limit it
Rep. Alan Lowenthal @RepLowenthal 49s
With Congress unable to face climate reality, **@WhiteHouse** proposes decisive action to combat climate change. **#ActOnClimate**
Blumenauer Media @BlumenauerMedia 8m
Blumenauer: New EPA Regulations "Bold First Step" to Combating Climate Change http://blumenauer.house.gov/index.php/newsroom/press-releases/2355-blumenauer-statement-on-carbon-pollution-standards-for-power-plants ...
Rep. Doris Matsui @DorisMatsui 6m
Power plants account for 40% of carbon pollution in US. For first time we're taking action to limit it **#ActOnClimate** http://1.usa.gov/U79afX
Paul Tonko @RepPaulTonko 9m
I agree w/ the Conf. of Catholic Bishops: it's time to **#ActOnClimate** to 'protect the health & welfare of all people.' http://goo.gl/SoXhOy
Rep. Zoe Lofgren @RepZoeLofgren 1m
New EPA regs limitng CO2 emissions a good step-fusion research like **#NIF** also critical to reduce future fossil fuel dependence **#ActOnClimate**
Jim Moran @Jim_Moran 39m
Read my full statement on **@EPA** & **@GinaEPA** game changing proposal to limit carbon emissions and **#ActOnClimate** - http://goo.gl/kUzhSB
Jim McDermott @RepJimMcDermott 22m
I commend **@BarackObama** **@EPA** 4 plan to curb carbon emissions. USA is already feeling effects of climate change. We must **#ActOnClimate** **@SEEC**

Lois Capps @RepLoisCapps 13m
These proposed **@EPA** rules will go a long way toward keeping our air clean, and protecting the health of seniors, children, and families.
Chellie Pingree @chelliepingree 2m
EPA carbon proposal good step forward. Climate change is already here http://1.usa.gov/1mK5E2B **#mepolitics**
Rep.George Miller @askgeorge 1m
I agree w/ the Conf. of Catholic Bishops: it's time to **#ActOnClimate** to 'protect the health & welfare of all people.' http://goo.gl/SoXhOy
Denny Heck @RepDennyHeck 1h
A big win for kids' health: **@EPA** just proposed standards to reduce carbon pollution from power plants → http://wh.gov/climate-change **#ActOnClimate**
Rep. Jared Polis @RepJaredPolis 1h
Since **@HouseGOP** won't act, I applaud the **@EPA**'s proposed carbon pollution standards for power plants http://1.usa.gov/1wW5dJF **#ActOnClimate**
Niki Tsongas @nikiinthehouse 1h
.**@EPA** proposed carbon pollution standards for powerplants: protect public health http://wh.gov/climate-change **#ActOnClimate** pic.twitter.com/Pnyj6mVavi

Katherine Clark @RepKClark 1h
Pleased **#EPA** taking a necessary step to ensure better health and a better planet for our children. **#ActOnClimate** http://bit.ly/1mKtWcR
Niki Tsongas @nikiinthehouse 1h
Time to stop smoke-stacking the deck against our health. Reduce carbon pollution http://wh.gov/climate-change **#ActOnClimate** pic.twitter.com/WbEJ0lenH9

Rep. John Delaney @RepJohnDelaney 48m
Video of my interview with Energy Week on the new EPA guidelines here: http://youtu.be/c1a2hfiibO8 **#ActOnClimate**
Rep. Susan Davis @RepSusanDavis 46m
We have a responsibility to our children to leave them a planet w/ cleaner air. **#ActOnClimate** http://www.house.gov/susandavis/press2014/pr060214.shtml … pic.twitter.com/kPCpFC6nJj

Chris Van Hollen @ChrisVanHollen 28m
.**@WhiteHouse**'s plan to cut carbon builds off successes achieved in Maryland, other states - http://bsun.md/1nIFi6t **#ActOnClimate**
Rep.George Miller @askgeorge 21m
Today we took one huge step closer to a healthier, cleaner and more prosperous America. Limiting carbon pollution... http://fb.me/2EQTV6edk
Rep. John Delaney @RepJohnDelaney 12m
Delaney Applauds New EPA Rule, Calls for Expanded Options for States http://delaney.house.gov/media-center/press-releases/delaney-applauds-new-epa-rule-calls-for-expanded-options-for-states …
Denny Heck @RepDennyHeck 9m

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Congressman Matt Cartwright **shared a link.**
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Today, EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy is laying the groundwork for the biggest reduction in carbon pollution ever proposed. Check it out at 10:30 AM: http://www.epa.gov/ #ActOnClimate

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Understanding Climate Change impacts in the New England region is one thing, and actually working to improve vision, capability and capacity to confront climate change and make our communities more...

Congressman Gerry Connolly
9 mins ·
Today's Clean Power Plan will improve public health, create jobs, spur innovation & show the world the US is ready to lead on climate change

Barbara Lee
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Glad to see President Obama taking strong action today to cut carbon pollution at power plants. We have a moral obligation to address climate change and safeguard our planet for future generations. This important step will protect our environment, our health, and our economy. #ActOnClimate

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Paul D. Tonko
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With today's announcement, we are taking an important step in fulfilling our promise of a healthier and brighter tomorrow for our children. We already have limits on toxins like lead, mercury, and arsenic. Carbon pollution should be no different and as of today it no longer is.

Statement on Carbon Pollution Standard for Existing Sources | Sustainable Energy and Environment...
Washington, D.C.—Today, the Environmental...
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Congresswoman Doris O. Matsui
10 mins ·
Today, EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy outlined the most significant step ever taken by the US to curb carbon pollution and combat climate change. It's time to #ActOnClimate!
http://matsui.house.gov/press-releases/congresswoman-matsui-applauds-epa-for-firstever-carbon-pollution-standard-for-existing-sources/

Keith Ellison
6 mins ·
As a father of four, I am always thinking about the kind of world I want to leave to my kids. President Obama and the Environmental Protection Agency outlined today the most significant step the United States has ever taken to curb carbon emissions and fight back against climate change. We have an obligation to future generations, and to the millions of Americans already feeling the affects of pollution and global warming, to make changes now. Thank you, Mr. President.

Time for National Action to Reduce Carbon Pollution
Music: "I Dunno" by Grapes
youtube.com

Congressman John Sarbanes
7 mins ·
In the face of reckless Congressional inaction, the EPA's proposal to reduce carbon pollution over the next 16 years is the strongest action to date on climate change. Despite an overwhelming consensus in the scientific community that climate change is a real danger, Republicans in Congress continue to block legislation to address the threat. We must work constructively to find solutions that are rooted in science and protect our environment for the next generation. #ActOnClimate

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Mike Quigley
2 hrs ·
ACT ON CLIMATE: As an environmentalist and a member of Congress, fighting climate change can feel like an uphill battle. Thankfully, new carbon emission standards announced today will protect our public health and spur smart investments in clean energy that will create jobs and economic growth. Perhaps most important, they help fulfill a promise we make to our young people to leave them with a world that is better than we found it, rich in natural resources and that will last for generations to come. Learn more at www.whitehouse.gov/climate-change.

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Congressman Jim McGovern
1 hr ·

Today, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency released the Clean Power Plan proposal, which for the first time cuts carbon pollution from existing power plants, the single largest source of carbon pollution in the United States.
I am proud that Massachusetts has been a national leader in implementing policies that reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) while spurring economic development and am happy to see the nation follow its lead.
06/02/2014: EPA Proposes First Guidelines to Cut Carbon Pollution from Existing Power...
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Chris Van Hollen
40 mins ·
From NASA - National Aeronautics and Space Administration -- visualizing the urgent need to #ActOnClimate change.

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Congressman Jim Moran
1 hr ·
The EPA's proposal today is a game changing decision that reflects President Obama's commitment to act on climate change. This is a problem that won't go away unless we take decisive action to reduce the carbon emissions that are driving climate change. But this isn't just about the threat it poses in the future. This is a present day threat to our national security, our economy, our health and well-being. Climate change is already affecting communities across the country...
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Moran Applauds EPA Proposal to Cut Carbon | Congressman Jim Moran
Washington D.C. -- Representative Jim Moran, Northern Virginia Democrat, Ranking Member on the House Appropriations Interior...
moran.house.gov

Today's announcement by the EPA is a historic step forward in our effort to combat climate change and protect the health of our communities. These proposed rules will go a long way toward reducing greenhouse gas emissions, keeping our air clean, and protecting the health of seniors, children, and families.

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Chellie Pingree
41 secs ·
I know it will be opposed by big oil and coal companies, but I fully support EPA's proposal to cut carbon emissions from power plants by 30% by 2030. It's past time to take this pollution out

of the air and move toward cleaner energy resources. Maine's economy is already suffering from climate change, ocean acidification, and other carbon-related effects on our environment--we can't afford to wait anymore. http://1.usa.gov/1mK5E2B

Praising EPA proposal on global warming pollution
Official web site for Representative Chellie Pingree (D - ME).
pingree.house.gov

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Raul M. Grijalva
10 mins ·
With the Clean Power Plan, we kill two birds with one stone – we significantly curb the amount of carbon being released into our atmosphere and we encourage more investment and job creation in the clean and renewable energy sectors.

Unveiling New Carbon Plan, E.P.A. Focuses on Flexibility
A rule announced Monday will give states a wide menu of policy options to...
The New York Times | By Coral Davenport

Congresswoman Annie Kuster
3 mins ·
Glad that the EPA is catching up to what New Hampshire has already been doing and rolling out standards for reducing pollution from power plants. A few months ago, I led 40 Representatives from the Northeast in asking EPA to use our Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) as a model for developing their national standard. RGGI has been successful in reducing emissions in our states by 40% since 2005 while supporting efforts to increase efficiency and spur innovative new companies. I'm pleased that EPA listened to our suggestions and is proposing a flexible approach that will empower states to develop custom solutions to meeting this national challenge through cooperation, innovation, and a shared commitment to a cleaner, safer, healthier future for all Americans.

Chris Van Hollen
7 mins ·
FACT: The President's plan to clean up our power plants will save lives. #ActOnClimate

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Congressman Scott Peters
2 mins ·
Today's plan from U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will reward states, like California, that are finding innovative solutions to reducing carbon emissions, cutting down on pollution and smog, and providing cleaner air for our children and seniors. It is time to #ActOnClimate!
The EPA is taking public comments about their proposal for the next four months. Submit your thoughts here: http://www2.epa.gov/carbon-pollution-standards/how-comment-clean-power-plan-proposed-rule

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Steve Israel

2 mins ·
Climate change is a risk to our economy and our health. I applaud the new standards proposed today by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency that would cut air pollution and put New York on the path to a sustainable future.
http://www.nytimes.com/2014/06/03/us/politics/obama-epa-rule-coal-carbon-pollution-power-plants.html?hp

Unveiling New Carbon Plan, E.P.A. Focuses on Flexibility
A rule announced Monday will give states a wide menu of policy options to...
The New York Times | By Coral Davenport
Congressman John K. Delaney
53 mins ·
Today the EPA announced new greenhouse gas standards. I discussed the best way forward on this issue in yesterday's Washington Post. In my view, we should give the states more flexibility, including using a market-based approach like a carbon tax. You can read my op-ed here:
Ahead of New EPA Guidelines Delaney Op-Ed in Washington Post Calls for State-Based Carbon Tax...
WASHINGTON – Sunday's print edition of the Washington Post featured...
delaney.house.gov
Representative Alan Lowenthal
36 mins ·
With Congress unable to face climate reality, President Obama promotes game-changing steps to cut carbon pollution from power plants and combat climate change:

Reducing Carbon Pollution in Our Power Plants
In this week's address, President Obama discussed new actions by the Environmental Protection Agency to cut dangerous carbon pollution, a plan that builds on...
www.youtube.com
Peter Welch
1 hr ·
This is what Peter said after the Obama administration announced a plan to reduce power plant emissions:
"Climate change is real and poses a serious threat to our economy, environment and public health. And Vermont is not immune from its effects. Just ask our farmers, sugar makers and ski area operators. They will tell you how climate change is already upon them. Across the country, severe weather events related to climate change, like Tropical Storm Irene, are becoming ...
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Congresswoman Susan Davis
51 mins ·
We have a responsibility to our children to leave them a planet with cleaner air. The President's proposed cut in carbon pollution will mean a healthier future for generations to come. #ActOnClimate
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Congressman Jared Huffman

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9 mins ·
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Glad to see President Obama taking strong action today to cut carbon pollution at power plants. We have a moral obligation to address climate change and safeguard our planet for future generations. This important step will protect our environment, our health, and our economy. #ActOnClimate

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Paul D. Tonko
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Congresswoman Doris O. Matsui
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Today, EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy outlined the most significant step ever taken by the US to curb carbon pollution and combat climate change. It's time to #ActOnClimate!
http://matsui.house.gov/press-releases/congresswoman-matsui-applauds-epa-for-firstever-carbon-pollution-standard-for-existing-sources/

Keith Ellison
6 mins ·
As a father of four, I am always thinking about the kind of world I want to leave to my kids. President Obama and the Environmental Protection Agency outlined today the most significant step the United States has ever taken to curb carbon emissions and fight back against climate change. We have an obligation to future generations, and to the millions of Americans already feeling the affects of pollution and global warming, to make changes now. Thank you, Mr. President.

Time for National Action to Reduce Carbon Pollution
Music: "I Dunno" by Grapes
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Congressman John Sarbanes
7 mins ·
In the face of reckless Congressional inaction, the EPA's proposal to reduce carbon pollution over the next 16 years is the strongest action to date on climate change. Despite an overwhelming consensus in the scientific community that climate change is a real danger,

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Mike Quigley

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ACT ON CLIMATE: As an environmentalist and a member of Congress, fighting climate change can feel like an uphill battle. Thankfully, new carbon emission standards announced today will protect our public health and spur smart investments in clean energy that will create jobs and economic growth. Perhaps most important, they help fulfill a promise we make to our young people to leave them with a world that is better than we found it, rich in natural resources and that will last for generations to come. Learn more at www.whitehouse.gov/climate-change.

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Congressman Jim McGovern

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Today, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency released the Clean Power Plan proposal, which for the first time cuts carbon pollution from existing power plants, the single largest source of carbon pollution in the United States.

I am proud that Massachusetts has been a national leader in implementing policies that reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) while spurring economic development and am happy to see the nation follow its lead.

06/02/2014: EPA Proposes First Guidelines to Cut Carbon Pollution from Existing Power...

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Chris Van Hollen

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From NASA - National Aeronautics and Space Administration -- visualizing the urgent need to #ActOnClimate change.

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Congressman Jim Moran

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The EPA's proposal today is a game changing decision that reflects President Obama's commitment to act on climate change. This is a problem that won't go away unless we take decisive action to reduce the carbon emissions that are driving climate change. But this isn't just about the threat it poses in the future. This is a present day threat to our national security, our

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Today's announcement by the EPA is a historic step forward in our effort to combat climate change and protect the health of our communities. These proposed rules will go a long way toward reducing greenhouse gas emissions, keeping our air clean, and protecting the health of seniors, children, and families.

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Chellie Pingree
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I know it will be opposed by big oil and coal companies, but I fully support EPA's proposal to cut carbon emissions from power plants by 30% by 2030. It's past time to take this pollution out of the air and move toward cleaner energy resources. Maine's economy is already suffering from climate change, ocean acidification, and other carbon-related effects on our environment--we can't afford to wait anymore. http://1.usa.gov/1mK5E2B

Praising EPA proposal on global warming pollution
Official web site for Representative Chellie Pingree (D - ME).
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Raul M. Grijalva
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With the Clean Power Plan, we kill two birds with one stone – we significantly curb the amount of carbon being released into our atmosphere and we encourage more investment and job creation in the clean and renewable energy sectors.

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Glad that the EPA is catching up to what New Hampshire has already been doing and rolling out standards for reducing pollution from power plants. A few months ago, I led 40 Representatives from the Northeast in asking EPA to use our Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) as a model for developing their national standard. RGGI has been successful in reducing emissions in

our states by 40% since 2005 while supporting efforts to increase efficiency and spur innovative new companies. I'm pleased that EPA listened to our suggestions and is proposing a flexible approach that will empower states to develop custom solutions to meeting this national challenge through cooperation, innovation, and a shared commitment to a cleaner, safer, healthier future for all Americans.

Chris Van Hollen

7 mins ·

FACT: The President's plan to clean up our power plants will save lives. #ActOnClimate

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Congressman Scott Peters

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Today's plan from U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will reward states, like California, that are finding innovative solutions to reducing carbon emissions, cutting down on pollution and smog, and providing cleaner air for our children and seniors. It is time to #ActOnClimate!
The EPA is taking public comments about their proposal for the next four months. Submit your thoughts here: http://www2.epa.gov/carbon-pollution-standards/how-comment-clean-power-plan-proposed-rule

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http://www.nytimes.com/2014/06/03/us/politics/obama-epa-rule-coal-carbon-pollution-power-plants.html?hp

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Congressman John K. Delaney

53 mins ·

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Ahead of New EPA Guidelines Delaney Op-Ed in Washington Post Calls for State-Based Carbon Tax...
WASHINGTON – Sunday's print edition of the Washington Post featured...
delaney.house.gov

Representative Alan Lowenthal

36 mins ·

With Congress unable to face climate reality, President Obama promotes game-changing steps to cut carbon pollution from power plants and combat climate change:

Reducing Carbon Pollution in Our Power Plants

In this week's address, President Obama discussed new actions by the Environmental Protection Agency to cut dangerous carbon pollution, a plan that builds on...
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Peter Welch
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This is what Peter said after the Obama administration announced a plan to reduce power plant emissions:
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A strong proposed rule to cut carbon pollution is essential to our future. I applaud the **@EPA** and **@WhiteHouse**: http://1.usa.gov/1kxGZAt

Rep. Keith Ellison @keithellison 26s

Reducing carbon pollution from power plants will guarantee a healthier future for our children **#ActonClimate**

Rep. Keith Ellison @keithellison 1m

In MN, we've had three 1,000-year flooding events in the last decade. We must slow the worst effects of climate change **#ActOnClimate**

Paul Tonko @RepPaulTonko 18m

Watch **@GinaEPA** discuss the biggest step yet to **#ActOnClimate** this morn at 10:30 AM ET http://www.epa.gov

Chris Van Hollen @ChrisVanHollen 13m

Today's new carbon standard will improve public health, create jobs & show the world the US is ready to **#ActOnClimate** change.

Paul Tonko @RepPaulTonko 3m

LIVE: **@GinaEPA** announces game-changing limits on the carbon pollution that fuels climate change: http://www.epa.gov **#ActOnClimate**

Jim Moran @Jim_Moran 2m

.**@GinaEPA** is about to lay the foundation for the largest reduction in carbon pollution ever proposed. Check it out at http://epa.gov

Paul Tonko @RepPaulTonko 27s

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WATCH @GinaEPA announcing the most significant steps ever taken by the US to curb carbon and combat climate change: http://www.epa.gov

Gerry Connolly @GerryConnolly 1m

Today's Clean Power Plan will improve public health, create jobs, spur innovation & show the world the US is ready to lead on climate change

House of Reps. SEEC @SEEC 5m

.@GinaEPA: "We are directed by our laws & it is reaffirmed by the courts that we r here 2 protect public health & the enviro" #ActOnClimate

House of Reps. SEEC @SEEC 4m

.@GinaEPA: "There are no limits on carbon pollution from power plants, our nation's largest sources." #ActOnClimate

House of Reps. SEEC @SEEC 3m

.@GinaEPA: "1/10 kids suffer from asthma." #ActOnClimate @LungAssociation

House of Reps. SEEC @SEEC 1m

If we do nothing, we could see temps increase 10 degrees and seas rise 4 ft. It's abt protecting our homes, jobs #ActOnClimate @GinaEPA

Rep. Scott Peters @RepScottPeters 1m

HAPPENING NOW: @GinaEPA is announcing decisive steps to curb carbon pollution and #ActOnClimate. Watch here: http://epa.gov

Rep. Keith Ellison @keithellison 1m

Watch @GinaEPA of the @EPA talk about the new carbon rule: http://1.usa.gov/4LfaFa

Rep. John Delaney @RepJohnDelaney 13s

New EPA rules out today. Read my Washington Post oped here: http://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/john-k-delaney-an-excise-tax-would-give-states-a-role-in-fighting-climate-change/2014/05/30/ac2a58b4-e763-11e3-a86b-362fd5443d19_story.html … #ActOnClimate

Jim Moran @Jim_Moran 1m

Happening now: @GinaEPA decision to #ActOnClimate will lead us to a healthier future.

Paul Tonko @RepPaulTonko 1m

Read more information on the administration's plan to #ActOnClimate here: http://www.whitehouse.gov/climate-change

House of Reps. SEEC @SEEC 3m

Watch @GinaEPA on today's #carbonpollution standards and the @EPA plan to #ActOnClimate: http://epa.gov

House of Reps. SEEC @SEEC 36s

We've cut air pollution by 70% while tripling the growth of our economy. We don't have to pick

bet economy & enviro #**ActOnClimate** @**GinaEPA**

Rep. Keith Ellison @**keithellison** 12m

VIDEO: It's time to #**ActonClimate**, Minnesota: http://bit.ly/1kAMSIg

Steve Israel @**RepSteveIsrael** 10m

We researched, engineered, built to win WW2 & land on moon. Now we will again to stop weather xtremes.

Mike Quigley @**RepMikeQuigley** 10m

New @**EPA** #**CarbonEmission** limits will protect public health & spur #**CleanEnergy** innovation. Learn more: http://www.whitehouse.gov/climate-change #**ActOnClimate**

Paul Tonko @**RepPaulTonko** 1m

Power plants responsible for 40% of carbon pollution in US and for first time, we're taking meaningful steps to #**ActOnClimate** and limit it

Rep. Alan Lowenthal @**RepLowenthal** 49s

With Congress unable to face climate reality, @**WhiteHouse** proposes decisive action to combat climate change. #**ActOnClimate**

Blumenauer Media @**BlumenauerMedia** 8m

Blumenauer: New EPA Regulations "Bold First Step" to Combating Climate Change http://blumenauer.house.gov/index.php/newsroom/press-releases/2355-blumenauer-statement-on-carbon-pollution-standards-for-power-plants …

Rep. Doris Matsui @**DorisMatsui** 6m

Power plants account for 40% of carbon pollution in US. For first time we're taking action to limit it #**ActOnClimate** http://1.usa.gov/U79afX

Paul Tonko @**RepPaulTonko** 9m

I agree w/ the Conf. of Catholic Bishops: it's time to #**ActOnClimate** to 'protect the health & welfare of all people.' http://goo.gl/SoXhOy

Rep. Zoe Lofgren @**RepZoeLofgren** 1m

New EPA regs limitng CO2 emissions a good step-fusion research like #**NIF** also critical to reduce future fossil fuel dependence #**ActOnClimate**

Jim Moran @**Jim_Moran** 39m

Read my full statement on @**EPA** & @**GinaEPA** game changing proposal to limit carbon emissions and #**ActOnClimate** - http://goo.gl/kUzhSB

Jim McDermott @**RepJimMcDermott** 22m

I commend @**BarackObama** @**EPA** 4 plan to curb carbon emissions. USA is already feeling effects of climate change. We must #**ActOnClimate** @**SEEC**

Lois Capps @**RepLoisCapps** 13m

These proposed @**EPA** rules will go a long way toward keeping our air clean, and protecting the

health of seniors, children, and families.

Chellie Pingree @chelliepingree 2m

EPA carbon proposal good step forward. Climate change is already here http://1.usa.gov/1mK5E2B **#mepolitics**

Rep.George Miller @askgeorge 1m

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Denny Heck @RepDennyHeck 1h

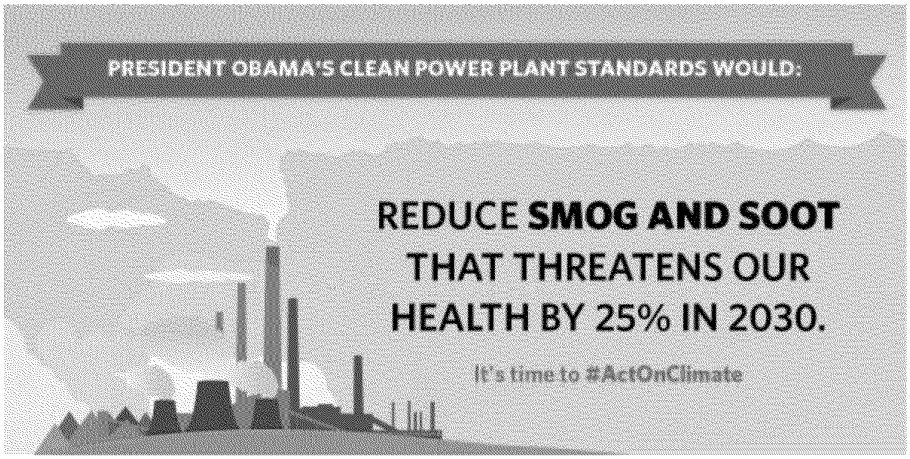
A big win for kids' health: **@EPA** just proposed standards to reduce carbon pollution from power plants → http://wh.gov/climate-change **#ActOnClimate**

Rep. Jared Polis @RepJaredPolis 1h

Since **@HouseGOP** won't act, I applaud the **@EPA**'s proposed carbon pollution standards for power plants http://1.usa.gov/1wW5dJF **#ActOnClimate**

Niki Tsongas @nikiinthehouse 1h

.**@EPA** proposed carbon pollution standards for powerplants: protect public health http://wh.gov/climate-change **#ActOnClimate** pic.twitter.com/Pnyj6mVavi



Katherine Clark @RepKClark 1h

Pleased **#EPA** taking a necessary step to ensure better health and a better planet for our children. **#ActOnClimate** http://bit.ly/1mKtWcR

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Time to stop smoke-stacking the deck against our health. Reduce carbon pollution http://wh.gov/climate-change #**ActOnClimate** pic.twitter.com/WbEJ0lenH9

Rep. John Delaney @RepJohnDelaney 48m

Video of my interview with Energy Week on the new EPA guidelines here: http://youtu.be/c1a2hfiibO8 #**ActOnClimate**

Rep. Susan Davis @RepSusanDavis 46m

We have a responsibility to our children to leave them a planet w/ cleaner air. #**ActOnClimate** http://www.house.gov/susandavis/press2014/pr060214.shtml … pic.twitter.com/kPCpFC6nJj

Chris Van Hollen @ChrisVanHollen 28m

.@**WhiteHouse**'s plan to cut carbon builds off successes achieved in Maryland, other states - http://bsun.md/1nIFi6t #**ActOnClimate**

Rep.George Miller @askgeorge 21m

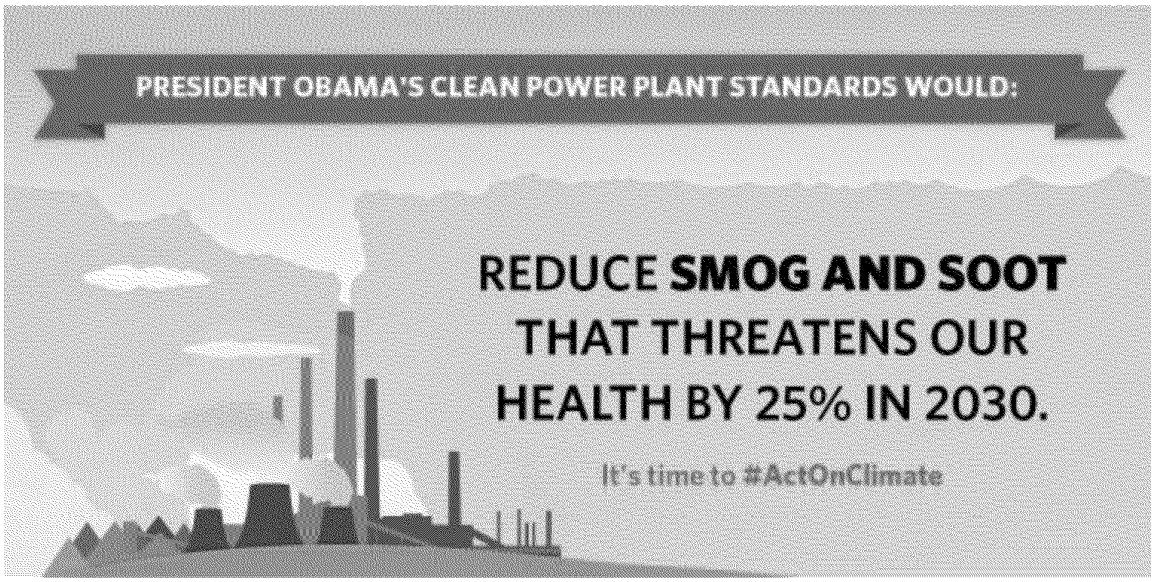
Today we took one huge step closer to a healthier, cleaner and more prosperous America. Limiting carbon pollution... http://fb.me/2EQTV6edk

Rep. John Delaney @RepJohnDelaney 12m

Delaney Applauds New EPA Rule, Calls for Expanded Options for States http://delaney.house.gov/media-center/press-releases/delaney-applauds-new-epa-rule-calls-for-expanded-options-for-states …

Denny Heck @RepDennyHeck 9m

Spread the word: Proposed @**EPA** clean power plant standards would reduce soot and smog by 25% in 2030. #**ActOnClimate** pic.twitter.com/nK3taKKu7n



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Congressman Matt Cartwright shared a link.

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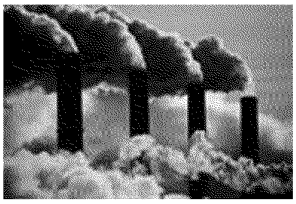

US Environmental Protection Agency
www.epa.gov
Understanding Climate Change impacts in the New England region is one thing, and actually working to improve vision, capability and capacity to confront climate change and make our communities more...

Congressman Gerry Connolly

9 mins ·

Today's Clean Power Plan will improve public health, create jobs, spur innovation & show the world the US is ready to lead on climate change

Barbara Lee

35 mins ·

Glad to see President Obama taking strong action today to cut carbon pollution at power plants. We have a moral obligation to address climate change and safeguard our planet for future generations. This important step will protect our environment, our health, and our economy. # ActOnClimate

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Paul D. Tonko

1 hr ·

With today's announcement, we are taking an important step in fulfilling our promise of a healthier and brighter tomorrow for our children. We already have limits on toxins like lead, mercury, and arsenic. Carbon pollution should be no different and as of today it no longer is.

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Statement on Carbon Pollution Standard for Existing Sources | Sustainable Energy and Environment...
Washington, D.C.—Today, the Environmental...
seec-israel.house.gov

Congresswoman Doris O. Matsui

10 mins ·

Today, EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy outlined the most significant step ever taken by the US to curb carbon pollution and combat climate change. It's time to #ActOnClimate!

http://matsui.house.gov/press-releases/congresswoman-matsui-applauds-epa-for-firstever-carbon-pollution-standard-for-existing-sources/

Keith Ellison

6 mins ·

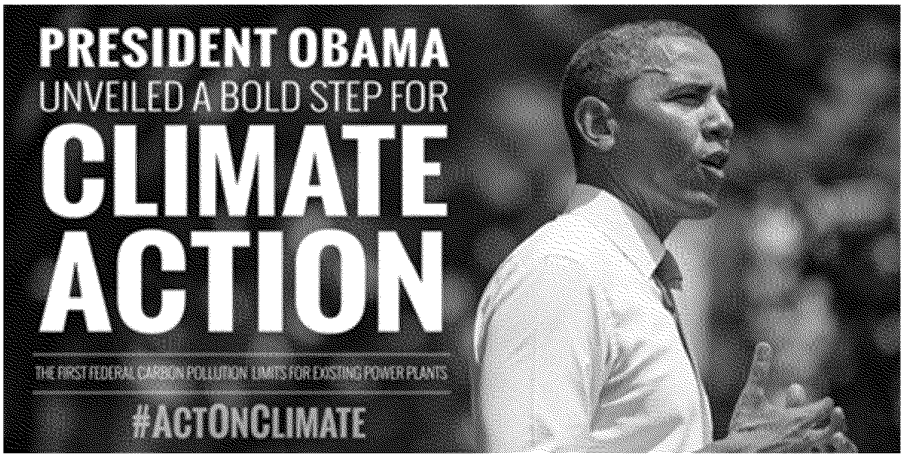
As a father of four, I am always thinking about the kind of world I want to leave to my kids. President Obama and the Environmental Protection Agency outlined today the most significant step the United States has ever taken to curb carbon emissions and fight back against climate change. We have an obligation to future generations, and to the millions of Americans already feeling the affects of pollution and global warming, to make changes now. Thank you, Mr. President.

Time for National Action to Reduce Carbon Pollution
Music: "I Dunno" by Grapes
youtube.com

Congressman John Sarbanes

7 mins ·

In the face of reckless Congressional inaction, the EPA's proposal to reduce carbon pollution over the next 16 years is the strongest action to date on climate change. Despite an overwhelming consensus in the scientific community that climate change is a real danger, Republicans in Congress continue to block legislation to address the threat. We must work constructively to find solutions that are rooted in science and protect our environment for the next generation. #ActOnClimate



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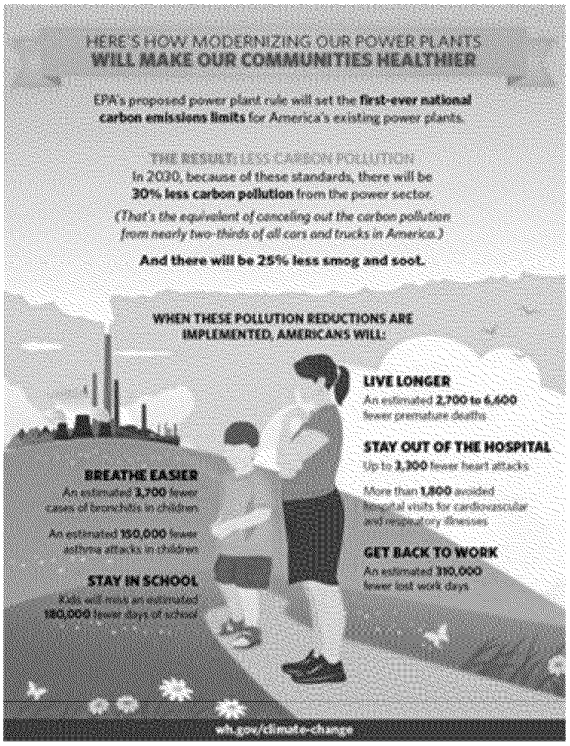
Mike Quigley

2 hrs ·

ACT ON CLIMATE: As an environmentalist and a member of Congress, fighting climate change can feel like an uphill battle. Thankfully, new carbon emission standards announced today will protect our public health and spur smart investments in clean energy that will create jobs and economic growth. Perhaps most important, they help fulfill a promise we make to our young people to leave them with a world that is better than we found it, rich in natural resources and that will last for generations to come. Learn more at www.whitehouse.gov/climate-change.



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Congressman Jim McGovern

1 hr ·

Today, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency released the Clean Power Plan proposal, which for the first time cuts carbon pollution from existing power plants, the single largest source of carbon pollution in the United States.

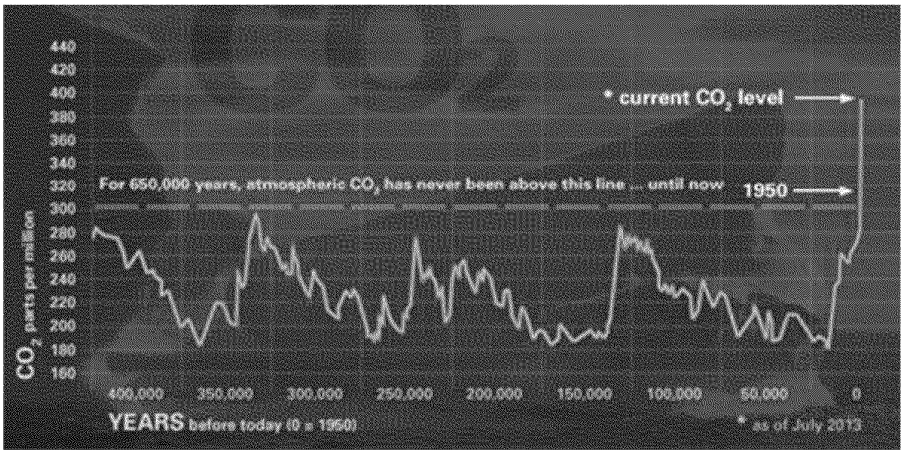
I am proud that Massachusetts has been a national leader in implementing policies that reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) while spurring economic development and am happy to see the nation follow its lead.

06/02/2014: EPA Proposes First Guidelines to Cut Carbon Pollution from Existing Power...
yosemite.epa.gov

Chris Van Hollen

40 mins ·

From NASA - National Aeronautics and Space Administration -- visualizing the urgent need to # ActOnClimate change.



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Congressman Jim Moran

1 hr ·

The EPA's proposal today is a game changing decision that reflects President Obama's commitment to act on climate change. This is a problem that won't go away unless we take decisive action to reduce the carbon emissions that are driving climate change. But this isn't just about the threat it poses in the future. This is a present day threat to our national security, our economy, our health and well-being. Climate change is already affecting communities across the country...

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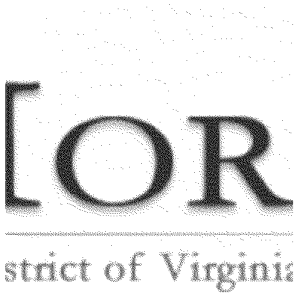

Moran Applauds EPA Proposal to Cut Carbon | Congressman Jim Moran
Washington D.C. -- Representative Jim Moran, Northern Virginia Democrat, Ranking Member on the House Appropriations Interior...
moran.house.gov

Today's announcement by the EPA is a historic step forward in our effort to combat climate change and protect the health of our communities. These proposed rules will go a long way toward reducing greenhouse gas emissions, keeping our air clean, and protecting the health of seniors, children, and families.

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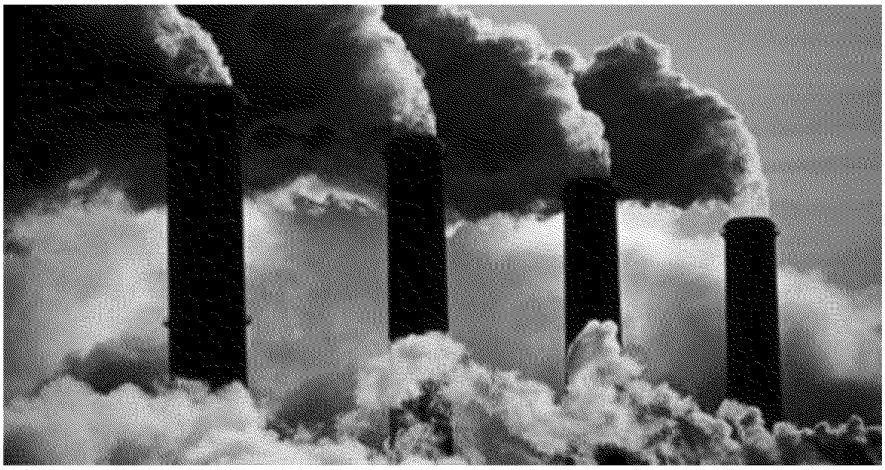
Chellie Pingree

41 secs ·

I know it will be opposed by big oil and coal companies, but I fully support EPA's proposal to cut carbon emissions from power plants by 30% by 2030. It's past time to take this pollution out of the air and move toward cleaner energy resources. Maine's economy is already suffering from climate change, ocean acidification, and other carbon-related effects on our environment--we can't afford to wait anymore. http://1.usa.gov/1mK5E2B



Praising EPA proposal on global warming pollution

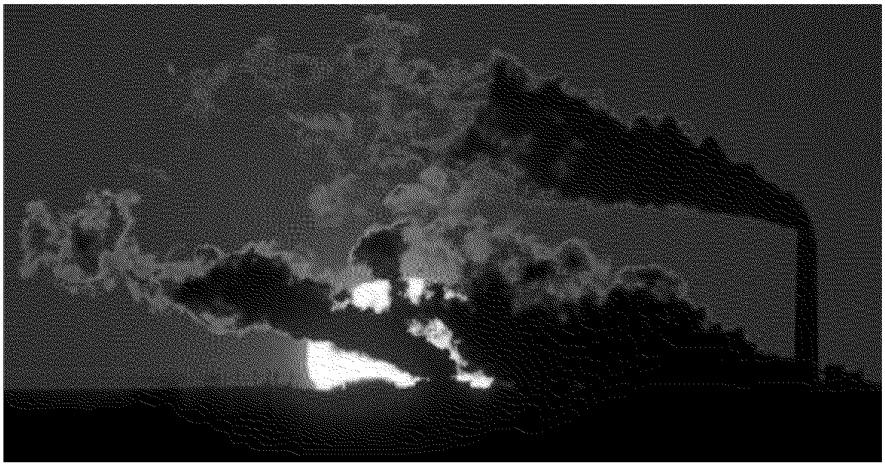
Official web site for Representative Chellie Pingree (D - ME).

pingree.house.gov

Raul M. Grijalva

10 mins ·

With the Clean Power Plan, we kill two birds with one stone – we significantly curb the amount of carbon being released into our atmosphere and we encourage more investment and job creation in the clean and renewable energy sectors.



Unveiling New Carbon Plan, E.P.A. Focuses on Flexibility

A rule announced Monday will give states a wide menu of policy options to...

The New York Times | By Coral Davenport

Congresswoman Annie Kuster

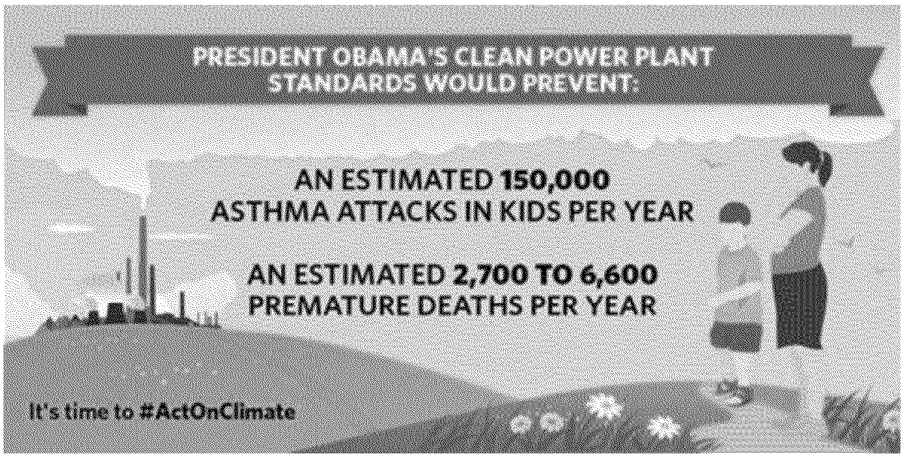
3 mins ·

Glad that the EPA is catching up to what New Hampshire has already been doing and rolling out standards for reducing pollution from power plants. A few months ago, I led 40 Representatives from the Northeast in asking EPA to use our Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) as a model for developing their national standard. RGGI has been successful in reducing emissions in our states by 40% since 2005 while supporting efforts to increase efficiency and spur innovative new companies. I'm pleased that EPA listened to our suggestions and is proposing a flexible approach that will empower states to develop custom solutions to meeting this national challenge through cooperation, innovation, and a shared commitment to a cleaner, safer, healthier future for all Americans.

Chris Van Hollen

7 mins ·

FACT: The President's plan to clean up our power plants will save lives. #ActOnClimate



Congressman Scott Peters

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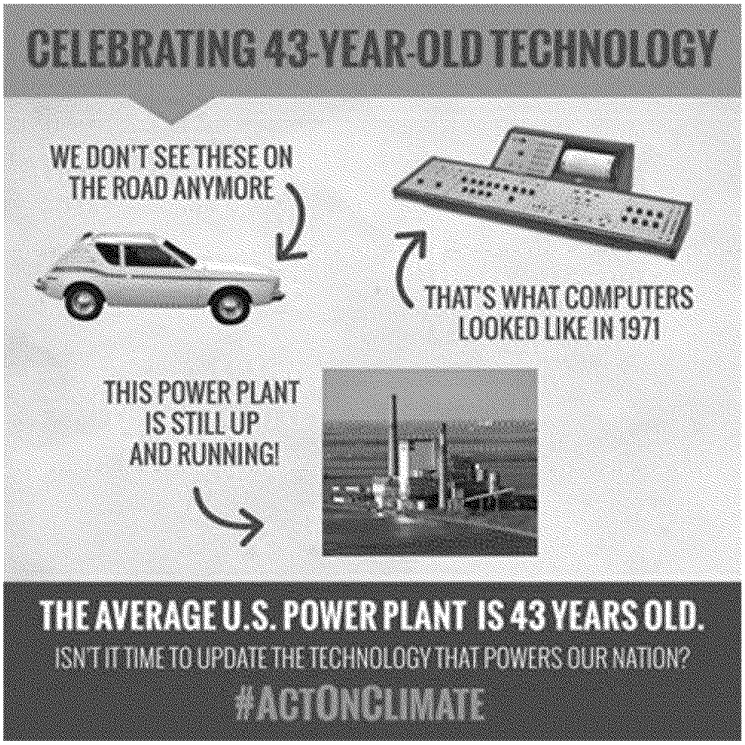
Today's plan from U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will reward states, like California, that are finding innovative solutions to reducing carbon emissions, cutting down on pollution and

smog, and providing cleaner air for our children and seniors. It is time to #ActOnClimate!

The EPA is taking public comments about their proposal for the next four months. Submit your thoughts here: http://www2.epa.gov/carbon-pollution-standards/how-comment-clean-power-plan-proposed-rule

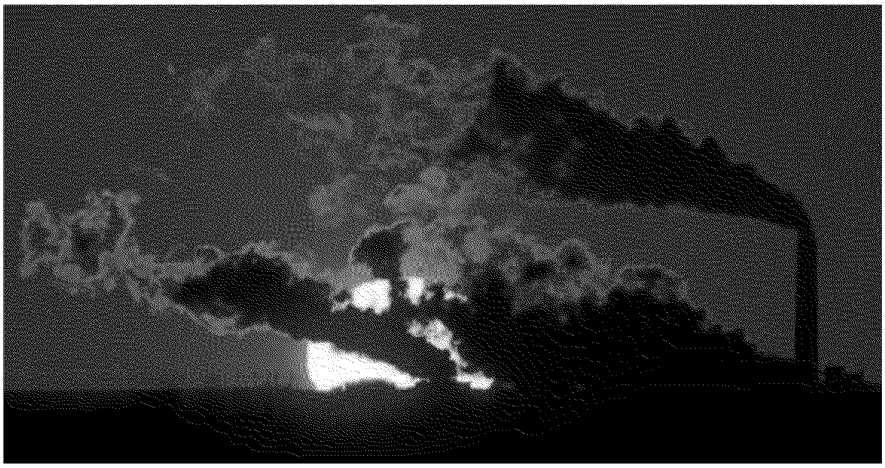


Steve Israel

2 mins ·

Climate change is a risk to our economy and our health. I applaud the new standards proposed today by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency that would cut air pollution and put New York on the path to a sustainable future.

http://www.nytimes.com/2014/06/03/us/politics/obama-epa-rule-coal-carbon-pollution-power-plants.html?hp



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The New York Times | By Coral Davenport

Congressman John K. Delaney

53 mins ·

Today the EPA announced new greenhouse gas standards. I discussed the best way forward on this issue in yesterday's Washington Post. In my view, we should give the states more flexibility, including using a market-based approach like a carbon tax. You can read my op-ed here:

Ahead of New EPA Guidelines Delaney Op-Ed in Washington Post Calls for State-Based Carbon Tax...

WASHINGTON – Sunday's print edition of the Washington Post featured...

delaney.house.gov

Representative Alan Lowenthal

36 mins ·

With Congress unable to face climate reality, President Obama promotes game-changing steps to cut carbon pollution from power plants and combat climate change:

Reducing Carbon Pollution in Our Power Plants

In this week's address, President Obama discussed new actions by the Environmental Protection Agency to cut dangerous carbon pollution, a plan that builds on...

www.youtube.com

Peter Welch

1 hr ·

This is what Peter said after the Obama administration announced a plan to reduce power plant emissions:

"Climate change is real and poses a serious threat to our economy, environment and public health. And Vermont is not immune from its effects. Just ask our farmers, sugar makers and ski area operators. They will tell you how climate change is already upon them. Across the country, severe weather events related to climate change, like Tropical Storm Irene, are becoming ...

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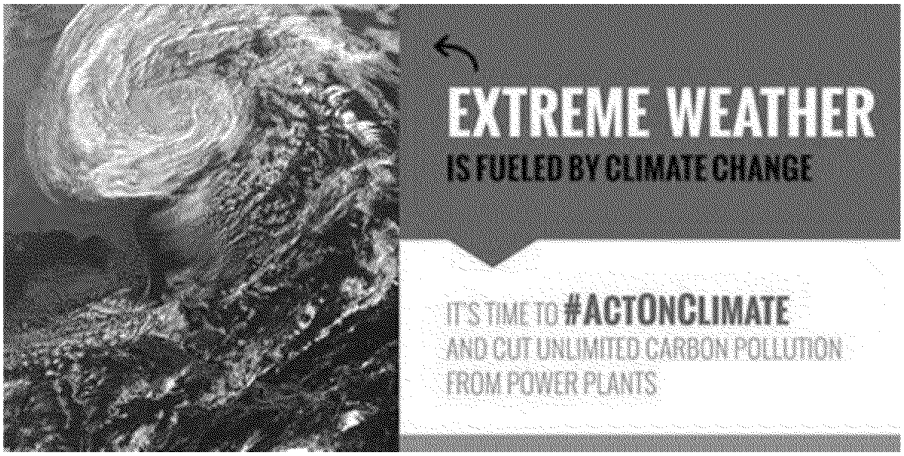

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Congresswoman Susan Davis

51 mins ·

We have a responsibility to our children to leave them a planet with cleaner air. The President's proposed cut in carbon pollution will mean a healthier future for generations to come. # ActOnClimate

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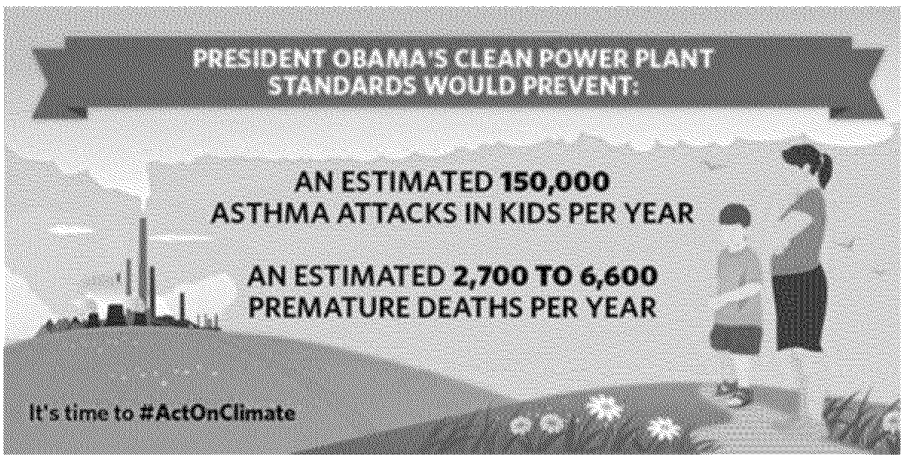

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Congressman Jared Huffman

11 mins ·

Climate change is already having far-reaching impacts -- catastrophic droughts and wildfires in California, more extreme weather events around the world, a rising sea level globally, and impacts to our public health and food supply. We cannot afford to let industry-funded climate deniers, who ignore the science and the facts, continue to block any major federal action.

We have a legal and moral obligation to cut carbon pollution now.

The President's Clean Power Plan is a cr...

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A primer on new regulation EPA will propose

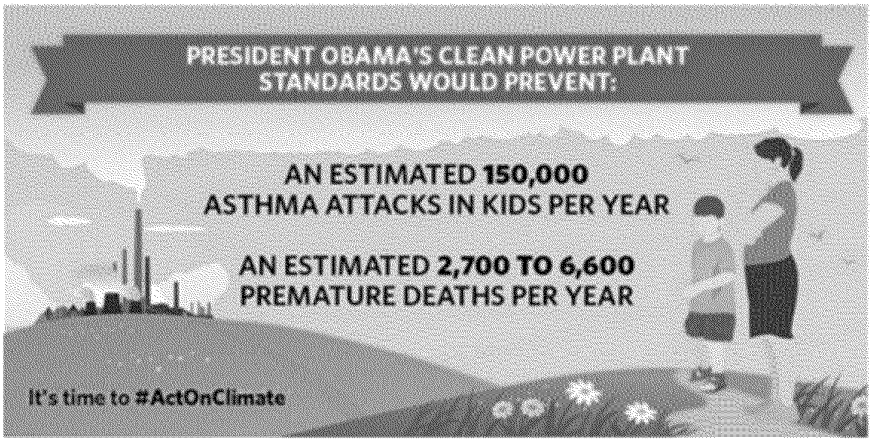
The EPA will propose a rule to cut emissions from existing coal plants by as much as 30 percent by 2030.

Washington Post

Steve Israel

1 hr ·

Climate change is a matter of national security. It poses a grave risk to our economy and the health of NY families. NY is a step ahead, but it's time to #ActofClimate



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Congresswoman Katherine Clark

1 hr ·

I applaud the Administration for taking a necessary step to ensure better health and a better planet for our children by reducing the dangerous amounts of carbon pollution introduced daily into the air.

http://www.bostonglobe.com/news/nation/2014/06/02/new-rules-carbon-emissions-give-states-flexibility/pQWXf461I0SiOkkkJuOp5N/story.html

New rules on carbon emissions give states flexibility - The Boston Globe

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Obama administration's new rules targeting power plant emissions will give states until mid-2018 in some circumstances to determine how they'll reach...

The Boston Globe

Representative Zoe Lofgren

1 hr ·

I applaud the EPA's announcement proposing regulations to limit carbon dioxide emissions from power plants. Carbon pollution exacerbates the effects of climate change and leads to higher risks of respiratory disease and asthma attacks. Climate change is a critical issue and this is one step towards addressing it and protecting the public health.

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Congresswoman Julia Brownley

34 mins ·

The Supreme Court's misguided decisions in Citizens United and McCutcheon have compounded the influence of wealthy special interests and so-called Super PACs, threatening our government "of the people, by the people, and for the people." The current campaign finance system is broken and we need a constitutional amendment to allow Congress and states to set reasonable limits to avoid the corrupting influence of money in politics. I applaud Chairman Leahy's commitment to returning the balance of power to the American people.

BROWNLEY APPLAUDS SENATE HEARING ON CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM | Congresswoman Julia Brownley

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, Congresswoman...

juliabrownley.house.gov

Henry Waxman

9 mins ·

The #CleanPowerPlan proposal released today by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency marks a major step forward for our country. Acting now to curb carbon pollution will protect public health, slow global warming, and create new clean energy jobs. Doing nothing will lead to catastrophic changes in the #climate & endanger our health and economy.

We can be certain special interests will exaggerate the impacts of clear air regulations, but the history of the Clean Air A...

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Clean Power Plan Explained

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Press:

Blumenauer in LATimes (forthcoming)

Van Hollen on Ronan Farrow

Op-Ed:

Delaney: http://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/john-k-delaney-an-excise-tax-would-give-states-a-role-in-fighting-climate-change/2014/05/30/ac2a58b4-e763-11e3-a86b-362fd5443d19_story.html

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All,

Attached and below is what I've caught thus from SEEC and our members on today's announcement (includes statements, tweets, Facebook posts, press, and op-eds). Will have a wrap for you later on today as well.

Best,

Kara

Kara Allen
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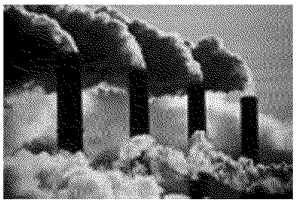

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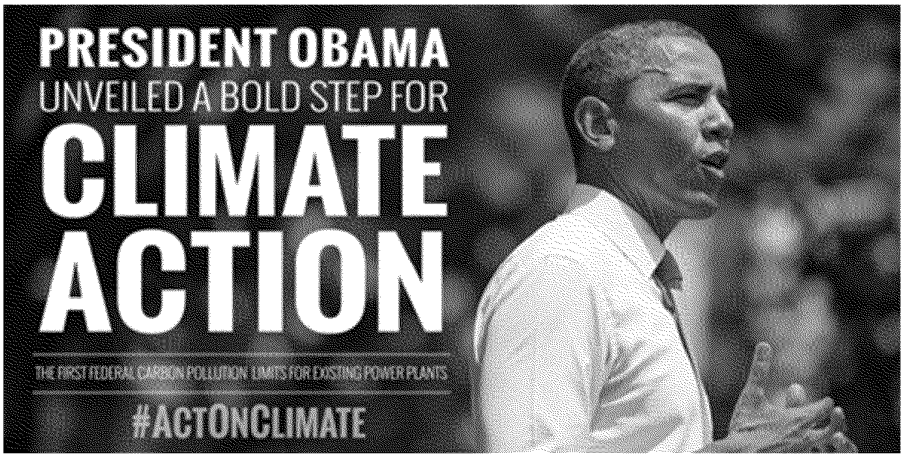

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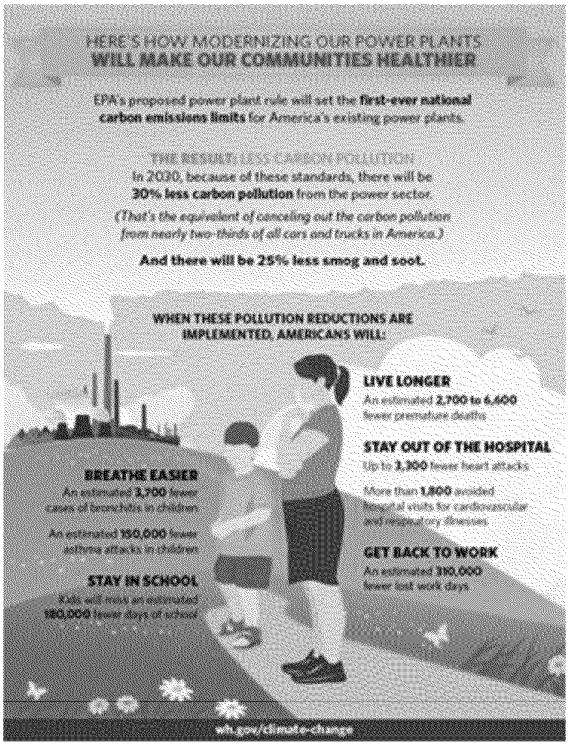

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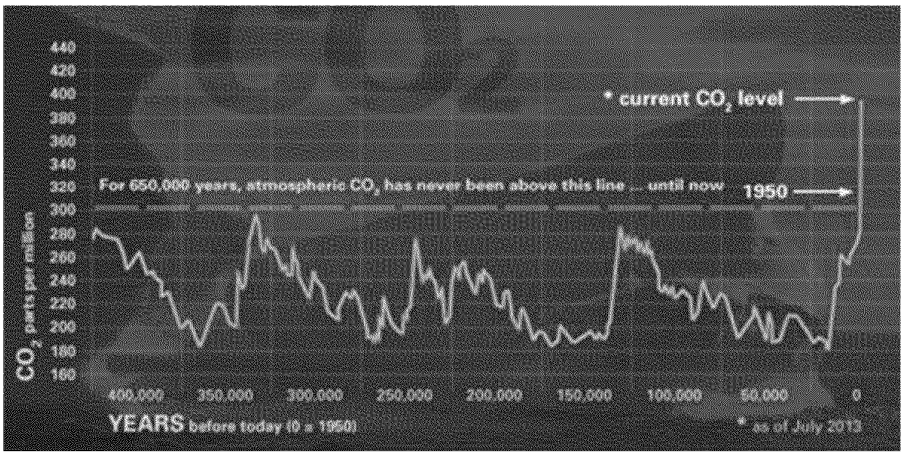

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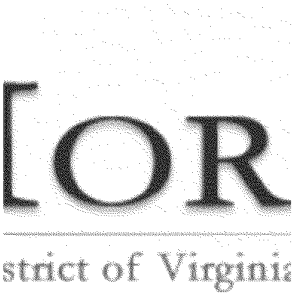

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I'd like to ask if EPA might be willing to do a similar briefing for staff on Friday, at either 11am or 2pm, which is when we have our weekly SEEC staff meeting.

Let me know, or if I should connect with someone else could you put me in touch?

Thanks.

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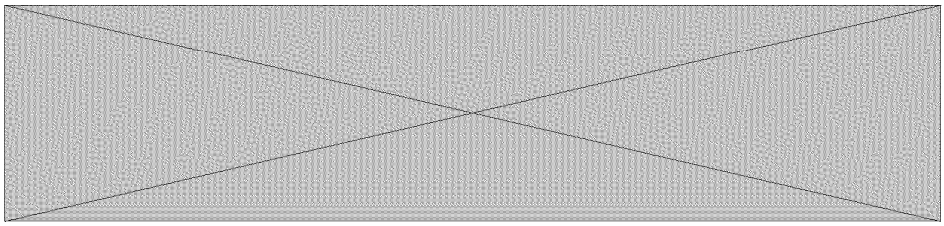

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SEEC Member Mark Pocan (WI-02): "I believe climate change represents one of the greatest threats to our national security, economic livelihood and the health of our planet. This historic plan renews our commitment to being good stewards of our environment and shows the United States is willing to be an international leader in combating global climate change."

SEEC Member Jim Himes (CT-04): "Today, we're taking our biggest step ever to reduce our carbon footprint and tackle the threat that climate change poses to our health, security and environment. I stand in support of the Clean Power Plan, which will further the transition to a cleaner, more renewable energy economy."

SEEC Members Keith Ellison (MN-05) and Raúl M. Grijalva (AZ-03): "The Clean Power Plan is the most ambitious step ever taken by the U.S. to address global climate change. While we already limit harmful power plant emissions like arsenic, mercury and sulfur dioxide, we've been turning a blind eye to carbon. This plan will begin to undo some of the harmful effects that have gone unchecked in recent years and reduce carbon 32 percent below what they were in 2005.

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"The Clean Power Plan will also protect our health. The Environmental Protection

Agency projects it will stop 3,600 premature deaths and prevent up to 90,000 asthma attacks in children. These health benefits will be especially important to communities of color, since they are more likely to live near environmental hazards like power plants and be exposed to air pollution from fossil fuels.

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SEEC Member Peter Welch (VT-AL): "Climate change is real and has serious consequences for our economy, our livelihoods, and our health. You don't have to go any further than communities across Vermont to hear about its early impacts. Just ask the businesses and families wiped out by Tropical Storm Irene. Or the ski lift operator worried about losing his job as the season shortens. Or the farmer planning for changes in the productivity of her crops. Or the sugar maker coping with the uncertainty of when the season will start and how long it will last.

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SEEC Member Lloyd Doggett (TX-35): "With Congress dominated by climate change deniers, the President is relying on sound science to combat one of our greatest security, environmental, and health challenges. Moving away from dirty coal means more reliance upon natural gas and renewable energy on which San Antonio and Austin are leaders. CPS and Austin Energy are prepared to be part of the solution. Our local entrepreneurs will gain more opportunities and all of us will have more hope that we can overcome the many threats posed by global warming."

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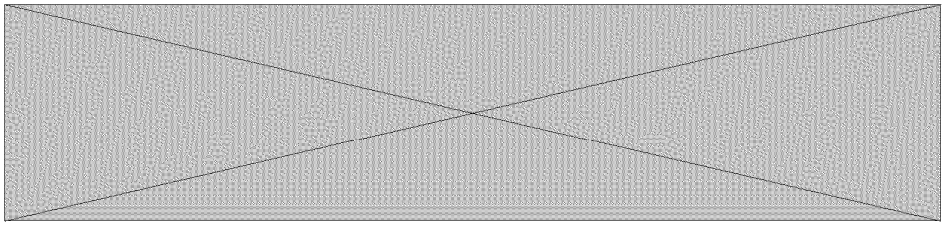

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"If you accept modern science, you cannot deny that human carbon emissions are contributing to climate change. If you fight wildfires, farm, run a ski resort, or live in a low-

lying coastal area, you are already living with the impacts of this climate change on a daily basis.

"As a major contributor to these changes, the United States has an obligation to set an example and act now to prevent the worst impacts to the vulnerable populations who will suffer the most and contributed the least to climate change. We must act for the fellow creatures that share our planet and for future generations.

"The Clean Power Plan is a monumental step toward this goal. While it is only a first step, I commend this progress and look forward to working with the Administration and with my colleagues in Congress to support and strengthen this rule nationally, and with Oregonians to ensure we meet and exceed these goals here at home."

SEEC Member Chris Van Hollen (MD-08): "Today's final Clean Power Plan is a historic milestone in the urgent battle to combat climate change. It will limit dangerous carbon pollution from power plants for the first time ever and provide an economic opportunity for every state to invest in renewable energy and energy efficiency. Maryland has been a leader in cutting greenhouse gas emissions, and now we have a national blueprint to better protect public health while creating good-paying jobs in new energy technologies.

"With 2014 recently eclipsing 2010 as the hottest year on record, continuing a dangerous trend that threatens Maryland communities and the Chesapeake Bay, we have an obligation to act now to curb the most damaging impacts of climate change and leave a better world for future generations. I applaud President Obama for this important step and call on my colleagues in Congress to pass meaningful legislation to continue this effort, like my Healthy Climate and Family Security Act."

SEEC Member Don Beyer (VA-08): "Climate change is the existential crisis of our time. President Obama's Clean Power Plan will combat this threat to our health, safety, and security of the generations who will inherit our environmental legacy. Millions of American families depend on us to take the necessary steps to clean up our air and water. The Clean Power Plan is a smart and effective first step to limit carbon emissions from power plants, drive our transition to a zero-carbon renewable energy future, and make aggressive investments in clean energy technologies."

SEEC Member John Delaney (MD-06): "Climate change is one of the defining challenges of our time, threatening our health, our economy and our national security and it is time to act. I applaud the White House for taking the first steps towards limiting carbon emissions. But climate change is a big problem that goes beyond just power plants and will require a bigger solution, which is why I've always supported a carbon tax, an approach that can harness market forces to encourage innovation and help working families and those directly impacted by new technologies. I am also pleased that states will have the option to implement a state-based carbon tax, a change I called for last year. As the Pope made clear, we have a moral obligation to leave a healthy planet to future generations and I will continue to work to build support for my Tax Pollution, Not Profits Act in Congress."

SEEC Member Lois Capps (CA-24): "The Clean Power Plan is a major step forward in our nation's effort to combat climate change and I strongly support it. "These new rules will help ensure that future generations have safer air to breathe and a healthier planet to enjoy, while supporting the green tech efforts that call the Central Coast home. I commend the Obama Administration for its steadfast commitment to addressing climate change for the health of our nation and our economy."

SEEC Member Mark Pocan (WI-02): "I believe climate change represents one of the greatest threats to our national security, economic livelihood and the health of our planet. This historic plan renews our commitment to being good stewards of our environment and shows the United States is willing to be an international leader in combating global climate change."

SEEC Member Jim Himes (CT-04): "Today, we're taking our biggest step ever to reduce our carbon footprint and tackle the threat that climate change poses to our health, security and environment. I stand in support of the Clean Power Plan, which will further the transition to a cleaner, more renewable energy economy."

SEEC Members Keith Ellison (MN-05) and Raúl M. Grijalva (AZ-03): "The Clean Power Plan is the most ambitious step ever taken by the U.S. to address global climate change. While we already limit harmful power plant emissions like arsenic, mercury and sulfur dioxide, we've been turning a blind eye to carbon. This plan will begin to undo some of the harmful effects that have gone unchecked in recent years and reduce carbon 32 percent below what they were in 2005.

"At the same time, we're setting a course for our nation to become energy independent while reducing our dangerous greenhouse emissions and creating clean energy jobs at home. By investing in energy efficiency and clean energy technology, we can reduce energy bills, boost our economy, and take on climate change.

"The Clean Power Plan will also protect our health. The Environmental Protection Agency projects it will stop 3,600 premature deaths and prevent up to 90,000 asthma attacks in children. These health benefits will be especially important to communities of color, since they are more likely to live near environmental hazards like power plants and be exposed to air pollution from fossil fuels.

"We shouldn't sell our children's future for a few more years of oil and coal profits, and I applaud the president for leading on this vital issue."

SEEC Member Peter Welch (VT-AL): "Climate change is real and has serious consequences for our economy, our livelihoods, and our health. You don't have to go any further than communities across Vermont to hear about its early impacts. Just ask the businesses and families wiped out by Tropical Storm Irene. Or the ski lift operator worried about losing his job as the season shortens. Or the farmer planning for changes in the productivity of her crops. Or the sugar maker coping with the uncertainty of when the season will start and how long it will last.

"Every day we wait makes solving this problem more difficult. And make no mistake about it, this is a problem that can be solved.

"President Obama's bold Clean Power Plan will have an enormous impact on carbon emissions that are a leading cause of climate change. It is a practical and flexible plan that is the product of constructive input from states and utilities. To succeed, it is essential that all parties choose a path of cooperation over litigation and problem solving over intransigence. Time is of the essence."

SEEC Member Lloyd Doggett (TX-35): "With Congress dominated by climate change deniers, the President is relying on sound science to combat one of our greatest security, environmental, and health challenges. Moving away from dirty coal means more reliance upon natural gas and renewable energy on which San Antonio and Austin are leaders. CPS and Austin Energy are prepared to be part of the solution. Our local entrepreneurs will gain more opportunities and all of us will have more hope that we can overcome the many threats posed by global warming."

SEEC Member Jared Huffman (CA-02): "The Clean Power Plan is the biggest single step the United States has ever taken to fight climate change and avert its worst impacts. I applaud President Obama and EPA Administrator McCarthy for taking action when Congress would not.

"Congress must begin to take the existential threat of climate change seriously, following the example set by the Obama administration along with California and many other states.

"As the President said today, we are the first generation to feel the effects of climate change, and perhaps the last with an opportunity to do something about it. It is up to us to act to ensure our children don't inherit a world beyond fixing."

SEEC Member David Price (NC-04): "I welcome President Obama's Clean Power Plan, which will enable our country to transition to a cleaner future, mitigating the effects of climate change, boosting the economy, and providing relief to consumers," said Congressman Price. "The proposal gives states flexibility, and in North Carolina, we will be able to build on our past success with the Clean Smokestacks act and our state renewable portfolio standard. Adopting the President's plan could create thousands of jobs for North Carolinians and cut electric bills by over $700 million state-wide. The Clean Power Plan is a clear win for the economy, the environment, and consumers, and I look forward to working with the Administration and the EPA to ensure that its provisions are effectively implemented."

SEEC Statement: "Extreme weather events such as longer droughts, more intense wildfires, sea-level rise, flooding, and super storms, clearly demonstrate what climate change looks like in communities across the country. Climate change poses a real and growing threat to our children, our families, our national security, and our economy. We

have a moral obligation to act on climate, and we cannot afford to wait any longer to further reduce carbon pollution.

"The Clean Power Plan lays the foundation for America's energy future. We have an opportunity and the ability to make our economy and our communities stronger by investing in proven clean energy technologies to improve efficiency and reliability. As members of the Sustainable Energy and Environment Coalition, we are leading the fight in Congress against the dirty energy status quo. We applaud the President and the EPA for their leadership on the Clean Power Plan, and we will continue to work with the Administration and our community partners in supporting and defending this initiative for the benefit of American families and our planet."

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http://seec-israel.house.gov/press-release/statement-clean-power-plan

The Sustainable Energy and Environment Coalition (SEEC) is a coalition of fifty –three Democratic members of the U.S. House of Representatives that was founded in January 2009 to be a focused, active, and effective coalition for advancing "policies that promote clean energy technology innovation and domestic manufacturing, develop renewable energy resources, and create green collar jobs throughout the product supply-chain, and polices to help arrest global warming and protect our nation's clean air, water and natural environment." SEEC is Co-Chaired by Reps. Paul Tonko (D-NY), Gerald Connolly (D-VA), and Doris Matsui (D-CA). SEEC Vice-Chairs are Reps. Jared Polis (D-CO), Steve Israel (D-NY), Chellie Pingree (D-ME), Matt Cartwright (D-PA), and Alan Lowenthal (D-CA).

To: Anderson, Amanda D.[Amanda_D._Anderson@who.eop.gov]; 'Kara.Allen@mail.house.gov'[Kara.Allen@mail.house.gov]; Distefano, Nichole[DiStefano.Nichole@epa.gov]
From: Vaught, Laura
Sent: Mon 6/2/2014 9:43:30 PM
Subject: RE: End of Day Roundup from SEEC MoCs

Thanks so much!!

From: Anderson, Amanda D. [mailto:Amanda_D._Anderson@who.eop.gov]
Sent: Monday, June 02, 2014 5:37 PM
To: 'Kara.Allen@mail.house.gov'; Vaught, Laura; Distefano, Nichole
Subject: Re: End of Day Roundup from SEEC MoCs

Awesome! Thanks Kara

From: Allen, Kara [mailto:Kara.Allen@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Monday, June 02, 2014 05:28 PM
To: Anderson, Amanda D.; 'Vaught.Laura@epamail.epa.gov' <Vaught.Laura@epamail.epa.gov>; 'Distefano, Nichole' <DiStefano.Nichole@epa.gov>
Subject: End of Day Roundup from SEEC MoCs

26 pages of activity—and this is just what was flagged for me. Will update with a more fine-toothed comb tomorrow.

Kara Allen

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McDermott Statement on Obama Administration's Proposal to Cut Carbon Emissions

WASHINGTON, DC – Today, Jim McDermott (D, WA-7) issued the following statement on the Obama administration's announcement of its proposal to cut carbon emissions from existing power plants.

"I commend the Obama administration on its announcement today to curb harmful carbon emissions from coal-fired power plants. This action represents the single strongest commitment ever taken by an American president to combat climate change. This action also helps make the price of carbon emissions – which is paid by each and every one of us – increasingly transparent to the American people. The science of climate change is clear: this is not an abstract notion for future generations to cope with; it is happening now. The price of carbon emissions and the impacts of climate change are now being felt across the United States – in our polluted air, the warming and acidification of our oceans, stressed ecosystems and increasingly destructive weather patterns. Democrats in Congress recognize the need to act now for environmental stewardship, for businesses, for national security, for the health and security of American families. Carbon in the atmosphere doesn't just accelerate a change in climate, it poses a public health risk to everyone downwind. I recently reintroduced the Managed Carbon Price Act of 2014, legislation to put a price on carbon and lower harmful greenhouse gas emissions over time. I support the Environmental Protection Agency's actions moving forward and hope my legislation will contribute to this critical discussion moving forward."

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Twitter:

Rep. Barbara Lee @RepBarbaraLee 29m

Big news! **@BarackObama** announces big steps to cut carbon pollution and **#ActOnClimate**. See more here: http://1.usa.gov/1uvaerr

House of Reps. SEEC @SEEC 10m

SEEC responds to first ever **#carbonpollution** standards: http://seec-israel.house.gov/press-release/statement-carbon-pollution-standard-existing-sources … **#ActOnClimate** **@EPA** **@WhiteHouse**

.**@SEEC** Statement on Carbon Pollution Standard for Existing Sources http://seec-israel.house.gov/press-release/statement-carbon-pollution-standard-existing-sources …

Rep. Keith Ellison @keithellison 1m

A strong proposed rule to cut carbon pollution is essential to our future. I applaud the **@EPA** and **@WhiteHouse**: http://1.usa.gov/1kxGZAt

Rep. Keith Ellison @keithellison 26s

Reducing carbon pollution from power plants will guarantee a healthier future for our children **#ActonClimate**

Rep. Keith Ellison @keithellison 1m

In MN, we've had three 1,000-year flooding events in the last decade. We must slow the worst effects of climate change **#ActOnClimate**

Paul Tonko @RepPaulTonko 18m

Watch **@GinaEPA** discuss the biggest step yet to **#ActOnClimate** this morn at 10:30 AM ET http://www.epa.gov

Chris Van Hollen @ChrisVanHollen 13m

Today's new carbon standard will improve public health, create jobs & show the world the US is ready to **#ActOnClimate** change.

Paul Tonko @RepPaulTonko 3m

LIVE: **@GinaEPA** announces game-changing limits on the carbon pollution that fuels climate change: http://www.epa.gov **#ActOnClimate**

Jim Moran @Jim_Moran 2m

.@GinaEPA is about to lay the foundation for the largest reduction in carbon pollution ever proposed. Check it out at http://epa.gov

Paul Tonko @RepPaulTonko 27s

.@GinaEPA is about to take decisive action to set limits on carbon pollution and #ActOnClimate. Watch here: http://www.epa.gov

Paul Tonko @RepPaulTonko 2m

WATCH @GinaEPA announcing the most significant steps ever taken by the US to curb carbon and combat climate change: http://www.epa.gov

Gerry Connolly @GerryConnolly 1m

Today's Clean Power Plan will improve public health, create jobs, spur innovation & show the world the US is ready to lead on climate change

House of Reps. SEEC @SEEC 5m

.@GinaEPA: "We are directed by our laws & it is reaffirmed by the courts that we r here 2 protect public health & the enviro" #ActOnClimate

House of Reps. SEEC @SEEC 4m

.@GinaEPA: "There are no limits on carbon pollution from power plants, our nation's largest sources." #ActOnClimate

House of Reps. SEEC @SEEC 3m

.@GinaEPA: "1/10 kids suffer from asthma." #ActOnClimate @LungAssociation

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If we do nothing, we could see temps increase 10 degrees and seas rise 4 ft. It's abt protecting our homes, jobs #ActOnClimate @GinaEPA

Rep. Scott Peters @RepScottPeters 1m

HAPPENING NOW: @GinaEPA is announcing decisive steps to curb carbon pollution and #ActOnClimate. Watch here: http://epa.gov

Rep. Keith Ellison @keithellison 1m

Watch @GinaEPA of the @EPA talk about the new carbon rule: http://1.usa.gov/4LfaFa

Rep. John Delaney @RepJohnDelaney 13s

New EPA rules out today. Read my Washington Post oped here: http://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/john-k-delaney-an-excise-tax-would-give-states-a-role-in-fighting-climate-change/2014/05/30/ac2a58b4-e763-11e3-a86b-362fd5443d19_story.html … **#ActOnClimate**

Jim Moran @Jim_Moran 1m

Happening now: **@GinaEPA** decision to **#ActOnClimate** will lead us to a healthier future.

Paul Tonko @RepPaulTonko 1m

Read more information on the administration's plan to **#ActOnClimate** here: http://www.whitehouse.gov/climate-change

House of Reps. SEEC @SEEC 3m

Watch **@GinaEPA** on today's **#carbonpollution** standards and the **@EPA** plan to **#ActOnClimate**: http://epa.gov

House of Reps. SEEC @SEEC 36s

We've cut air pollution by 70% while tripling the growth of our economy. We don't have to pick bet economy & enviro **#ActOnClimate** **@GinaEPA**

Rep. Keith Ellison @keithellison 12m

VIDEO: It's time to **#ActonClimate**, Minnesota: http://bit.ly/1kAMSIg

Steve Israel @RepSteveIsrael 10m

We researched, engineered, built to win WW2 & land on moon. Now we will again to stop weather xtremes.

Mike Quigley @RepMikeQuigley 10m

New **@EPA** **#CarbonEmission** limits will protect public health & spur **#CleanEnergy** innovation. Learn more: http://www.whitehouse.gov/climate-change **#ActOnClimate**

Paul Tonko @RepPaulTonko 1m

Power plants responsible for 40% of carbon pollution in US and for first time, we're taking meaningful steps to **#ActOnClimate** and limit it

Rep. Alan Lowenthal @RepLowenthal 49s

With Congress unable to face climate reality, **@WhiteHouse** proposes decisive action to combat climate change. **#ActOnClimate**

Blumenauer Media @BlumenauerMedia 8m

Blumenauer: New EPA Regulations "Bold First Step" to Combating Climate Change http://blumenauer.house.gov/index.php/newsroom/press-releases/2355-blumenauer-statement-on-carbon-pollution-standards-for-power-plants …

Rep. Doris Matsui @DorisMatsui 6m

Power plants account for 40% of carbon pollution in US. For first time we're taking action to limit it **#ActOnClimate** http://1.usa.gov/U79afX

Paul Tonko @RepPaulTonko 9m

I agree w/ the Conf. of Catholic Bishops: it's time to **#ActOnClimate** to 'protect the health & welfare of all people.' http://goo.gl/SoXhOy

Rep. Zoe Lofgren @RepZoeLofgren 1m

New EPA regs limitng CO2 emissions a good step-fusion research like **#NIF** also critical to reduce future fossil fuel dependence **#ActOnClimate**

Jim Moran @Jim_Moran 39m

Read my full statement on **@EPA** & **@GinaEPA** game changing proposal to limit carbon emissions and **#ActOnClimate** - http://goo.gl/kUzhSB

Jim McDermott @RepJimMcDermott 22m

I commend **@BarackObama** **@EPA** 4 plan to curb carbon emissions. USA is already feeling effects of climate change. We must **#ActOnClimate** **@SEEC**

Lois Capps @RepLoisCapps 13m

These proposed **@EPA** rules will go a long way toward keeping our air clean, and protecting the health of seniors, children, and families.

Chellie Pingree @chelliepingree 2m

EPA carbon proposal good step forward. Climate change is already here http://1.usa.gov/1mK5E2B **#mepolitics**

Rep.George Miller @askgeorge 1m

I agree w/ the Conf. of Catholic Bishops: it's time to **#ActOnClimate** to 'protect the health & welfare of all people.' http://goo.gl/SoXhOy

Denny Heck @RepDennyHeck 1h

A big win for kids' health: **@EPA** just proposed standards to reduce carbon pollution from power plants → http://wh.gov/climate-change **#ActOnClimate**

Rep. Jared Polis @RepJaredPolis 1h

Since **@HouseGOP** won't act, I applaud the **@EPA**'s proposed carbon pollution standards for power plants http://1.usa.gov/1wW5dJF **#ActOnClimate**

Niki Tsongas @nikiinthehouse 1h

.**@EPA** proposed carbon pollution standards for powerplants: protect public health http://wh.gov/climate-change **#ActOnClimate** pic.twitter.com/Pnyj6mVavi

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Katherine Clark @RepKClark 1h

Pleased **#EPA** taking a necessary step to ensure better health and a better planet for our children. **#ActOnClimate** http://bit.ly/1mKtWcR

Niki Tsongas @nikiinthehouse 1h

Time to stop smoke-stacking the deck against our health. Reduce carbon pollution http://wh.gov/climate-change **#ActOnClimate** pic.twitter.com/WbEJ0lenH9

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Rep. John Delaney @RepJohnDelaney 48m

Video of my interview with Energy Week on the new EPA guidelines here: http://youtu.be/c1a2hfiibO8 **#ActOnClimate**

Rep. Susan Davis @RepSusanDavis 46m

We have a responsibility to our children to leave them a planet w/ cleaner air. **#ActOnClimate** http://www.house.gov/susandavis/press2014/pr060214.shtml … pic.twitter.com/kPCpFC6nJj

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Chris Van Hollen @ChrisVanHollen 28m

.@**WhiteHouse**'s plan to cut carbon builds off successes achieved in Maryland, other states - http://bsun.md/1nIFi6t #**ActOnClimate**

Rep.George Miller @askgeorge 21m

Today we took one huge step closer to a healthier, cleaner and more prosperous America. Limiting carbon pollution... http://fb.me/2EQTV6edk

Rep. John Delaney @RepJohnDelaney 12m

Delaney Applauds New EPA Rule, Calls for Expanded Options for States http://delaney.house.gov/media-center/press-releases/delaney-applauds-new-epa-rule-calls-for-expanded-options-for-states …

Denny Heck @RepDennyHeck 9m

Spread the word: Proposed @**EPA** clean power plant standards would reduce soot and smog by 25% in 2030. #**ActOnClimate** pic.twitter.com/nK3taKKu7n

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Congressman Matt Cartwright shared a link.

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Today, EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy is laying the groundwork for the biggest reduction in carbon pollution ever proposed. Check it out at 10:30 AM: http://www.epa.gov/ #ActOnClimate

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US Environmental Protection Agency

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Understanding Climate Change impacts in the New England region is one thing, and actually working to improve vision, capability and capacity to confront climate change and make our communities more...

Congressman Gerry Connolly

9 mins ·

Today's Clean Power Plan will improve public health, create jobs, spur innovation & show the world the US is ready to lead on climate change

Barbara Lee

35 mins ·

Glad to see President Obama taking strong action today to cut carbon pollution at power plants. We have a moral obligation to address climate change and safeguard our planet for future generations. This important step will protect our environment, our health, and our economy. #ActOnClimate

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Paul D. Tonko

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With today's announcement, we are taking an important step in fulfilling our promise of a healthier and brighter tomorrow for our children. We already have limits on toxins like lead, mercury, and arsenic. Carbon pollution should be no different and as of today it no longer is.

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Statement on Carbon Pollution Standard for Existing Sources | Sustainable Energy and Environment...

Washington, D.C.—Today, the Environmental...

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Congresswoman Doris O. Matsui

10 mins ·

Today, EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy outlined the most significant step ever taken by the US to curb carbon pollution and combat climate change. It's time to #ActOnClimate!

http://matsui.house.gov/press-releases/congresswoman-matsui-applauds-epa-for-firstever-carbon-pollution-standard-for-existing-sources/

Keith Ellison

6 mins ·

As a father of four, I am always thinking about the kind of world I want to leave to my kids. President Obama and the Environmental Protection Agency outlined today the most significant step the United States has ever taken to curb carbon emissions and fight back against climate change. We have an obligation to future generations, and to the millions of Americans already feeling the affects of pollution and global warming, to make changes now. Thank you, Mr. President.

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Time for National Action to Reduce Carbon Pollution

Music: "I Dunno" by Grapes

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Congressman John Sarbanes

7 mins ·

In the face of reckless Congressional inaction, the EPA's proposal to reduce carbon pollution over the next 16 years is the strongest action to date on climate change. Despite an overwhelming consensus in the scientific community that climate change is a real danger, Republicans in Congress continue to block legislation to address the threat. We must work constructively to find solutions that are rooted in science and protect our environment for the next generation. #ActOnClimate

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Mike Quigley

2 hrs ·

ACT ON CLIMATE: As an environmentalist and a member of Congress, fighting climate change can feel like an uphill battle. Thankfully, new carbon emission standards announced today will protect our public health and spur smart investments in clean energy that will create jobs and economic growth. Perhaps most important, they help fulfill a promise we make to our young people to leave them with a world that is better than we found it, rich in natural resources and that will last for generations to come. Learn more at www.whitehouse.gov/climate-change.

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Congressman Jim McGovern

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Today, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency released the Clean Power Plan proposal, which for the first time cuts carbon pollution from existing power plants, the single largest source of carbon pollution in the United States.

I am proud that Massachusetts has been a national leader in implementing policies that reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) while spurring economic development and am happy to see the nation follow its lead.

06/02/2014: EPA Proposes First Guidelines to Cut Carbon Pollution from Existing Power...

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Chris Van Hollen

40 mins ·

From NASA - National Aeronautics and Space Administration -- visualizing the urgent need to #ActOnClimate change.

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Congressman Jim Moran

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The EPA's proposal today is a game changing decision that reflects President Obama's commitment to act on climate change. This is a problem that won't go away unless we take decisive action to reduce the carbon emissions that are driving climate change. But this isn't just about the threat it poses in the future. This is a present day threat to our national security, our economy, our health and well-being. Climate change is already affecting communities across the country...

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Moran Applauds EPA Proposal to Cut Carbon | Congressman Jim Moran

Washington D.C. -- Representative Jim Moran, Northern Virginia Democrat, Ranking Member

on the House Appropriations Interior...

moran.house.gov

Today's announcement by the EPA is a historic step forward in our effort to combat climate change and protect the health of our communities. These proposed rules will go a long way toward reducing greenhouse gas emissions, keeping our air clean, and protecting the health of seniors, children, and families.

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Chellie Pingree

41 secs ·

I know it will be opposed by big oil and coal companies, but I fully support EPA's proposal to cut carbon emissions from power plants by 30% by 2030. It's past time to take this pollution out of the air and move toward cleaner energy resources. Maine's economy is already suffering from climate change, ocean acidification, and other carbon-related effects on our environment--we can't afford to wait anymore. http://1.usa.gov/1mK5E2B

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Praising EPA proposal on global warming pollution

Official web site for Representative Chellie Pingree (D - ME).

pingree.house.gov

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Raul M. Grijalva

10 mins ·

With the Clean Power Plan, we kill two birds with one stone – we significantly curb the amount

of carbon being released into our atmosphere and we encourage more investment and job creation in the clean and renewable energy sectors.

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Unveiling New Carbon Plan, E.P.A. Focuses on Flexibility

A rule announced Monday will give states a wide menu of policy options to...

The New York Times|By Coral Davenport

Congresswoman Annie Kuster

3 mins ·

Glad that the EPA is catching up to what New Hampshire has already been doing and rolling out standards for reducing pollution from power plants. A few months ago, I led 40 Representatives from the Northeast in asking EPA to use our Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) as a model for developing their national standard. RGGI has been successful in reducing emissions in our states by 40% since 2005 while supporting efforts to increase efficiency and spur innovative new companies. I'm pleased that EPA listened to our suggestions and is proposing a flexible approach that will empower states to develop custom solutions to meeting this national challenge through cooperation, innovation, and a shared commitment to a cleaner, safer, healthier future for all Americans.

Chris Van Hollen

7 mins ·

FACT: The President's plan to clean up our power plants will save lives. #ActOnClimate

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Congressman Scott Peters

2 mins ·

Today's plan from U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will reward states, like California, that are finding innovative solutions to reducing carbon emissions, cutting down on pollution and smog, and providing cleaner air for our children and seniors. It is time to #ActOnClimate!

The EPA is taking public comments about their proposal for the next four months. Submit your

thoughts here: http://www2.epa.gov/carbon-pollution-standards/how-comment-clean-power-plan-proposed-rule

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Steve Israel

2 mins ·

Climate change is a risk to our economy and our health. I applaud the new standards proposed today by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency that would cut air pollution and put New York on the path to a sustainable future.

http://www.nytimes.com/2014/06/03/us/politics/obama-epa-rule-coal-carbon-pollution-power-plants.html?hp

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Unveiling New Carbon Plan, E.P.A. Focuses on Flexibility

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Congressman John K. Delaney

53 mins ·

Today the EPA announced new greenhouse gas standards. I discussed the best way forward on this issue in yesterday's Washington Post. In my view, we should give the states more flexibility, including using a market-based approach like a carbon tax. You can read my op-ed here:

Ahead of New EPA Guidelines Delaney Op-Ed in Washington Post Calls for State-Based Carbon Tax...

WASHINGTON – Sunday's print edition of the Washington Post featured...

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Representative Alan Lowenthal

36 mins ·

With Congress unable to face climate reality, President Obama promotes game-changing steps to cut carbon pollution from power plants and combat climate change:

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Reducing Carbon Pollution in Our Power Plants

In this week's address, President Obama discussed new actions by the Environmental Protection Agency to cut dangerous carbon pollution, a plan that builds on...

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Peter Welch

1 hr ·

This is what Peter said after the Obama administration announced a plan to reduce power plant emissions:

"Climate change is real and poses a serious threat to our economy, environment and public health. And Vermont is not immune from its effects. Just ask our farmers, sugar makers and ski area operators. They will tell you how climate change is already upon them. Across the country, severe weather events related to climate change, like Tropical Storm Irene, are becoming ...

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Congresswoman Susan Davis

51 mins ·

We have a responsibility to our children to leave them a planet with cleaner air. The President's proposed cut in carbon pollution will mean a healthier future for generations to come. # ActOnClimate

http://www.house.gov/susandavis/press2014/pr060214.shtml

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Congressman Jared Huffman

11 mins ·

Climate change is already having far-reaching impacts -- catastrophic droughts and wildfires in California, more extreme weather events around the world, a rising sea level globally, and impacts to our public health and food supply. We cannot afford to let industry-funded climate deniers, who ignore the science and the facts, continue to block any major federal action.

We have a legal and moral obligation to cut carbon pollution now.

The President's Clean Power Plan is a cr...

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A primer on new regulation EPA will propose

The EPA will propose a rule to cut emissions from existing coal plants by as much as 30 percent by 2030.

Washington Post

Steve Israel

1 hr ·

Climate change is a matter of national security. It poses a grave risk to our economy and the health of NY families. NY is a step ahead, but it's time to #ActofClimate

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Congresswoman Katherine Clark

1 hr ·

I applaud the Administration for taking a necessary step to ensure better health and a better planet for our children by reducing the dangerous amounts of carbon pollution introduced daily into the air.

http://www.bostonglobe.com/news/nation/2014/06/02/new-rules-carbon-emissions-give-states-flexibility/pQWXf461I0SiOkkkJuOp5N/story.html

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New rules on carbon emissions give states flexibility - The Boston Globe

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Obama administration's new rules targeting power plant emissions will give states until mid-2018 in some circumstances to determine how they'll reach...

The Boston Globe

Representative Zoe Lofgren

1 hr ·

I applaud the EPA's announcement proposing regulations to limit carbon dioxide emissions from power plants. Carbon pollution exacerbates the effects of climate change and leads to higher risks of respiratory disease and asthma attacks. Climate change is a critical issue and this is one step towards addressing it and protecting the public health.

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Congresswoman Julia Brownley

34 mins ·

The Supreme Court's misguided decisions in Citizens United and McCutcheon have compounded the influence of wealthy special interests and so-called Super PACs, threatening our government "of the people, by the people, and for the people." The current campaign finance system is broken and we need a constitutional amendment to allow Congress and states to set reasonable limits to avoid the corrupting influence of money in politics. I applaud Chairman Leahy's commitment to returning the balance of power to the American people.

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BROWNLEY APPLAUDS SENATE HEARING ON CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM | Congresswoman Julia Brownley

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, Congresswoman...

juliabrownley.house.gov

Henry Waxman

9 mins ·

The #CleanPowerPlan proposal released today by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency marks a major step forward for our country. Acting now to curb carbon pollution will protect public health, slow global warming, and create new clean energy jobs. Doing nothing will lead to catastrophic changes in the #climate & endanger our health and economy.

We can be certain special interests will exaggerate the impacts of clear air regulations, but the history of the Clean Air A...

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Clean Power Plan Explained

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Press:

Blumenauer in LATimes (forthcoming)

Van Hollen on Ronan Farrow

Op-Ed:

Delaney: http://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/john-k-delaney-an-excise-tax-would-give-states-a-role-in-fighting-climate-change/2014/05/30/ac2a58b4-e763-11e3-a86b-362fd5443d19

To: Kara Allen[Kara.Allen@mail.house.gov]
From: Vaught, Laura
Sent: Mon 6/2/2014 5:22:51 PM
Subject: Re: Half Day Roundup from SEEC MoCs

Thanks!

From: Allen, Kara <Kara.Allen@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 2, 2014 1:22:05 PM
To: Anderson, Amanda D.; Vaught, Laura; Distefano, Nichole
Subject: Half Day Roundup from SEEC MoCs

All,

Attached and below is what I've caught thus from SEEC and our members on today's announcement (includes statements, tweets, Facebook posts, press, and op-eds). Will have a wrap for you later on today as well.

Best,

Kara

Kara Allen
Executive Director
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Statements:

- McDermott (below)
- SEEC
- Blumenauer
- Ellison
- Capps
- Van Hollen
- Matsui
- Moran

McDermott Statement on Obama Administration's Proposal to Cut Carbon Emissions

WASHINGTON, DC – Today, Jim McDermott (D, WA-7) issued the following statement on the Obama administration's announcement of its proposal to cut carbon emissions from existing power plants.

"I commend the Obama administration on its announcement today to curb harmful carbon emissions from coal-fired power plants. This action represents the single strongest commitment ever taken by an American president to combat climate change. This action also helps make the price of carbon emissions – which is paid by each and every one of us – increasingly transparent to the American

people. The science of climate change is clear: this is not an abstract notion for future generations to cope with; it is happening now. The price of carbon emissions and the impacts of climate change are now being felt across the United States – in our polluted air, the warming and acidification of our oceans, stressed ecosystems and increasingly destructive weather patterns. Democrats in Congress recognize the need to act now for environmental stewardship, for businesses, for national security, for the health and security of American families. Carbon in the atmosphere doesn't just accelerate a change in climate, it poses a public health risk to everyone downwind. I recently reintroduced the Managed Carbon Price Act of 2014, legislation to put a price on carbon and lower harmful greenhouse gas emissions over time. I support the Environmental Protection Agency's actions moving forward and hope my legislation will contribute to this critical discussion moving forward."

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Twitter:

Rep. Barbara Lee @RepBarbaraLee 29m
Big news! **@BarackObama** announces big steps to cut carbon pollution and **#ActOnClimate**. See more here: http://1.usa.gov/1uvaerr
House of Reps. SEEC @SEEC 10m
SEEC responds to first ever **#carbonpollution** standards: http://seec-israel.house.gov/press-release/statement-carbon-pollution-standard-existing-sources … **#ActOnClimate** **@EPA** **@WhiteHouse**
.**@SEEC** Statement on Carbon Pollution Standard for Existing Sources http://seec-israel.house.gov/press-release/statement-carbon-pollution-standard-existing-sources ...
Rep. Keith Ellison @keithellison 1m
A strong proposed rule to cut carbon pollution is essential to our future. I applaud the **@EPA** and **@WhiteHouse**: http://1.usa.gov/1kxGZAt
Rep. Keith Ellison @keithellison 26s
Reducing carbon pollution from power plants will guarantee a healthier future for our children **#ActonClimate**
Rep. Keith Ellison @keithellison 1m
In MN, we've had three 1,000-year flooding events in the last decade. We must slow the worst effects of climate change **#ActOnClimate**
Paul Tonko @RepPaulTonko 18m
Watch **@GinaEPA** discuss the biggest step yet to **#ActOnClimate** this morn at 10:30 AM ET http://www.epa.gov
Chris Van Hollen @ChrisVanHollen 13m
Today's new carbon standard will improve public health, create jobs & show the world the US is ready to **#ActOnClimate** change.
Paul Tonko @RepPaulTonko 3m
LIVE: **@GinaEPA** announces game-changing limits on the carbon pollution that fuels climate change: http://www.epa.gov **#ActOnClimate**
Jim Moran @Jim_Moran 2m
.**@GinaEPA** is about to lay the foundation for the largest reduction in carbon pollution ever proposed. Check it out at http://epa.gov
Paul Tonko @RepPaulTonko 27s

.@GinaEPA is about to take decisive action to set limits on carbon pollution and #ActOnClimate. Watch here: http://www.epa.gov
Paul Tonko @RepPaulTonko 2m
WATCH @GinaEPA announcing the most significant steps ever taken by the US to curb carbon and combat climate change: http://www.epa.gov
Gerry Connolly @GerryConnolly 1m
Today's Clean Power Plan will improve public health, create jobs, spur innovation & show the world the US is ready to lead on climate change
House of Reps. SEEC @SEEC 5m
.@GinaEPA: "We are directed by our laws & it is reaffirmed by the courts that we r here 2 protect public health & the enviro" #ActOnClimate
House of Reps. SEEC @SEEC 4m
.@GinaEPA: "There are no limits on carbon pollution from power plants, our nation's largest sources." #ActOnClimate
House of Reps. SEEC @SEEC 3m
.@GinaEPA: "1/10 kids suffer from asthma." #ActOnClimate @LungAssociation
House of Reps. SEEC @SEEC 1m
If we do nothing, we could see temps increase 10 degrees and seas rise 4 ft. It's abt protecting our homes, jobs #ActOnClimate @GinaEPA
Rep. Scott Peters @RepScottPeters 1m
HAPPENING NOW: @GinaEPA is announcing decisive steps to curb carbon pollution and #ActOnClimate. Watch here: http://epa.gov
Rep. Keith Ellison @keithellison 1m
Watch @GinaEPA of the @EPA talk about the new carbon rule: http://1.usa.gov/4LfaFa
Rep. John Delaney @RepJohnDelaney 13s
New EPA rules out today. Read my Washington Post oped here: http://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/john-k-delaney-an-excise-tax-would-give-states-a-role-in-fighting-climate-change/2014/05/30/ac2a58b4-e763-11e3-a86b-362fd5443d19_story.html … #ActOnClimate
Jim Moran @Jim_Moran 1m
Happening now: @GinaEPA decision to #ActOnClimate will lead us to a healthier future.
Paul Tonko @RepPaulTonko 1m
Read more information on the administration's plan to #ActOnClimate here: http://www.whitehouse.gov/climate-change
House of Reps. SEEC @SEEC 3m
Watch @GinaEPA on today's #carbonpollution standards and the @EPA plan to #ActOnClimate: http://epa.gov
House of Reps. SEEC @SEEC 36s
We've cut air pollution by 70% while tripling the growth of our economy. We don't have to pick bet economy & enviro #ActOnClimate @GinaEPA
Rep. Keith Ellison @keithellison 12m
VIDEO: It's time to #ActonClimate, Minnesota: http://bit.ly/1kAMSIg
Steve Israel @RepSteveIsrael 10m
We researched, engineered, built to win WW2 & land on moon. Now we will again to stop weather xtremes.
Mike Quigley @RepMikeQuigley 10m

New @EPA #CarbonEmission limits will protect public health & spur #CleanEnergy innovation. Learn more: http://www.whitehouse.gov/climate-change #ActOnClimate
Paul Tonko @RepPaulTonko 1m
Power plants responsible for 40% of carbon pollution in US and for first time, we're taking meaningful steps to #ActOnClimate and limit it
Rep. Alan Lowenthal @RepLowenthal 49s
With Congress unable to face climate reality, @WhiteHouse proposes decisive action to combat climate change. #ActOnClimate
Blumenauer Media @BlumenauerMedia 8m
Blumenauer: New EPA Regulations "Bold First Step" to Combating Climate Change http://blumenauer.house.gov/index.php/newsroom/press-releases/2355-blumenauer-statement-on-carbon-pollution-standards-for-power-plants …
Rep. Doris Matsui @DorisMatsui 6m
Power plants account for 40% of carbon pollution in US. For first time we're taking action to limit it #ActOnClimate http://1.usa.gov/U79afX
Paul Tonko @RepPaulTonko 9m
I agree w/ the Conf. of Catholic Bishops: it's time to #ActOnClimate to 'protect the health & welfare of all people.' http://goo.gl/SoXhOy
Rep. Zoe Lofgren @RepZoeLofgren 1m
New EPA regs limitng CO2 emissions a good step-fusion research like #NIF also critical to reduce future fossil fuel dependence #ActOnClimate
Jim Moran @Jim_Moran 39m
Read my full statement on @EPA & @GinaEPA game changing proposal to limit carbon emissions and #ActOnClimate - http://goo.gl/kUzhSB
Jim McDermott @RepJimMcDermott 22m
I commend @BarackObama @EPA 4 plan to curb carbon emissions. USA is already feeling effects of climate change. We must #ActOnClimate @SEEC
Lois Capps @RepLoisCapps 13m
These proposed @EPA rules will go a long way toward keeping our air clean, and protecting the health of seniors, children, and families.

Facebook:

Congressman Matt Cartwright shared a link.
4 minutes ago · Edited
Today, EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy is laying the groundwork for the biggest reduction in carbon pollution ever proposed. Check it out at 10:30 AM: http://www.epa.gov/ #ActOnClimate

US Environmental Protection Agency
www.epa.gov
Understanding Climate Change impacts in the New England region is one thing, and actually working to improve vision, capability and capacity to confront climate change and make our communities more...

Congressman Gerry Connolly
9 mins ·

Today's Clean Power Plan will improve public health, create jobs, spur innovation & show the world the US is ready to lead on climate change

Barbara Lee

35 mins ·

Glad to see President Obama taking strong action today to cut carbon pollution at power plants. We have a moral obligation to address climate change and safeguard our planet for future generations. This important step will protect our environment, our health, and our economy. #ActOnClimate

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Paul D. Tonko

1 hr ·

With today's announcement, we are taking an important step in fulfilling our promise of a healthier and brighter tomorrow for our children. We already have limits on toxins like lead, mercury, and arsenic. Carbon pollution should be no different and as of today it no longer is.

Statement on Carbon Pollution Standard for Existing Sources | Sustainable Energy and Environment...

Washington, D.C.—Today, the Environmental...

seec-israel.house.gov

Congresswoman Doris O. Matsui

10 mins ·

Today, EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy outlined the most significant step ever taken by the US to curb carbon pollution and combat climate change. It's time to #ActOnClimate!

http://matsui.house.gov/press-releases/congresswoman-matsui-applauds-epa-for-firstever-carbon-pollution-standard-for-existing-sources/

Keith Ellison

6 mins ·

As a father of four, I am always thinking about the kind of world I want to leave to my kids. President Obama and the Environmental Protection Agency outlined today the most significant step the United States has ever taken to curb carbon emissions and fight back against climate change. We have an obligation to future generations, and to the millions of Americans already feeling the affects of pollution and global warming, to make changes now. Thank you, Mr. President.

Time for National Action to Reduce Carbon Pollution

Music: "I Dunno" by Grapes

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Congressman John Sarbanes

7 mins ·

In the face of reckless Congressional inaction, the EPA's proposal to reduce carbon pollution

over the next 16 years is the strongest action to date on climate change. Despite an overwhelming consensus in the scientific community that climate change is a real danger, Republicans in Congress continue to block legislation to address the threat. We must work constructively to find solutions that are rooted in science and protect our environment for the next generation. #ActOnClimate

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Mike Quigley

2 hrs ·

ACT ON CLIMATE: As an environmentalist and a member of Congress, fighting climate change can feel like an uphill battle. Thankfully, new carbon emission standards announced today will protect our public health and spur smart investments in clean energy that will create jobs and economic growth. Perhaps most important, they help fulfill a promise we make to our young people to leave them with a world that is better than we found it, rich in natural resources and that will last for generations to come. Learn more at www.whitehouse.gov/climate-change.

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Congressman Jim McGovern

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Today, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency released the Clean Power Plan proposal, which for the first time cuts carbon pollution from existing power plants, the single largest source of carbon pollution in the United States.

I am proud that Massachusetts has been a national leader in implementing policies that reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) while spurring economic development and am happy to see the nation follow its lead.

06/02/2014: EPA Proposes First Guidelines to Cut Carbon Pollution from Existing Power...
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Chris Van Hollen

40 mins ·

From NASA - National Aeronautics and Space Administration -- visualizing the urgent need to #ActOnClimate change.

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Congressman Jim Moran

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The EPA's proposal today is a game changing decision that reflects President Obama's commitment to act on climate change. This is a problem that won't go away unless we take decisive action to reduce the carbon emissions that are driving climate change. But this isn't just

about the threat it poses in the future. This is a present day threat to our national security, our economy, our health and well-being. Climate change is already affecting communities across the country...
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Washington D.C. -- Representative Jim Moran, Northern Virginia Democrat, Ranking Member on the House Appropriations Interior...
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Today's announcement by the EPA is a historic step forward in our effort to combat climate change and protect the health of our communities. These proposed rules will go a long way toward reducing greenhouse gas emissions, keeping our air clean, and protecting the health of seniors, children, and families.

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Thanks for sharing- looks to be a good number of folks in attendance!

-Matthew

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Attendance polling for RFS Hearing

Republicans

Likely to attend:
John Shimkus (IL) (will be in and out to go to TSCA signing)
Billy Long (MO)
Pete Olson (TX), Vice Chairman
Ed Whitfield (KY), Chairman
Mike Pompeo (KS)

Not likely to attend:

Toss-up:
Fred Upton (MI) (might go to TSCA signing)

Unknown:
Joseph R. Pitts (PA)
Bob Latta (OH)
Gregg Harper (MS)
David McKinley (WV)
Adam Kinzinger (IL)
Morgan Griffith (VA)
Bill Johnson (OH)
Renee Ellmers (NC)
Bill Flores (TX)
Markwayne Mullin (OK)
Richard Hudson (NC)
Joe Barton (TX)

Democrats

Likely to attend:
Peter Welch (VT)
David Loebsack (IA)
Frank Pallone, Jr. (NJ) (will make opening statement then leave to go to TSCA signing)

Not likely to attend:
John Yarmuth (KY) (has budget hearing)

Toss-up:
Michael F. Doyle (PA)
Kathy Castor (FL) (has budget hearing)
Gene Green (TX)

Unknown:
Bobby L. Rush (IL), Ranking Member
Jerry McNerney (CA)
Paul Tonko (NY) (may go to TSCA signing)
Eliot L. Engel (NY)
Lois Capps (CA)
John Sarbanes (MD)