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05/10/2011 08:35 AM

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Subject Fw: CEO Letter to President Obama on Vehicle Standards

----- Forwarded by Aaron Dickerson/DC/USEPA/US on 05/10/2011 08:34 AM -----

From: Brendan Bell <BBell@ucsusa.org>
To: LisaP.Jackson/DC/USEPA/US@EPA
Cc: Aaron Dickerson/DC/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 05/09/2011 05:36 PM
Subject: CEO Letter to President Obama on Vehicle Standards

Administrator Jackson,

Please accept a copy of the attached letter sent to President Obama today from the leaders of 33 environmental, public health, science, auto safety, and faith organizations regarding the 2017-2025 fuel efficiency and global warming pollution standards for new light duty vehicles.

The letter calls on the President to seize this historic opportunity to save consumers money at the gas pump, curb global warming pollution and cut America's oil dependence by setting the strongest standards under consideration – a 6% annual reduction in global warming pollution and fuel efficiency standards of 60 miles-per-gallon by 2025.

As the letter indicates, setting strong standards is a key priority for our organizations and the broader environmental community. We see these standards as the President's best opportunity to meet his oil savings goal, while protecting consumers against rising gas prices and confronting the threat of climate change.

As always, we deeply appreciate all the work that you and your staff are doing to develop the next round of standards for 2017-2025.

Sincerely,
Brendan

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01/14/2010 05:08 PM

To Arvin Ganesan, David McIntosh, Richard Windsor, Seth Oster, Allyn Brooks-LaSure, Bob Perciasepe, Diane Thompson, Bob Sussman, Lisa Heinzerling, Gina McCarthy, Stephanie Owens

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Subject BARRASSO: "EPA Isn't Above the Law"

From: Mengelkamp, Laura (Barrasso) [mailto:Laura_Mengelkamp@Barrasso.senate.gov]

Sent: Thursday, January 14, 2010 4:55 PM

To: Mengelkamp, Laura (Barrasso)

Subject: Barrasso: "EPA Isn't Above the Law"



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For Immediate Release:
January 14, 2010

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Barrasso: "EPA Isn't Above the Law"

Sends Two Letters to Administrator Jackson about EPA's Disregard for Laws Meant to Ensure Sound Science and Protect American Jobs

WASHINGTON, D.C. –This week, Senator John Barrasso (R-Wyo.) joined Congressman Darrell Issa (R-CA), Congressman Jim Sensenbrenner (R-WI), and Senator David Vitter (R-LA) in sending two letters to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Lisa Jackson regarding the EPA's noncompliance with key legal protections for small businesses. They express concern that the EPA is ignoring sound science, failing to follow the law and threatening small businesses and communities.

"Administrator Jackson is allowing the endangerment finding to proceed even as the manipulated scientific data behind it crumbles in the face of the Climategate scandal," Barrasso said.

"Our letters demonstrate that the EPA is ignoring two bedrock laws meant to protect small businesses, small communities and scientific integrity. This isn't the first time the EPA has thrown science out the window and small businesses under the bus in order to advance its liberal agenda.

"The EPA isn't above the law. Federal agencies have a legal responsibility to evaluate and minimize the economic burden imposed by their regulatory actions, and the EPA is no exception. With ten percent unemployment, Americans can't afford for Washington to push even more reckless policies that will kill jobs across our country and threaten small communities."

BACKGROUND

Today, January 14, 2010, the EPA's Endangerment Finding goes into effect. Senator Barrasso

believes it will cripple the economy by excessively regulating carbon from a wide range of American businesses.

Senator Barrasso joined Congressman Darrell Issa (R-CA), Congressman Jim Sensenbrenner (R-WI), and Senator David Vitter (R-LA) in sending the two attached letters to EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson:

1/13/09 Letter Regarding Endangerment Finding Impact on Small Businesses and Communities:

- The letter states that the Small Business Administration wrote EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson on December 23rd, 2009 stating that she did not comply with the law to investigate the impact of her climate change regulations on small businesses and small communities. It also asks Jackson to withdraw the endangerment finding and all other climate change regulations until EPA complies with the law and investigates how EPA regulations will impact small businesses and small communities.

1/14/09 Letter Regarding EPA Violation of Data Quality Act in Wake of Climategate:

- The letter states the Senator's concern that the EPA is in violation of the Data Quality Act (DQA), which was enacted to ensure the integrity of information relied upon by Federal agencies. The letter also states that EPA violated its own peer review guidelines. Both accusations are in reference to the development of EPA's endangerment finding, which is largely based on UN scientific data now in dispute.

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04/07/2010 11:15 AM

To Richard Windsor, Arvin Ganesan, David McIntosh, Seth Oster, Allyn Brooks-LaSure, Bob Sussman, Bob Perciasepe, Diane Thompson

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Subject FYI: CNN Congressman Nick Rahall

Clip from this morning I thought was interesting. It's a CNN interview with Rahall and he's basically asked where Massey ranks as far as bad mining operations. At

At 5:35 Rahall says, "We're not talking about abolishing the coal industry here. We're talking about doing it in a responsible manner, both environmentally and safety-wise. And the price of a coal miners life. You can not put a price on that and there should be no corners cut when it comes to protecting the health and safety of our most precious resource which is the coal miner him or herself."



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04/05/2011 02:11 PM

To Richard Windsor, Bob Perciasepe, Seth Oster, Diane
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Subject HEADS UP: PLEASE READ. : OFFICIAL RELEASE:
Statement of Administration Policy on H.R. 910 - Energy Tax
Prevention Act of 2011

LAST SENTENCE SAYS:

If the President is presented with this legislation, which would seriously roll back the CAA authority, harm Americans' health by taking away our ability to decrease carbon pollution, and undercut fuel efficiency standards that will save Americans money at the pump while decreasing our dependence on oil, his senior advisors would recommend that he veto the bill.

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From: OMB Communications <OMB-Communications@WhiteHouse.gov>
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Date: 04/05/2011 02:09 PM
Subject: OFFICIAL RELEASE: Statement of Administration Policy on H.R. 910 - Energy Tax Prevention Act of 2011

**EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503**

April 5, 2011
(House Rules)

STATEMENT OF ADMINISTRATION POLICY

H.R. 910 – Energy Tax Prevention Act of 2011

(Rep. Upton, R-MI, and 95 cosponsors)

The Administration strongly opposes House passage of H.R. 910, which would halt the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) common-sense steps under the Clean Air Act (CAA) to protect Americans from harmful air pollution. H.R. 910 would also increase the Nation's dependence on oil and other fossil fuels as well as contradict the scientific consensus on climate change.

The CAA gives EPA the necessary tools to protect our families from a wide variety of harmful pollutants that cause asthma and lung disease – especially in children. Weakening these standards would allow more pollution in the air we breathe and threaten the health of Americans across the country. A recent report by EPA shows how important this landmark law has been in protecting public health. In 2010 alone, just one part of the CAA prevented:

- 160,000 premature deaths;

- 130,000 heart attacks;
- More than 100,000 hospital visits by preventing millions of cases of respiratory problems, including bronchitis and asthma. It enhanced productivity by preventing millions of lost workdays, and kept kids healthy and in school, avoiding millions of lost school days due to respiratory illness and other diseases caused or exacerbated by air pollution.

Since 1970, the CAA has reduced key air pollutants that cause smog and particulate pollution by more than 60 percent. At the same time the economy has more than tripled. And since the CAA Amendments in 1990, electricity production is up and prices are stable. In 2009, electric utilities delivered 33 percent more electricity to U.S. households and businesses than in 1990, while nationwide electricity prices remained essentially unchanged.

Over its 40-year span, the benefits of the CAA – in the form of longer lives, healthier kids, greater workforce productivity, and ecosystem protections – outweigh the costs by more than 30 to one.

Passage of H.R. 910 would also block important policy measures that enable the CAA to achieve additional societal benefits related to carbon pollution. For example, the bill would block EPA's involvement in the historic, bipartisan Federal program to promote vehicle fuel economy standards for Model Years 2017-2025. This program will reduce oil consumption, provide significant savings to American consumers at the pump, and limit pollution from tailpipe emissions. Further, H.R. 910 would second guess the widely-accepted scientific consensus that carbon pollution is at increasingly dangerous concentrations and is contributing to the threat of climate change. This could create uncertainty around the requirements which are currently in effect for the Model Year 2012-2016 vehicle standards. Finally, H.R. 910 would contradict public health experts and scientists and strip EPA of its authority to develop sensible standards for currently unchecked carbon pollution, and thus prevent EPA from following its statutory obligations as interpreted by the Supreme Court.

If the President is presented with this legislation, which would seriously roll back the CAA authority, harm Americans' health by taking away our ability to decrease carbon pollution, and undercut fuel efficiency standards that will save Americans money at the pump while decreasing our dependence on oil, his senior advisors would recommend that he veto the bill.

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Adora Andy/DC/USEPA/US
09/14/2009 07:48 PM

To Richard Windsor
cc Seth Oster, Michael Moats
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Subject YOUR TPs for CAFE announcement tomorrow

Hey LPJ,
I wanted to give you a chance to look at them tonight. I copied and pasted it below and it's also attached.
Thanks,
Adora

Administrator Lisa P. Jackson

Autos Rule Proposal

September 15, 2009

Acknowledgements

Secretary LaHood and his team

TBD

In May of this year, we met here with President Obama, auto makers, auto workers, governors from across the country, and others to announce an historic agreement about the future of our automobile industry.

That announcement was also a directive to get to work – and we're here today to announce the next step in fulfilling the promise of that historic agreement.

Today, EPA and NHTSA are proposing a new national program

to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and significantly improve fuel economy from cars, SUVs and small trucks.

This marks a significant advance in our work to protect health and the environment and move our nation into the sustainable, energy-efficient economy of the future.

The groundbreaking standards require an average fuel economy of 35.5 mpg in 2016.

That standard that will reduce oil consumption by an estimated 1.8 billion barrels – more than we imported last year from Saudi Arabia, Venezuela, Libya, and Nigeria combined.

It will prevent greenhouse gas emissions of approximately 950 million metric tons, and at the same time, save consumers more than \$3000 in fuel costs.

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This proposal emerges from an unprecedented coalition – one formed of diverse groups with a range of different and often competing interests.

Under President Obama's leadership, we brought together people who, in many cases, had spent the previous decade at odds with each other over this issue.

We sought, and discovered common ground. And we built a path forward that is win-win for our health, for our environment, and for our economy.

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Auto makers will be able to build a single national fleet that satisfies requirements under both federal programs and the standards of California and other states.

That ensures that the car of the future will be built by American workers, right here in the United States.

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Consumers will be able to keep more money in their pockets, put less pollution into the air, and help reduce a dependence on imported oil that sends billions of dollars out of our economy

every year.

Overall, consumers would save more than \$3,000 in fuel costs over the lifetime of a model year 2016 vehicle.

The majority of U.S. consumers would start seeing immediate savings of roughly \$130-\$160 a year from lower fuel costs.

And the new standards will conserve 1.8 billion barrels of oil – which is, as I said, more that we imported last year from Saudi Arabia, Venezuela, Libya, and Nigeria combined.

That will help protect us from oil price spikes that shook our economy last summer. Along with more money in their pockets, consumers will also have a stronger, more stable economy.

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And every American will benefit from having less pollution in the air – especially our youngest Americans.

They are more vulnerable to smog and other pollution in the air

they breathe. And over the long-term, they are the ones who will face the effects of global climate change.

Emission reductions from this program will be equivalent taking 42 million cars off the road.

I am very proud to note that this partnership of workers, American auto makers, government officials and others have come together to establish the nation's first ever national greenhouse gas standards.

I am glad that we can all take credit for this historic step forward in confronting global climate change. And it serves as powerful evidence that we don't have to choose between our economy and our environment.

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The program is designed to ensure a cleaner more sustainable transportation sector for America.

The new standards are aggressive and achievable, and ensure that consumers have a full range of vehicle choices.

We are also factoring in necessary flexibilities and lead times to allow for technology improvements and cost reductions, without compromising overall environmental and fuel economy objectives.

That all translates into tremendous benefits for the American people.

I'm happy now to introduce our partner in this effort, Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood. Secretary...

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Attached.



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08/10/2009 03:50 PM

To windsor.richard

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Subject the 1 in 50 cancer ratio

From: Leo Francendese**Sent:** 08/10/2009 03:36 PM EDT**To:** terry.carl@epa.gov**Cc:** hill.franklin@epa.gov; andy.adora@epa.gov; adams.glenn@epa.gov**Subject:** Fw: the 1 in 50 cancer ratio

cbs followup to my request

will discuss as needed

-----Forwarded by Leo Francendese/R4/USEPA/US on 08/10/2009 03:35PM -----

To: Leo Francendese/R4/USEPA/US@EPA**From:** "Liu, Kathy" <LiuK@cbsnews.com>**Date:** 08/10/2009 02:19PM**cc:** "Bar-On, Shachar" <BaronS@cbsnews.com>**Subject:** the 1 in 50 cancer ratio

Hi Leo,

Attached is the EPA risk assessment where we got the 1 in 50 cancer risk ratio from. It is a 333-page document, so I'll point you to what environmental attorneys have pointed to on Page 4-11 of the report:

"For codisposed CCW and coal refuse in surface impoundments, arsenic cancer risks are 2×10^{-2} for unlined units, 7×10^{-3} for clay-lined units, and below the risk criteria for composite-lined units at the 90th percentile. Noncancer hazard quotients at the 90th percentile exceeded 1 for cadmium (9), cobalt (8), lead (9), and molybdenum (3) in unlined units, and cadmium (3), cobalt (3), and molybdenum (2) in clay-lined units. None of the risk criteria were exceeded at the 90th percentile in composite-lined units. As noted above, codisposal of CCW and coal refuse in surface impoundments results in risks up to 10-fold greater than those seen for conventional CCW managed in surface impoundments. This is likely due to the higher metal concentrations and the acidity of coal refuse leachate⁴ for surface impoundments in the CCW database."

So we were told by the attorneys that "arsenic cancer risks are 2×10^{-2} for unlined units" means a 2 in 100 risk or 1 in 50 risk.

Let me know what you think....

Thanks,

Kathy Liu

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"Michael Moats", "Allyn Brooks-LaSure", "Richard Windsor"
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Subject Fyi: Byrd Reaction To EPA Announcement Regarding Spruce
#1 Mine

Arvin Ganesan

----- Original Message -----

From: Arvin Ganesan

Sent: 03/26/2010 02:47 PM EDT

To: Richard Windsor; Adora Andy; Seth Oster; Bob Sussman; Shawn Garvin

Subject: Fw: Byrd Reaction To EPA Announcement Regarding Spruce #1 Mine

Robert C. Byrd. The voice of reason.

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Date: 03/26/2010 02:45 PM
Subject: FW: Byrd Reaction To EPA Announcement Regarding Spruce #1 Mine

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For Immediate Release: Friday, March 26, 2010

**BYRD REACTS TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING SPRUCE #1 MINE**

Washington, DC – U.S. Senator Robert C. Byrd, D-W.Va., issued the following reaction to the Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) announcement that they will begin veto proceedings of Arch Coal’s surface mining request at Spruce #1 Mine in Logan County:

“The announcement by the EPA today of its Proposed Determination to exercise its veto authority over the Spruce #1 Mine permit begins a process that enables the company and the

public to comment on the matter in writing and at public hearings. I would strongly encourage all parties to seek a balanced, fair, reasonable compromise.”

“EPA Administrator Jackson reiterated to me that more wide-ranging guidance is forthcoming in the near future, providing clarity relating to water quality issues and mining permits. I encouraged her to move forward as soon as possible so those seeking approval of permits can fully understand the parameters for acceptable activity under the Clean Water Act.”

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Subject Updated Document: 60 Minute Briefing Documents

Betsaida Alcantara

----- Original Message -----

From: Betsaida Alcantara

Sent: 08/10/2009 06:47 PM EDT

To: Adora Andy

Subject: Updated Document: 60 Minute Briefing Documents

Here's the attachment of the Q and A i just sent you. I sent it to Veronica to replace in LPJ's book in the morning.



Q and A on Coal Ash Risk Assessment.doc

Alisha Johnson/DC/USEPA/US

09/03/2011 05:34 PM

To Alisha Johnson, Richard Windsor, Arvin Ganesan, Avi Garbow, Barbara Bennett, Bob Perciasepe, Bob Sussman, Dru Ealons, Elizabeth Ashwell, Gina McCarthy, Joseph Goffman, Laura Vaught, Michael Goo, Sarah Pallone, Scott Fulton, Stephanie Owens, David Bloomgren, Heidi Ellis, Betsaida Alcantara, Brendan Gilfillan, Seth Oster

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Subject Ozone Standards Coverage Report (2nd Round) - 9/2 - 9/3/2011

All,

Attached and below is the latest round of media coverage from yesterday's ozone standards announcement, including several editorials.

Alisha Johnson/DC/USEPA/US

12/06/2011 06:45 AM

To Alisha Johnson, Richard Windsor, Seth Oster, Diane Thompson, Bob Perciasepe, Bob Sussman, Nancy Stoner, Jose Lozano, Brendan Gilfillan, Betsaida Alcantara, Arvin Ganesan, Laura Vaught, Sarah Pallone, Andra Belknap, Michael Moats, Michael Goo, Bicky Corman, "Andra Belknap", "Elizabeth Ashwell"

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Subject Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Task Force Final Strategy coverage - first round

Below and attached.

AP - Obama-appointed task force completes Gulf report, USDA gives \$50 million to river restoration

AP - White House releases report on Gulf restoration

New York Times - Task Force Says BP Oil Spill Fines Should Go to Gulf Restoration

Houston Chronicle - Feds give Gulf plan \$50 million boost

The Hill - Report urges Congress to funnel oil-spill penalty money to Gulf

Corpus Christ Caller Times - EPA announces federal task force plan to restore the Gulf of Mexico following the Deepwater Horizon disaster

Pensacola News Journal - Obama's Gulf restoration plan to benefit Escambia watersheds

Obama-appointed task force completes Gulf report, USDA gives \$50 million to river restoration
By Associated Press,
Published: December 5

HOUSTON – The U.S. Department of Agriculture on Monday pledged \$50 million to a program designed to restore seven river basins from Florida to Texas in an attempt to show a blueprint for rebuilding the Gulf Coast's fragile ecosystem is more than just another federal report.

The USDA's announcement accompanied the presentation of the final report of the Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Task Force, a team established by President Barack Obama after the April 2010 oil spill that highlighted decades of environmental decline in the Gulf of Mexico.

(David J. Phillip, File / Associated Press) - FILE - In this June, 28, 2011 file photo birds are shown at a colonial waterbird nesting site along the Houston Ship Channel, in Baytown, Texas. The island is part of a project to restore lost wetlands and islands off the Texas coast. The U.S. Department of Agriculture on Monday pledged \$50 million to a program designed to restore seven river basins from Florida to Texas, in an attempt to show a blueprint for rebuilding the Gulf Coast's fragile ecosystem is more than just another federal report.

The task force's plan for reviving the Gulf and the ecosystems and watersheds linked to it calls for rebuilding and conserving wetlands; cleaning polluted rivers and streams; strengthening communities along the storm-prone area and better preparing them for the storms that brew over the warm ocean waters; and allowing more sediment to naturally flow downstream to slowly rebuild barrier islands meant to provide natural protection from storms.

"We are all dedicated to making sure that the treasures we grew up with are still around for future generations," said U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Lisa P. Jackson, a New Orleans

native who chaired the task force.

Jackson and officials from other federal and state agencies made the announcements in Houston at a summit sponsored by the Harte Research Institute for Gulf of Mexico Studies. The summit focuses on the Gulf, its importance to the U.S. economy and the need to reverse decades of damage and neglect.

Jackson said the USDA project – an offshoot of an existing national program aimed at conserving, improving and preserving the nation's watersheds – is only the first of many initiatives she expects will be announced in the coming months.

"I expect a flurry of activity to get some meat on those bones," she said.

The Gulf of Mexico, long neglected and under-funded, is a vital part of the nation's economy. More than 90 percent of the nation's offshore oil and natural gas production originates in the Gulf and 13 of the top 20 ports by tonnage are in the region. If the five coastal states were a country, it would rank seventh in global gross domestic product. In 2009, the Gulf Coast produced 30 percent of the nation's gross domestic product.

While this committee has been assigned the task of identifying problems and pinpointing possible solutions, Congress has been considering a bill called the Restore Act that would allow most of the penalties BP would pay for fouling the waters to go back toward restoring the environment in the five Gulf states: Louisiana, Alabama, Mississippi, Florida and Texas. The House is to hold hearings on the proposed bill later this week.

The first project administered by the USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service gives farmers and ranchers the finances they need to change their land or water use practices to help clean, conserve and preserve the watersheds, said Harris Sherman, the USDA's undersecretary for Natural Resources and Environment. The USDA provides them with a "tool kit" of options for joining the program, he added.

The program – called the Gulf of Mexico Initiative – also requires matching funds from state, local and nonprofit entities, and so the funds available could total some \$90 million, Sherman said. Similar projects are already under way elsewhere, and have successfully reversed some damage done to waterways.

The \$50 million commitment to the Gulf Coast, however, is unique because it significantly increases the department's funding to the region. Already, Sherman said, officials have met with ranchers and farmers in the area and are confident they will participate. The funding will be made available over the next three years, with the first \$20 million available immediately.

The seven river basins identified for immediate assistance are already on the federal Clean Water Act's list of polluted waterways. In Alabama, the program's goal in the Weeks Bay watershed is to reduce agricultural-related nitrogen, phosphorous and sediment running downstream and to preserve wildlife habitats.

In a watershed shared by Alabama and Florida, the program aims to reduce the sediments and nutrients that flow into tributaries of the Escambia River. The USDA believes this will ultimately "improve wildlife habitat and the quality of water delivered to Pensacola Bay" and the Gulf. The project has similar goals for another Florida watershed.

In Louisiana, it will focus on the Barataria-Terrebonne estuary and the Mermentau basin, once again by reducing the harm fertilizers have as they flow downstream from rivers and streams into the Gulf of Mexico. In Mississippi the Jourdan River basin is the focus, while in Texas the goal is to clean up the Guadalupe River basin.

Officials believe the project will improve water quality for thousands of residents in Pensacola, Fla., Mobile, Ala., and San Antonio.

"We're focusing on priority areas where we can get the greatest gains," Sherman said.

White House releases report on Gulf restoration
Associated Press
December 5, 2011
BY CAIN BURDEAU

NEW ORLEANS -- The Obama administration has released a report on how the Gulf Coast can be restored following the nation's worst offshore oil spill after the Deepwater Horizon drilling rig explosion off the coast of Louisiana in April 2010.

The report from the White House's Gulf of Mexico Ecosystem Restoration Task Force comes out the same week Congress considers a bill designed to handle billions of dollars in Clean Water Act fines BP is expected to pay for the release of more than 200 million gallons of oil into the Gulf.

The restoration plan is a recipe for fixing the Gulf Coast's myriad of environmental problems - from land loss in the Mississippi River delta to the area of low-oxygen called the dead zone that besets the northern Gulf waters every summer.

Task Force Says BP Oil Spill Fines Should Go to Gulf Restoration
New York Times
By LESLIE KAUFMAN
Published: December 5, 2011

A Gulf Coast task force appointed by President Obama recommended on Monday that a "significant portion" of the billions of dollars in fines that BP is expected to pay for last year's Deepwater Horizon oil spill go to ecological restoration.

Issuing its final recommendations, the federal-state task force said that a permanent panel should be created to champion and coordinate actions like limiting excess nutrients flowing into the Gulf of Mexico from farm states along the Mississippi. It recommended that river engineers put freshwater and sediment flows on an equal footing with issues like flood control.

The recommendations of the task force, which was created by Mr. Obama in the aftermath of the oil-well blowout in 2010, were similar to those in a draft report it issued in October and are not binding.

Under federal law, any civil penalties paid by BP under the Clean Water Act are to go to an oil spill liability trust fund with limited capacity to do restoration.

Legislation being considered in Congress would allocate at least 80 percent of the possible Clean Water penalties to gulf restoration but would define restoration efforts in the broadest terms. One version, to be reviewed Wednesday in a House committee meeting, calls for a new joint federal-state council for ecological restoration to direct or influence the flow of 60 percent of the money.

A full 35 percent would go directly to states to be used at their discretion, including for the purpose of economic restoration like rebuilding boardwalks or a convention center. Five percent would be available for research.

The explosion and blowout on a BP oil rig in April 20, 2010, killed 11 people and caused nearly five million barrels of crude to flow into the gulf, the largest oil spill in the nation's history.

Melanie Driscoll, director of bird conservation in the Gulf of Mexico for the National Audubon Society, emphasized that the ability to do large-scale ecosystem restoration would be "totally dependent on funding."

"This is a good first step," she said of the task force's recommendations. "But this is just a strategy

document.”

Along with the uncertainty surrounding Congressional action, the extent of the fines BP and other companies will pay is still not settled. Penalties could range as high as \$5.4 billion or even \$21 billion depending on whether they are found guilty of simple negligence or gross negligence.

The companies, meanwhile, are maneuvering to shift responsibility for the blowout and spill. On Monday, BP accused Halliburton, an oil drilling services contractor, of deliberately destroying evidence that showed that the cement Halliburton produced to secure the Macondo well was unstable.

In a filing in federal court in New Orleans, BP said that Halliburton had refused to turn over internal test results. It suggested that the company had also destroyed computer data “because it wanted to eliminate any risk that this evidence would be used against it at trial.”

Halliburton said in a statement that it was reviewing the filing but did not believe that it had merit

Clifford Krauss contributed reporting.

Feds give Gulf plan \$50 million boost
HOUSTON CHRONICLE
Published 08:15 p.m., Monday, December 5, 2011
By MATTHEW TRESAUGUE,

The federal government on Monday committed \$50 million to jump start a sweeping new road map for restoring the Gulf of Mexico after decades of environmental abuse.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture pledged the money to reduce runoff, improve water quality and increase wildlife habitat on agricultural lands in seven river basins that drain into the Gulf, including the San Antonio River in Texas.

"This initiative will be a powerful demonstration that the Gulf of Mexico strategy will not be another report on a shelf," said Harris Sherman, undersecretary for natural resources and environment at the Agriculture Department.

The announcement came on the same day a federal-state working group unveiled a Gulf-wide restoration strategy at the Harte Research Institute's Gulf of Mexico Summit in Houston. The plan calls for rebuilding the rapidly disappearing wetlands of the Mississippi River Delta, protecting marine habitat and repairing oyster and coral reefs, among other goals.

While the task force, which included officials from the five Gulf states, hailed the report as the first formal agreement on restoration priorities, it is unclear how the effort will be funded. The Agriculture Department's financing commitment represents a fraction of what the plan will cost.

Diverting funds

To pay for the work, the task force endorsed the use of a "significant portion" of the Clean Water Act fines from the Deepwater Horizon disaster, which dumped nearly 5 million barrels of oil into the Gulf last year.

A bipartisan group in Congress has filed bills that would set aside as much as 80 percent of the fines - estimated at between \$5 billion and \$20 billion. Current law requires the money to go to the federal treasury.

The House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee will hold a hearing on the proposed legislation Wednesday.

Lisa Jackson, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's administrator and chair of the task force, said she is confident the plan will be funded because it has President Obama's support.

"The restoration of the Gulf is a national problem, not a regional one," she said.

Laura Huffman, Texas state director of the Nature Conservancy, said a large portion of the fines should go to the Gulf because "if you break it, you should fix it." However, she said she does not expect the bills to pass Congress because the money must be replaced if moved from the federal treasury.

Without the money, the federal government and states will not be able to do large-scale restoration projects, Huffman said.

"If all we do is rebuild oyster reefs five to 10 acres at a time, we won't be able to make a dent," she said. "Meaningful restoration has to be done at scale."

'Major investment'

The New Orleans-based Gulf Restoration Network criticized the task force's report for lacking details, but said the region needs "a major investment from the nation," primarily through the Clean Water Act fines.

The advocacy group also called on federal agencies and others to follow the Agriculture Department's lead by funding specific projects that advance the task force's goals.

The project, called the Gulf of Mexico initiative, provides financial aid to farmers and ranchers who alter their management practices to conserve water and protect habitat.

The campaign also is intended to reduce excess nutrients flowing down the rivers that create an annual dead zone along the coasts of Texas and Louisiana. The low-oxygen waters are harmful to marine life.

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Report urges Congress to funnel oil-spill penalty money to Gulf

The Hill

December 5, 2011

By Andrew Restuccia

A federal-state task force established by President Obama in the aftermath of last year's massive BP oil spill urged Congress Monday to require that billions of dollars in fines from the disaster be used to help restore the Gulf Coast.

The Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Task Force, which released its final report Monday, said Congress should mandate that a "significant portion" of the penalties imposed on BP and the other companies deemed responsible for the spill be funneled to Gulf Coast states to help rebuild the region's delicate ecosystem.

Under current law, the money would go to the federal government.

The report comes as Gulf Coast lawmakers are working behind the scenes to secure a Senate vote on bipartisan legislation to steer 80 percent of the penalty money to the states.

"The co-sponsors are talking one-on-one with senators right now to build enough support to get a vote before Christmas, and we are getting very good support. Slow and steady," Sen. Mary Landrieu (D-La), a lead sponsor of the bill, told The Hill last week.

The bill, which was approved by the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee in September, has won the support of a range of Gulf Coast lawmakers, including Sens. David Vitter (R-La.), Jeff Sessions

(R-Ala.), Thad Cochran (R-Miss.) and Roger Wicker (R-Miss.). President Obama has also called on Congress to funnel money from the fines to the Gulf states.

BP and the other companies deemed responsible for the spill face billions of dollars in fines for their role in the oil spill. If BP is deemed negligent under the Clean Water Act by the courts, the company will have to pay \$1,000 for every barrel of oil spilled into the Gulf. If the courts find that BP was grossly negligent, the company will have to pay \$4,200 per barrel.

Last year's spill spewed about 4.9 million barrels of oil into the Gulf. That means BP could face fines ranging from \$5.4 billion to \$21.1 billion.

The task force report includes a number of other recommendations for restoring the Gulf centered around four broad goals: "restore and conserve habitat;

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Obama pulls back proposed smog standards , in victory for business

Washington Post

Friday, September 2, 10:40 AM

By Juliet Eilperin

President Obama abruptly pulled back proposed new national smog standards Friday morning, overruling the Environmental Protection Agency's efforts to compel states and communities nationwide to reduce local air pollution in the coming years or face federal penalties.

The move represented a win for the business community, which had lobbied to postpone new restrictions on ground-level ozone—known as smog—until 2013 in light of the current economic downturn.

In a statement, Obama praised EPA administrator Lisa P. Jackson's effort to improve the nation's air quality, but said he had asked her to withdraw the draft standards since they were scheduled to be reconsidered two years from now anyway.

"Work is already underway to update a 2006 review of the science that will result in the reconsideration of the ozone standard in 2013," Obama said. "Ultimately, I did not support asking state and local governments to begin implementing a new standard that will soon be reconsidered."

Ground-level ozone is formed when emissions from power plants, other industrial facilities, vehicles and landfills react in the sunlight. Smog can cause or aggravate health problems such as asthma and heart disease, and it has been linked to premature death.

The federal government normally reviews the standards for ground-level ozone—which includes a “primary” one for public health and a “secondary” one aimed at the environment—every five years. But Jackson chose to revisit the standard, which was set under the Bush administration at 75 parts per billion in March 2008, because that level was significantly higher than the 60 to 70 ppb recommended by the EPA’s scientific advisory committee at the time.

In January 2010, Jackson announced that she would set the standard somewhere between 60 and 70 parts per billion.

The proposed rule is so contentious because it requires counties to keep local pollution in check or risk losing federal funds, thereby halting or delaying the permitting of new industrial facilities. While the most polluted areas will have up to 20 years to meet the new standards, business leaders suggest it could stop certain operations from expanding once the economy rebounds.

The decision drew immediate fire from environmentalists.

“It’s unfortunate that the administration is siding with big oil over the health of children, seniors, and the infirm,” said Daniel J. Weiss of the Center for American Progress, a liberal think tank.

W.H. backs down on ozone rule

Politico

September 2, 2011 11:10 AM EDT

By Robin Bravender

President Barack Obama announced Friday that his administration has abandoned its plans to set tougher smog standards after coming under fierce pressure from industry and congressional Republicans.

Obama said he has asked EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson to withdraw her agency’s plans to tighten the George W. Bush administration’s 2008 ozone rule in light of his administration’s efforts to “underscore the importance of reducing regulatory burdens and regulatory uncertainty.”

Environmentalists immediately expressed great dismay at the decision.

“The Obama administration is caving to big polluters at the expense of protecting the air we breathe,” League of Conservation Voters President Gene Karpinski said in a statement. “This is a huge win for corporate polluters and huge loss for public health.”

An EPA spokesperson did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

In January 2010, the EPA proposed to set the national health-based standard for ozone between 60 and 70 parts per billion when averaged over an eight-hour period. The Bush administration tightened the ozone limits from 84 ppb to 75 ppb in 2008, despite scientific advisers’ recommendations to issue a standard between 60 ppb and 70 ppb.

Industry groups have launched an aggressive campaign in recent weeks to convince the administration to abandon its reconsideration, arguing that the final rule promises to be one of the most expensive environmental regulations ever imposed on the U.S. economy, with an estimated cost of up to \$90 billion annually.

Obama on Friday said that the EPA should wait to revise the rule until the next scheduled round of review is due in 2013. Industry groups had made the same argument.

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Greens decried the decision Friday, and the White House is certain to face a backlash from the left over its decision.

"It's unfortunate that the Administration is siding with big oil over the health of children, seniors, and the infirm," said Daniel Weiss, a senior fellow at the Center for American Progress Action Fund.

But Obama said his commitment to protecting public health and the environment is "unwavering," adding that his administration "will continue to vigorously oppose efforts to weaken EPA's authority under the Clean Air Act or dismantle the progress we have made."

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Obama Asks EPA to Withdraw Ozone Ambient Air Quality Rules

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(Updates with comment from conservation group in fifth paragraph.)

Sept. 2 (Bloomberg) -- President Barack Obama said he's directed the Environmental Protection Agency to withdraw proposed rules to limit ozone emissions that lead to smog.

The draft rules have been faulted by Republicans and business leaders who contended the regulations would be too costly to implement. Obama said in a statement he is seeking to reduce regulatory burdens as the economy recovers.

"Ultimately, I did not support asking state and local governments to begin implementing a new standard that will soon be reconsidered," Obama said today in a statement. The rules will come up for a regular review in 2013, he said.

The EPA's proposed regulations for ground-level ozone, a main ingredient of smog, would have tightened those issued during President George W. Bush's administration in 2008. EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson had said that those rules wouldn't stand up to legal scrutiny. The EPA's proposal would have cost the economy \$19 billion to \$90 billion, making it the most expensive new regulation under consideration by the Obama administration, according to the White House.

"The Obama administration is caving to big polluters at the expense of protecting the air we breathe," Gene Karpinski, president of the League of Conservation Voters, an environmental group, said today in an e-mailed statement. "This is a huge win for corporate polluters and a huge loss for public health."

Business group representatives had met Aug. 16 with White House Chief of State William Daley to push their case for scrapping the ozone changes. They said the costs would be much greater than the administration estimated.

"Environmental concerns are legitimate, but sometimes the cost these policies impose is very significant," said Phil Levy, a fellow at the American Enterprise Institute in Washington and an economist in the Bush

administration. "To the extent he's moving to balancing them more carefully, that should be applauded."

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Obama halts controversial EPA regulation

Associated Press

By DINA CAPPIELLO

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama on Friday sacked a controversial proposed regulation tightening health-based standards for smog, bowing to the demands of congressional Republicans and some business leaders.

Obama overruled the Environmental Protection Agency and directed administrator Lisa Jackson to withdraw the proposal, in part because of the importance of reducing regulatory burdens and uncertainty for businesses at a time of rampant uncertainty about an unsteady economy.

The announcement came shortly after a new government report on private sector employment showed that businesses essentially added no new jobs last month — and that the jobless rate remained stuck at a historically high 9.1 percent.

The withdrawal of the proposed regulation marks the latest in a string of retreats by Obama in the face of Republican opposition. Last December, he shelved, at least until the end of 2012, his insistence that Bush-era tax cuts should no longer apply to the wealthy. Earlier this year he avoided a government shutdown by agreeing to Republican demands for budget cuts. And this summer he acceded to more than a \$1 trillion in spending reductions, with more to come, as the price for an agreement to raise the nation's debt ceiling.

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"But it is only the tip of the iceberg when it comes to stopping Washington Democrats' agenda of tax hikes, more government 'stimulus' spending, and increased regulations, which are all making it harder to create more American jobs," Boehner spokesman Michael Steel said.

The withdrawal of the proposed EPA rule comes three days after the White House identified seven such regulations that it said would cost private business at least \$1 billion each. The proposed smog standard was estimated to cost anywhere between \$19 billion and \$90 billion, depending on how strict it would be. Republican lawmakers have blamed what they see as excessive regulations backed by the Obama administration for some of the country's economic woes, and House Republicans pledged this week to try to block four environmental regulations, including the one on some pollution standards, when they return after Labor Day.

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Obama Tells EPA To Ditch New Ozone Regulations

ABC news

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By AMY BINGHAM

The House will vote each week to roll back regulations on everything from more stringent Ozone standards to coal ash emissions. (Getty Images)

Just days after House Majority Leader Eric Cantor announced the House would begin voting to repeal proposed air quality regulations that he said would prevent job growth, President Obama instructed the Environmental Protection Agency to withdraw its proposed ozone regulations.

"I have continued to underscore the importance of reducing regulatory burdens and regulatory uncertainty, particularly as our economy continues to recover," Obama said in a statement.

Obama said the standards are already being revised and would have to be updated again in 2013.

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In a jobs agenda memo to House Republicans, Cantor said the proposed ozone regulations would be "possibly the most harmful of all the currently anticipated Obama administration regulations" and would cost at least \$1 trillion over a decade to implement. The EPA estimates that the public health benefits from the regulations could save up to \$100 billion per year.

Besides small business tax breaks, Cantor's plan to ignite job growth was focused entirely on preventing new federal regulations from taking effect. All but three of the 10 regulations Cantor targeted are Environmental Protection Agency rules geared toward limiting power plant emissions.

"By pursuing a steady repeal of job-destroying regulations, we can help lift the cloud of uncertainty hanging over small and large employers alike, empowering them to hire more workers," Cantor, R-Va., wrote in the memo to House Republicans.

But EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson wrote Wednesday in a Huffington Post Op-ed that delaying the implementation of the proposed standards would "leave companies uncertain about investing" and prevent them from creating more jobs.

"Pledges to weaken or slow proposed standards, many of which have been developed over years and with industry input, prevent businesses from investing in those jobs," she wrote.

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Cantor claims the regulations are "costly bureaucratic handcuffs" and will destroy millions of jobs. Under his plan the House will vote each week to roll back regulations on everything from more stringent ozone standards to coal ash emissions, a by-product of coal-burning power plants.

"There are a plethora of clean air rules that are collectively and disparagingly called the 'train wreck' by the business community," said Luke Popovich, a spokesman for the National Mining Association.

Popovich said the EPA rules are a "double whammy" because energy producers would either have to absorb the added cost of implementing the regulations or pass the costs on to consumers.

"What is at stake is it raises the cost of doing business or raises the cost of energy and therefore depresses economic investment and depresses job creation," he said.

An EPA official, on the other hand, said the agency has been implementing regulations like these since its inception in 1970, both when the economy was booming and when it was lagging.

"The EPA's regulations have had nothing to do with the current economic recovery that we're in," the EPA official said. "We've been doing this for 40 years. The bottom line is the economy continues to grow in the United States while we continue to do environmental control in the United States."

Some scientists claim that environmental regulation does not kill jobs because stricter standards spur innovation, which in turn creates jobs.

"In 1970 the Clean Air Act put out standards for cars that were beyond the capability of the car industry in 1970," said Marchant Wentworth, the deputy legislative director for the Climate and Energy Program at the Union of Concerned Scientists. "They met those standards because those standards spurred innovation.

"This is the pattern with environmental protection in this country," Wentworth continued. "Standards and regulations have spurred innovation in the marketplace."

Wentworth said Cantor is only looking at one side of the coin because it is far easier to calculate the cost of adding new technology to comply with more strict regulations than to calculate the benefits of less pollution.

"What is harder to determine is the benefits that your grandmother may feel when she avoids her next dose of asthma attack. Those are real benefits, but they are just diffused," Wentworth said.

While Cantor writes that the proposed regulations would cost billions of dollars to implement, the EPA argues that these initial costs would be dwarfed by the health care cost savings from improved public health.

"These rules aggregately will prevent tens of thousands of premature deaths," an EPA official said. "We're talking about mercury in children, fine particle soot pollution that causes cardiovascular impacts, and respiratory impacts that can result in premature deaths."

Popovich said the mining industry is not necessarily against the regulations, but is more opposed to the quick timelines set for implementing them, which he says do not give companies enough time to develop and implement new technologies.

"Much of the concern isn't telling the EPA you have no business doing this," he said. "It is simply telling them you are going about it the wrong way."

Obama Halts EPA Regulation On Smog Standards

Huffington Post

September 2, 2011

By JULIE PACE and DINA CAPPIELLO 09/ 2/11 11:31 AM ET

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Obama Pulls Back Proposal to Tighten Clean Air Rules

New York Times

By JOHN M. BRODER

September 2, 2011

WASHINGTON — The Obama administration is abandoning its plan to immediately tighten air-quality rules nationwide to reduce emissions of smog-causing chemicals after an intense lobbying campaign by industry, which said the new rule would cost billions of dollars and hundreds of thousands of jobs, officials said Friday.

The Environmental Protection Agency, following the recommendation of its scientific advisers, had proposed lowering the so-called ozone standard from that set by the Bush administration to a new stricter standard that would have thrown hundreds of American counties out of compliance with the Clean Air Act. It would have required a major effort by state and local officials, as well as new emissions controls by industries and agriculture across the country.

The more lenient Bush administration standard from 2008 will remain in place until a scheduled reconsideration of acceptable pollution limits in 2013, officials indicated Friday.

In a statement, the president reiterated his commitment to environmental concerns, but said, "At the same time, I have continued to underscore the importance of reducing regulatory burdens and regulatory uncertainty, particularly as our economy continues to recover. With that in mind, and after careful consideration, I have requested that Administrator Jackson withdraw the draft Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards at this time."

In a letter to Lisa P. Jackson, the E.P.A. administrator, the head of the White House office of regulatory affairs, Cass Sunstein, said that the president was rejecting her proposal to tighten the standard.

"He has made it clear he does not support finalizing the rule at this time," Mr. Sunstein said.

Mr. Sunstein said that changing the rule now would create uncertainty for business and local government.

He also said there was no compelling reason to rewrite the ozone standard in advance of the scheduled reconsideration in 2013, a key demand of business interests.

Ms. Jackson said in a statement, "This administration has put in place some of the most important standards and safeguards for clean air in U.S. history: the most significant reduction of sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxide air pollution across state borders; a long-overdue proposal to finally cut mercury pollution from power plants; and the first-ever carbon pollution standards for cars and trucks."

She said her agency would revisit the ozone standard, in compliance with the Clean Air Act.

Mr. Sunstein told Ms. Jackson that since the rule is due for reconsideration in 2013, an earlier review would promote confusion and uncertainty.

"In this light," he wrote, "issuing a final rule in late 2011 would be problematic in view of the fact that a new assessment, and potentially new standards, will be developed in the relatively near future."

Environmental advocates expressed dismay at the decision.

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Mr. Sunstein said he was carefully scrutinizing regulations across the government to assure that they are cost-efficient and based on the best current science. He said that the E.P.A.'s scientific advisory panel should take a closer look at the most feasible level of ozone pollution consistent with environmental and health protections.

The issue had become a flashpoint between the administration and Republicans in Congress, who held up the proposed ozone rule as a test of the White House's commitment to regulatory reform and job creation. Imposing the new rule before the 2012 election would have created political problems for the administration and for Democrats nationwide seeking election in a brittle economy.

Leaders of major business groups — including the United States Chamber of Commerce, the National Association of Manufacturers, the American Petroleum Institute and the Business Roundtable — met with Ms. Jackson and with top White House officials earlier this summer seeking to moderate, delay or kill the rule. They told William Daley, the White House chief of staff, that the rule would be very costly to industry and would hurt Mr. Obama's chances for re-election.

John Engler, the former governor of Michigan and chairman of the Business Roundtable, said that the rule should be reconsidered in 2013, regardless of who is president. But he added that he thought Mr. Obama's chances of retaining the office would be better if he dropped or delayed the ozone rule.

Representative Eric Cantor, the majority leader, said this week that the House would review the ozone rule, along with a number of other environmental rules that he characterized as "job-killers." The ozone rule, he said in a memo to Republican members, was one of the most onerous of the Obama administration's proposed rules.

"This effective ban or restriction on construction and industrial growth for much of America is possibly the most harmful of all the currently anticipated Obama administration regulations," Mr. Cantor wrote. He said that the impact would be felt across the economy and cost as much as \$1 trillion and millions of jobs over the next decade.

The current standard for ozone is 75 parts per billion, set by the Bush administration in 2008 over the objections of E.P.A. scientists, who said that a standard between 60 ppb and 70 ppb was needed to protect public health. Ms. Jackson made clear her intention to follow the scientific advice and set a new,

lower standard, by the end of this year. She has told associates that her ability to address this problem would be a reflection of her ability to perform her job.

Ozone, or smog, contributes to a variety of ailments, including heart problems, asthma and other lung disorders.

Obama Asks EPA to Withdraw Proposed Ozone Rule Article Comments (92) more in Politics & Policy

Wall Street Journal

September 2, 2011

By DEBORAH SOLOMON, JARED FAVOLE and TENNILLE TRACY

President Barack Obama, citing the nation's struggling economy, asked the Environmental Protection Agency to withdraw an air quality rule that Republicans and business groups have said could cost tens of billions of dollars a year or more and kill thousands of jobs.

The surprise move came as the economic recovery continued to show signs of stalling, with the labor market failing to add new jobs in August for the first time since September 2010.

In a statement, Mr. Obama said he supported efforts to promote clean air but added, "I have continued to underscore the importance of reducing regulatory burdens and regulatory uncertainty, particularly as our economy continues to recover."

The rule, which would have tightened standards for smog-forming ozone, has been under attack for months from industry groups and lawmakers. Republicans have cited the rule as a prime example of the regulatory overreach that they say is hampering the economic recovery.

Earlier this week, Mr. Obama, in a letter to House Speaker John Boehner (R., Ohio), said the proposal could cost the economy an estimated \$19 billion to \$90 billion. House Republicans had said they would hold a vote this winter on a bill to prevent its implementation.

A passenger enters a Kansas City Metro bus that warns of an Ozone Alert in Kansas City, Missouri, last month.

In pulling the plug, the White House appears to have judged that it had more to lose from industry and Republican criticism than it had to gain from environmental groups and others who support the rule. It had already become an issue in the 2012 presidential campaign, with Republican challengers citing the proposal in speeches and debates.

In a statement Friday before the White House move, Mr. Boehner cited "excessive federal regulations" as one reason for the weak employment numbers.

The EPA issued its proposal in January 2010, calling for ozone standards to be tightened to a range of 60 to 70 parts per billion, down from the current 75. The tighter standard would have put many states and counties out of compliance and required them to come up with detailed plans to curb emissions. That in turn could have made it harder for some new oil and gas projects to go forward.

Reaction from environmental groups was swift. "The Obama administration is caving to big polluters at the expense of protecting the air we breathe," League of Conservation Voters President Gene Karpinski said in a statement. "This is a huge win for corporate polluters and huge loss for public health."

Mr. Obama left open the possibility that the EPA proposal could be revived later, saying the ozone standard will be reconsidered in 2013.

"Ultimately, I did not support asking state and local governments to begin implementing a new standard that will soon be reconsidered," his statement said.

White House officials said the president made the decision Thursday.

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Obama decides against change in ozone standards

USA TODAY

By Richard Wolf

President Obama decided Friday morning not to raise ozone standards for air pollution favored by environmentalists but decried by business groups and Republicans.

In his decision, relayed to Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Lisa Jackson, Obama cited the need to remove uncertainty for businesses that would be affected.

"I have continued to underscore the importance of reducing regulatory burdens and regulatory uncertainty, particularly as our economy continues to recover," Obama said. "Ultimately, I did not support asking state and local governments to begin implementing a new standard that will soon be reconsidered."

The move was immediately heralded by Republican leaders as more important than Obama's upcoming speech on jobs to a joint session of Congress, set for next Thursday.

"This action alone will prevent more job losses than any speech the president has given," said Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell. "I hope he will listen to the bipartisan calls from across the country to address his administration's negative impact on job creation."

Complying with the new regulation could have cost from \$20 billion to \$90 billion annually, making it by far the most expensive new rule on the federal books. It topped the list of proposed regulations that could cost more than \$1 billion demanded recently by House Speaker John Boehner.

"We're glad that the White House responded to the speaker's letter and recognized the job-killing impact of this particular regulation," said Boehner spokesman Michael Steel. "But it is only the tip of the iceberg when it comes to stopping Washington Democrats' agenda of tax hikes, more government 'stimulus' spending, and increased regulations, which are all making it harder to create more American jobs."

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce, congressional Republicans and others had complained that raising ozone standards for air pollution would cost billions of dollars and result in lost jobs. A study last year by the Manufacturing Alliance predicted as many as 7.3 million jobs could be lost by 2020.

The issue of excessive federal regulations is gaining steam in Washington. Obama has ordered agencies to roll back old, redundant rules that are no longer needed. House Republicans are putting together a fall agenda focused on easing the regulatory burden on business.

When Congress passed the Clean Air Act in 1970, it required the EPA to review the allowable pollutant levels every five years. A new ozone standard was announced in 2008.

However, because it was set at 75 parts per billion and the EPA's outside panel of scientists had recommended a range between 60 and 70 parts per billion, clean air advocacy groups went to court to get it changed. Jackson said the 2008 level was not "legally defensible."

The administration already had missed several deadlines to change the standard for smog from the level set by the Bush administration in 2008.

More than 175 business organizations sent a letter to Obama last month asking that the pending standard, which would set a tougher air pollution standard for industries to meet, be delayed at least until 2013.

"The president's decision is good news for the economy and Americans looking for work," said Jack Gerard, president of the American Petroleum Institute. "EPA's proposal would have prevented the very job creation that President Obama has identified as his top priority."

Ross Eisenberg of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce said the decision points to possible compromise between the White House and Republicans on a regulatory agenda.

"We're hoping that this will springboard into real, serious regulatory reform legislation," he said.

White House officials said the decision had nothing to do with industry pressure or politics. But it came in the wake of another bad monthly jobs report that showed no jobs added in August on a net basis.

It was relayed to the EPA by Cass Sunstein, administration of the White House Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs. He wrote that Obama "has made it clear that he does not support" raising the ozone standards now.

"Finalizing a new standard now is not mandatory and could produce needless uncertainty," Sunstein wrote, noting that current ozone standards must be reviewed by 2013 anyway.

At the same time, administration officials took pains to defend their environmental record. Heather Zichal, deputy assistant to the president for energy and climate change, posted on the White House blog a list of achievements, such as new fuel efficiency standards for cars and trucks and the first national standard to reduce mercury from power plants.

"Over the last two and a half years, the Obama administration has taken unprecedented steps forward to protect the public health of American families by reducing harmful air pollution," Zichal wrote. "Taken together, the administration's clean air achievements will produce enormous benefits for public health and the environment, while promoting the nation's continued economic growth and well-being."

Jackson defended her agency's actions on air pollution and said the ozone standard still will get reviewed in the future.

"Since day one under President Obama's leadership, EPA has worked to ensure health protections for the American people, and has made tremendous progress to ensure that Clean Air Act standards protect all Americans by reducing our exposures to harmful air pollution like mercury, arsenic and carbon dioxide," Jackson said.

"This administration has put in place some of the most important standards and safeguards for clean air in U.S. history: the most significant reduction of sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxide air pollution across state borders; a long-overdue proposal to finally cut mercury pollution from power plants; and the first-ever carbon pollution standards for cars and trucks."

Nevertheless, environmental groups usually allied with the White House quickly blasted Obama's decision.

"The Obama administration is caving to big polluters at the expense of protecting the air we breathe," said Gene Karpinski, president of the League of Conservation Voters. "This is a huge win for corporate polluters and huge loss for public health."

Michael Brune, executive director of the Sierra Club, said Obama was "putting the interest of coal and oil polluters first."

"Half of U.S. families live in places where it is literally unsafe to breathe the air," he said. "Kicking the inhaler down the road will do nothing to protect our children."

Friends of the Earth managing director David Hirsch accused the president of "taking his cues from (House Republican leader) Eric Cantor."

"President Obama decided today to trash fundamental protections for Americans' health," Hirsch said. "His decision will mean more children suffering from asthma and more permanent lung damage for adults."

"Slow-walking is no way to govern when it comes to protecting the health of all Americans, especially children and the elderly, the most vulnerable among us," said Frances Beinecke, president of the Natural Resources Defense Council. "Our public officials, including those in the White House, are there to protect us from harm. They need to get on with doing their jobs."

The environmental law group Earthjustice had sued to challenge the standards on behalf of five other organizations, but it was put on hold while the administration considered raising them. The American Lung Association said Friday it will look to revive the lawsuit.

"The Obama administration knows the heavy cost of smog pollution but has made the terrible decision to leave outdated, weak standards in place, leaving thousands of Americans who suffer from lung and breathing problems at the mercy of this dirty air," said Martin Hayden of Earthjustice.

"Sacrificing American lives and forcing our friends and family members who suffer from asthma to breathe dirty air is a poor legacy for President Obama. Keeping weak, inefficient standards in place is not the change we were promised."

But Republicans in Congress heralded it as the right medicine for an ailing economy.

"Job creators scored a major victory today in the fight against Washington's red tape," said Sen. John Barrasso, R-Wyo., leader of Senate Republicans' effort on regulations. "After months of discussions, the White House finally admitted that its ozone rule was completely unnecessary and bad for our economy."

Others, however, have argued that tougher ozone standards would save money currently lost when Americans get sick from air pollution.

"Those rules will generate billions of economic benefits in excess of compliance costs," said Michael Livermore, executive director of the Institute for Policy Integrity at New York University School of Law. "With each year of delay, that means additional costs imposed on the public, included lost productivity, hospital bills, more asthma cases, and untimely deaths."

Here's the president's statement:

Over the last two and half years, my administration, under the leadership of EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson, has taken some of the strongest actions since the enactment of the Clean Air Act four decades ago to protect our environment and the health of our families from air pollution. From reducing mercury and other toxic air pollution from outdated power plants to doubling the fuel efficiency of our cars and trucks, the historic steps we've taken will save tens of thousands of lives each year, remove over a billion tons of pollution from our air, and produce hundreds of billions of dollars in benefits for the American

people.

At the same time, I have continued to underscore the importance of reducing regulatory burdens and regulatory uncertainty, particularly as our economy continues to recover. With that in mind, and after careful consideration, I have requested that Administrator Jackson withdraw the draft Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards at this time. Work is already underway to update a 2006 review of the science that will result in the reconsideration of the ozone standard in 2013. Ultimately, I did not support asking state and local governments to begin implementing a new standard that will soon be reconsidered.

I want to be clear: my commitment and the commitment of my administration to protecting public health and the environment is unwavering. I will continue to stand with the hardworking men and women at the EPA as they strive every day to hold polluters accountable and protect our families from harmful pollution. And my administration will continue to vigorously oppose efforts to weaken EPA's authority under the Clean Air Act or dismantle the progress we have made.

Contributing: Elizabeth Weise

Obama asks EPA to back off draft ozone standard

Los Angeles Times

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By Neela Banerjee

President Obama announced Friday that he has asked the Environmental Protection Agency to drop controversial rules to cut smog levels, a move welcomed by the business community that has long decried them as onerous but one sure to alienate the president's environmental base even further as his administration backs away from key anti-pollution initiatives.

In a statement issued by the White House, the president said: "I have continued to underscore the importance of reducing regulatory burdens and regulatory uncertainty, particularly as our economy continues to recover. With that in mind, and after careful consideration, I have requested that Administrator [Lisa] Jackson withdraw the draft Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards at this time."

"Work is already underway to update a 2006 review of the science that will result in the reconsideration of the ozone standard in 2013. Ultimately, I did not support asking state and local governments to begin implementing a new standard that will soon be reconsidered," the statement concluded.

Low-level atmospheric ozone occurs when sunlight reacts with air containing hydrocarbons and emissions like nitrogen oxide. Research shows that living in areas with high concentrations of ozone worsens respiratory ailments. The EPA estimates that up to 12,000 lives could be saved annually from implementing the new standards.

After agreeing to work with environmentalists who had sued over the standards, the EPA has delayed issuing rules on low-level ozone, the main ingredient in smog, four times since 2010.

Most recently, it brushed aside a self-imposed July 29 deadline. Many in industry and the environmental community had expected the EPA to issue the rules and implementation guidelines by an Aug. 12 deadline to file a proposal for next steps with a court, as part of a pending lawsuit.

Environmental groups swiftly criticized the decision as the most recent surrender by the administration to the business lobby.

"The Obama administration is caving to big polluters at the expense of protecting the air we breathe," said League of Conservation Voters President Gene Karpinski. "This is a huge win for corporate polluters

and huge loss for public health."

Business groups welcomed the move as protecting job growth. "The president's decision is good news for the economy and Americans looking for work," said Jack Gerard, president of the American Petroleum Institute, the country's leading oil and gas lobby. "EPA's proposal would have prevented the very job creation that President Obama has identified as his top priority. Ozone levels and air quality continue to improve under current regulations and our industry is committed to making the air we all breathe cleaner while creating new jobs."

House Speaker John Boehner called the move a "good first step."

"But it is only the tip of the iceberg when it comes to stopping Washington Democrats' agenda of tax hikes, more government 'stimulus' spending, and increased regulations -- which are all making it harder to create more American jobs," he said.

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Obama administration delays ozone rules again

Houston Chronicle

By Matthew Tresaugue

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The Obama administration is shelving plans to tighten federal limits for ozone, a lung-irritating pollutant that has fouled Houston's air for decades.

Today's decisions comes amid complaints from industry and business groups who say the new ozone, or smog, limit could be the most expensive environmental rule in U.S. history.

President Obama said in a statement that he asked the Environmental Protection Agency to wait until 2013 for the regularly scheduled review of the ozone limit before finalizing it. The federal agency already had delayed a final decision four times in the past year.

The American Petroleum Institute, an industry group, praised the move.

"The president's decision is good news for the economy and Americans looking for work," API President and CEO Jack Gerard said in a statement. "EPA's proposal would have prevented the very job creation that President Obama has identified as his top priority."

The EPA estimates that complying with the new limits would cost \$19 billion to \$90 billion a year but says those costs would be offset by the benefits to public health.

Smog is created when sunlight cooks a mixture of chemicals emitted mostly by vehicles, industrial plants and refineries. Ozone is the main ingredient of smog, and chronic exposure has been linked to asthma attacks, chest pain and premature death.

The proposed smog level would be 60 to 70 parts ozone per billion parts air, down from 75 parts per billion, as established by the Bush administration in 2008. The EPA says the more stringent standard reflects scientific studies showing that ozone poses greater health risks than previously thought.

EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson has said she thinks the 2008 smog limit is not legally defensible, given the scientific evidence of the widespread pollutant's effect on public health. The agency said it intends to finalize the new limit "shortly."

The 2008 decision went against the recommendation of an EPA-appointed panel of science advisers. The panel said the ozone limit should be no higher than 70 parts per billion and perhaps as low as 60.

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Attached and below is the second round of media coverage from today's ozone standards announcement, including several editorials.



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EPA smog rule rejection stirs anger at White House

Boston Globe

September 2, 2011

By Theo Emery, Globe Staff

WASHINGTON - A surprise decision from the White House today to reject tighter controls on smog emissions infuriated environmentalists and heartened business groups who had fought against the stronger pollution controls.

The White House sent back to Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Lisa Jackson a proposed regulatory change that would have tightened restrictions on the amount of ozone released into the atmosphere. In a statement, President Obama said reducing air pollution is a priority, but so is reducing regulatory burdens.

Coming amid a bitter partisan debate over how to jumpstart the economy, the decision to delay new ozone regulations and retain a 2008 rule adopted under George W. Bush's administration had a deeply symbolic meaning. For White House allies, the decision was a bitter disappointment that, for some, invited comparisons with President Obama's predecessor.

"I disagree that the 2006 pollution science that the Bush Administration ignored should be ignored once again in favor of additional delays in issuing rules to reduce the smog-producing ozone that threatens public health," US Representative Edward J. Markey of Malden, the top Democrat on the House Natural Resources Committee, said in a statement.

At the same time, the move stirred calls among Republicans for further action, as well as from groups seeking less business regulation. US Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Thomas J. Donohue said that the White House had "heeded our warning."

"This an enormous victory for America's job creators, the right decision by the President, and one that will help reduce the uncertainty facing businesses. It's also a big first step in what needs to be a broader regulatory reform effort," he said.

The move represented the latest jockeying between the White House and Congressional Republicans over the lackluster economy and regulatory hurdles. House Speaker John A. Boehner of Ohio had asked the president for a list of pending regulations that would cost over \$1 billion. The ozone rule topped the list that the president provided on Aug. 30, with a cost pegged between \$19 billion and \$90 billion.

In a letter rejecting the regulation, the White House said it wasn't necessary to make the change now, that the science it was based on was outdated and that other rules would protect air quality. The administration also defended its record in a blog posting, and the president released a statement appearing to anticipate criticism.

"I want to be clear: my commitment and the commitment of my administration to protecting public health and the environment is unwavering," he said.

Republicans cheered the decision. Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky said "this action alone will prevent more job losses than any speech the President has given." House Majority Leader Eric Cantor of Virginia said he was hopeful that the president would strike down more regulations. A spokesman for Boehner called it "a good first step," but said it's not enough. "It is only the tip of the iceberg when it comes to stopping Washington Democrats' agenda of tax hikes, more government 'stimulus' spending, and increased regulations," said the spokesman, Michael Steel.

Environmental groups were scathing in their criticism of the president. Frances Beinecke, president of the Natural Resources Defense Council, accused the White House of "siding with corporate polluters over the American people," and said the organization will revive a lawsuit against the administration over the smog standard.

"The Clean Air Act clearly requires the Environmental Protection Agency to set protective standards against smog--based on science and the law. The White House now has polluted that process with politics," she said.

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White House tells EPA to withdraw draft ozone standard

Washington (Platts)

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By Nick Juliano, Sarah Smith

Following the Obama administration's Friday announcement to shelve plans to review the Bush-era ozone standard, the White House pushed back against claims that its decision was influenced by political and industry pressure.

Instead, the decision to hold off on reviewing the 2008 ozone standards -- otherwise scheduled for reassessment in 2013 -- was based on a need for updated scientific input, White House officials said Friday in a conference call.

Prior to today's announcement, the Environmental Protection Agency had been looking reassess the Bush administration's 2008 national ambient air quality standards for ozone, which the Obama administration said was not stringent enough. That standard, set at 75 parts per billion, rejected recommendations of a congressionally chartered science advisory board that called for a more stringent standard to protect public health.

The energy sector had repeatedly said a more stringent standard would be too costly, slowing job growth and damaging the economy. On Friday the American Petroleum Institute praised the president's decision to withdraw the draft rule, saying that it would have prevented the very job creation that Obama has identified as his top priority.

"Ozone levels and air quality continue to improve under current regulations and our industry is committed to making the air we all breathe cleaner while creating new jobs," API President Jack Gerard said in a statement.

White House officials also said existing rules would reduce ozone, citing the fuel efficiency standards for cars and trucks and the Cross State Air Pollution rule to reduce sulfur and nitrogen oxides. If the EPA were to issue a new standard at the end of 2011, it would have to base it on 2006 science, and should instead wait until 2013, when it can use updated research.

EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson said in a statement her agency will revisit the standard in the future, in compliance with the Clean Air Act.

Ozone is created when emissions of nitrogen oxide from power plants, motor vehicles and other sources combine with volatile organic compounds, such as gasoline vapors, in the presence of sunlight. It can cause asthma and other respiratory problems, according to EPA and public health organizations.

Friday's decision sparked anger from environmental groups. Earthjustice called the administration's decision a "travesty," and Friends of the Earth said in a statement that Obama's record on environmental action "bordered on pathetic."

Obama's announcement clears the way for litigation to resume over the 2008 standard, said Allison Wood, an attorney for industry plaintiffs in the legal battle that has been on hold since 2009. Some states and industry groups had challenged the Bush administration's decision to lower the standard from 84 parts per billion to 75 ppb, saying it was too strict, while environmentalists and public health advocates contended the standard should be lowered even further to the 60-70 ppb recommended by EPA's science advisers in 2006.

The case, *State of Mississippi et al. v. EPA et al.*, has been on hold in the US Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit since early 2009, when the Obama administration announced it would reconsider the standard. The court likely will set a briefing schedule shortly now that Obama has abandoned the reconsideration, Wood said.

EPA's protracted reconsideration of the standard could complicate its ability to defend the 2008 version in court, said Daniel Weiss, senior fellow for climate and energy at the liberal Center for American Progress. Weiss pointed to a July 13 letter from Administrator Jackson to Senator Thomas Carper, a Delaware

Democrat, observing that the Bush-era standard was "not legally defensible given the scientific evidence."

Groups including the American Lung Association and Natural Resources Defense Council likely will rely on that and similar statements to argue that the court should force EPA to reduce the limits.

ALA President Charles Connor said his group would resume its challenge to the 2008 standard now that Obama has abandoned the reconsideration.

"For two years the administration dragged its feet by delaying its decision, unnecessarily putting lives at risk," Connor said in a statement. "Its final decision not to enact a more protective ozone health standard is jeopardizing the health of millions of Americans, which is inexcusable."

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Obama backs off tough clean air regulation

CNN

Sept. 2, 2011

CNN White House Producer Alexander Mooney

CNNMoney has the latest on President Obama's surprising move Friday to back off tightening clean-air standards. The EPA proposal was heavily criticized by Republicans, who argued stricter regulations would slow down job growth:

From CNNMONEY's Steve Hargreaves

NEW YORK (CNNMoney) - After weeks of Republican attacks on the Obama administration's tightening of environmental regulations, the president said Friday he would halt a planned increase in clean air standards.

In a statement released just hours after the U.S. Labor Department said the economy created no new jobs in August, Obama said he told Environmental Protection Agency head Lisa Jackson to withdraw the draft Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards.

While stressing his environmental record, Obama said he has "continued to underscore the importance of reducing regulatory burdens and regulatory uncertainty, particularly as our economy continues to recover."

Needless to say, environmentalists, who had considered the president an ally, expressed their anger with the move:

"The White House is siding with corporate polluters over the American people," Frances Beinecke, president of the Natural Resources Defense Council, said in a statement. "Our public officials, including in the White House, serve to protect us from harm. They need to get on with doing their jobs."

US SMALL/MIDCAPS-Industrials down after Obama drops smog rule

Reuters

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NEW YORK, Sept 2 (Reuters) - Small and mid-cap industrial stocks fell on Friday after U.S. President Barack Obama unexpectedly asked the Environmental Protection Agency to withdraw a plan to limit smog pollution.

The President's comments followed a grim report on the labor market that U.S. employment growth ground to a halt in August with the unemployment rate stuck at 9.1 percent. The weak jobs report triggered a broad market sell-off, sending major indexes down more than 2 percent. The midcap industrials sector index .4GSPI fell 4.3 percent.

Shares of Koppers Holdings (KOP.N) fell 8.3 percent to \$29.69. The company provides carbon compounds and commercial wood treatment products to aluminum, railroad, specialty chemical, utility, rubber, concrete, and steel industries.

Obama said the move to kill one the EPA's major initiatives to clean up the environment was part of a broader government effort to reduce regulatory burdens and uncertainty.

In the technology sector, Netflix (NFLX.O) was one of the top decliners. The stock fell 9.6 percent to \$210.76 following the collapse of its content distribution talks with pay-TV operator Starz Entertainment, underscoring investor concerns that it may lose its edge in the online rental market. For more see [ID:nN1E7801V6].

In earnings news, Esterline Technologies Corp (ESL.N) shares fell 13.9 percent to \$63.60, a day after the defense contractor forecast a weaker-than-expected outlook for 2011, hurt by slower aftermarket products growth at its largest avionics and controls segment. [ID:nL4E7K22B5]

The S&P MidCap 400 index .MID fell 3.4 percent while the S&P SmallCap 600 index .SML lost 3.3 percent. In comparison, the benchmark S&P 500 markets/index?symbol=us%21spx">.SPX declined 2.6 percent. (Reporting by Angela Moon; Editing by James Dalgleish)

Public health groups slam Obama retreat on smog, vow legal action

The Hill (Healthwatch blog)

09/02/11 03:12 PM ET

By Julian Pecquet -

Public health advocates slammed the White House on Friday for abandoning tougher ozone regulations, and vowed to fight the Obama administration in court.

The American Lung Association called the decision "outrageous" and said it would "severely jeopardize public health." The association said it would restart litigation that had been put on hold following the administration's promises to strengthen standards set under then-President George W. Bush.

"For two years the Administration dragged its feet by delaying its decision, unnecessarily putting lives at risk," President and CEO Charles Connor said in a statement. "Its final decision not to enact a more protective ozone health standard is jeopardizing the health of millions of American, which is inexcusable."

The American Public Health Association also expressed its "extreme disappointment" with the administration.

"We in the public health community, including EPA's own scientific advisors, have urged stronger ozone standards to safeguard the health of Americans," the group's interim executive director, Alan Baker, said in a statement. "The science is clear that ozone can cause asthma attacks, harm those suffering from respiratory illness, send people to the hospital and lead to death. We urge the administration to reconsider its decision and strengthen the health protections provided under the Clean Air Act based on

the overwhelming scientific evidence."

The EPA has estimated that the new standards could have prevented 12,000 premature deaths and 58,000 asthma attacks a year.

White House moves to limit fallout from retreat on clean air rule

The Hill (E2 blog)

By Ben Geman - 09/02/11 03:30 PM ET

The White House moved quickly Friday to try and quell anger from the left over President Obama's decision to shelve planned smog regulations.

White House officials vowed Friday to defend other Clean Air Act regulations that are under attack by Capitol Hill Republicans, who plan to move several bills to kill or weaken separate rules including those on power plant mercury emissions, greenhouse gases and toxic emissions from industrial boilers.

"This administration has a very significant record of success when it comes to protecting public health and the environment and that is a record that we are going to stand behind," a White House official told reporters on a call Friday.

Leading green groups blasted the White House decision in a series of scathing press releases that sounded like the attacks once lodged against the George W. Bush administration.

"The Sierra Club condemns the Obama administration's decision to delay critical, long-overdue protections from smog, an acidic air pollutant that when inhaled is like getting a sunburn on your lungs," said Sierra Club President Michael Brune, whose group has an active political field operation.

"By putting the interest of coal and oil polluters first, the White House seems to be saying that 'clean air will have to wait,'" he said.

Frank O'Donnell of Clean Air Watch called Obama's decision an "abject act of political cowardice."

The backlash underscores Obama's delicate position as he tries to show that he's seeking to boost jobs in the sour economy, while fending off relentless GOP claims that his environmental agenda is a brake on growth.

Since last year's disastrous election for Democrats, the president has tried to move to the political center and repair frayed relations with the business community. That effort — epitomized by the selection of William Daley as chief of staff — has already stirred up tension with labor unions, which were among the president's strongest backers in 2008.

Now, with the business-friendly move on the ozone rules, Obama risks alienating another group of key supporters as he embarks on a grueling reelection campaign.

Even before announcing the retreat on ozone rules, Obama's standing among environmentalists had grown precarious ahead of the 2012 elections.

Some activists are warning that potential approval of a major oil sands pipeline could dampen enthusiasm in 2012 among young and green-minded voters that vigorously backed Obama in 2008.

The White House decision to scuttle EPA's plan followed immense pressure from industry groups such as the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, The Business Roundtable, the National Association of Manufacturers and several oil industry groups.

But one White House official insisted Friday that the political heat from business was not behind the decision.

"This is not a product of industry pressure. This is a judgment on the merits," the White House official said.

Obama, in his statement on the decision, did not reference specific GOP or industry attacks, but said "my commitment and the commitment of my administration to protecting public health and the environment is unwavering."

"My administration will continue to vigorously oppose efforts to weaken EPA's authority under the Clean Air Act or dismantle the progress we have made," he said.

But White House officials also said their accomplishments to date will help reduce ozone — which is linked to asthma and other ailments — even as they're abandoning the smog rule itself.

They are citing completed auto efficiency rules and standards to reduce power plant emissions of sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxides, as well as upcoming utility air toxics rules, among the measures they note will help cut smog-forming pollution.

The White House on Friday said it would not issue pending rules that would have toughened Bush-era ozone standards and instead will wait until the next scheduled review in 2013.

Obama — citing the need to reduce regulatory uncertainty during the economic recovery — said Friday he did not want to implement a new standard that will be reconsidered so soon.

"Work is already underway to update a 2006 review of the science that will result in the reconsideration of the ozone standard in 2013," Obama said in his statement. "Ultimately, I did not support asking state and local governments to begin implementing a new standard that will soon be reconsidered."

Cass Sunstein, the top regulatory official at the White House Office of Management and Budget, said in a letter to EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson that delay will allow more updated science to be brought to bear on ozone policy.

An array of business groups applauded the decision. U.S. Chamber of Commerce President Tom Donohue cited Friday's Labor Department report that the economy added no net jobs in August in praising the retreat on the ozone rule.

"If today's employment report reveals anything, it's that our economy is in neutral and may soon be rolling backwards," he said, citing industry-funded studies that claimed the ozone rule would have eventually cost millions of jobs.

"I'm pleased the administration recognizes that now is not the time to burden America's job creators with unwarranted regulations," he said.

EDITORIAL:

Did the White House double-cross its supporters on the smog rule?

Washington Post/Bloomberg Business Blog (Ezra Klein)

By Brad Plumer

(BRIAN NICHOLSON/ASSOCIATED PRESS) Get ready to hear a lot about ozone in the coming weeks. On Friday, in a surprise move, the White House told the EPA to pull back on national standards for ground-level ozone pollution — smog — which the agency has been working on for the past two years. My colleague Juliet Eilperin has the full story, but the upshot is that this represents a clear victory for business groups and Republicans, who had been lobbying to postpone the regulations until a new scheduled review in 2013.

To add a bit to this, though, it's worth taking a closer look at why environmentalists and clean-air advocates are so furious right now. Groups that have been lobbying for the long-delayed ozone update say they were essentially betrayed by the Obama administration, which, back in 2009, had fended off a lawsuit over Bush-era ozone rules by promising to issue tougher new standards. That, obviously, isn't going to happen now. What's more, critics note, the White House's stated reasons for yanking the rules make no sense at all. Do they have a point?

First, some context. Under the Clean Air Act, the EPA is required to conduct a review of national standards on industrial smog every five years. Ground-level ozone is formed when emissions from power plants, vehicles and factories reacts with sunlight. The resulting pollution can, as the EPA explains, "trigger a variety of health problems including chest pain, coughing, throat irritation, and congestion. It can worsen bronchitis, emphysema, and asthma."

The last time new ozone standards were set was back in 1997 — at 84 parts per billion. In 2006, the EPA reviewed the science on ozone and health, which had advanced considerably over the years: It wasn't until the 2000s, for instance, that researchers realized ground-level ozone might actually be killing people, not just causing respiratory problems. Realizing that the old standards were woefully out of date, EPA scientists recommended a new level of 60 to 70 parts per billion. The Bush administration, however, decided to go with a less-stringent level of 75 parts per billion in its final rules, issued in 2008.

Groups such as the American Lung Association quickly filed a lawsuit to stop the Bush rules, which they claimed were too weak and would lead to thousands of unnecessary deaths and cases of respiratory disease. After Obama got elected, however, the new EPA said it basically agreed with the critics and would issue stronger rules by August 2010. At that point, the ALA agreed to hold off on its lawsuit. "We said, that sounds reasonable to us," says Paul Billings, the ALA's vice-president for policy and advocacy. "We basically trusted their intentions."

But August 2010 rolled around. Still no rules. The EPA asked for a further extension. Then October. Then December. Still nothing. Then the EPA said it wanted to go back and look at the science again, just to double-check. Sure enough, EPA's scientific review board said that a standard of 60 to 70 parts per billion was the most cost-effective way to protect public health. And EPA administrator Lisa Jackson announced that the final rules would be in line with the science.

Industry groups, obviously, weren't pleased with this. They noted that complying with a stricter standard could cost them anywhere from \$19 billion to \$90 billion per year by 2020. (The EPA did, however, note that a tougher standard would yield benefits of \$13 billion to \$100 billion, and that the benefits would outweigh the costs.) Republican House Majority Leader Eric Cantor dubbed the ozone proposal "possibly the most harmful of all the currently anticipated Obama administration regulations."

So now, today, the White House announced that it's not going to have any new rules. On a call with reporters, White House officials argued that it doesn't make sense to put out new rules in 2011 when there's going to be another scheduled review of the ozone science in 2013.

But critics say that this reasoning is flawed. For one, notes Amy Royden-Bloom of the National Association of Clean Air Agencies, if the EPA did issue a new ozone standard this year, then it could always just postpone its next scientific review until 2016, in line with the law. Second, notes Frank O'Donnell of Clean Air Watch, there's no reason to think that a brand-new ozone standard will actually be issued by 2013. That's just when the scientific review is due. Crafting new rules will take longer than that,

given the inevitable delays and lawsuits. "I'd say three years, minimum," says O'Donnell. (When I asked White House officials about this, they said they weren't sure how long it would take.) And third, says Paul Billings of the ALA, it's not clear that the science on ozone and human health will change dramatically between now and 2013 — if anything, the case for regulating ozone is likely to get stronger.

So what happens now? Right now, most states are still operating under the old 1997 standards. The EPA had earlier directed states not to follow the (somewhat stricter) 2008 Bush standards, because it was working on even tighter rules. But now those tighter rules aren't happening. As Bill Becker of the National Association of Clean Air Agencies told me, the EPA now has the option of directing states to follow the Bush-era rules, but that seems unlikely, given the White House's preference to wait until the 2013 review. Which means states would keep operating under the old 1997 standards, which are more lax than even what the Bush administration had proposed. "We would have stricter protections right now if we had just followed the Bush-era rules back in 2008," says Becker.

And it's unclear whether the ozone rules will get updated anytime soon. Becker notes that with each delay, the political debate over ratcheting up the standard becomes fiercer and fiercer, because the costs of compliance of any new rule will go up. And if a new president hostile to environmental regulation comes into office — Rick Perry, say — then the EPA may never get around to issuing new ozone rules.

Not surprisingly, business groups are pleased with this prospect. "This is an enormous victory for America's job creators," the Chamber of Commerce announced today. The White House, meanwhile, is trying to deflect criticism by pointing out all the other new EPA regulations they've been moving forward with. But this move looks like it could leave a lasting rift between the White House and its environmental base.

By Brad Plumer | 02:19 PM ET, 09/02/2011

Obama Burns Gas Drillers On Ozone

WSJ – Heard on the Street blog

Sept. 2, 2011

By LIAM DENNING

It is amusing that Washington, of all places, gets to regulate emissions of hot air. But natural-gas producers aren't laughing.

The White House's climb-down on tightening rules for levels of smog-forming ozone, announced Friday, came the same day as dreadful August jobs data. The president is caught between the demands of environmentalists and a struggling economy, where any regulation can be framed as "job killing."

The big question is whether Friday's cave on ozone portends a scaling back of the Environmental Protection Agency's plans for other emissions.

New EPA rules curbing emissions of airborne nasties like mercury could force the closure of 54 gigawatts, or 16%, of U.S. coal-fired electricity generating capacity, according to Sanford C. Bernstein. Gas producers need this in order to boost demand for their fuel in an oversupplied market.

The prevailing view is that, despite coming House votes aimed at derailing tighter EPA standards, the White House and Senate provide solid support. But Friday's announcement suggests economic malaise is eroding that.

Republicans will be encouraged to press for more concessions, perhaps through anti-EPA riders on spending bills. They will be aided by a report this week from the grid operator in—where else?—Texas warning that EPA-inspired plant closures could lead to rolling blackouts there.

Against this, the president must still consider his base, and even arch-partisans across the aisle will find defending mercury a tough sell. One political concession doesn't a trend make. But gas producers were struggling already with demand-damping effects of high unemployment. The latter now also serves to throw into doubt the environmental program they hoped would ride to their rescue.

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Obama Gets Hearts — and Darts — for Halting Proposed Ozone Rule

Wall Street Journal (blogs)

September 2, 2011, 4:37 PM ET

By Mary Lu Carnevale

President Barack Obama's move to withdraw a proposed air pollution rule had a predictable mixed reaction: Environmental groups scolded the president, while Republicans and business leaders, who have often cited the ozone rule as a job killer, offered praise.

Still, business organizations greeted the announcement with warnings that more needed to be done.

"If President Obama's speech next week is as positive as this decision was today, it will be a success," said John Engler, president of the Business Roundtable.

At the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, President and CEO Thomas Donohue said his organization "is glad the White House heeded our warning and withdrew these potentially disastrous . . . actions from the EPA." He said the move "will help reduce the uncertainty facing businesses. It's also a big first step in what needs to be a broader regulatory reform effort."

Environmental groups called the decision a loss for public health. "The Obama administration is caving to big polluters at the expense of protecting the air we breathe," League of Conservation Voters President Gene Karpinski said in a statement. Sierra Club Executive Director Michael Brune described the now-withdrawn rule as a needed protection against smog, "an acidic air pollutant that when inhaled is like getting a sunburn on your lungs."

And Natural Resources Defense Council President Frances Beinecke saw potential trouble for future air-quality regulations. "The Clean Air Act clearly requires the Environmental Protection Agency to set protective standards against smog—based on science and the law. The White House now has polluted that process with politics," she said.

In the House, Rep. Pete Sessions (R., Texas) who heads the House Republicans' campaign committee, used the occasion to throw some darts at Mr. Obama.

"President Obama has been an economic arsonist who now wants to play firefighter and take credit for saving American businesses from job-destroying regulations," Mr. Sessions said. "As one of thousands of new regulations planned this year, President Obama's excessively stringent ozone standard would cost billions of tax dollars and millions of American jobs."

Barb Arrigo: Bad air day

2:55 PM, Sep. 2, 2011

Detroit Free Press

BY BARBARA ARRIGO

DETROIT FREE PRESS EDITORIAL WRITER

How appropriate. President Barack Obama chose a day forecast to be one of the dirtiest air days of the year to announce a postponement of one of the new clean air regulations.

The reason he cited — that the science behind this particular smog standard is being re-evaluated in advance of another round of rules in fast-approaching 2013 — seems sensible. But the making of new air rules has been held up for years, mostly because of delay after delay during the Bush administration. The bing-bang-boom pace of recent EPA announcements is the result of all those delays and various court cases, not simple zealotry from Obama administration officials such as EPA administrator Lisa Jackson.

Clearly over the long haul from the 1970s, the air is cleaner. If you believe it's clean enough now, fine. And maybe in Michigan, where industrial activity has ratcheted back considerably and population is declining, we would be OK with holding steady. But that's clearly not the case with other parts of the country.

The National Park Service operates a set of visibility cameras (click on the NPS Air Webcams tab for the map), and as I write this, Joshua Tree National Park in southern California is already heading into the ozone danger zone. As is Shenandoah National Park in Virginia. Ready to take your lungs for a hike?

Even more striking is the way ozone travels. As the camera at the Seney Wildlife Refuge often shows, ozone can drift into the Upper Peninsula (as we know it also does along the western side of the Lower Peninsula), even when there are few if any major emissions sources for miles and miles.

In the long-term trend of mostly improving air quality, a delay of two years may not be significant. But in the medium term trend of all the politicking against the EPA and of all the claims that regulation hurts business so regular people just have to put up and shut up, this is disheartening. In 2013, do you think President Perry Paul Bachmann Romney will care about the air you breathe?

Obama Rewards Polluters, Blocks New Smog Restrictions

Rolling Stone

September 2, 1:49 PM ET

By Tim Dickinson

Today the Obama administration did the indefensible. It did the bidding of the American Petroleum Institute and pulled the plug on a new, stricter standard for ozone (i.e. smog) pollution, jeopardizing public health for short-term political gain.

Some quick background: Smog is the nation's most prevalent pollutant. It causes lung damage and asthma attacks. People die early because of too much smog. In 2008, the Bush administration called for a standard of 75 parts per billion, a decision that flew in the face of the of a unanimous panel of EPA scientists who called for a smog standard as low as 60 ppb.

Under administrator Lisa Jackson, the EPA has been at work revising the Bush regulation, seeking to replace it with a science-based standard. The agency estimated that tighter controls on smog at 60 ppb might create costs of \$90 billion for polluters, but that society could reap as much as \$100 billion in return on that investment -- in the form of fewer sick days and reduced medical expenses.

API met with the White House in late July to make the case that a reduction in smog would be too costly, and argued the administration wasn't technically obligated to revisit the faulty Bush standard until 2013.

In a letter today, Obama's regulator czar Cass Sunstein, acting "at the President's direction," instructed Jackson to withdraw the new rule, forestalling action until 2013, because "finalizing a new standard now

is not mandatory." While observing that the EPA is barred from considering financial costs when creating new Clean Air regulations, Sunstein nonetheless emphasized Obama's wish to "minimize regulatory costs and burdens, particularly in this economically challenging time."

Health and environmental advocates have been rightfully outraged. But the oil industry couldn't be happier:

"The President's decision is good news for the economy and Americans looking for work," said API President and CEO Jack Gerard. "The oil and natural gas industry was one of the few industries to actually create jobs in August. With the right public policies, we can do more to help generate more American jobs and help get our economy back on track."

Obama backs down on smog standards

Seattle Post-Intelligencer (Politics blog)

Sept. 2, 2011

President Obama announced Friday that he will keep in place Bush-era smog standards described by his own EPA director Lisa Jackson "not legally defensible given the scientific evidence on the record" of dangers to human health.

The president's decision, vetoing an EPA plan to lower emissions of ozone into the atmosphere, is a victory for business groups and was applauded by an aide to GOP House Speaker John Boehner.

It was roundly condemned by environmental groups, which have lately suffered a series of setbacks at hands of the Obama administration.

Republican House Majority Leader Eric Cantor hailed Obama's decision as "a step in the right direction." Cantor had described EPA's draft of ozone limits as "possibly the most harmful of all the currently anticipated Obama administration regulations."

But Gene Karpinski, head of the League of Conservation Voters, said of Obama's decision: "This is a huge win for corporate polluters and a huge loss for public health."

"Smog standards exist because smog is dangerous to human health," added Frances Beinecke, president of the Natural Resources Defense Council. "It causes respiratory illness, cardiac disease and premature death . . . The stronger smog standards would have saved up to 4,300 lives and avoided as many as 2,200 heart attacks every year."

Obama's decision keeps in place a three-year old rule implemented under President George W. Bush.

The EPA's scientific experts recommended in 2006 that ground-level ozone be limited to between 60 and 70 parts per billion. The Bush administration set a standard of 75 parts per billion.

The EPA's Jackson announced in January of last year that the standard would be set in the 60-70 parts per billion range. On Friday, however, Obama asked her to dump the draft standards and argued that they were due to be reconsidered anyway.

"Work is already underway to update a 2006 review of the science that will result in the reconsideration of the ozone standard in 2013: Ultimately, I did not support asking state and local governments to begin implementing a new standard that will soon be reconsidered."

The Obama administration has disappointed its environmental allies on several fronts in recent weeks.

It approved Shell Oil's proposed drilling for oil in the Beaufort Sea of Arctic Alaska. The U.S. Statement

Department found there will be no adverse environmental impacts to a 1,711-mile-long pipeline that will link Alberta's oil sands project to the Gulf Coast.

"In his statement today, President Obama referred to a need to reduce 'regulatory burdens': But having cleaner air to breathe is not a burden for the American people," said the NRDC's Beinecke.

Obama's announcement came on the day that new employment figures showed no new jobs created by the American economy during August — a month that saw debt impasse in Washington, D.C., a major hurricane and the Verizon strike.

Rep. Fred Upton, R-Mich., chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, told the Washington Post earlier in the week: "If you're serious about a jobs agenda, the last thing you want to be doing is adding tens of billions of dollars in costs every year."

Bur proponents have argued that tighter smog standards will save billions of dollars in health costs, and make breathing easier for 24 million Americans living with asthma.

"Today's decision means the Obama administration now accepts the Bush-era standard: It also means we will resume our lawsuit challenging it," said the NRDC's Beinecke.

Obama Administration Delays Life-Saving Smog Standards

Huffington Post (Green page)

By Frances Beinecke, President, Natural Resources Defense Council

Posted: 9/2/11 02:32 PM ET

Today the Obama administration made a decision that will endanger the health of tens of thousands of Americans. Its choice to delay stronger standards for smog lets polluters off the hook and leaves Americans with sicker family members and higher medical costs.

Smog standards exist because smog is dangerous to human health. It causes respiratory illness, cardiac disease, and premature death. Though we have made progress in reducing this harmful pollution in American skies, we haven't licked the problem yet.

The stronger smog standards would have saved up to 4,300 lives and avoid as many as 2,200 heart attacks every year. They would have made breathing easier for the 24 million Americans living with asthma. And they also would have created up to \$37 billion in health benefits annually.

By failing to deliver these health and economic benefits to the American people, President Obama has come down on the side of polluters and those extreme forces who deny the value of government safeguards.

In his statement today, President Obama referred to a need to reduce "regulatory burdens." But having cleaner air to breathe is not a burden for the American people.

Nor is complying with safeguards an undue burden for business. Businesses would have incurred costs to reduce their smog pollution, just as they have to pay to haul away garbage, make sure transit fleets don't endanger drivers, and make sure their food products don't sicken people. These are some of the costs of doing business.

In the case of ozone standards, the costs wouldn't have kicked in for several years, long after the current economic downturn. And keep in mind that in 2010, the top 10 utilities had a combined \$28.4 billion in profits and \$7.5 billion in cash balances. They can afford to embrace innovative pollution controls and protect their customers' health.

Meanwhile clean air investments yield enormous returns. The smog standards would generate \$37 billion

in value for a cost of about \$20 billion by 2020. Take together, Clean Air Act standards generated approximately \$1.3 trillion in public health and environmental benefits in 2010 alone for a cost of \$50 billion. That's a value worth more than 9 percent of GDP for a cost of only .4 percent of GDP. The ratio of benefits to costs is more than 26 to 1.

Americans know it's cheaper to stay healthy than it is to pay for asthma attacks, missed work days, emergency room visits, and hospital stays. That's why a June poll for the American Lung Association of likely 2012 voters from all parties found that 75 percent support the EPA's effort to set stronger smog standards and 66 percent believe that EPA scientists -- not Congress -- should establish clean air standards.

Strengthening the standards for smog isn't just popular. It's required by law.

In 2008, the Bush EPA adopted ozone standards outside the range unanimously recommended by the EPA's science advisors. As a result, those standards were challenged by more than a dozen states, the American Lung Association, NRDC, and others for being unlawfully harmful to public health.

When the Bush EPA ignored its own science advisors on another air quality standard, the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals unanimously overturned those standards. Lisa Jackson, the current EPA administrator, wanted to avoid a similar legal fate on ozone. She concluded that the Bush-era ozone rules are "not defensible" under the Clean Air Act, and she committed to creating a legal standard that protects Americans' health.

Today's decision means the Obama administration now accepts the Bush-era standard. It also means NRDC will resume our lawsuit challenging it.

The Obama administration has been on the right side of the law and the science on other strong clean air protection -- including the one limiting mercury pollution -- which are now under attack in Congress. The president needs now to mount a forceful defense of those standards so we don't endanger Americans further.

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Obama Drops Smog Initiative

Slate Magazine

Posted Friday, Sep. 2, 2011, at 2:26 PM EDT

By Daniel Politi

The president hands victory to businesses and Republicans by abandoning new standard.

For the White House, it seems economy trumps environment. Shortly after the dismal jobs report, President Barack Obama surprised Washington by unexpectedly asking the Environmental Protection Agency to withdraw a plan that would have cut smog levels, handing a victory to businesses and Republicans that had long criticized the initiative. The business community has been carrying out an intense lobbying campaign against tightening the restrictions on ground-level ozone, insisting "the new rule would cost billions of dollars and hundreds of thousands of jobs," writes the New York Times.

Obama said the standards were scheduled to be reviewed two years from now anyway and there was no sense in rushing the process. "Work is already underway to update a 2006 review of the science that will result in the reconsideration of the ozone standard in 2013," Obama said. "Ultimately, I did not support asking state and local governments to begin implementing a new standard that will soon be reconsidered."

The ground-level ozone standards are usually reviewed every five years. But EPA Administrator Lisa P.

Jackson had pushed to review it now because the one set under George W. Bush's administration of 75 parts per billion in 2008 "was significantly higher than the 60 to 70 parts per billion recommended by the EPA's scientific advisory committee at the time," explains the Washington Post. Businesses quickly praised the decision and some Republicans offered guarded praise. House Speaker John Boehner called it a "good first step" but said it was "only the tip of the iceberg," reports the Los Angeles Times. For their part, environmentalists condemned the move and harshly criticized the president. "Obama utterly caved," said Bill Snape of the Center for Biological Diversity.

The Associated Press points out that while a stronger standard could cost billions to implement, it "would also save billions in avoided health care costs and hospital visits." Yet that was clearly not at the forefront of the administration's concerns. One lobbyist who refused to be identified tells the Post that the White House was nervous about pushing for the rule at a time when the economy is struggling to recover

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Is Obama Bad for the Environment ?

TIME

Tuesday, Sept. 06, 2011

By Bryan Walsh

Amid a floundering economy and a looming re-election battle, the environment is going to come second for President Obama

Over the past few weeks, there have been two very distinct lobbying efforts directed at President Barack Obama over environmental and energy policy. One has been done very publicly – more than 1,000 activists, ranging from celebrities and scientists to former Obama campaign organizers – have been arrested outside the White House, protesting the proposed Keystone XL pipeline, which would transport

half a million barrels a day of carbon-intensive crude from oil-sands developments in western Canada. The other effort has been a bit quieter: representatives from industry groups like the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the American Petroleum Institute have heavily lobbied the White House to abandon a move by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to strengthen air-pollution regulations that limit smog.

So which lobbying campaign won out? Maybe not the one you'd expect for a President who came into office two and a half years ago with the greenest credentials in recent memory. On Sept. 2, President Obama shocked his environmental allies when he pulled back the proposed tougher smog standards, despite the fact that the EPA had been promising stronger rules for months. Meanwhile, the Keystone XL pipeline – which needs White House approval – seems almost certain to go forward, with a State Department assessment last month seen as largely in favor of the project and Administration officials signaling their support. Big business won while activists and environmentalists lost out. (See why the GOP has a hidden agenda to gut the EPA.)

From the extreme to the mainstream, environmental groups reacted to Obama's announcement on smog with the fury of the scorned. It didn't help that Obama's political capital with environmentalists was already dwindling after his perceived failure to push through carbon cap-and-trade legislation and the gradual disappearance of global warming as a White House priority. Greens pondered aloud how a President they had worked so hard to elect, one who had pledged to put science before politics, could screw them over so badly – and they asked whether he was no longer worth the same effort in 2012. "Many MoveOn members are wondering today how they can ever work for President Obama's re-election, or make the case for his to their neighbors, when he does something like this," MoveOn executive director Justin Ruben said in a statement. "This is a decision we'd expect from George W. Bush."

Ouch. It doesn't get much worse than comparing Obama to a man widely considered to be the least environmental President ever. But has Obama really surrendered his green credentials, and given how uniformly hostile the Republican presidential candidates are to any form of environmental or climate policy, is there anything greens can really do about it?

First, a little background. Under the Clean Air Act, the Administration is required to review air-pollution regulations every five years, consulting the latest science to see whether rules need to be tightened to protect public health. Back in 2008, Bush's EPA set the new limit for ground-level ozone – the main ingredient of smog and a health hazard in its own right – at 75 parts per billion (ppb). That was tighter than the existing regulations, but considerably weaker than the 60 to 70 ppb recommended at the time by the EPA's own scientists.

(Read more about the battle over EPA's emissions regulations.)

Advocacy groups like the American Lung Association launched lawsuits to force the government to stop the Bush ozone regulations, which they argued would lead to thousands of unnecessary deaths; but when Obama took office, they announced a cease-fire at the behest of the new Administration. EPA head Lisa Jackson – who said that the Bush rules were "legally indefensible" – promised that the Administration would issue stronger ozone regulations that would fall into the 60- to 70-ppb levels recommended by the current science.

But industry groups screamed bloody murder over the possibility of tougher regulations, arguing that strict air-pollution rules could cost the economy as much as \$90 billion a year by 2020. The EPA has said that the proposed regulations would still have net positive economic benefits, thanks to the reduction of premature deaths, hospitalizations and lost-worker productivity due to bad air. But with the economy worsening by the month and the White House increasingly seen as unfriendly to business, that was a tough argument to make, and EPA delayed the finalization of the new regulations again and again while always promising that they would eventually come. Finally on Sept. 2 – just before the Labor Day weekend – White House regulatory chief Cass Sunstein sent a letter to Jackson urging her to reconsider the new ozone regulations, adding that new rules "would create needless uncertainty" – essentially ending the debate.

Since the announcement the White House has tried to make the case that issuing new ozone regulations in 2011 would be unnecessary and confusing because the rules are automatically up for review in 2013 under the Clean Air Act. But the EPA could have been free under the law to issue new rules now and then postpone the next review until 2016. In any case, chances are it will take well past 2013 for new rules to actually make it into practice-after all, the EPA is already years past its last deadline.

In a conference call after the announcement, one White House official tried to reassure reporters that the decision "had nothing to do with politics," but that's frankly ludicrous. This decision came from Obama, and he chose to overrule his EPA and disregard science in favor of a political goal-in this case, giving business a break at a time when the economy is floundering and his opponents are trying to paint him as a job-killing bureaucrat. Greens – and the 4,300 people a year the stronger regulations were predicted to save – were left in the cold. "President Obama has come down on the side of the polluters and those extreme forces who deny the value of government safeguards," wrote Natural Resources Defense Council president Frances Beinecke after Obama's announcement. (See photos of the effects of global warming.)

Of course, those "extreme forces" happen to include virtually the entire Republican Party, including all the major GOP Presidential candidates, many of whom would be happy to eliminate the EPA altogether. And that puts the greens in a political quandary – they may be extremely unhappy with Obama, but a Republican victory in 2012 would be an environmental catastrophe. Withdraw their support from Obama, and they'll only be shooting themselves in the foot.

It's hard to see any environmental group actually campaigning against Obama, even after the ozone and oil sands disappointments, although the effect could be felt in fundraising and grassroots enthusiasm. And Obama has still done a lot for greens, from ambitious new fuel economy standards to unprecedented funding for alternative energy – not to mention the fact that the President, unlike most of his GOP opponents, actually accepts the reality of climate change. But the events of the past few weeks drive home an unhappy fact: amid a floundering economy and a scarily tight reelection battle, the environment is going to come second for the White House.

Worst of all, there doesn't seem to be much that greens can do about it. More than 1,000 people were arrested over the course of the two-week-long protests over the Keystone XL oil sands pipeline, engaging in what the writer and activist Bill McKibben called the "largest civil disobedience action in the environmental movement in a generation." While the protests were going on, reporters asked White House press secretary Jay Carney whether Obama was even aware of the demonstrations going on outside his home. Carney said he didn't know. The President's attention is somewhere else.

Read more: <http://www.time.com/time/health/article/0,8599,2091814,00.html#ixzz1XBduQclo>

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WSJ

September 6, 2011

By DEBORAH SOLOMON, CAROL E. LEE and THOMAS CATAN

President Barack Obama is expected to use his jobs speech to Congress on Thursday to blunt business and Republican criticism that his administration is engaged in regulatory overreach.

In the run-up to the speech, Mr. Obama on Friday abandoned a proposed Environmental Protection Agency rule tightening air-quality standards. The administration also says a regulatory review will save businesses more than \$10 billion over five years, and it eased offshore drilling restrictions in the Gulf of Mexico and Alaska.

President Obama spoke on Labor Day to a union audience outside General Motors' headquarters in Detroit.

But the president's pushback has limits. Last week, for example, the federal government sued to block AT&T Corp. from acquiring wireless carrier T-Mobile USA and filed suit against 17 of the world's biggest financial institutions for not adequately disclosing the risks of home loans they sold. The White House also isn't backing away from the Dodd-Frank financial-regulatory overhaul and the health care law.

Mr. Obama applauded the new financial regulations in a Labor Day speech in Detroit, saying "working folks shouldn't be taken advantage of—so we passed tough financial reform." And he touted a new law to stop pay discrimination and regulations to promote worker safety.

Mr. Obama may also talk Thursday about giving industry more time to comply with other regulations, including environmental rules that businesses have complained are coming too quickly, according to people familiar with the matter.

Mr. Obama has made an effort to appeal to business in the second half of his first term after two initial years of frayed relations. The political goal is to show that Mr. Obama is pro-regulation on some key fronts, but is generally friendly to business.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the Business Roundtable have accused the White House of undercutting the economic recovery by imposing new and onerous regulations.

Republicans in Congress say they are causing businesses to delay investments and hiring. On Friday, Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R., Ky.) said the president's reversal on the air-quality rule "alone will prevent more job losses than any speech the president has given."

Mr. Obama personally said he would jettison the EPA rule that would have reduced smog-forming ozone levels. He said the EPA would consider the rule again in 2013. The decision came after an aggressive industry-led push to oppose the rule, which the EPA estimated would cost as much as \$90 billion per year. Chief of Staff William Daley, who was brought in to help smooth relations with business, and Cass Sunstein, who heads the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, are said to have been sympathetic to the industry point of view that the rule was unnecessary and could impose too many costs in the midst of a struggling economy, according to people familiar with the matter. Central to their thinking was that EPA is to reconsider ozone standards again in 2013. EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson, who proposed the tighter standard, pushed for its implementation.

Mr. Obama's decision infuriated many Democrats and environmental groups, who say he sided with polluters over public health. But White House officials say the president has come to agree that regulations such as the EPA rule hurt job growth. Industry-funded studies said the rule would cost millions of jobs.

On a call Friday with supporters of the rule, a White House official said the EPA is "under unprecedented assault right now" and that Republicans have made the agency "the focus of their efforts." The official referenced a letter from House Majority Leader Eric Cantor of Virginia to GOP members vowing to fight 10 "job-destroying regulations" including seven EPA rules. Some Republican presidential candidates have talked about shuttering the EPA, a line that often draws applause.

Jared Bernstein, the former top economic adviser to Vice President Joe Biden now at the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, said Mr. Obama's decision on ozone had little to do with creating jobs. "The president is correctly committed to getting rid of outdated and harmful regulations. But to tie it to jobs and economic growth is misguided," he said.

In other areas, such as antitrust, the administration has had to juggle the competing demands. In 2009, Mr. Obama vowed to "reinvigorate" antitrust enforcement. Since then, the Obama Justice Department has trod a careful middle path. The administration recently stepped-up challenges to mergers, including Nasdaq OMX Group's offer for NYSE Euronext. Even so, it has disappointed some who thought it would more consistently place the interests of consumers above those of big business. The administration has also resisted efforts to unwind financial rules put in place to prevent a repeat of the 2008 financial crisis.

Business groups and Republicans have attacked the rules as onerous but the administration has so far defended the Dodd-Frank law and continued to call for swift implementation.

"The Obama administration has certainly been more aggressive in its merger enforcement than Bush 43," said Melissa Maxman, an antitrust lawyer at Cozen O'Connor law firm in Washington. "But it's come under criticism from consumer and antitrust groups for not being as aggressive as it had promised."

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Obama spokesman dismisses as "ridiculous" suggestion president is soft on smog

Houston Chronicle (blog)

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White House spokesman Jay Carney responded testily today to a reporter's suggestion that President Obama is soft on smog following the administration's Friday announcement that it was blocking new Environmental Protection Agency ozone standards.

"That suggestion, that question is ridiculous given all the amazing steps he has taken to ensure that we enforce the Clean Air Act," the press secretary told reporters en route to New Jersey for a tour of hurricane damage, "including steps on mercury, as well as historic standards for — new standards for fuel efficiency for cars and trucks."

Here's the question that set Carney off:

Jay, could you talk about the President's decision to pull back the ozone regulations? The President, as a candidate, talked about the importance of protecting clean air. Does this show that that commitment might be wavering?

Carney explained that Obama was simply delaying a final decision for two years, not caving in to industry groups in an attempt to curry favor with anti-regulation voters.

"The president, as he said in his statement, had to look at the fact that the new standards are being reviewed and will be out 2013, on ozone, and that he did not feel at this time that it was wise to add to regulatory uncertainty," Carney said. "So he asked the EPA administrator to withdraw that as we wait for new science and new standards."

Texas lawmakers from both parties hailed Obama's decision, even as environmentalists and liberal media types objected.

"This is great news," Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee, D-Houston, told Texas on the Potomac. "This is the result of a lot of work in the Texas delegation, Republicans and Democrats working together."

Jackson Lee said the administration decision is cause for "celebration for saving jobs, and not losing jobs."

But National Resources Defense Council president Frances Beinecke said Obama "is siding with corporate polluters over the American people."

Obama Delays New Smog Standard

National Journal

By Amy Harder

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Bowing to Republican and industry pressure and contradicting his top environmental aide, President Obama announced on Friday he was delaying for at least two years one of his administration's most significant environmental and public health standards.

Obama said he was asking EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson to delay until 2013 a tougher smog standard that health and environmental groups—and Jackson herself—have said is critical to protecting public health, especially for children.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce, American Petroleum Institute and other major industry groups have been putting intense pressure on White House Chief of Staff Bill Daley since early July to punt until 2013, arguing that the tougher standard would freeze economic growth and kill jobs. Staring down his reelection path, Obama bowed to that pressure—overruling Jackson and other top EPA officials who kept saying the agency was going to issue the standard this summer.

"I have continued to underscore the importance of reducing regulatory burdens and regulatory uncertainty, particularly as our economy continues to recover," Obama said in a statement on Friday.

"With that in mind, and after careful consideration, I have requested that Administrator Jackson withdraw the draft Ozone [smog] National Ambient Air Quality Standards at this time," Obama added. "Work is already under way to update a 2006 review of the science that will result in the reconsideration of the ozone standard in 2013. Ultimately, I did not support asking state and local governments to begin implementing a new standard that will soon be reconsidered."

Obama's decision quickly drew praise from top GOP lawmakers and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

"This action alone will prevent more job losses than any speech the president has given, and I hope he will listen to the bipartisan calls from across the country to address his administration's negative impact on job creation," Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell said in a statement.

Michael Steel, spokesman for House Speaker John Boehner, said it was a "good first step" in rolling back a job-destroying regulation. "But it is only the tip of the iceberg when it comes to stopping Washington Democrats' agenda of tax hikes, more government 'stimulus' spending, and increased regulations—which are all making it harder to create more American jobs," Steel said.

"It is worth noting that the president agreed with just about every one of the chamber's arguments against a new ozone standard," President and CEO Thomas Donohue said in a statement. "This an enormous victory for America's job creators, the right decision by the president, and one that will help reduce the uncertainty facing businesses. It's also a big first step in what needs to be a broader regulatory-reform effort," Donohue said.

Environmental groups and liberal Democrats were predictably disappointed. Likely offering a glimpse of the pressure Obama will get from the left on the campaign trail, the Sierra Club shot out an e-mail with the subject line: "Sorry kids, Obama delays smog protections until at least 2013."

The American Lung Association promised to revive its court action against the administration, "which was suspended following numerous assurances that the administration was going to complete this reconsideration and obey the law. We had gone to court because the Bush administration failed to follow the law and set a protective health standard." Charles Connor, president and CEO of the group, said in a statement.

"By choosing to ignore the recommendations of the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee, the president is failing to follow the nation's landmark air pollution law, the Clean Air Act, and therefore failing to protect public health, particularly those most at risk including children, older people, and people who suffer from chronic lung diseases."

The smog rule would set tougher air-quality standards for states, which in turn would require businesses and localities to reduce their pollution. The new rules would have put many counties nationwide into a regulatory category known as "nonattainment." That designation might ultimately require businesses to cut air emissions in order for the counties in which they're located to meet the new federal standards. Critics say that could cripple economic growth in many places. The Obama administration has already delayed the standard several times in the past two years, and Friday's announcement makes for the biggest delay yet.

White House officials denied that the move was in response to industry pressure or electoral politics. "This is not a product of industry pressure. This is a judgment on the merits," one official said on a conference call on Friday. "The point is to rely on the current science, rather than 2006 science."

Boehner sent a letter to the White House last week that asserted the number of administration regulatory actions with a significant impact on jobs and the economy had risen 15 percent since last year. The speaker requested that Obama identify for Congress which of these regulations have an estimated economic impact of more than \$1 billion.

In his response, Obama admitted that the ozone air-quality standard he is now asking the EPA to withdraw is among seven proposed rules that would cost upwards of \$1 billion to implement, Steel said in an e-mailed statement to reporters.

The back-and-forth is a sign of what could be many testy months ahead between Republicans who control the House and the administration over whether the White House's rhetoric over reducing regulatory burdens matches its actions. At the core of this tension lies Republican anxiety over President Obama's ability to push new policies through without congressional input.

House Majority Leader Eric Cantor announced on Monday that tackling "job-destroying" regulations will be a House Republican focus this fall. Congressional Democrats, including House Minority Whip Steny Hoyer, have characterized the GOP focus on regulations as evidence that Republicans "do not have a real, comprehensive jobs agenda."

The White House officials said on the conference call that Jackson and Obama were on the same page. She "has reconsidered and accepted the president's own judgment, which is that this should not move forward," one of the officials said.

In a statement, Jackson hailed the progress EPA has made on several other major clean-air rules, yet did not comment on Obama's decision to punt the ozone standard, other than to say the agency will "revisit the ozone standard, in compliance with the Clean Air Act."

Obama in his statement and his top aides on the conference call vowed to fight GOP efforts to delay other clean-air regulations. The first test of this promised commitment will come at the end of this month, when EPA is expected to announce draft regulations to control climate-change-related pollution from power plants. The agency continues to say it will issue them by Sept. 26, but it said the same thing about the ozone standard, which the White House ultimately pulled the plug on despite EPA.

Sophie Quinton and Billy House contributed

Upton applauds Obama's EPA decision

Niles Daily Star

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U.S. Rep. Fred Upton President Obama is calling on the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to withdraw its controversial proposal to voluntarily revisit a 2008 ozone standard — a plan that the agency itself projected would impose annual costs of as much as \$90 billion.

The EPA's ozone rule is one of numerous pending regulations from the agency that will cost hundreds of thousands of jobs and impose tens of billions of dollars in costs on the struggling economy, Upton claims.

"After 32 consecutive months of double-digit unemployment, Michigan cannot afford the economic costs of more ill-conceived regulations," said Upton, of St. Joseph. "Nearly every single county in our state and across the country would be directly impacted by the proposed change. I commend the president for recognizing that adding to costs of doing business is not the key to job creation and innovation.

"We all know that folks cannot go to work at factories that are never built or are forced to shut their doors — it is very clear that EPA's new ozone proposal would have done just that, forcing millions of jobs to someplace other than the United States," Upton said. "While this is a very positive step forward, it is unfortunately but one of this agency's countless regulatory proposals that have threatened jobs and contributed to greater economic uncertainty."

Kalamazoo Regional Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Steward Sandstrom made the following statement on the president's announcement: "This is a really great day for southwest Michigan and the Kalamazoo region. Had the EPA's rules gone into effect as proposed, it would have been one of the largest job killers we have seen. The remediation the agency proposed would have been ridiculous and the economic consequences would have been devastating. We can now look forward and continue working to move our economy in a positive direction."

Coats Statement on Obama's Decision to Withdraw the Proposed EPA National Smog Standards

Kokomo Perspective

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Coats Statement on Obama's Decision to Withdraw the Proposed EPA National Smog Standards 0 comments

Senator Dan Coats (R-Ind.), a member of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, made the following statement today regarding President Obama's request to EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson to withdraw the draft of the Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards:

"The announcement by the President today to withdraw the EPA's proposed national smog standards is welcome news. I am glad the Obama administration is finally realizing that its overreaching regulations are hurting American jobs and preventing economic growth. Although today's announcement is a step in the right direction, more work needs to be done to get our economy moving again. I hope the President will work with Congress to remove the remaining costly regulations that are keeping businesses from growing and hiring. With the unemployment rate still above nine percent, it's time the administration abandon its old ways and start focusing on a pro-growth agenda that will get Americans back to work."

EDITORIAL

OPINION: EPA Called Off

Talk News Radio

Tuesday, September 6, 2011 at 9:09AM

Ernest Istook

To his credit, President Obama ordered the EPA to stand down and retract new ozone regulations that could have made our struggling economy even worse.

The EPA plan carried a price tag of \$90-billion a year, making it tougher than ever for companies to stay in business, much less to expand. Since there were no net jobs added nationwide in August—zero—we don't need more killer red tape.

But Obama can do more. He'd been taking the position that federal bureaucrats are just doing their job—but now he acknowledges that they work for him and he can give them directions.

Obama can and should get other bureaucrats to shape up—like the National Labor Relations Board that is giving labor unions undue and uneven advantage over employers. Cutting red tape would go a long way to giving businesses the reassurance that it's safe to start hiring again.

From The Heritage Foundation, I'm Ernest Istook.

Obama overrules EPA

Boston Herald

Monday, September 5, 2011

By Boston Herald Editorial Staff

The president actually gave the nation one big hint that he gets it when it comes to the impact of regulations on the economy at the end of last week when he ordered a halt to pending EPA smog regulations. The announcement came on the heels of dismal jobs numbers — a situation Barack Obama wisely decided not to exacerbate.

The proposed regulations aimed at more strictly controlling the amount of allowable ground level pollutants would have added anywhere from \$19 billion to \$90 billion — depending on how tight the standard applied would be — to the cost of doing business. That's \$19 billion to \$90 billion that would not be available to put into growing jobs or productivity.

Of course, it was also last week that the Obama administration was touting its own efforts to pare back needless and costly regulations — regs they estimated would save business \$10 billion over five years or barely a drop in the bucket of what the EPA regs would have added to that burden.

Environmentalists insisted that now we all are doomed. To which we can only repeat an analogy used by The Associated Press. The EPA proposed "a range for the concentration of ground-level ozone allowed in the air — from 60 parts per billion to 70 parts per billion. That's about equal to a single tennis ball in an Olympic-size swimming pool full of tennis balls."

Any questions?

Sizing Up Obama's Ozone Standard Delay

National Journal (blog)

By Amy Harder

Tuesday, September 6, 2011

Was President Obama right or wrong to withdraw the Environmental Protection Agency's smog standard?

Last week, Obama announced he was withdrawing EPA's re-proposal of the George W. Bush-era

ground-level ozone standard until at least 2013 when the agency will regularly review it. While underscoring his commitment to EPA's efforts to clean up the air, he said: "Ultimately, I did not support asking state and local governments to begin implementing a new standard that will soon be reconsidered."

What implications does this have for the economy and the country's air quality? How does this affect Obama's commitment to other EPA rules, such as those controlling mercury and greenhouse gas emissions from power plants?

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September 6, 2011 10:38 AM

Don't Fall for Ozone Distraction
By Phil Kerpen

Vice President, Policy, Americans for Prosperity

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The day after the 2010 election, President Obama said: "Cap and trade was just one way of skinning the cat; it was not the only way. It was a means, not an end."

While the left feigns outrage over ozone – distracting the public and trying to make Obama look like a centrist – the EPA will move forward with its MACT rules and its NSPS for greenhouse gases. And unless Congress steps in and stops the EPA, the cat that will get skinned is an American economy simply can't afford steeply higher energy prices and hundreds of thousands of lost jobs.

(Of course, if Obama is re-elected his disastrous ozone proposal will still have to be defeated in 2013.)

Ozone climbdown: Is Obama giving up on environment?

New Scientist (blog)

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Andy Coghlan, reporter

Did President Barack Obama sell out to big business last week by abandoning plans for stricter limits on ozone pollution? Announced on 2 September, the decision was greeted with deep suspicion by environmental and health groups, who fear he has caved in to pressure from Republicans and industry to rid the country of what they say are burdensome regulations that could cost jobs.

The upshot is that legal ozone limits will stay at 84 parts of ozone per billion of air, the same as they were in 1997 when they were last upgraded. If the new rules had been adopted, they would have reduced the limit to 60 ppb, a tightening of standards denounced by industry as too costly.

Hardly surprisingly then, that industry was delighted with the news. "We loudly applauded President Obama today for his decision to send the Environmental Protection Agency's voluntary reconsideration of the 2008 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards back to EPA with instructions to withdraw the rule," wrote Ross Eisenberg in a blog for the US Chamber of Commerce.

But environmental groups such as the National Resources Defense Council see it as a sell-out that will cost lives. "The stronger smog standards would have saved up to 4300 lives and as many as 2200 heart attacks every year," wrote the NRDC's Frances Beinecke in a blog. "They would have made breathing easier for the 24 million Americans living with asthma, and they would have created up to \$37 billion in health benefits annually."

As noted by The Washington Post, environmentalists could be forgiven for wondering whether Obama is quietly abandoning the green credentials that helped him win office.

"It's hard to understand why [Obama] made this decision, which will only embolden [his] enemies and alienate [his] allies," says Daniel Weiss of the liberal research group, Center for American Progress (CAP). Obama was naive, Weiss says, to think that Republicans would be satisfied with one regulatory concession on air pollution.

According to The New York Times, green suspicions of a sell-out president had already been aroused in August when Obama gave the OK for the Keystone XL pipeline that would bring tar sands oil from Canada to the Gulf Coast. Just last Friday, more than 1000 protesters against the pipeline were arrested outside the White House.

But the White House has fought back against the "sell-out" claims. Jay Carney, a White House spokesman, told the Houston Chronicle that the president is not "soft on smog". Carney said that Obama was simply delaying a final decision on ozone for two years, not caving in to industry groups in an attempt to butter up anti-regulation voters. The reason, he said, was that the new standards were in the process of being reviewed anyway, so it would have been premature to introduce them until the review was complete in 2013.

Even the gung-ho US Chamber of Commerce has acknowledged that the ozone standards could yet pop up to haunt them in two years' time. "While [Obama's] decision is clearly a victory for the American economy, keep in mind that it may be short lived," wrote Ross Eisenberg on the group's blog. "EPA has

the chance to do it all again in a few short years."

Zero jobs prompts Obama retreat on EPA regs

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President Obama announced that his administration was rescinding proposed ozone regulations that the EPA estimated would cost the U.S. economy \$90 billion a year. If the first step is admitting you have a problem, then President Obama may have begun rehabilitating his presidency last Friday when he announced that his administration was rescinding proposed ozone regulations that the Environmental Protection Agency estimated would cost the U.S. economy \$90 billion a year. Obama's announcement came just hours after the latest Labor Department jobs report showed the unemployment rate unchanged at 9.1 percent after the economy added zero jobs in August.

In a conference call following the announcement, a senior White House official insisted that Obama's decision "has nothing to do with politics." We hope that is not true. We hope that the pressure of near-double-digit unemployment, 32 months after Obama passed his \$820 billion stimulus package, is forcing Obama to put job creation ahead of the whims of the environmental movement.

When the enviro-leftists scream, put in earplugs because there is no concern that Obama's decision will harm the air you breathe. The Environmental Protection Agency is still regulating ozone levels, a major contributor to smog, in accordance with standards that the Bush EPA established in 2008. By law the EPA must review its National Ambient Air Quality Standards for air pollutants every five years, so Obama EPA's decision to issue new standards 2 1/2 years early was mystifying.

Perhaps he has learned his lesson. As encouraging as this decision is, Obama's explanation for it was even better. He said he decided to rescind the proposed regulations because of "the importance of reducing regulatory burdens and regulatory uncertainty, particularly as our economy continues to recover."

It is a huge step for Obama to admit that his regulatory agenda is creating burdens and uncertainty for job creators. This is the president who once blithely quipped, "You know, the business community is always complaining about regulations." But Friday's decision can only be viewed positively if it is indeed a first step.

There are still six other proposed regulations from the EPA that would cost the economy dearly. According to the EPA's own estimates, the cost to small businesses for obtaining carbon emission permits alone would be \$76 billion per year, not including the hundreds of billions of dollars in widespread economic damage from higher energy prices.

If Obama really wanted to remove "regulatory uncertainty" from the economy, he would use his Thursday jobs speech to announce that he is ordering EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson to halt all of her agency's work on global warming regulations.

Read more at the Washington Examiner:

<http://washingtonexaminer.com/opinion/2011/09/zero-jobs-prompts-obama-retreat-epa-regs#ixzz1XBAPzpy5>

Obama's war on red tape

New York Post

Posted: September 06, 2011

The White House at week's end deep-sixed proposed environmental regulations that delighted greenies but would certainly have killed jobs.

Good for the White House.

Among the rules was one that would've brought allowable ground ozone levels down so low that even Yellowstone National Park -- not exactly an asthmatic's nightmare -- would likely have been out of compliance.

The regs would also have socked it to power producers and the industries that rely on them, imposing a total estimated cost of as much as \$90 billion.

Friday, President Obama overruled his own Environmental Protection Agency, directing Administrator Lisa Jackson to nix the proposed regs.

For sure, the greenies won't take "no" for an answer: Already, some are pledging they'll try to foist their ozone-free utopia upon the nation through (of course) the courts.

But, for now, it seems the president at least has thrown over the environmentalists in favor of sounder advice.

Indeed, his EPA decision was surely influenced by pleading by many industry groups -- from the Business Roundtable to the US Chamber of Commerce -- not to drive another stake into the economy's heart.

And he obviously heard the collective gasp early Friday morning, when the Bureau of Labor Statistics revealed that August had seen the creation of zero new jobs, while simultaneously downgrading the figures for June and July.

Of course, Obama should feel no shame in listening to what the nation's employers -- and brutal economic figures -- are telling him.

Indeed, he'd do well to double down on the ozone decision and take a hatchet to a lot of other regs as well.

Researchers at Washington University in St. Louis and George Washington University have found that, despite record debt, regulatory agencies' budgets have jumped 16 percent so far this year. Against a backdrop of 9.1 percent unemployment, their hiring has climbed a staggering 13 percent.

According to the Office of Management and Budget, the administration has issued more than 340 regulations just this year -- and has another 4,200 in the works.

And Obama's two signature legislative achievements -- the Dodd-Frank Act and ObamaCare -- wrap the financial and health-care industries in so much red tape that they're practically mummified.

The ozone-rule rollback was a terrific first step.

But it was only a first step.

Read more:

http://www.nypost.com/p/news/opinion/editorials/obama_war_on_red_tape_eDHumZw6GaRkkDAJKYuM3l#ixzz1XBIEGnIK

Ozone in the no-zone

The Daily Caller
September 6, 2011
By Susan Dudley

Susan E. Dudley is Director of the George Washington University Regulatory Studies Center, which works to raise awareness of regulations' effects and improve regulatory policy through research, education, and outreach. She formerly served as Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget.

President Obama made an important decision Friday not to pursue discretionary new EPA regulations that would have set more stringent standards for levels of ozone in the ambient air. In a statement announcing the decision, he noted that EPA was working on revising the standard again in 2013 and concluded:

"Ultimately, I did not support asking state and local governments to begin implementing a new standard that will soon be reconsidered."

The national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS) for ozone have a checkered history. This is the third time in as many revisions of the standard that a president has had to weigh in on EPA's decision.

In 1997 EPA's proposed standard of 80 parts per billion (ppb) ran into strong objections from other federal agencies, including the Department of Commerce (then led by current White House Chief of Staff William Daley) and OMB's Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA). President Clinton ultimately sided with EPA Administrator Carol Browner, but promised states that EPA would not actually enforce the very expensive standard — at least not right away, and not beyond some agreed-upon cost thresholds.

Ten years later, EPA again faced objections from other agencies and OIRA, as well as from state and local governments, when it proposed to tighten the standard to 75 ppb. Many regions of the country were unable to comply with the 1997 standards, so ratcheting them down again appeared unlikely to yield any health benefits but was certain to raise costs and constrain economic growth. This time, EPA also wanted to add a distinct welfare-based "secondary" standard, aimed at protecting vegetation rather than human health.

Again the interagency dispute reached the oval office, but the question to President Bush was not the appropriate level of the health standard (on which OIRA reluctantly deferred to EPA) but the addition of the welfare standard with a distinct form. EPA argued that the new form of secondary standard would not affect air quality because the primary standard was binding, but other agencies viewed it as a troubling precedent and a pointless proliferation of complicated rules. This time, the president sided with OIRA and directed EPA not to adopt a new form for the secondary standard.

Unhappy with President Bush's decision, in 2009 disgruntled EPA staff convinced their new administrator, Lisa Jackson, to revisit the ozone standard ahead of the five-year scheduled review. In January 2010, EPA proposed not only to adopt a distinct form for the secondary standard, but also to tighten the primary standard below the level established in 2008. These new standards appeared destined to become law until the president's announcement last week.

President Obama cited current economic conditions as part of his rationale for staying EPA's hand on the 2011 standard. In doing so, he rejected EPA's argument that the Clean Air Act allows no room for such considerations. The president's decision likely will stand because environmental groups that would challenge the decision will have a stronger case by waiting until 2013, when EPA has a statutory duty to revisit the ozone standard. The threat of litigation will make it much more difficult, at that point, for any president to maintain control of the outcome.

Read more: <http://dailycaller.com/2011/09/06/ozone-in-the-no-zone/#ixzz1XBaMmgdX>

A Labor Day Debacle for Clean Air and Health

NRDC (blog)

Posted September 5, 2011

Kim Knowlton

The President refused to set lower, more health-protective ozone air quality standards. The decision ignores the unanimous recommendation of the scientific advisors who were asked to look at the evidence and agreed: a lower standard is needed to protect Americans' health.

Friday's retreat is a tragedy of public health victories "that-might-have-been," now abandoned:

4,300 lives every year could have been saved – and now, will not be.

2,200 heart attacks every year could have been avoided – and now, won't be.

770,000 days when people miss work or school could have been avoided - but not now.

23,000 asthma attacks annually could've been prevented because of cleaner air.

Are you one of the 25 million Americans with asthma? That includes an estimated 7 million kids. The Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) says asthma prevalence rates are on the rise nationwide. The greatest 2001-2009 increase was among African-American children (almost a 50% increase). Friday's decision is terrible news for people with asthma. The White House will need to answer if you're asking, what happened?

This one decision hurts tens of millions vulnerable to ozone smog air pollution: people with asthma, children, seniors, people with chronic heart, respiratory or lung ailments, outdoor workers, athletes, and those of us trying to exercise outside, breathe deeply, get fit and stay fit --- but work and play is more difficult in ozone-polluted air.

EPA's website describes how breathing ozone irritates airways and reduces lung function in ways likened to "getting a sunburn on your lungs." It can trigger chest pain, coughing, throat irritation, worsen bronchitis, emphysema, and asthma. Repeated exposure can permanently scar lung tissue.

The President's decision is a capitulation to industry polluters at the expense of public health. It retreats from the mission of protecting human health and our children's right to breathe clean, healthy air.

Even considering costs, we need a lower ozone standard. As my colleague Laurie Johnson explains here, EPA's economic analysis finds that the benefits of a lower, more health-protective air quality standard outweigh costs 26 to 1. NRDC's Frances Beinecke highlights this and more here.

At the very least, now we expect President Obama to strongly defend what remains of the Clean Air Act rules that are already out.

Undoubtedly, public health will face more House attacks. But public health should not be negotiable. Our children's health is not for sale.

Alisha Johnson/DC/USEPA/US

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To Richard Windsor, Arvin Ganesan, Avi Garbow, Barbara Bennett, Bob Perciasepe, Bob Sussman, Dru Ealons, Elizabeth Ashwell, Gina McCarthy, Joseph Goffman, Laura Vaught, Michael Goo, Sarah Pallone, Scott Fulton, Stephanie Owens, David Bloomgren, Heidi Ellis, Betsaida Alcantara, Brendan Gilfillan, Seth Oster

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Subject Ozone Standards Coverage Report (4th Round) - 9/7/2011

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Attached and below is the latest round of media and editorial coverage from Friday's ozone standards announcement.



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Another EPA Rule Comes Under Attack

Wall Street Journal
September 6, 2011
By Deborah Solomon

Just ahead of President Barack Obama's big jobs speech, the American Forest & Paper Association says a pending environmental rule could cost 20,500 jobs or 18% of the industry's workforce.

In a study to be released Wednesday, the group is taking aim at an Environmental Protection Agency rule to cut pollution from factory boilers, saying the regulation will cause 36 U.S. paper and pulp mills to close. The study comes on the heels of a decision by Mr. Obama to jettison another EPA air quality rule related

to ozone that industry complained would kill millions of jobs.

The so-called boiler rule has come under sharp attack from both Republican and Democratic lawmakers, as well as industry, which say the regulations would be too costly and difficult to implement. House Majority Leader Eric Cantor included the rule in his list of 10 "job-destroying regulations" that he has vowed to fight.

The boiler rule would affect paper mills, refineries, chemical factories and other facilities that use boilers, such as universities, hospitals and apartment buildings. Boilers are on-site generators that can provide energy for facilities and factories. Bipartisan legislation is now pending in the House and Senate to delay implementation of the rule, with the aim of having EPA reconsider the regulation.

The AF&PA study, conducted by Fisher International, looked at how many mills would be in danger of closing if they had to comply with the new air quality regulations and install new pollution controls. The study found 36 mills would have to close, impacting 18% of the industry's workforce.

Supporters of the rule say the benefits far outweigh the costs and counter job loss claims by saying the new controls being required could provide an economic boost.

"Industry is trying to leverage fears about the economic impact and jobs and ignoring that pollution controls are made and installed here in the U.S.," said Paul G. Billings, vice president of national policy and advocacy for the American Lung Association.

Gina McCarthy, a top EPA official, is expected to testify Thursday before a U.S. House subcommittee about the rule. The agency, which has touted the health benefits of the rule, has delayed issuing final regulations, saying it needs more time for public input. That's frustrated environmental and public-health groups, which say the rules would save lives and help avoid thousands of heart and asthma attacks.

John Walke, clean air director at the Natural Resources Defense Council, said the boiler rule is critical because it will cut mercury and other toxic air emissions from incinerators and boilers at industrial facilities. "The the reason it's important is those sectors are one of only a handful that still have not had lawful toxic emission standards adopted for them under the 1990 clean air act amendments," he said.

Donna Harman, president and CEO of AF&PA, said the rule will hurt an already hard-hit sector and said lawmakers and regulators should give the industry more time and impose a less stringent standard.

"We're not asking to not be regulated. We're asking to have a regulation that can be achieved based on the technology that's currently available," she said.

Republicans attack EPA regulations as job killers

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The Republican prescription for job growth, shared by tonight's presidential debaters and Republicans in Congress, is to dismantle regulations proposed by the Obama administration, especially the Environmental Protection Agency, claiming these are a key culprit in widespread unemployment.

The antiregulation campaign joins deficit reduction as the foundation of the Republican economic program.

The campaign is heavily backed by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and small business groups that

contend regulations are destroying jobs. It follows more than a year of intense verbal attacks launched by Republicans in the House against everything from the Endangered Species Act to new rules on light bulbs.

Obama will announce his jobs plan Thursday in an address to Congress. It is expected to lean heavily on new infrastructure spending and to include extending a temporary payroll tax cut and perhaps including employers as well as employees.

Last week, the Obama administration retreated on new ozone regulations, saying they would cause "needless uncertainty." Environmental groups were enraged. Obama has proposed streamlining existing rules but Republicans say that effort pales next to an edifice of new rules to implement health care and financial laws.

Environmental, consumer and labor groups say the Bush administration's lax regulation led to the housing bubble and 2008 financial collapse, from which the economy is still struggling to recover.

When the chamber announced its campaign to reduce regulations in July 2010, "I thought to myself that it was preposterous, given that it was in the wake of the Wall Street crash, due to regulatory failures, the Massey mine disaster, due to regulatory failures, the BP gulf oil spill disaster, due to regulatory failures," said Robert Weissman, president of Public Citizen, a liberal consumer group.

"But politically the chamber was right," Weissman said. "Clearly it's been taken up in a major way."

Truth, exaggeration

Experts say there is truth and exaggeration on both sides but that environmental rules are not a major source of anemic job growth. The core economic problem, they say, is the debt hangover from the housing bubble that has severely curtailed consumer spending.

"I'm unhappy with the direction that the EPA has been going, but is it the No. 1 or No. 2 reason for lack of jobs in the U.S.? No," said Murray Weidenbaum, a regulatory expert at Washington University in St. Louis and former Reagan administration economist.

Rep. Mike Thompson, D-St. Helena, said he often hears complaints about regulations from businesses, but seldom gets specifics. Thompson helped block an effort to roll back the Endangered Species Act that he said would have sent most of Northern California's water to Central Valley farms at the expense of coastal salmon.

"If there are regulations that need to be fixed, we ought to fix them, but I don't think you throw all regulations out because somehow it hampers someone's bottom line," he said.

House Republican leaders have issued a top-10 list of regulations to roll back, citing administration estimates that seven big new rules would cost more than \$100 billion a year.

These include tighter pollution controls on coal-fired power plants, commercial boilers, cement plants, farm dust, greenhouse gases and the retracted ozone rule.

"The EPA is our No. 1 issue, and the reason is pretty simple: This is what our member companies have complained about more than anything else," said Ross Eisenberg, the chamber's environment and energy counsel.

Several utilities have said they will close coal-fired power plants because compliance with new rules is too costly. "How could these not have an impact on jobs if you're announcing that you're closing down facilities?" Eisenberg said.

But business groups use a discredited study by a government consultant to claim that regulations cost \$1.75 trillion a year, and extrapolate that to \$10,000 per worker at small businesses.

Costs and benefits

The EPA and its supporters also may exaggerate the benefits of regulations. The administration's budget office estimated that the last decade of regulations cost as much as \$62 billion a year while producing \$655 billion in benefits.

But the budget office said the EPA alone accounts for most of these figures, and that the benefits come mainly from reducing one pollutant: fine particulates.

Susan Dudley, director of the Regulatory Studies Center at George Washington University and a former Bush administration regulatory chief, pointed to EPA claims that its proposed rule on mercury pollution from power plants would prevent as many as 17,000 premature deaths and 11,000 heart attacks each year, saving \$140 billion.

Even the EPA estimated that would save just \$6 million a year. Most of the \$140 billion in claimed benefits came not from mercury but from ancillary reductions in fine particulates.

"If businesses have to spend money to comply with regulations, that's money they can't spend hiring more people or being more productive," Dudley said, while the benefits may not directly boost economic growth.

But Isaac Shapiro, head of regulatory policy for the liberal Economic Policy Institute, said Republicans exaggerate costs to reframe regulation as a jobs issue. By his estimate, all rules finalized under the Obama administration cost less than 0.1 percent of the gross domestic product, hardly enough to affect the economy.

"When we adopted legislation to deal with acid rain from power plants, which poisoned lakes and streams in the Northeast and Canada," said Rep Henry Waxman, D-Los Angeles, who has been behind many health and environmental regulations in the past 30 years, "industry claimed millions of dollars in costs that turned out to be a fraction of what they predicted when they finally had to do what they were required to do."

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White House could take bigger role in vetting costly regulations ahead of 2012

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The involvement of President Obama's chief of staff in last week's decision to withdraw a smog rule might signal a more muscular White House role in vetting costly regulations ahead of the 2012 election.

Obama's surprise move to block an ozone regulation from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) followed immense pressure from industry trade associations, which made numerous personal appeals to White House Chief of Staff Bill Daley.

Daley met with the heads of several business groups more than two weeks before Obama withdrew the regulation — an unusual level of senior White House involvement in the regulatory process.

"We saw that as a positive — his level of interest, him sitting in on these meetings, him weighing in on this issue within the administration," Johanna Schneider, executive director of external relations for the Business Roundtable, told The Hill. "I think it's emblematic of his role in the administration as part of the outreach to the business community."

The Business Roundtable wrote to Daley directly on July 15 and urged him to void the proposed ozone regulation. Schneider said Daley's attention to the rule made it a top priority at the White House.

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"It moved the issue up to the top of the agenda for the president. That is what happens when you have a White House chief of staff getting involved," Schneider said. "You have one of the two or three people in government who can control the agenda."

American Petroleum Institute President Jack Gerard said he's hopeful the ozone decision foreshadows increased White House involvement in rulemakings.

"We are hopeful that all decisions will be scrutinized as closely as the ozone decision, because a lot of regulatory overreach is what creates the uncertainty that keeps the investment money on the sidelines," Gerard said in an interview.

The White House did not respond to requests for comment Tuesday.

Gerard also said the decision to withdraw the ozone regulation is a "signal" that the White House is serious about the president's government-wide regulatory review.

Gerard was in an Aug. 16 meeting with Daley to discuss the proposed ozone regulation alongside several leaders of major business groups — like Cal Dooley of the American Chemistry Council, Jay Timmons of the National Association of Manufacturers, John Engler of the Business Roundtable and Bruce Josten, the chief lobbyist for the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. The meeting was part of a formal rulemaking review process run by the Office of Management and Budget's Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA).

Daley participated in at least two of the seven meetings held by OIRA in July and August to review the rule. OIRA Administrator Cass Sunstein was in some of those meetings as well, including Daley's other meeting that included groups that favored the proposed regulation, like the Sierra Club and Natural Resources Defense Council.

Rena Steinzor, president of the Center for Progressive Reform, a liberal-leaning regulatory think tank, said it was "astounding" and "really, really unusual" that Daley participated in the OIRA meetings.

"You hear rumors of him having meetings like this, but you never see him trundling down to their office in the Old Executive Office Building," Steinzor said. "I think what this did is elevate this EPA rule to the highest levels of the White House. It shouldn't go unremarked that the president's top political guy was sitting in meetings with interest groups about what is essentially [EPA Administrator] Lisa Jackson's responsibility."

At their meeting last month, business groups highlighted data showing the increase in the number of counties that would be out of compliance with the tougher standards EPA was mulling. State efforts to come into compliance would saddle manufacturers and other industries with huge pollution control costs, they said, preventing economic growth in those regions.

Environmentalists accuse industry groups of peddling doom-and-gloom scenarios at odds with the success of other Clean Air Act rules in cutting pollution without hampering the economy.

Ex-OIRA heads told The Hill that they couldn't recall a White House chief of staff stopping in on a formal rulemaking review meeting during their tenure.

Susan Dudley, a former OIRA administrator during the George W. Bush administration, said while it was not rare for people from the White House chief of staff's office to participate in OIRA meetings on regulations under review, she couldn't recall a meeting in which the actual chief of staff participated.

That said, Dudley thinks Daley's participation shows how significant the ozone rule was, and is not a reflection of a broader change in White House policy.

"I think it illustrates how important the ozone regulatory decision was, but I'm not sure it indicates broader changes in the regulatory process going forward. I also think it's commendably transparent that Bill Daley chose to participate in an OIRA meeting, which are disclosed to the public," said Dudley, who is now at George Washington University.

"It is unusual, but I wouldn't read a whole lot into it," said Sally Katzen, who led OIRA under President Clinton. "During my tenure, I often had very, very senior people participate in the meetings. Bob Rubin [as director of the National Economic Council] was often at my side."

Katzen, now a senior adviser at the Podesta Group, said she couldn't remember a rulemaking review meeting where the White House chief of staff was present. Nevertheless, such meetings frequently include people from other policy offices in the White House.

"This was obviously of some importance to the White House, and the chief of staff chose to attend," Katzen said.

The EPA was weighing a standard somewhere between 60 and 70 parts per billion (ppb), which is consistent with recommendations by EPA's formal science advisers and tougher than the 75 ppb that the Bush EPA imposed in 2008.

EPA estimated that the toughest ozone standards under review would bring costs of up to \$90 billion annually nationwide by 2020, a figure often touted by industry groups and Capitol Hill Republicans who called the proposed rule too aggressive.

The range of standards the agency was considering would bring costs between \$19 billion and \$90 billion annually in 2020, EPA estimated. But EPA also estimated that health benefits under the strictest standards would be \$100 billion annually, with an overall range of \$13 billion to \$100 billion, depending on where the standard was set.

Public health advocates said tougher ozone standards are vital to reducing asthma, heart attacks, bronchitis and other woes.

Other agencies' proposed regulations could end up on the chopping block due to White House involvement, according to Steinzor.

"I think it is very bad news for other regulations. I think it is bad news for OSHA, for FDA, for EPA, for anything industry starts to whine about too loudly. It suggests the Obama administration might not put up much resistance," Steinzor said.

The White House, however, sought to reassure environmentalists last week that it plans to hold firm on other air pollution rules that Republicans hope to scuttle or delay, such as upcoming air toxics standards for power plants.

Frank Maisano of the law and lobby firm Bracewell & Giuliani — which represents power companies and refiners — said in an email to reporters Tuesday that he doesn't expect the White House to block more EPA regulations on its own.

"It ... seems less likely the president will alter any of the other rules. He has his pro-business talking point. This will seem to shift the onus on Congress to force any more changes," wrote Maisano, a media specialist with the firm.

Spurned on smog, Lisa Jackson has a choice to make

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The EPA chief hasn't spoken publicly on the rule beyond an official statement. | AP Photo Close

Will EPA chief Lisa Jackson stay or go?

That's the new parlor game among Washington insiders after the White House publicly undercut the agency's attempts to install tougher regulations on smog.

Since the White House's announcement Friday, Jackson hasn't spoken publicly on the rule beyond an official statement touting the president's leadership on clean air issues. Someone who has spoken with Jackson since Friday told POLITICO she's still digesting it all and hasn't shared even with those closest to her what her thinking is.

President Barack Obama invited Jackson on Air Force One Sunday when he toured areas of New Jersey that had been damaged by Hurricane Irene. Jackson served as a New Jersey state official for several years.

As the EPA administrator, Jackson's been a loyal foot soldier for the Obama administration, leading the Gulf Coast Restoration Task Force and fighting congressional Republicans tooth and nail on environmental regulations.

"I certainly think the White House genuinely wants her to be comfortable with this decision and to stay," an administration source said.

A White House official said Obama expects Jackson will stay with the administration.

"Under the leadership of Lisa Jackson, the EPA has taken historic steps to protect public health and in his statement on Friday, the president again reiterated the important role she has played and will continue to play as a member of his team," the official said in an email.

"The president fully expects Administrator Jackson to continue to play an aggressive role in protecting the air we breathe, the water we drink and most importantly the health of our families," the official added.

The EPA declined to comment, pointing to the White House statement. And Jackson ducked a question on the rule from a pool reporter during Sunday's New Jersey trip.

For Jackson — whose teenage son suffers from asthma — the smog rule has been a long time coming.

"This is one of the most important protection measures we can take to safeguard our health and our environment," Jackson said in 2009 when announcing plans to tighten the George W. Bush-era standards. "Smog in the air we breathe can cause difficulty breathing and aggravate asthma, especially in children."

And she doubled down this summer, calling the Bush administration standards "not legally defensible," given the Bush White House rejected science advisers' calls for tougher limits.

As recently as July, EPA lawyers were asking a federal appellate court in Washington to delay litigation over the Bush-era ozone standard because a new Obama ozone rule was just around the corner.

But major business groups appealed directly to the White House, warning that the ozone rule would be

one of the most expensive environmental rules ever imposed on the U.S. economy — with an estimated cost of up to \$90 billion annually — and that a new rule would hurt Obama's reelection bid.

Jackson didn't get much of a heads up prior to the announcement, prompting criticism from greens that the White House had blindsided the EPA chief. An administration official said that the White House didn't notify the agency of the decision until last Thursday — and that the EPA was not involved in the decision-making process.

The White House had been reviewing EPA's proposal since July. Many observers speculated that the administration would try to appease both sides with a final standard of 70 parts per billion — more than environmentalists wanted, but less than industry feared.

So far, the White House has taken several steps that appear aimed at blunting the force of its decision on Jackson.

Obama issued the decision himself, calling it part of a larger effort aimed at "reducing regulatory burdens and regulatory uncertainty, particularly as our economy continues to recover." And top White House officials have also doubled down on their commitment to setting new limits for mercury from power plants — another one of Jackson's top priorities.

Still, some of Jackson's supporters don't expect her to stick around much longer in light of the decision, and some are even calling for her to resign in protest.

"I don't think she's going to resign immediately," said Frank O'Donnell, president of the advocacy group Clean Air Watch. But, he added, "If six months from now Lisa Jackson was going to go off and spend more time with her family, who could blame her?"

Thomas McGarity, a professor at the University of Texas Law School and a member scholar at the Center for Progressive Reform, wrote in a blog post Tuesday that Jackson should either defy the president by issuing the standard or "do the honorable thing and resign."

Plenty of other observers don't think Jackson is looking to get out in a hurry, pointing to other high-profile EPA regulations coming down the pike, such as the utility air toxics rule and greenhouse gases regulations.

GOP energy strategist Michael McKenna said he doesn't think Jackson is on the outs. "Where's she going to go?" he said.

But he said Jackson's clout has been jeopardized now that she's been so publicly overruled by the White House.

She'll be thinking, "What am I going to get sandbagged on next?" McKenna said. "This is just throwing chum into the water for sharks."

EPA's critics in industry and on Capitol Hill have already called for Obama to ease up on rules beyond just the ozone standard.

Sen. Jim Inhofe (R-Okla.) the ranking member of the Environment and Public Works Committee, said Tuesday that he hopes Obama will continue to pull back on other controversial rules.

"I think that definitely that he is going to do that because that's where the politics is," Inhofe said. However, he said, "I wouldn't want him to do that to the extent that he'd be reelected."

House Speaker John Boehner and Majority Leader Eric Cantor asked Obama on Tuesday to use ozone as a starting point for scaling back regulations.

"While we appreciate your announcement on Friday asking the EPA to withdraw its new draft ozone standards, we believe it is critical to not stop there, and instead act to further reduce this cumulative regulatory drag of uncertainty on economic growth and job creation," the Republicans wrote in a letter to the White House.

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Ex-EPA official slams Obama on ozone

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A former top Obama EPA official is slamming the president's decision to pull the plug on setting a tougher smog rule.

Lisa Heinzerling, who served as chief of the EPA policy office for President Barack Obama before returning to work as a law professor at Georgetown, wrote a scathing critique Sunday in Grist Magazine, calling Obama's announcement "terribly bad news, and terribly bad policy."

Obama on Friday announced that he had instructed EPA chief Lisa Jackson to withdraw the rule as part of his administration's effort to "underscore the importance of reducing regulatory burdens and regulatory uncertainty, particularly as our economy continues to recover."

But pulling the rule for that reason is "unlawful," Heinzerling wrote. The U.S. Supreme Court has "unequivocally held that the Clean Air Act forbids the consideration of economic costs" in setting national air quality standards.

Heinzerling also blasted Obama for keeping the George W. Bush administration's 2008 standard in place after the EPA's independent science advisers had said it didn't go far enough to protect public health. "It is hard to see how President Obama's decision today reflects an attitude toward science that is any more respectful than the attitude the Bush administration displayed in its 2008 ozone standard," she said. And in light of Obama's stated commitment to transparency, Heinzerling called for the White House to release the final rule that the EPA sent over to the Office of Management and Budget in July. "[T]here exists a full package from EPA containing the final rule and the explanation for it," she wrote. "The least the White House can do at this point is to release that package."

Boxer: I hope greens sue Obama

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Senate Environment and Public Works Chairwoman Barbara Boxer said she hopes green groups sue President Barack Obama over his decision to punt a regulation curbing smog-creating emissions until at least 2013.

Boxer — whose relatively mild reaction to Obama's surprise announcement Friday was in contrast to heated rebukes by environmental groups — said she will stand by those groups in any litigation to force the administration to issue a final ozone rule that goes beyond what was enacted by President George W. Bush.

Environmental groups charged that Obama made a political calculus by punting on a rule that was a particular target of critics who charge his regulatory agenda has hurt the economy and jobs.

Boxer didn't quite go there. "I'm not making any charge. I'm just saying I disagree, strongly, with their decision," she told reporters Tuesday. She added, "And I hope they'll be sued in court and I hope the

court can stand by the Clean Air Act.”

Noting that every president regardless of political party has been sued by environmental groups, Boxer said, “And I’m on the side of the environmentalists. If you factor in the health benefits you save so many lives and you prevent so many hospital admissions that it’s a big plus for the economy.”

Boxer issued a statement Friday saying she was “disappointed” in the decision but also “heartened” by Obama’s pledge in his announcement to safeguard the EPA and more specifically the Clean Air Act.

On Tuesday, she defended the milder tone of Friday’s statement.

“I’m involved in a hand-to-hand combat with people in the House; they’re trying to destroy the EPA, destroy the Clean Air Act,” Boxer said, noting she fought a similar battle when GOP presidential candidate Newt Gingrich was House speaker more than a decade ago. “So I was heartened to see that the president went out of his way to address the larger issue of this battle that we’re facing.”

She added: “So that’s why the statement was balanced because I thought what he said was balanced.” Obama — in a letter to House Speaker John Boehner last week — listed the ozone rule at the top of the list of seven regulations whose annual costs top \$1 billion annually. The rule was estimated to cost between \$19 billion and \$90 billion annually.

Boxer said she would use a hearing called by Sen. Tom Carper (D-Del.) on the ozone rule to “examine the charge that this type of regulation actually harms our economy. I don’t believe that. Because I don’t think they’re factoring in the health benefits.”

Industry pressure and politics blamed for Obama’s smog rule delay

Environmental Finance

By Gloria Gonzalez

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The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will abandon its pursuit of stricter smog standards at the direction of President Barack Obama and in what environmentalists and some legislators decried as a cave-in to industry.

Obama announced on Friday that he asked EPA administrator Lisa Jackson to withdraw the draft Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards, which were designed to replace regulations proposed by the previous administration in 2008 that fell short of standards suggested by the EPA’s independent science advisory board.

Environmental groups and 14 states sued over the weaker standards and Jackson announced in 2010 that the EPA would reconsider the standards rather than wait for a scheduled review in 2013. But at the president’s direction, the agency will reconsider the ozone standards according to the original schedule.

The decision drew sharp criticism and accusations that the administration is prioritising business interests over public health.

“By putting the interest of coal and oil polluters first, the White House seems to be saying that ‘clean air will have to wait,’” said Michael Brune, executive director of environmental NGO the Sierra Club.

American smog: voters might choke Obama's re-election if he deals with it (Photocredit)

In the revised rule submitted for White House approval, the EPA proposed lowering the current eight-hour ground-level ozone standard of 75 parts per billion (ppb) to a standard in the range of 60-70 ppb, a level estimated to prevent 12,000 premature deaths per year from heart or lung diseases and thousands of respiratory illnesses and non-fatal heart attacks.

“I honestly believe the administration could have picked a number in the range recommended by the

science advisory board that would have protected public health, been legally defensible, and would have seen greater benefits than costs," said Senator Tom Carper (D-Delaware), who said White House officials would have to explain their decision at a Congressional hearing.

Obama insisted his administration will not back down from its pursuit of stronger clean air regulations and pledged to continue to vigorously oppose efforts to weaken EPA's authority under the Clean Air Act.

"At the same time, I have continued to underscore the importance of reducing regulatory burdens and regulatory uncertainty, particularly as our economy continues to recover," he said.

The president's decision delays enactment of new smog regulations until after the 2012 presidential elections.

"What is shameful about the president's decision to delay the new ozone rule is that it's all about improving his chances of being re-elected and has nothing to do with the economic damage that the rule would do," said Myron Ebell, director of the Competitive Enterprise Institute's Center for Energy and Environment. "The fact that the president still wants to go ahead after he gets re-elected with a regulation that has been estimated to cost \$1 trillion a year shows that he could [not] care less about the US economy and the millions of people who have lost their jobs."

The EPA's work on smog and other new regulations has become a hot-button political issue, with the Republican majority in the House of Representatives considering several bills and amendments to thwart the EPA from proceeding with certain regulations or strip the agency of its funding to enact new rules.

"The political folks at the White House must believe that the president needs to show that he is concerned about too much regulation from EPA," said Jeff Holmstead, head of the environmental strategies group at law firm Bracewell & Giuliani, which represents utilities.

Industry experts said the smog rule withdrawal is a good start, but insisted that the administration should also defer new regulations for controlling sulphur dioxide and nitrogen oxides emissions and to reduce mercury pollution from power plants.

"Even with today's decision, there are still a bunch of new EPA rules that are keeping industry from investing in the US," Holmstead said. "Around the country, there are companies who want to build new projects, but EPA has put the brakes on them."

EDITORIAL:

Broken Windows, Ozone, and Jobs

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Paul Krugman

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I've actually been avoiding thinking about the latest Obama cave-in, on ozone regulation; these repeated retreats are getting painful to watch. For what it's worth, I think it's bad politics. The Obama political people seem to think that their route to victory is to avoid doing anything that the GOP might attack — but the GOP will call Obama a socialist job-killer no matter what they do. Meanwhile, they just keep reinforcing the perception of mush from the wimp, of a president who doesn't stand for anything. Whatever. Let's talk about the economics. Because the ozone decision is definitely a mistake on that front.

As some of us keep trying to point out, the United States is in a liquidity trap: private spending is

inadequate to achieve full employment, and with short-term interest rates close to zero, conventional monetary policy is exhausted.

This puts us in a world of topsy-turvy, in which many of the usual rules of economics cease to hold. Thrift leads to lower investment; wage cuts reduce employment; even higher productivity can be a bad thing. And the broken windows fallacy ceases to be a fallacy: something that forces firms to replace capital, even if that something seemingly makes them poorer, can stimulate spending and raise employment. Indeed, in the absence of effective policy, that's how recovery eventually happens: as Keynes put it, a slump goes on until "the shortage of capital through use, decay and obsolescence" gets firms spending again to replace their plant and equipment.

And now you can see why tighter ozone regulation would actually have created jobs: it would have forced firms to spend on upgrading or replacing equipment, helping to boost demand. Yes, it would have cost money — but that's the point! And with corporations sitting on lots of idle cash, the money spent would not, to any significant extent, come at the expense of other investment.

More broadly, if you're going to do environmental investments — things that are worth doing even in flush times — it's hard to think of a better time to do them than when the resources needed to make those investments would otherwise have been idle.

So, a lousy decision all around. Are you surprised?

Obama's Ozone Flip-Flop: Bad Policy and Bad Politics

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By Michael

My lefty friends have been asking me: If I think President Obama has been so great for the earth, and I think his enviro critics are ungrateful whiners, then how do I defend his capitulation to industry on new smog regulations? And the answer is...I don't. He ignored the science, threw the EPA under the bus, and double-crossed green groups who had held off on lawsuits based on administration promises.

All I can say is that it's uncharacteristic. One of President Obama's appealing qualities—although, arguably, a source of some of his problems—has been his stubborn insistence on a distinction between "governing" and "politicking." The ozone decision suggests to me that governing season is over for this term. Politicking season has begun.

Bryan Walsh has explained why White House claims that withdrawing their new ozone regulations had nothing to do with politics are "frankly ludicrous." Industry was kicking and screaming that the rules would kill jobs, so the White House (now managed by former J.P. Morgan Chase executive William Daley, who wasn't a fan of financial regulation either) apparently wanted to signal that its overarching concern is the economy, and that it feels the pain of businessmen who keep complaining about "uncertainty." There are a lot of coal plants in swing states like Ohio.

Substantively, it's a terrible decision. The new ozone regulations would not have gone into effect for at least a year, so the warnings of short-term job-killing were obviously overblown. The history of air-quality regulations suggests that industry would have figured out a way to comply at a reasonable cost in the medium term, saving lives and ensuring a healthier workforce. And even if you don't think we need significantly stricter ozone rules, it was silly to give up a bargaining chip that could have been used in the more important fight over carbon emissions.

I'm skeptical of the politics, too, even in Ohio. Is this flip-flop going to convince the kind of people who believe our economic problems are caused by burdensome regulation (is that what caused the financial implosion of 2008?) and Obama-related "uncertainty" (unemployment has been high for three years on fears that Obama would resurrect Clinton-era tax rates on the rich?) rather than a crippling lack of demand (ding! ding!) that Obama is on their side? And is he sure he wants to pick a fight with

environmentalists? They helped defeat Al Gore in 2000 because he wasn't pure enough on Everglades issues. And Obama isn't Al Gore.

I suspect that politically, the real danger in this kind of crass political calculation is undermining what's left of the Obama brand. I've said before that the Obama campaign doesn't seem to have a message for 2012. It's going to be hard to run on hope and change when unemployment is 9%. The argument that Obama's policies prevented even worse outcomes, while true, would be an even harder sell. Presumably, the main message will be that his Republican opponent is an extremist nut—and chances are excellent that he'll have a plausible case to make. But it wouldn't hurt to be able to argue at the same time that whether or not Americans agree with everything he did, Obama has always tried to do the right thing for the country. He said in his Inaugural Address that he would restore science to its rightful place. "Under the bus" is not that place.

Obama is obviously a politician with political advisers and political calculations, but he really has promoted an administration culture of trying to figure out the best policy and let the political chips fall where they may. My favorite example is the little-noticed tax cuts in his stimulus bill, which were dribbled out through tiny weekly decreases in withholding instead of big rebate checks, because behavioral economists believe that people are a bit more likely to spend extra money when they don't realize they're getting it—even though any political operatives can see that people are a heck of a lot more likely to be grateful about the extra money when they do realize they're getting it.

This is a different approach. Maybe Obama thinks that ticking off ungrateful eco-freaks will enhance his credibility as a reasonable man. But people like clear air. And if they liked crass flip-floppery, right now they'd be enjoying President Kerry's second term—or President Romney's first.

Environmental economy

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Revive growth, then curb smog.

In matters regarding pollution, President Barack Obama often finds himself with an impossible choice. Should he protect public health, as environmentalists demand, or preserve jobs, as congressional Republicans urge? Both concerns are valid, and both are important tasks for the president. But sometimes, he has to give one or the other priority.

Last week, Obama decided against a new Environmental Protection Agency proposal to reduce smog, which contributes to such illnesses as asthma and heart disease. The decision on ground-level ozone drew a chorus of condemnation from such groups as the Sierra Club and the American Lung Association, which said it will cost lives and raise health care costs.

That prediction is no doubt accurate. But every public policy decision involves trade-offs, and this one was trickier than most.

American Lung Association It would have been one of the most expensive environmental measures ever — with an annual price tag as high as \$90 billion. The expected benefits could be even higher, but they could also be as low as \$13 billion per year, according to the EPA.

Hundreds of counties would have found themselves in violation of the new standards. Electric utilities and other businesses would have had to lay out funds for upgraded pollution-control equipment. Most would have complied, but some would have closed down.

On a strict cost-benefit basis, the proposal comes close to a tossup. Other expenditures could yield a much bigger payoff.

That's not the only reason the White House rejected the change. Cass Sunstein, head of the president's Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, noted in a letter to the EPA that the agency is required to revisit the smog standard in 2013, by which time better scientific data will be available.

It made little sense, he indicated, to impose a new rule that may be overhauled in just two years — particularly when the president has promised that federal regulations "must promote predictability and reduce uncertainty." Besides, said Sunstein, the EPA has taken other anti-pollution steps that will have the side effect of reducing smog.

Even if the ozone rule were clearly worth the eventual cost, presidents also have to think about the immediate future. At the moment, Obama is right to focus on the short-term health of the economy, which would suffer from new mandates that put a burden on the private sector.

If the economy remains stalled, the funds needed to pay for environmental improvements will be hard to come by. A strong economy, by contrast, will make such investments more affordable — and far more appealing to the electorate.

Sometimes the difference between a good idea and a bad one is a simple matter of timing. Exercise, for instance, fosters good health. But someone in bed with the flu is well-advised to put off a strenuous run or spin class until after the malady passes.

Over the coming decades, Americans may very well be better off with tighter rules on ozone. But right now, as Obama wisely understands, it's more important to nurse the U.S. economy back to health.

Obama ozone decision a giant step backward

Houston Chronicle

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By THOMAS O. MCGARITY

Last Friday, President Obama ordered Lisa Jackson, administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, to withdraw the EPA's new ambient air quality standard for photochemical oxidants (ozone). The order flies in the face of the available science on the human health effects of ozone and means that the people who live in the most urban areas of Texas will remain exposed to levels of ozone in the air that pose a significant risk of death and heart disease. Persons suffering from asthma will be at especially high risk.

Under the Clean Air Act, the EPA is required to establish ambient air quality standards at a level that protects human health with an adequate margin of safety. Once a standard is established, the states are supposed to require sources of ozone-producing pollutants, such as power plants and refineries, to implement controls that are sufficient to ensure that the standard will be attained in the future.

The act also requires the EPA to re-examine the science every five years and determine whether the standard needs to be revised. In 1990 Congress created a scientific advisory board, called the Clean Air Act Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC), to assist the EPA in this exercise.

Since the EPA first began writing standards for ozone in 1970, they have become increasingly stringent as more scientific information has demonstrated that photochemical oxidants have adverse effects on human beings at lower and lower concentrations.

The currently applicable standard of 84 parts per billion (ppb) was promulgated almost 15 years ago in 1997. Despite the five-year-review requirement, the George W. Bush administration put off revising the standard in 2008, and when it did, it proposed a standard of 75 ppb, which was less stringent than the 60-70 ppb range that the CASAC had recommended. In an extraordinary act of resistance, the CASAC

told the EPA administrator that the standard was not supported by the scientific evidence. Not surprisingly, a number of environmental organizations challenged the Bush administration standard in court.

Soon after President Obama was inaugurated, Administrator Jackson struck a deal with those environmental organizations under which the EPA promised to withdraw the Bush standard and promulgate a more stringent one by August 2010. The agreement effectively left the outdated 1997 standard in place, because the EPA told the states not to worry about implementing the withdrawn standard.

The EPA missed the August 2010 deadline. Out of an abundance of caution, Jackson asked the CASAC to analyze the scientific information one more time. The CASAC did so and once again recommended a standard in the 60-70 ppb range. In January of this year, Administrator Jackson said that the EPA would propose a standard in that range.

The agency then completed its proposal and sent it to the White House Office of Management and Budget, where it languished until last Friday, when the president killed it outright.

The upshot of all of this is that the old 1997 standard remains in place. Urban Americans are in worse shape than they would have been had the inadequate Bush administration standards gone into effect.

To say that the environmental organizations that agreed to the postponement have been betrayed would be an understatement. While the Obama administration has dilly-dallied over what should have been a very easy standard-setting exercise, exposure to ground-level ozone has caused, according to the EPA's own calculations, up to 2,200 heart attacks and killed up to 4,300 people per year. The human cost of leaving the 1997 standard in place is that the death toll will continue for at least a few more years.

The administration says that it ordered the EPA to pull back the standard because it would have had an adverse effect on jobs. But the reality is that the standard would create jobs as companies go to greater lengths to reduce pollutants and spend more resources developing alternative energy supplies. Moreover, the EPA estimated that increasing the stringency of the standard would produce up to \$37 billion in health benefits annually.

As the 2012 presidential campaign gets under way, President Obama's political advisers apparently believe that it is necessary for him to cozy up to the energy industry. But to those of us who saw the 2008 election as a sign of hope for a cleaner environment after eight years of scientific denial, this remarkable act of political cowardice sounds a lot like "No, we can't."

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EPA's Rules May Force Power Failures

Fox Nation

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By Tina Korbe, Hot Air

It was easy last week, when President Obama scrubbed an expensive proposed environmental regulation, to wonder whether the world had turned right side up. Without doubt, Obama made the wise decision when it came to proposed new ozone regulations. As Mitch McConnell said on the Senate floor today, the president created more jobs by reversing one regulation than he ever will with a speech. But as I wrote this weekend, only if Republicans continue to hammer away at other job-killing regulations will this have been a first step worth celebrating — otherwise, it's just a chance for Obama to tout a job-creation gesture and a supposed spirit of compromise.

May I humbly suggest one such regulation to next spotlight for elimination? The Cross-State Air Pollution Rule, when combined with another proposed regulation (the Utility Maximum Achievable Control Technology or "Utility MACT" rule), will cost the country \$17.8 billion a year and put 175,000 jobs at risk each year, as well. Now, that's nowhere near as expensive as the proposed ozone regulations — which would have cost the country up to \$90 billion a year, with as many as 7.3 million jobs lost by 2020 — but I'd say 175,000 newly employed is nothing to sneeze at. Plus, the two regulations would increase electricity rates by more than 23 percent in some areas of the United States that rely on coal for electricity. In addition, consumers will be paying more than \$8 billion a year in higher natural gas prices because of these proposed rules.

Obama environmental policy buckles under pressure

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President Barack Obama gutted his credibility on environmental issues Friday when he ordered Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Lisa Jackson to back away from new restrictions on ozone pollution.

He cited the slow and sluggish economy and said his order shows he has "continued to underscore the importance of reducing regulatory burdens and regulatory uncertainty."

That sounds a lot like Gov. Rick Perry, who hopes to be the Republican seeking to unseat Democrat Obama in next year's presidential election.

Obama wasn't correcting a rogue agency that had somehow strayed from his guidance. The EPA had been working on new ozone standards for two years, going step-by-laborious-step through procedures required by the Clean Air Act.

At the 11th hour, Obama wouldn't let his agency tighten ozone standards to a level that even the Bush administration had declared necessary to protect public health.

Ground-level ozone is often called smog. It is formed when sunlight cooks and combines pollutants called volatile organic compounds and oxides of nitrogen, which come from vehicle tailpipes and industrial processes, among other sources. It causes some serious health problems and sharply aggravates others.

The EPA has labeled Dallas-Fort Worth a "serious nonattainment area" for its continued failure to meet ozone standards that date back to 1997.

The Clean Air Act requires the EPA to review standards for ozone and other pollutants periodically and set new standards based on the latest scientific knowledge.

The 1997 standard limits ozone in ambient air to no more than 84 parts per billion. In March 2008, after lengthy study showed that the 1997 standard did not adequately protect public health, the Bush administration lowered the limit to 75 parts per billion.

Two months later, environmental groups and others sued in federal court, saying the new standard was not tough enough. Court proceedings were getting under way when Obama took office. In March 2009, the Obama EPA asked the court to halt those proceedings while it reconsidered the standards.

The environmentalists and other parties to the suit agreed to back away. The EPA formally began its standard-setting process in September 2009, and eventually targeted an ozone limit of 60 to 70 parts per billion.

The new standard was due to be released more than a month ago, July 29. The EPA said it was being delayed for administrative review.

Meanwhile, the 1997 limit of 84 parts per billion has remained in effect. Ozone pollution in Dallas-Fort Worth has declined somewhat over time, but the area still has not instituted enough controls to meet the federal standard.

The ozone season this year has been a disaster. Ozone monitors have reached "Level Red" nine times this summer, denoting unhealthy air. At least six monitoring sites will exceed the EPA limit for the year.

Some industry representatives have pressed the White House not to set a new standard, citing the up-to-\$90 billion estimated cost of needed pollution controls. Other parties pushed for a new standard, citing the public health cost of not acting.

There is not a more serious environmental issue on Obama's plate than ground-level ozone. At any point during the past two years, he could have sat down with Jackson and told her that economic conditions would get in the way of setting new standards.

The fact that he didn't leads to only one conclusion: Obama buckled under pressure from people who would de-emphasize environmental protection. That's a huge disappointment.

Obama: A No-Go on Ozone

Huffington Post

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A tactical retreat or an abdication?

It's a scant 14 months to the 2012 elections. The economy's in the tank as are the president's poll numbers. (See [here](#), [here](#), [here](#) and [here](#).) The pundits tell us (for instance [here](#) and [here](#)) that Obama will pivot to jobs, jobs, jobs in an effort to rehabilitate his re-election chances. In the wake of recent White House decisions, one has to wonder if that jobs pivot also includes a calculated pivot away from the environment?

In the wake of recent White House decisions, one has to wonder if Obama's been making a calculated pivot away from the environment?

Keystone Cop-Out?

On August 26, the State Department finalized a required environmental impact statement, concluding there'd be no "significant" environmental impacts from the proposed Keystone XL pipeline which would bring tar sands oil from Canada to American refineries in Texas. The pipeline is opposed by many environmentalists (see [here](#), [here](#) and [here](#)) because its route goes directly across sensitive wilderness areas as well as the Ogallala Aquifer, a critical U.S. groundwater system. There's also general opposition to tar sands oil itself because of its relatively large environmental cost.

Though it's received an environmental green light, the pipeline is not a done deal yet. But the weeks of protests at the White House, which saw more than 1,000 arrested for civil disobedience, have now subsided. Not the kind of protest, I suspect, either Obama or the environmental community would have envisioned on election night 2008 (even if the reality of how much environmental progress could be made and how fast was duly noted).

Not a Standard Bearer on a New Ozone Standard

And then last Friday came what John D. Walke, the Natural Resources Defense Council's clean air

director, reportedly compared to "a bomb being dropped." (See [here](#), [here](#) and [Walke's blog post](#).) Said bomb was Obama's announcement that he was instructing the Environmental Protection Agency to withdraw its proposed new air quality standard for ground-level ozone, one of the main, noxious components of smog.

This decision is especially disappointing to many of the green persuasion since it harks back to a bitter fight with the Bush administration. In 2008 the Bush EPA chose to set the ozone air quality standard at 0.075 parts per million, meaning that in a given eight hours in a defined region the amount of ground-level ozone in the air cannot exceed 7.5 "parts" of ozone per one million "parts" of air. This, despite recommendations by the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee that that standard could not be scientifically justified and that it should be set between 0.07 ppm and 0.06 ppm (the latter being the European Union's current standard).

When Lisa Jackson became EPA administrator in early 2009, she promised the agency would revisit the ozone standard before the statutorily required date of 2013. And work got off to a quick start. By September 2009, the process was formally underway, and in January 2010 EPA announced a proposed new standard between 0.06 and 0.07 ppm.

Everything looked to be on track for a final rule later that summer, but then came multiple delays and missed deadlines. After a July 2011 deadline came and went without a final rule, EPA promised that one was coming soon, one that would be "based on the best science and meet the obligation established under the Clean Air Act to protect the health of the American people" while "consider[ing] costs, jobs and the economy." And one that looked to be in the recommended range of 0.06 to 0.07 ppm. This move praised by some received loud protests from others, with industry claiming that the standard was overly tight, impossible to attain, and too costly in a struggling economy.

In a seeming cave to industry pressure, Obama announced he'd instructed EPA to delay changing the ozone standard until 2013 out of concern that promulgating a new standard would slow the economy and stifle job growth.

A Look on the Green Side

While this isn't his only punt on environmental issues (see [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), and [here](#)), to be fair and balanced, we should duly note that Obama has been pushing forward on other environmental fronts, including the following:

Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) standards: Calling it "the single most important step we've ever taken as a nation to reduce our dependence on foreign oil," Obama announced this past July an agreement with 13 major automakers responsible for 90 percent of the market to raise fuel economy standards to 54.5 miles per gallon for cars and light-duty trucks by 2025.

Greenhouse gas rules: Building on a 2007 Supreme Court ruling that EPA must regulate greenhouse gases if they pose a threat to public health and welfare, the environmental agency has been laying the groundwork to limit greenhouse gas emissions from major sources. In January 2011 EPA announced it's developing standards for power plants and refineries slated for release by the end of 2011 and expected to be finalized by 2012.

The Cross-State Air Pollution Rule (CSAPR): In July 2011 EPA announced a replacement for the embattled 2005 Clean Air Interstate Rule (CAIR), promulgated in the Bush years. The new Cross-State Air Pollution Rule for smokestack emissions aims at tackling emissions of nitrogen oxides (NOx) and sulfur dioxide (SO2) from power plants in the 27 eastern states that together cause ground-level ozone pollution, smog, fine particle pollution, and acid rain.

Suffice it to say, not all of these initiatives have met with applause from industry.

So, is the president jettisoning his environmental agenda to appease the private sector and garner votes (and presumably campaign dollars)? Or is this latest decision a tactical one, perhaps throwing the opposition a bone (by law, the ozone standard has to be revisited at a later date anyway) while preserving the more essential pieces of environmental agenda?

The interesting aspect of this puzzle is that if Obama is not re-elected, we may never know.

Dirty air, politics

The Salt Lake Tribune

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President Barack Obama is playing politics with the health of Americans, and that should not be acceptable to either his political allies or his political foes. The ability to breathe clean air should be an issue on which everyone can agree.

Despite warnings from his own clean-air regulators and scientists in the Environmental Protection Agency, the president is backing away from stricter air-quality standards that would require big polluters to spew fewer dangerous emissions into the air.

Current EPA regulations set a limit of 75 parts per billion of ozone, a noxious substance created when the sun cooks chemicals emitted by vehicles, refineries, energy development and mining. The change that Obama now says can be considered later, after the 2012 election, would have lowered that level to 60 to 70 ppb.

The president has defended the move, saying that stricter standards would ask too much of industry and local governments at a time when the nation's economic recovery from the Great Recession is fragile. He is repeating the mantra of Republicans, who have reduced the complexities of nearly every pressing political issue onto a simple scorecard: job killer or job creator.

Neither they, nor the president, offer any evidence that job creation would be negatively affected anytime soon by cleaning up the air and reducing the lung diseases, asthma and early deaths that pollution causes. But there is ample evidence that cleaner air would save billions on health-care costs and prevent much human suffering.

That kind of benefit is not so easily reduced to a two- or three-word slogan that can be thrown around glibly in a political campaign. And so, it appears, the president will give it short shrift.

Even in conservative Utah, business leaders agree the Beehive State is adversely affected by the high ozone levels along the Wasatch Front during summertime heat waves. The Salt Lake Chamber's position is that Utah's economy would gain by a reduction of unhealthy air pollution.

People do not want to relocate to a state that appears to be following the model of Los Angeles in the '60s.

But it seems politics will trump the health of Americans in Utah and other states where ozone is a problem. Obama is convinced that they can wait, and continue to suffer with toxic air pollution, while he tries to woo the votes of right-leaning independents.

He's turning his back on those who depend on him to do the right thing, and that is unconscionable.

Recognize Obama's many conservative tendencies

The Daily Targum (Rutgers)

Tuesday, September 6, 2011

By Matt Kuchtya

Letter

President Barack Obama rejected a proposed rule from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) this past week, which would have imposed stricter air quality standards. Lisa Jackson, the EPA administrator, fought for these ozone reductions but was on the losing end of a battle with Obama and his White House staff. The decision to abandon the tougher emissions standards angered environmentalists and liberal Democrats who formed a large portion of Obama's political base since the lead-up to the 2008 election. Despite Obama's protestations that the new policies would hurt potential economic growth, these constituencies see Obama's most recent pivot as a betrayal of principles they believe the president once held when "change" was the buzzword around the country.

At first glance, this move seems to be another sellout by the president, which runs counter to the ideologies many liberal Democrats believed he held. In the recent debate over the raising of the debt ceiling, Obama was all too willing to compromise with Republicans at any cost and succumbed to their brinkmanship tactics. Of course, the president was unwilling to foolishly let the country default on its financial obligations, but he did not push hard enough for what many people on both sides of the aisle feel the president believes in. The resulting debt "compromise" featured some shared sacrifice on the targeted areas of future spending cuts, but the deal did not contain meaningful revenue increases, of which Obama has supposedly been a proponent.

Moves that repeatedly appear as political sellouts to Democratic followers of the president, however, may in fact be decisions consistent with a moderate conservative ideology. In the same way that former President Richard Nixon was painted as a far-right conservative by those on the left despite some of his center-left policies, Obama may indeed be a center-right moderate who has been painted as a far-left liberal. Republicans felt betrayed by Nixon's support of more liberal policies such as maintaining Great Society programs, creating the EPA and opening relations with China, prompting rebuke from liberals and conservatives alike.

Obama's campaign rhetoric falsely enticed people into believing he would produce extreme changes, but he was often noncommittal and careful with what he was actually saying. Many of his policies while in office have been very moderate or conservative. In regards to domestic issues, his fiscal stimulus package was half the size his economic advisers suggested. His health care reform legislation rejected the single-payer system advocated by members of his liberal base and was rather similar to proposals by Mitt Romney when the latter was governor of Massachusetts. Obama also maintained the Bush tax cuts with little opposition to conservative demands. In foreign affairs, he continued wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and failed to close Guantanamo Bay promptly as he said he would. His personnel included former President George W. Bush's Secretary of Defense and many other long-time Washington advisers who would make change difficult.

Seeing Obama as a political sellout rather than a moderate conservative showcases the fissures and divisions in our current political environment. Some liberals still believe in the "change" Obama advocated on the campaign trail, while others are correctly beginning to perceive his conservative tendencies (see Paul Krugman). The recent rejection of more stringent EPA standards highlights this latter fact perfectly. However, conservatives, even those closer to the center of the political spectrum, still label Obama as a big-government socialist and even question his identity as an American. Misunderstanding Nixon as a far-right conservative and Obama as a far-left liberal demonstrates the close-minded nature of the American two-party system.

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Killing the Ozone Rule: President Obama's Bad Air Day

NRDC Switchboard

By Pete Altman

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To say that President Obama had a “bad air day” Friday is putting it mildly.

In reversing his Administration’s previously strong support for ozone regulations to protect the health of American children, President Obama (in the words of one observer): “drank the conservative Kool-Aid, and agreed that tightening ozone emission rules would have cost billions and hurt the economy. But clean air is very popular politically, and the EPA's own studies show that a tighter standard could have created \$17 billion in economic benefits.”

President Obama’s decision to throw public health under the proverbial bus isn’t playing very well on America’s editorial and op-ed pages. Hopefully the White House is paying attention to these clips, because with the GOPolluters getting ready to attack more clean air safeguards this fall, the White House will have to make the call on protecting public health vs polluters again and again:

A Bad Call on Ozone, New York Times, (editorial), 09/03/11. This summer, Lisa Jackson, the administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, sent a new and stronger standard to the White House — igniting a fierce lobbying campaign by industry groups asserting that the standards would require impossibly costly investments in new pollution controls and throw people out of work. Industry has made these arguments before. They almost always turn out to be exaggerated.

The EPA’s costs and benefits, Washington Post, (editorial), 09/02/11. What is clear is that the “job-destroying regulation” line is a better slogan than it is an expression of the real trade-offs involved in EPA regulation. Aside from ozone pollution, EPA rules under development would restrict the emission of mercury, acid gases, dangerous fine particles and other pollutants from power plants and other sources. These regulations have costs that can be predicted and measured, in jobs and dollars. They also have measurable benefits — lives saved, chronic illnesses prevented, hospital visits avoided and sick days not taken, which in turn have economic effects.

In a cloud over ozone, Washington Post, (op-ed), 09/02/11. Columnist Eugene Robinson: On Friday, Obama appeared to cede the point. He blocked new EPA rules limiting ground-level ozone — otherwise known as smog — as part of a larger effort to reduce “regulatory burdens and regulatory uncertainty” for U.S. businesses. The move came hours after a disappointing labor report showing that the economy added no new jobs in August. The move to block the ozone rules may make sense politically, since it defuses an issue on which Republicans were prepared to hammer Obama and the Democrats all year. As a matter of public policy, however, it’s wrong.

EPA assault advances, Memphis Commercial Appeal, (editorial), 09/03/11. Their contention that easing EPA rules will create jobs seems to be gaining traction. The Obama administration on Friday said it was overruling the EPA’s plan to adopt a stricter standard for ground-level ozone, which causes respiratory illness. It’s hard to imagine an agenda more transparently callous. That it is getting White House support now, too, leaves advocates for the protection of human lives and the environment wondering what’s next.

Don’t fall for the anti-regulatory smokescreen, Tampa Bay Tribune, (op-ed), 09/06/11. Sidney Shapiro: Regulatory benefits for significant regulations exceed regulatory costs by 7 to 1. The payoff for environmental regulations is even greater. EPA estimates the regulatory benefit of the Clean Air Act exceeds its costs by a ratio of 25 to 1. Similarly, a study of EPA rules issued during the Obama administration found that their regulatory benefits exceeded costs by a ratio as high as 22 to 1. Even these estimates don’t capture the full advantages of regulations; some benefits, such as reducing toxic mercury pollution, are difficult to monetize and aren’t even counted. The estimates of benefits from

agencies have historically proven lower than reality. Sidney Shapiro is a professor at the Wake Forest University School of Law and a member scholar at the Center for Progressive Reform.

Editorial writers and op-ed columnists are not alone in their criticism of the Obama White House on the ozone rule. The backlash from several quarters has been strong. Consider this item from today's Politico/Morning Energy, a message from my own organization's CEO, Frances Beinecke:

"PRESIDENT OBAMA JUST THREW YOU OVERBOARD." That's the subject line from an email NRDC President Frances Beinecke is sending to supporters this morning over the Obama administration's decision to drop plans for rewriting the Bush-era ozone standards. "Clearly, his political advisers decided he had better curry favor with the fossil fuel barons by throwing us overboard. We get it," Beinecke writes, urging members to call the White House comment line and express their outrage. "The White House has obviously calculated ... that there is little or no political price to pay for stabbing the environment in the back. And they have absolutely no reason to stop selling out our families' health and natural heritage to big polluters until they feel our outrage and anger."

(John Walke, also here at NRDC, had equally strong things to say about the ill-considered White House move.)

And then there's the fact that MoveOn.org is now very unhappy with the White House:

"... Justin Ruben, executive director of MoveOn.org, a five-million-member online progressive political organization that played a significant role in President Obama's election in 2008, said he was sure that his members would be deflated. "How are our members in Ohio and Florida who pounded the pavement in 2008 going to make the case for why this election matters?" Mr. Ruben said. "Stuff like this is devastating to the hope and passion that fuels the volunteers that made the president's 2008 campaign so unique and successful."

I could go on, but I think the message is clear enough: A win for polluters is no win for the Obama Administration.

Alisha Johnson/DC/USEPA/US

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Gore Accuses Obama of 'Bowling to Pressure from Polluters' Which Will Hurt Seniors and Children

Abcnews.com

By; Jake Tapper

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Former Vice President Al Gore on Wednesday said President Obama, instead of "relying on science ... appears to have bowed to pressure from polluters who did not want to bear the cost of implementing" the draft Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards that the Environmental Protection Agency was pushing.

Gore made his public rebuke in a blog post called "Confronting Disappointment," reflecting how on Friday "President Obama ordered the EPA to abandon its pursuit of new curbs on emissions that worsen disease-causing smog in U.S. cities" because of economic concerns.

Gore noted that EPA administrator Lisa Jackson had previously written that the pollutant levels put in place by President Bush were "not legally defensible."

"Those very same rules have now been embraced by the Obama White House," Gore wrote, saying that the "result of the White House's action will be increased medical bills for seniors with lung disease, more children developing asthma, and the continued degradation of our air quality."

President Obama last Friday defended his action, saying that his administration "has taken some of the strongest actions since the enactment of the Clean Air Act four decades ago to protect our environment and the health of our families from air pollution," including "reducing mercury and other toxic air pollution from outdated power plants" and "doubling the fuel efficiency of our cars and trucks. ..."

At the same time," President Obama wrote, "I have continued to underscore the importance of reducing regulatory burdens and regulatory uncertainty, particularly as our economy continues to recover. "

President Obama's fellow Nobel Laureate is not the only disappointed Democrat.

President Obama's own former EPA associate administrator of office of Policy, Lisa Heinzerling, blogged that the "reason the president gave for asking EPA to withdraw its standard is an unlawful reason," since "the Supreme Court has unequivocally held that the Clean Air Act forbids the consideration of economic costs in setting" air quality standards.

Heinzerling also wrote that: "Weirdly, even though President Obama stated that economic concerns were his reason for asking EPA to withdraw the ozone standard, shortly before this announcement was made, a White House blog post extolled the economic virtues of the Clean Air Act. This is a statute that has returned over 30 times the amount in benefits that it has imposed in costs. It is one of the most successful pieces of public health legislation ever. And the White House seems to know it. Stranger still, then, that President Obama used economics as the cited reason for asking EPA to take back the standard."

-Jake Tapper

Al Gore Slams Obama Over EPA Ozone Rule

Wall Street Journal

September 7, 2011, 5:57 PM ET

By Danny Yadron

Public opinion polls show that President Barack Obama is seriously disappointing many of voters who made up his winning coalition in 2008.

Then President-elect Barack Obama sits with former Vice President Al Gore during a meeting Dec. 9, 2008. (AP Photo/Charles Dharapak) Add Al Gore to the list.

The former vice president and environmental activist accused the White House of bowing to "polluters" when it asked the Environmental Protection Agency to withdraw an air quality rule that Republicans said was costing the country jobs. The January 2010 proposal by the EPA would have set stricter standards on ground-level ozone, a main ingredient of smog.

"Instead of relying on science, President Obama appears to have bowed to pressure from polluters who did not want to bear the cost of implementing new restrictions on their harmful pollution," Mr. Gore wrote in a blog post. "The result of the White House's action will be increased medical bills for seniors with lung disease, more children developing asthma, and the continued degradation of our air quality."

It's another sign of the trouble Mr. Obama faces as he begins his re-election campaign. Independents have soured on him because of the weak economy and high unemployment. In trying to appease them by moving to the middle, he is exasperating the liberal Democratic base.

Gore Calls Out Obama on EPA-Ozone Reversal

National Journal

By Amy Harder

Updated: September 7, 2011 | 5:58 p.m.

Then President-elect Obama meets with former Vice President Al Gore in 2008. Gore is now questioning Obama's commitment to the environment.

Former Vice President Al Gore is blasting President Obama for his refusal to strengthen environmental regulations governing ground-level ozone.

In a short, 179-word blog post Wednesday, the renowned climate activist joined a chorus of other environmentalists who have expressed bitter opposition to Obama's action last week.

"Instead of relying on science, President Obama appears to have bowed to pressure from polluters who did not want to bear the cost of implementing new restrictions on their harmful pollution," Gore wrote.

Gore's condemnation shouldn't come as a surprise. He criticized Obama for not being bolder on climate change in a 7,000-word essay in Rolling Stone in June.

Obama's reversal on the EPA's smog—or ground-level ozone—standard on Friday infuriated nearly all corners of the environmental and public health community. Obama also directly contradicted EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson, who had indicated she wanted to move forward with the rule now. Obama punted proposing a tougher ozone standard until at least 2013.

The ground-level ozone standard enacted during the George W. Bush administration remains in place as environmental and public health groups revive their challenges in court, alleging that the Bush-era standard isn't aggressive enough given the current scientific understanding of the detrimental health affects of excessive ground-level ozone.

Gore retorted that the Bush standard has "now been embraced by the Obama White House."

And there could be more disappointing news in store for Gore and other climate activists. Obama's EPA has indicated it will issue the first-ever regulations to control greenhouse gases that contribute to climate change by Sept. 26. But it seems likely the EPA may delay the proposal for a second time.

The regulations have not been sent to the White House Office of Management and Budget for review. And rules typically spend at least a month in OMB's hands before agencies can release them. EPA already has delayed these rules once, from an initial target date of July 26 to Sept. 26. EPA maintains that it will still meet its May 26, 2012, deadline to finalize the rules.

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Lawyers Plot Next Steps in Legal Battle Over Ozone Rule

New York Times (Greenwire)

By LAWRENCE HURLEY AND GABRIEL NELSON of Greenwire

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A blog about energy and the environment.

Litigation before the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia had been put on hold when President Obama took office in early 2009 and U.S. EPA considered whether to revise the rules first introduced the previous year, at the tail end of the George W. Bush administration.

The White House dismayed environmentalists last Friday when Obama announced that the administration wouldn't adopt the new regulations (Greenwire, Sept. 2).

The White House told EPA to wait for another ongoing review to finish, to avoid having two reviews hanging over the economy at once. Obama framed it as a step toward "reducing regulatory burdens and regulatory uncertainty, particularly as our economy continues to recover."

That means a new final rule wouldn't come until 2013 at the earliest, unless the court decides to speed up the process.

The now-abandoned proposal would have set the national ambient air quality standard (NAAQS) for ground-level ozone at between 60 and 70 parts per billion (ppb). The Bush administration's rule set the standard at 75 ppb.

The Bush standard seemed to please no one. Industry groups challenged it, saying it was too stringent, while environmental groups and the American Lung Association say it didn't go far enough.

The American Lung Association has already said it will "revive its participation in litigation with the administration, which was suspended following numerous assurances that the administration was going to complete the reconsideration and obey the law."

Even while the Obama administration was considering what to do with the Bush-era rule, industry groups had made it clear they wanted to continue with the litigation.

Allison Wood, a lawyer at Hunton & Williams who represents industry groups in the case, said she now expected briefing of the case to resume.

The first step would be for the court to issue an updated briefing schedule.

Wood said the White House announcement didn't have any bearing on her side's litigation strategy.

"This is more of a curveball for the other side," she added.

As for EPA, Justice Department lawyers notified the court of the administration's decision in a two-page filing Friday.

"In light of this development, EPA no longer expects that it will take final action to complete its reconsideration of the 2008 Ozone NAAQS in the near future," the filing states.

EPA said it would elaborate on its position in a subsequent filing, expected next Monday.

Earthjustice attorney David Baron, who represents the American Lung Association and other groups, said how his side proceeds depends on what EPA says in that filing.

"We are exploring all our legal options," he added.

'Not legally defensible'

Justice Department lawyers will return to court knowing that EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson has publicly said the Bush standards wouldn't hold up in court.

On July 11, two days after sending her package of final rules to the White House, Jackson wrote Sen. Tom Carper (D-Del.), one of the agency's staunchest allies as chairman of the Senate subcommittee that oversees the Clean Air Act.

The Bush administration's standards, she wrote, are "not legally defensible."

It's a sign of the abruptness of the change of course by the White House, which could be helpful to the American Lung Association and its allies, according to Peter Iwanowicz, the group's assistant vice president.

Considering that Jackson undercut the basis for the old standards in her letter, "lawyers at the EPA and the Justice Department are going to have to bend themselves into very curious-looking pretzels in order to defend against our lawsuit," he said.

The reason is *Whitman v. American Trucking Associations Inc.*, a Supreme Court decision from 2001 in which Justice Antonin Scalia, writing for a unanimous court, wrote that the air quality standards for ozone must be based solely on public health -- not on implementation costs.

The decision to revisit the Bush-era standard was one of Jackson's first steps after being made administrator. EPA had just lost a lawsuit saying that it hadn't set strict enough limits on particulate matter, a blend of dust and soot that, like ozone, is regulated using air quality standards that apply in every corner of the country.

Making the case for the old ozone standard "posed major challenges for the federal government given the strength of the scientific record at that time, the weakness of the 2008 ozone decision in light of that scientific record and the requirements of the [Clean Air Act], and other factors," Jackson wrote to Carper last month, explaining her thinking.

"Were the standard to be overturned in court," she added, "it would have resulted in more financial and planning uncertainty for cities and states, when they could afford it the least."

In another twist, environmental groups have not completely abandoned efforts to implement the Bush rule, even while continuing their criticism of it.

WildEarth Guardians, in a separate case in the District of Arizona, is seeking to kick-start EPA designation of areas that have fallen below the 2008 standards.

The group claimed in a complaint filed Aug. 24 that EPA has missed Clean Air Act deadlines.

"Importantly, air quality is not being cleaned up to protect public health," the lawsuit states.

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Al Gore takes Obama to task over ozone rules

Los Angeles Times (Politics Now)

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Former Vice President Al Gore is condemning President Obama's decision to back off stricter regulation of ozone emissions, saying he has "bowed to pressure from polluters" instead of "relying on science."

In a posting on his official blog, Gore noted that Obama was disregarding the advice of his own EPA administrator, Lisa Jackson, who called the levels of pollution now allowed "not legally defensible." In doing so, Gore writes, Obama has "embraced" the environmental views of his Republican predecessor.

"The result of the White House's action will be increased medical bills for seniors with lung disease, more children developing asthma, and the continued degradation of our air quality," Gore said.

Obama's decision on controversial rules to cut smog levels was announced Friday, to the delight of the business community but roundly condemned by some in the president's base.

In his announcement, Obama cited "the importance of reducing regulatory burdens and regulatory uncertainty, particularly as our economy continues to recover."
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Al Gore: Barack Obama is bad for the environment

Seattle Post-Intelligencer (blog)

September 7, 2011

By Chris Grygiel

Al Gore has some harsh words for President Barack Obama because of his announcement last week that he'll keep in place Bush-era smog standards.

Obama's blocked an EPA plan to lower emissions of ozone into the atmosphere.

On his personal blog, Gore, the former vice president and environmentalist, said:

"On Friday afternoon, as brave and committed activists continued their non-violent civil disobedience outside the White House in protest of the tar sands pipeline that would lead to a massive increase in global warming pollution, President Obama ordered the EPA to abandon its pursuit of new curbs on emissions that worsens disease-causing smog in US cities. Earlier this year, the EPA's administrator, Lisa Jackson, wrote that the levels of pollution now permitted — put in place by the Bush-Cheney administration— are "not legally defensible." Those very same rules have now been embraced by the Obama White House.

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Now Gore blasts Obama over pollution regs

USA Today (The Oval blog)

September 7, 2011

By David Jackson

"Instead of relying on science, President Obama appears to have bowed to pressure from polluters who did not want to bear the cost of implementing new restrictions on their harmful pollution," Gore wrote today on his blog, "even though economists have shown that the US economy would benefit from the job creating investments associated with implementing the new technology."

Obama --who has also been attacked by Robert Redford and other environmentalists -- announced Friday he wanted to remove uncertainty for businesses that would be affected by new ozone standards.

"I have continued to underscore the importance of reducing regulatory burdens and regulatory uncertainty, particularly as our economy continues to recover," Obama said. "Ultimately, I did not support asking state and local governments to begin implementing a new standard that will soon be reconsidered."

Gore, who has criticized Obama economic policy before, isn't buying the president's argument on ozone standards.

In his blog entry, the 2000 Democratic Party presidential nominee also cited recent White House protests over a proposed oil pipeline:

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Carol Browner 'disappointed' by ozone move

Politico

September 7, 2011

By ROBIN BRAVENDER | 9/7/11 11:24 AM EDT

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Add Carol Browner to the list of people dismayed by the White House's backtracking on smog.

"Obviously I was disappointed," said Browner, President Barack Obama's former top energy and environmental adviser, during an energy policy discussion Wednesday hosted by The Atlantic.

"I think that this particular provision of the Clean Air Act is a very important provision," she said, referring to the national air quality standards required for certain air pollutants. "It requires EPA to review the science for the most commonly found air pollutants on a regular basis and set a standard based on the best available science."

Despite her disappointment, Browner said she found a silver lining.

She welcomed the "commitment the president made in the announcement to ensuring that EPA is able to move forward with other important regulations," like the upcoming mercury standard for power plants, which she said "will be very important from a public health perspective."

Browner also said the president made a "valuable point about the fact that there is another review under way" at EPA, and that more science has emerged since the George W. Bush administration's 2008 ozone

standard was set.

On Friday, Obama jettisoned his administration's plans to revise the 2008 smog standard, citing "the importance of reducing regulatory burdens and regulatory uncertainty." Obama also said the EPA should wait to revise the rule until the next scheduled round of review is due in 2013.

The Bush administration's 2008 ozone standard has never actually taken effect, leaving in place a weaker limit set when Browner was EPA administrator during the Clinton administration.

Since stepping down from her White House post this year, Browner has joined the Center for American Progress and the Albright Stonebridge Group.

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Afternoon Fix: Al Gore takes Obama to task

Washington Post (Afternoon Fix)

Sept, 7, 2011

* The latest environmentalist to take President Obama to task for overriding the Environmental Protection Agency on smog restrictions — former vice president Al Gore. "Instead of relying on science, President Obama appears to have bowed to pressure from polluters who did not want to bear the cost of implementing new restrictions on their harmful pollution," Gore wrote on his blog.

EDITORIAL

Obama's Ozone Capitulation: Celebrated by Conservatives and Denounced by Liberals

Huffington Post

Josh Nelson, Campaign Manager, CREDO Action

September 7, 2011

President Obama's decision to undercut EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson by cancelling a long-overdue update to smog standards was a mistake on both the politics and the policy. For smart takes on the politics of this, you can read Steve Benen and Paul Krugman. For smart takes on the policy implications, read Brad Plumer, Kate Sheppard and David Dayen.

In assessing the implications of policy decisions, it is useful to consider how various individuals and organizations respond. To that end, I've compiled some key reactions to President Obama's announcement.

So far I've found 7 Republican politicians and 7 industry groups that are supportive of the President's decision, and 2 Democratic politicians and 12 public interest groups that are critical of the decision. If you know of other statements that should be included here, please let me know.

Notably, even as the Republicans and industry groups praised the decision, many of them managed to include an attack on the President in their statement as well.

Breathing uneasily: Obama retreats on tightening smog standards

Baltimore Sun (Editorial)

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By Rena Steinzor

Obama's pandering to business on air pollution will cost lives

In a decision that outraged public health experts and environmentalists Friday, President Barack Obama announced that he had directed the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency not to do anything further to lower smog in the air until 2013 — after he has been reelected (or so he hopes). EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson was about to tighten controls, which are at this moment significantly less protective even than what the Bush administration thought acceptable. But President Obama, apparently anxious to placate relentless critics at the American Petroleum Institute and the Chamber of Commerce, told Ms. Jackson to back off.

The business groups could hardly contain their glee, disingenuously describing the president's decision as an "enormous victory for America's job creators." Too bad, I guess, for Americans who breathe, the vast majority of whom will now be faced with the consequence of this phony choice between jobs and clean air — air that is, according to the EPA's scientific advisory panel, unsafe.

For Maryland, Mr. Obama's pander was very bad news. The air in the Baltimore/Washington corridor fails to meet the EPA's current — weaker — safety standards. As a result, Code Orange alert days, when the air is so bad that children, asthmatics and the elderly are warned to stay indoors, have become routine. Evaluating Maryland air quality, the American Lung Association gave every place an "F" except for Baltimore City and Garrett County, which got "C's," and Worcester County, which got a "D."

Republican Party Harford County has had 49 Code Orange days this year, leading the state. Cecil is next with 34; Anne Arundel had 31; and Baltimore County had 24. (It seems paradoxical for the state's biggest city to be doing better than Harford or Anne Arundel, but the reason is the wind, which blows all the smothering gases from I-95 traffic, power plants and chemical plants into the suburbs.)

About 1.3 million Marylanders suffer from cardiovascular disease, and 140,000 of our children have asthma. For many of them, unrelenting smog could become debilitating. That's if they're lucky. If they're not, it could become an early death sentence. According to the EPA's analysis, stronger smog standards could have saved 4,300 lives nationally and avoided as many as 2,200 heart attacks a year.

President Obama's retreat is particularly craven because EPA Administrator Jackson had made a deal with environmental organizations in 2009 to immediately reconsider the Bush administration's ozone standard. The groups had brought lawsuits against the EPA because the Bush-proposed standard was so much weaker than the one a blue ribbon panel of scientific experts said was necessary to fulfill the Clean Air Act's mandate to protect public health. The deal Ms. Jackson struck with the organizations required action by August 2010, but the EPA missed the deadline repeatedly. Now, we must live with a 1997 standard much weaker even than what the Bush administration proposed, at least until 2013.

After taking the unusual step of issuing a statement personally derailing the EPA's efforts, Mr. Obama sent White House regulatory czar Cass Sunstein out to give Ms. Jackson her humiliating marching orders. The logic of these orders suggests he has been making visits down the Rabbit Hole with Alice: The 1997 standard cannot be changed because in 2013, the EPA might decide to change it again. Better to have only one decision made, and a let a few more thousand people die in the meantime. They're anonymous deaths, after all.

The science here is squarely against the president. But what makes the decision doubly mystifying is that the politics are lousy as well. Business groups and Republicans in Congress won't lay off Mr. Obama now that they've won this one; they'll just move on to a different regulatory fight. And it's hard to imagine a groundswell of campaign contributions from polluting industries to the Obama reelection effort.

Perhaps President Obama is assuming that voters who have children with asthma or heart conditions will conclude they have no better choice than him. That may well be true. But it takes more than traditional

Democrats listlessly pulling levers to win these days, as the president should remember from the last time around, when he pledged to be a transformative — not a business-as-usual — leader.

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Ozone decision shortsighted

Sarasota Tribune

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Too often, our nation fails to seize opportunity. Worse, it sometimes throws one away.

The Environmental Protection Agency states:

* Ground-level ozone is created by a chemical reaction between oxides of nitrogen and volatile organic compounds in the presence of sunlight.

* Sources include motor vehicle exhaust and industrial emissions, gasoline vapors, and chemical solvents as well as natural sources.

A case in point is the president's recent decision to scuttle proposed new standards for the reduction of ground-level ozone, a major component of smog.

The proposal represented an opportunity to improve public health and nudge the U.S. toward more sustainable practices, with long-needed investments in clean-energy infrastructure.

But President Barack Obama chose to stick with current ozone standards, out of fear that stricter rules would impose high costs on industry, consumers and out-of-compliance county governments.

To be sure, the expense of implementation — projected broadly between \$19 billion and \$90 billion a year by 2020 — would be considerable. Business interests warned of job cuts and higher prices.

Those impacts are clearly unwelcome as the U.S. struggles with an unemployment rate stuck near 9 percent. But if the country had done more to fight ozone in good times, when the economy was strong, we would now be reaping the benefits.

Such is the danger of delay when it comes to doing the right thing. A narrow focus on lowering costs today can prevent the country from making clean-air investments for the future.

Practices that save money for industry can shift expenses onto the victims of ozone pollution, leading to thousands of emergency room visits a year, countless lost workdays and possibly increased deaths. Ozone pollution also can lower crop yields and damage vegetation, according to the Environmental Protection Agency.

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In addition, we believe, money plowed into industrial emission controls would support jobs, as all infrastructure investments do. That's not to say there would be no market disruptions, but the point is that the short-term pain ultimately would lead to economic growth and help the U.S. reach long-term environmental goals. Those are productive, desirable ends.

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Memo to EPA chief Lisa Jackson: Defy Obama or resign

Grist

September 7, 2011

By Thomas McGarity

Last Friday, President Obama ordered EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson to withdraw EPA's new ambient air quality standard for ground level ozone (smog). The order came in a letter [PDF] from Cass Sunstein, the head of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs in the Office of Management and Budget.

The order does not pretend to be based on science. Indeed, it flies in the face of the available science on the human health effects of ozone as determined on at least two occasions by EPA's Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC). The White House acknowledges -- even touts -- that the order is based on economic considerations. (President Obama wrote in a statement Friday that "I have continued to underscore the importance of reducing regulatory burdens and regulatory uncertainty, particularly as our economy continues to recover. With that in mind, and after careful consideration, I have requested that Jackson withdraw the draft Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards at this time.") But the Supreme Court, in a unanimous decision written by Justice Antonin Scalia, held that costs are not to be considered in setting ambient air quality standards.

If Jackson obeys the order, her action may not strictly violate the letter of the Clean Air Act, but it will violate the spirit of that statute. It will also be the wrong thing to do from a public policy perspective. Leaving the current standard in place will (according to EPA's own calculations) result in up to 2,200 heart attacks and up to 4,300 deaths per year.

Jackson should therefore disobey the order or resign.

The determination of the appropriate level for the national ambient air quality standard for ozone is not Cass Sunstein's or Barack Obama's decision to make. The Clean Air Act delegates the decision to promulgate ambient air quality standards to the administrator of EPA, not the president or his White House underlings.

In other words, Jackson is the delegated decision-maker, and she is duty-bound to act in accordance with the statute. Although the White House has not disclosed the contents of the package that EPA sent to it back in July, Jackson had concluded that the law and the available science demand a more stringent standard (citing, in 2010, "concerns that the 2008 standards were not legally defensible"). She should therefore propose the standard that she, not President Obama, deems most appropriate. Furthermore, she should honor a commitment that she made to environmental organizations who had challenged the insufficiently stringent George W. Bush administration standard that she promulgate a new standard expeditiously if they put their lawsuit on hold.

Realistically, it is not very likely that Jackson will violate a direct order of the president to put the standard aside until after the election. If not, she should therefore do the honorable thing and resign.

Let me explain.

Under the Clean Air Act, EPA is required to establish ambient air quality standards at a level that protects human health with an adequate margin of safety. It's at this standard-setting stage that the Supreme Court made clear that costs may not be considered -- the law doesn't call for it, and it's not for the courts, EPA, or the president to attempt to insert cost as a factor. Once a standard is established, the states are supposed to require sources of ozone-producing pollutants, such as power plants and refineries, to implement controls that are sufficient to ensure that the standard will be attained in the future. Costs may, of course, be taken into account in writing state implementation plans. That means that EPA's task at hand is to make a scientific judgment about what the standard should be -- not a political or economic one. How, when, and at what cost the states live up to the standard is a separate decision.

The act also requires EPA to reexamine the science every five years and determine whether a standard needs to be revised, again, based on the science. Since EPA first began writing standards for ozone in 1970, the standards have become increasingly stringent as more scientific information has demonstrated that photochemical oxidants have adverse effects on human beings at lower and lower concentrations.

The currently applicable standard of 84 parts per billion (ppb) was promulgated in 1997. When the George W. Bush administration finally got around to revising the standard in 2008, it proposed a standard of 75 ppb, which was less stringent than the 60-70 ppb range that CASAC had recommended. In an extraordinary act of resistance, CASAC told the EPA administrator that the proposed standard was not supported by the scientific evidence. Not surprisingly, environmental groups challenged the Bush administration standard in court. As mentioned above, they put their lawsuit on hold to give EPA time to write a more stringent standard.

Soon after president Obama was inaugurated, Jackson struck a deal with the environmental organizations, under which EPA withdrew the Bush administration standard and promised to propose a new (and presumably more stringent) standard by August 2010. The agreement effectively left the outdated 1997 standard in place, because EPA told the states not to worry about implementing the withdrawn standard.

EPA missed the August 2010 deadline. Out of an abundance of caution, Jackson asked CASAC to review the scientific information one more time. CASAC did so and once again recommended a standard in the 60-70 ppb range. In January of this year, Jackson said that EPA would propose a standard in that range. The agency then completed its proposal and sent it to the White House Office of Management and Budget in July, where it languished until last Friday.

If Jackson now reneges on her agreement with the environmental organizations and puts the ozone standard on the back burner until 2013 or later, Americans living in cities -- where ozone pollution is at its worst -- will be left in worse shape than they would have been had the inadequate Bush administration standard gone into effect.

When White House officials ordered EPA Administrator Bill Reilly to narrow the agency's definition of "wetlands" under the Clean Water Act during the George H.W. Bush administration, he refused to do so,

and the White House backed off. Four days after being humiliated by the disclosure that a White House underling had rewritten the global warming section of a major agency report on air quality, President George W. Bush's first EPA administrator, Christine Todd Whitman, deleted the rewritten section from the report and resigned.

For the last two-and-a-half years, Jackson has been an outstanding EPA administrator. Like Bill Ruckelshaus in 1983, she stirred a shell-shocked agency into action and renewed the government's commitment to clean air and water. The nation owes her an enormous debt of gratitude.

But she has now been ordered to sacrifice the public health in pursuit of an elusive promise from the energy industry that reducing environmental protections will magically yield economic growth. We have been down that road before during the early years of the Reagan administration, during the last year of the George H.W. Bush administration, and during the entire George W. Bush administration. And we know from past experience that both environmental degradation and economic stagnation lie at the end of that road.

Jackson has served ably and courageously. With her boss now telling her to do the unconscionable, she's got one last act of courage ahead of her, leaving her with only two reasonable alternatives. She should either defy him or step down. Either way, she'll be a hero.

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Letters: Foul decision on air quality

Newsday

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President Barack Obama speaks to an enthusiastic crowd during a Labor Day event in the shadow of the GM Renaissance Center in Detroit, Mich. (Sept. 5, 2011)

President Barack Obama has caved in to big polluters ["Obama drops smog rule after GOP pressure," News, Sept. 3]. After all the years of clean air legislation, we are moving backwards.

Doesn't the president know that more people, not fewer, are suffering from asthma and other lung and respiratory diseases? Aren't we trying to reduce the cost of health care?

How can you speak of one without thought to what the consequences will be to everyone's health if we step backwards on environmental control?

Janet Lehmbeck-Morgan, Valley Stream

President Obama is taking a Republican wrong position on the environment. If he does not update smog standards, he will not get my vote in the next Democratic primary, as I am sure there will be another person opposing him.

I am 82 years old, and all of a sudden, I am having all kinds of breathing problems. But, I am mainly concerned about my young grandchildren.

Robert E. Tolimieri, Seaford

Why did President Obama back away from a recommendation to update smog standards? Studies have shown that raising the standards would save thousands of people with asthma and other lung ailments.

I'm concerned that the president is slowly backing off from the proposals he ran for in the last election. He should stop trying to make everyone happy, especially the Republicans in Congress, and do what is right!

Although it would cost some industries money to upgrade, it would also create jobs making clean-air products. I urge all my fellow Long Islanders to contact the president, the EPA and our congressional leaders to support the recommended clean-air initiatives.

Nick VanAtter, Centereach

Alisha Johnson/DC/USEPA/US

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To Richard Windsor, Arvin Ganesan, Avi Garbow, Barbara Bennett, Bob Perciasepe, Bob Sussman, Dru Ealons, Elizabeth Ashwell, Gina McCarthy, Joseph Goffman, Laura Vaught, Michael Goo, Sarah Pallone, Scott Fulton, Stephanie Owens, David Bloomgren, Heidi Ellis, Betsaida Alcantara, Brendan Gilfillan, Seth Oster, Janet Woodka

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All,

Attached and below is today's round of media and editorial coverage from Friday's ozone standards announcement.



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Al Gore: Obama isn't "relying on science"

September 7, 2011 7:10 PM

By Brian Montopoli

(Credit: AP Photo) Al Gore has posted a note entitled "confronting disappointment" in which he takes President Obama to task for "[bowing] to pressure from polluters" in ordering the Environmental Protection Agency not to seek a tightening of air-quality standards.

The EPA's proposal had been under fire from Republicans and business groups who cast it as job-killing regulatory overreach. The new rules, which would have strengthened air quality standards beyond where they stand in many states, could have forced reductions in oil and gas projects, the Wall Street Journal reports.

"President Obama ordered the EPA to abandon its pursuit of new curbs on emissions that worsens disease-causing smog in US cities," Gore wrote, after lauding the recent protest of the "tar sands pipeline" at the White House. "Earlier this year, the EPA's administrator, Lisa Jackson, wrote that the

levels of pollution now permitted -- put in place by the Bush-Cheney administration-- are 'not legally defensible.' Those very same rules have now been embraced by the Obama White House."

Jackson had submitted the standards, called the Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards, in January of last year. In his statement announcing the decision to ask her to withdraw them - which was released on the Friday before the Labor Day holiday, a prime time to bury negative news - Mr. Obama said his administration has taken "some of the strongest actions since the enactment of the Clean Air Act." Yet the decision infuriated environmentalists already frustrated by the lack of serious action to combat climate change during the Obama presidency.

In his note, Gore went on to suggest Mr. Obama was ignoring both economic and scientific concerns.

"Instead of relying on science, President Obama appears to have bowed to pressure from polluters who did not want to bear the cost of implementing new restrictions on their harmful pollution--even though economists have shown that the US economy would benefit from the job creating investments associated with implementing the new technology," he wrote.

Added the former vice president: "The result of the White House's action will be increased medical bills for seniors with lung disease, more children developing asthma, and the continued degradation of our air quality."

EPA air chief declines to weigh in on Obama's ozone decision

The Hill

By Ben Geman

09/08/11 12:44 PM ET

The Environmental Protection Agency's top air quality official declined Thursday to assess President Obama's surprise decision last week to scuttle planned EPA rules to toughen Bush-era smog standards. "The president issued a statement and it should speak for itself," said Gina McCarthy, EPA's assistant administrator for air and regulation.

Rep. Steve Scalise (R-La.) asked her about Obama's decision to override EPA during a hearing of an Energy and Commerce Committee panel. Pressed further, McCarthy added: "The president made a decision and he asked the agency to pull back that rule and clearly the agency will. We will work very aggressively on the next review, which is what he asked us to do, the most current science, and we will move forward in 2013."

The administration plans to reconsider the standard in 2013.

Update: McCarthy, when the ozone standard came up again at the hearing, said "The president made a sound decision and the agency is following it."

But speaking briefly to reporters outside the hearing, McCarthy steered clear of addressing the merits of the ozone decision.

"I was asked whether or not the president had made a decision and if I agreed with it, I indicated that the president had a clear statement on that issue, that was his choice, and the administration is following it," she said.

Obama, in announcing the ozone decision Friday, cited the need to reduce regulatory burdens and uncertainty, especially during the economic recovery.

He also suggested that the ozone rule was a special case. "Work is already under way to update a 2006 review of the science that will result in the reconsideration of the ozone standard in 2013," Obama said Friday in a news release. "Ultimately, I did not support asking state and local governments to begin implementing a new standard that will soon be reconsidered."

The White House had come under immense pressure from industry groups and Republicans who alleged the rule would hinder the economy.

But the White House also vowed to hold firm on other Clean Air Act rules that Republicans are pushing to delay or scuttle.

EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson was brief in a prepared statement last week on Obama's decision to override EPA on the ozone rule — a rule she has touted as vital to reducing the public health impacts of smog.

"We will revisit the ozone standard, in compliance with the Clean Air Act," said Jackson, who had previously cited concerns the Bush-era ozone standards are "not legally defensible." But her comment also touted other EPA efforts to cut air pollution.

Jackson also noted that under Obama EPA has made "tremendous progress" and cited measures to cut nitrogen oxide and sulfur dioxide from power plants, upcoming rules to cut mercury emissions from power plants, and other protections the agency is enacting.
This post was updated at 12:58 p.m.

McCarthy to Congress: Back off air toxics rules

Politico

By Robin Bravender

9/8/11 1:27 PM EDT

The EPA's top air official wants Congress to lay off her agency's rules aimed at slashing air toxics from cement plants and industrial boilers.

Two House bills that would force the EPA's hand on rules aimed at cutting mercury and other air toxics "directly attack the core of the Clean Air Act" and would "indefinitely delay the important health benefits from national limits of air toxics," including mercury, EPA air chief Gina McCarthy told the House Energy and Power Subcommittee on Thursday.

Backers of the GOP-led bills — which both have bipartisan support — say imposing delays on the air toxics rules will prevent job losses and give the agency time to craft more flexible, industry-friendly rules. They also note that EPA officials have already asked for more time to reconsider the final rules to cut pollution from boilers and incinerators.

But McCarthy said her agency isn't looking for help from Capitol Hill.

"We did not ask for this; we do not need this," McCarthy said of the bills. "We can get these done and we can get them done without any assistance from the legislature, using the administrative process."

The House bills would force the EPA to wait at least 15 months to re-propose and finalize new rules for the industry sectors. They would also extend the three-year compliance deadlines for industry to at least five years.

McCarthy and House Democrats warned that the measures would block significant public health benefits by indefinitely punting rules that are already long overdue.

The bills would allow indefinite delays by "eliminating the Clean Air Act deadlines for rulemaking and setting no new deadlines," said House Energy and Commerce Committee ranking member Henry Waxman (D-Calif.).

According to the EPA's analysis, delaying just the major source boiler rule by three years would allow up to 20,000 additional premature deaths, 12,000 additional heart attacks and 123,000 asthma attacks, McCarthy said in her written testimony.

Under the House bills, the EPA wouldn't be able to finalize replacement rules before March 2013 at the earliest, McCarthy said. That timeline would also punt the rules past the 2012 election, and critics of the bills accuse backers of attempting to punt the rules to a different administration.

But supporters of the bills rejected efforts to characterize the bills as rollbacks of pollution rules.

"Quite the contrary," said Energy and Power Subcommittee Chairman Ed Whitfield (R-Ky.). "Both the cement and boiler bills allow — and in fact require — that new emissions controls be implemented. But they replace unrealistic targets and timetables with achievable ones."

Whitfield cited industry estimates that as many as 20 percent of domestic cement plants would be forced

to shutter under the EPA cement rules, and that the threat to jobs is "even greater" under the boiler rule because of the wide variety of employers that will be affected. House GOP leadership has announced plans to bring both bills up for floor votes the week of Oct. 3.

Does a healthy environment harm jobs?

CNN Money

By Steve Hargreaves

September 8, 2011: 4:31 PM ET

Industry says millions of jobs will be lost if the EPA enacts planned regulations. Others say this is just a scare tactic and should be ignored, especially when lives are at stake.

NEW YORK (CNMoney) -- Despite easing off on one particular clean air regulation last week, there's every indication President Obama plans on tightening a half-dozen other environmental rules in the months ahead.

That has become a lightning rod for the business community and Republican lawmakers. With the economy on the brink of a second recession and job creation anemic, many say now is not the time to combat pollution. The regulations, they say, will result in factory closures and jobs losses just when the nation needs them least.

On the other side are supporters of stricter pollution controls, including environmental groups and public health advocates like the American Lung Association. And they say industry always cries "job losses" whenever it's told to clean up its act.

Those job losses are seldom as bad as feared, the advocates say, because cleaning up the environment actually creates jobs as companies buy and install pollution-control equipment. Plus, they say the benefits far outweigh the costs overall because fewer people need health care or call in sick to work.

However, this debate has been taking place nearly since Henry David Thoreau sat on the banks of Walden Pond, and no clear victor has ever emerged. Each side has numbers and studies to support its case.

A ratcheting up: What's clear is the regulations are getting stricter, and it's not entirely Obama's fault.

The Clean Air Act, first passed under President Nixon in 1970 and strengthened under the first President Bush, requires the Environmental Protection Agency to update pollution standards every five years. The science regarding how much pollution people can handle without getting sick gets better as time passes, the thinking goes, as does the technology available to clean things up.

The president has the power to stop the EPA, although that power is subject to court challenge. Congress can also stop the agency if it changes the law. But barring either of those events, the EPA has the authority to act on its own, and that's exactly what it's doing.

EPA scientists, having determined that air pollution is worse for people than previously thought and that improved technology to clean it now exists, have been urging stricter air-quality standards since at least 2004.

The administration of George W. Bush refused to implement those standards, which drew a court challenge from the environmental and public health community. They backed off only when Obama took office and promised to tighten the rules. Now that he's also punting on one of them -- the smog standard -- those court challenges are back on.

Obama backs off tough clean air regulation

But in addition to the smog standard, several other rules are in the process of getting tightened by the EPA.

They include one requiring industrial boilers -- the type used in factories, buildings or campuses to create heat or electricity -- to be much cleaner. They also include similar rules for utilities and cement plants, as well as a novel plan to regulate greenhouse gases.

At a paper mill: How these rules affect each industry varies greatly. Take a paper plant.

Under the new rules, many of the massive boilers in paper plants -- which can be several stories high -- would need to be completely reengineered to meet the new standards. The reengineering could include the addition or reconfiguration of pipes and valves, modifications to let the boilers burn a different type of fuel or the installation of additional filters on the smoke stacks.

The paper industry says this would cost billions. On Wednesday the industry said 36 mills across the country would become unprofitable if they had to make those modifications. Those mills would be shut, the industry said, taking with them 20,000 direct jobs -- 18% of the industry's workforce.

"This study reinforces the harmful job impacts of the boiler rules and the need to get the rules right," American Forest and Paper Association head Donna Harman said in a statement. "The regulations can and must be developed in a way that protects both jobs and the public health."

With zero jobs, recession risk just got worse

If the proposed smog rule would have gone through, 7.6 million jobs would have been lost by 2020, according to a letter dozens of industry groups sent to Obama last month.

Economy-wide, industry says millions more jobs will be lost if all of the EPA's actions are not stopped.

"When you elevate the costs so much, companies will either downsize or move elsewhere," said Ross Eisenberg, environmental and energy counsel for the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. "At what point do you push them to the point they can no longer operate."

This fear has led to a congressional backlash against the EPA, with House Republicans making it a top priority to rein in the agency.

"By pursuing a steady repeal of job-destroying regulations, we can help lift the cloud of uncertainty hanging over small and large employers alike, empowering them to hire more workers," House Majority Leader Eric Cantor said in a statement last week.

EPA to the rescue: But stopping the EPA won't be easy. The agency has plenty of supporters, including the president, at least for now. And their arguments are just as compelling as industry's.

For starters, they say industry is exaggerating on the jobs front, threatening massive losses when what businesses are really concerned about is smaller profits for themselves and diminished returns for shareholders.

According to a study from the Center for American Progress, regions of the country that were deemed to not meet acceptable levels of smog -- and hence subject to restrictions on development -- grew at a rate of 0.07% from 2004 to 2008. That compares with a rate of 0.87% for the country overall -- a difference the study said was not statistically significant.

Moreover, unemployment in the areas subject to restrictions actually rose by a smaller amount -- 2.21% versus 2.3%.

"The data shows that the fear of drastic economic harm due to a stronger standard is unwarranted," the study said, "despite industries' fevered predictions."

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Supporters also say that while some jobs may be lost as older, dirtier factories shut, other jobs will be created.

"Companies don't just burn this money," said Daniel Weiss, director of climate strategy at the Center for American Progress. "They buy equipment, pay someone to install it, pay someone to run it. That creates jobs."

According to a study from the University of Massachusetts, requiring coal utilities to run cleaner would actually create 1.5 million new jobs each year for five years after the regulation took effect.

Then there's the public health benefits.

By not enforcing the new smog standard, 4,000 Americans will die each year, the Natural Resources Defense Council said in a statement.

If the EPA is prevented from going forward with its other actions, 17,000 Americans will die prematurely, 11,000 people would have heart attacks and 120,000 children would experience asthma attacks every year.

"These aren't theoretical injuries or ideological blows," NRDC President Frances Beinecke wrote in a blog post last week. "These are people's lives turned upside down."

Which argument Washington finds most compelling will become clear over the next few months.

EDITORIAL

Editorial: Obama's shortsighted decision on ozone standards

Dallas Morning News

08 September 2011 06:45 AM

Savings today aren't really savings if the consequences of inaction cost more tomorrow.

It's the reason responsible people patch a leaky roof so that water doesn't destroy a home or repair a faulty car tire before it blows out on the expressway. And it is the reason President Barack Obama's decision to back away from a tougher air quality standard for ozone is remarkably shortsighted.

Bowing to pressure from industry and GOP lawmakers who said the rule would kill jobs in an ailing economy, the president last week overruled his own Environmental Protection Agency to delay a tougher standard until at least 2013. This is the same president who vowed that science and health, not politics, would drive environmental safety decisions.

The reversal should be particularly distressing to North Texans. The region hasn't met the old regulations and has long been dragging its feet on efforts to comply with newer ones. The president's action is being hailed in some business quarters as a win, yet leaders should be cringing at the long-term impact of further delay.

Until the president abruptly stepped in, EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson had been on track to accelerate the review and lower the air quality standard for ozone, currently 75 parts per billion and set in 2008. On the advice of an EPA scientific advisory committee and findings from decades of ozone studies worldwide, Jackson was prepared to tighten the standard to between 60 and 70 parts per billion.

While Obama pointed out the potential costs of regulation as a business burden, he simply ignored the economic and health benefits from tougher ozone regulation. Environmental and medical groups estimate that stronger ozone standards would save 4,300 lives, avert 2,200 heart attacks and produce at least \$37 billion in health benefits each year. The EPA says that various other Clean Air Act standards last year cost about \$50 billion but produced about \$1.3 trillion in public health and environmental benefits.

The benefits far exceed the costs, and in the long run, tougher regulations resulting in cleaner air also would save taxpayers, employers and state and local governments billions of dollars in health-related costs and avert the loss of economic vibrancy in a community shrouded in bad air. California's smog history is a prime example of how bad air can stall economic growth and lead to daunting cleanup costs.

Businesses require certainty and reliability so they can plan proper investments. Smart economists make the credible argument that well-designed regulation can jump-start innovation and competitiveness, particularly within industries with strict performance standards.

Yes, there is a price tag on environmental regulations, but there also are significant intractable costs to human health and economic activity if we continue to tolerate unacceptable levels of dangerous air. Skies in North Texas are not going to become cleaner unless policymakers remain committed to achieving ambitious clean air goals. The president's action does us no favors.

A costly decision

Ozone, the primary ingredient in smog, is formed when heat and sunlight act on nitrogen oxides and hydrocarbons from tailpipes, smokestacks and other sources. The following groups are especially vulnerable to ozone:

Children and teens.

People 65 and older.

People who work or exercise outdoors.

People with lung diseases, such as asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (also known as COPD, which includes emphysema and chronic bronchitis).

Healthy people who have strong reactions to ozone.

Source: American Lung Association

Letters: Obama Blocks an Air Pollution Rule

New York Times

Published: September 7, 2011

Re; "Obama Abandons a Stricter Limit on Air Pollution" (front page, Sept. 3):

How terribly shortsighted and reckless of President Obama to reverse a regulation that protects against the scourge of polluted air.

As the author of a book about the late Senator Gaylord Nelson of Wisconsin, the principal founder of Earth Day, I am aware of how tirelessly he and others worked to secure legislation that would protect our air, water and land. The Clean Air Act is a prime example.

To reverse a regulation intended to cut down toxic emissions is to tamper with the health, safety and quality of life of present and future generations.

To quote Senator Nelson, "As we think about the richness of the world in which we live — its forests, its clear blue waters and all of its varied life forms — we must understand how our actions affect all of them."

SHEILA T. COHEN
Madison, Wis., Sept. 6, 2011

To the Editor:

I am heartbroken and horrified by President Obama's refusal to update smog standards. Updating the standards is long overdue, and such updates would have a highly beneficial effect on health care costs as well as pushing corporations to invest in the kind of essential technology and infrastructure needed to reduce pollution and create jobs.

Perhaps the most distressing aspect of the president's action is that he appears to believe, and act on, the lies disseminated by the right, particularly members of the Tea Party, about the prohibitive cost of environmental protection, rather than acknowledging the truth: that the cost of not protecting the environment is overwhelming and irreversible.

What has happened to the passionate, committed man we elected?

EDWINA TRENTHAM
Moodus, Conn., Sept. 5, 2011

To the Editor:

"A Debate Arises on Job Creation vs. Environmental Regulation" (Business Day, Sept. 5) led with the recently withdrawn smog standard and then suggested that regulating now could be problematic in light of the economy's weakness.

The withdrawn standard, however, would establish a goal for state air pollution programs and therefore produces no immediate costs at all.

Companies will incur costs only many years from now after states translate these goals into specific requirements for polluters. And if history is any guide, those costs will have a vanishingly small effect on employment, and some of that effect may be positive.

Environmental regulations account for less than one-tenth of 1 percent of mass layoffs. An administration seriously concerned about unemployment, rather than appeasing polluters and their allies, would focus its attention elsewhere.

The recession does not justify sacrificing thousands of lives by suspending a crucial health-protective standard being carried out many years hence.

DAVID M. DRIESEN
Syracuse, Sept. 5, 2011

The writer teaches environmental law at Syracuse University.

To the Editor:

Re "Stung by the President on Air Quality, Environmentalists Weigh Their Options" (news article, Sept. 4):

I want to express my support for President Obama's sound decision. Environmental issues are often played as trump cards when they should instead be weighed against other concerns.

Our air has become very clean over the last few decades (thanks to great work by environmentalists), so air quality issues no longer have the urgency they once had. This is not the time to be imposing expensive solutions to minor problems.

I'm an independent who voted for Barack Obama in 2008.

MICHAEL SHERMAN
Mountain View, Calif., Sept. 4, 2011

To the Editor:

Re "A Bad Call on Ozone" (editorial, Sept. 3):

Those of us in "the reality-based community" can only shake our heads in disgust as President Obama betrays one more of his principles.

Perhaps he can save all of us a lot of grief by simply announcing the principles he will abandon in his quest for re-election.

Better to be disgusted all at once than to have to suffer through this numbing drip, drip, drip of disheartening news as he abandons all that we thought he stood for.

LARRY BARKAN
Tempe, Ariz., Sept. 3, 2011

Robinson: Ozone outlook mostly cloudy

Washington Post
By Eugene Robinson
September 8, 2011
WASHINGTON --

Republicans are trying to sell the false premise that protecting the environment inevitably means sacrificing jobs. President Obama should denounce this snake oil for what it is -- rather than appear to accept it.

The GOP presidential candidates are in remarkable agreement on two articles of faith: The human imagination, apparently, is incapable of conjuring any circumstance under which any tax may ever be raised. And the Environmental Protection Agency is a sinister laboratory where Birkenstock-shod evildoers conjure regulations purposefully designed to rob Americans of their God-given jobs.

Actually, I'm being somewhat unfair to Mitt Romney, who tempers his EPA-bashing with the admission that he supports the agency "in much of its mission." When he was governor of Massachusetts, Romney favored initiatives to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, perhaps even a regional cap-and-trade system. He doesn't bring this up much on the campaign trail, but his opponents do.

The other contenders range from anti-EPA all the way to ... well, to Michele Bachmann's pledge to abolish the agency. Bachmann told an Iowa crowd in August that if she is elected president, "I guarantee you the EPA will have doors locked and lights turned off, and they will only be about conservation. It will be a new day and a new sheriff in Washington."

At the GOP debate in New Hampshire, Bachmann added that "there is no other agency like the EPA. It should really be renamed the Job-Killing Organization of America." Newt Gingrich agrees that the EPA -- established in 1970 by that noted tree-hugger, Richard Nixon -- should be dismantled.

Rick Perry has an actual record as an EPA-brasher, having taken the agency to court in an effort to block rules on greenhouse gas emissions. Obama's "EPA regulations are killing jobs all across America," Perry said.

Perry's book "Fed Up!" cites an estimate by the conservative Heritage Foundation of catastrophic job losses from greenhouse gas rules.

Perry also refers to Al Gore as "a false prophet of a secular carbon cult," whatever on Earth that means.

Ron Paul says most environmental questions should be resolved through the courts. Herman Cain and Jon Huntsman take the orthodox position: that any new environmental regulations should be put on hold because enacting them would kill jobs.

On Friday, Obama appeared to cede the point.

He blocked new EPA rules limiting ground-level ozone -- otherwise known as smog -- as part of a larger effort to reduce "regulatory burdens and regulatory uncertainty" for U.S. businesses.

The move came hours after a disappointing labor report was released, showing that the economy added no new jobs in August.

As EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson noted in a statement, the Obama administration has made great strides in limiting such atmospheric pollutants as sulfur dioxide and mercury.

Not every conceivable environmental regulation makes sense.

But the ozone rule seemed well-grounded, and the objections to it were more political than rational.

We don't have to choose between jobs and health. History demonstrates we can have both.

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Obama's EPA: Confronting Disappointment

Huffington Post

By Al Gore

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On Friday afternoon, as brave and committed activists continued their non-violent civil disobedience outside the White House in protest of the tar sands pipeline that would lead to a massive increase in global warming pollution, President Obama ordered the EPA to abandon its pursuit of new curbs on emissions that worsens disease-causing smog in US cities. Earlier this year, the EPA's administrator, Lisa Jackson, wrote that the levels of pollution now permitted -- put in place by the Bush-Cheney administration -- are "not legally defensible." Those very same rules have now been embraced by the Obama White House.

Instead of relying on science, President Obama appears to have bowed to pressure from polluters who did not want to bear the cost of implementing new restrictions on their harmful pollution -- even though economists have shown that the US economy would benefit from the job creating investments associated

with implementing the new technology. The result of the White House's action will be increased medical bills for seniors with lung disease, more children developing asthma, and the continued degradation of our air quality.

In the pea soup

The Economist
Sep 10th 2011

The administration hands a victory to America's polluters

ASSAILED by the right, Barack Obama socked it to the left on September 2nd, by backtracking on a new rule to mitigate air pollution. As proposed by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)—a hate object to many Republicans—the rule would have reduced ambient ozone, a toxic gas created by power-plant emissions and exhaust fumes, to less deadly levels than America currently permits. According to the EPA, this would by 2020 have saved up to 12,000 lives and 2.5m working days and school days lost to the toxic effect of ozone on American lungs each year. It would also have cost polluters and government up to \$90 billion per year—a toll that, in hard times, Mr Obama felt unable to levy.

His proxies also argued that, as the current legal ozone limit—75 parts per billion—was up for review in 2013, it anyway made sense to delay reducing it. The aborted change—to 60-70 parts per billion—would merely have brought the safety limit into line with scientific advice given to (and rejected by) George Bush junior in 2008: the delay will allow the EPA to consider more recent data. But greens are unimpressed. They had been persuaded to suspend legal challenges to the Bush-era rule—which appears to contravene the Clean Air Act (CAA) under which it falls—on the understanding that Mr Obama would fix it. They also argue that, as the 2013 review must be held anyway, the net effect of Mr Obama's retreat is more ozone pollution.

Polluters are cock-a-hoop—and so are the Republicans, who have become ever less verdant since the recession began. Many think that the EPA is a left-wing wrecking operation and Mr Obama's hitherto willingness to approve its edicts characteristic of his job-killing attachment to unnecessary regulation. Besides American lungs, this ignores a few things: that the CAA was beefed up under a Republican president (Nixon); that the EPA is bound not to factor economic costs into its rulings on the CAA; and that those rulings so far approved under Mr Obama were mostly demanded by the courts, to clear up the mess made of America's environmental regulation by Mr Bush.

Yet at least Republicans are bound to beat up Mr Obama. The scorn that greens, who are mostly Democrat, increasingly show him is a bigger threat to his re-election hopes. They cite a pattern of presidential retreat on big environmental issues, including a perceived friendliness towards the proposed Keystone XL pipeline, that would ferry Canadian crude-oil almost the length of America. Far worse, following Congress's rejection of a cap-and-trade scheme last year, is Mr Obama's failure to do anything much to combat climate change. By September 30th the EPA is due to propose limits on greenhouse-gas emissions for power stations. Whether green enthusiasm for Mr Obama can be reactivated—as those legal challenges to the permitted ozone limit soon will be—will depend upon his response.

Breathe easy, regulation's no dirty word Mathew Murphy

Sydney Morning Herald
September 9, 2011
By Mathew Murphy

President Barack Obama aligned himself with this argument a week ago when he asked the US Environmental Protection Agency to withdraw its proposal to tighten air quality standards.

ENVIRONMENTALISTS will often tell you that there are "no jobs on a dead planet". Touche. It is a cute line but let's spin it around. How many jobs would be gained or lost in creating a healthier and more sustainable planet?

Now, there is a trickier question to answer because it seems that depends on whether you are thinking long-term or just out until the next election. Business has long argued that increased regulation and the associated costs hurt its ability to hire staff and retain them.

President Barack Obama aligned himself with this argument a week ago when he asked the US Environmental Protection Agency to withdraw its proposal to tighten air quality standards.

Advertisement: Story continues below He said it was part of his administration's efforts to reduce "regulatory burdens and regulatory uncertainty".

It would have been a surprising statement for this president to make had the Bureau of Labor Statistics not made its own statement earlier in the day.

Its August employment report found the US economy had created zero jobs growth. Sure, 17,000 jobs were added in the private sector but governments shed the same number of jobs. Unemployment remained at a worrisome 9.1 per cent.

President Obama understands that his chance of scoring a second date with the American people will almost solely rest on his ability to create employment. This time it is about the jobs, stupid.

He asked the EPA to delay its proposal to improve air quality until 2013, or in other words, just until after the election thank you. The big-picture, big-thinking President has turned his focus decidedly short-term.

But does the argument actually wash that environmental regulation drives up unemployment?

The former Bush administration had already legislated smog rules to be no higher than 75 parts per billion. The EPA's proposal is to bring that down to 60 parts per billion, which it says would save 12,000 premature deaths by 2020.

The compliance cost for polluters would be between \$US19 billion (\$A17.9 billion) and \$US90 billion a year by 2020. A big number but when broken down it basically accounts for less than 2 per cent of a company's budget.

The EPA says the health benefits to the population would be worth between \$US13 billion and \$US100 billion each year for the economy. The American Lung Association says without the tougher standard as many as 186 million Americans, or more than half the country's population will continue to breathe in harmful levels of smog.

The association has revived its lawsuit against the US Government. It says policymakers have clear scientific evidence on the harm being caused and they are not taking responsible action.

"For two years the administration dragged its feet by delaying its decision, unnecessarily putting lives at risk. Its final decision not to enact a more protective ozone health standard is jeopardising the health of millions of Americans, which is inexcusable," American Lung Association chief executive Charles Connor said.

In June, the Economic Policy Institute, a non-partisan think tank, released one of the only studies that assessed the jobs impact resulting from changes to the Clean Air Act.

It concluded that the measures "pass any reasonable cost-benefit analysis with flying colours".

"The political debate over regulations tends to ignore the overall benefits and be narrowed down to the

jobs impact," the institute said. "Whether regulation in general and the toxics rule in particular costs jobs is an empirical question this paper attempts to answer.

"The jobs-impact of the rule will be modest, but it will be positive."

A modern history lesson shows a similar story played out when the EPA first made amendments to the Clean Air Act to reduce acid rain caused by power plant emissions in the US. The utilities sector said it would cost \$US7.5 billion and tens of thousands of jobs. The cost of the program to date has been closer to \$US1 billion and the EPA says the measures have created a net gain in jobs, albeit modest.

The cement industry has been one of the strongest critics of the latest round of environmental regulation. It believes that it would have to close between 18 and 100 cement plants if it has to comply with stricter standards for sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxide emissions. It says as many as 13,000 direct jobs would be lost.

The EPA counters this with its own modelling which shows a maximum of 600 jobs would be lost in the sector but that as many as 1300 jobs could be created through the industry's need for cleaner equipment. It also points out that cement plants may be forced to close due to a drop off in demand of around 40 per cent as a result of the housing crisis.

Josh Feinman, global chief economist at Deutsche Bank Advisors, said there is no across-the-board evidence to suggest that regulation costs jobs.

"I don't think anyone can argue that all regulations do 'x', you have to look at the specifics," he said. "Washington is desperately looking around to see if there is anything that can be done or any impediments it can remove to jumpstart the economy. It does not want to be seen to be heading backwards, particularly on jobs."

White House officials have been reported as saying that President Obama has come to agree with the view that regulations such as the EPA proposal hurt jobs growth.

The US economy will need to create 12.4 million jobs to return to pre-recession levels of employment while absorbing the 125,000 a month who enter the labour force.

To even have a chance of returning to those levels of employment the US will need to rely on something it has always been good at - ingenuity and innovation. That is going to require less shortsightedness and, yes, some regulation to support and grow sustainable industries that can provide jobs for future generations. Regulation does not have to be a dirty word or mean a loss of jobs. After all, if there had been some unpopular but forward-thinking regulation prior to the financial crisis maybe some jobs would have been saved.

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**President Obama signs an Executive Order Focused on Federal Leadership in
Environmental, Energy, and Economic Performance**

WASHINGTON, DC – Demonstrating a commitment to lead by example, President Obama signed an Executive Order (attached) today that sets sustainability goals for Federal agencies and focuses on making improvements in their environmental, energy and economic performance. The Executive Order requires Federal agencies to set a 2020 greenhouse gas emissions reduction target within 90 days; increase energy efficiency; reduce fleet petroleum consumption; conserve water; reduce waste; support sustainable communities; and leverage Federal purchasing power to promote environmentally-responsible products and technologies.

“As the largest consumer of energy in the U.S. economy, the Federal government can and should lead by example when it comes to creating innovative ways to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, increase energy efficiency, conserve water, reduce waste, and use environmentally-responsible products and technologies,” said President Obama. “This Executive Order builds on the momentum of the Recovery Act to help create a clean energy economy and demonstrates the Federal government’s

commitment, over and above what is already being done, to reducing emissions and saving money.”

The Federal government occupies nearly 500,000 buildings, operates more than 600,000 vehicles, employs more than 1.8 million civilians, and purchases more than \$500 billion per year in goods and services. The Executive Order builds on and expands the energy reduction and environmental requirements of Executive Order 13423 by making reductions of greenhouse gas emissions a priority of the Federal government, and by requiring agencies to develop sustainability plans focused on cost-effective projects and programs.

Projected benefits to the taxpayer include substantial energy savings and avoided costs from improved efficiency. The Executive Order was developed by the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ), the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and the Office of the Federal Environmental Executive, with input from the Federal agencies that are represented on the Steering Committee established by Executive Order 13423.

The new Executive Order requires agencies to measure, manage, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions toward agency-defined targets. It describes a process by which agency goals will be set and reported to the President by the Chair of CEQ. The Executive Order also requires agencies to meet a number of energy, water, and waste reduction targets, including:

- 30% reduction in vehicle fleet petroleum use by 2020;
- 26% improvement in water efficiency by 2020;
- 50% recycling and waste diversion by 2015;
- 95% of all applicable contracts will meet sustainability requirements;
- Implementation of the 2030 net-zero-energy building requirement;
- Implementation of the stormwater provisions of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007, section 438; and
- Development of guidance for sustainable Federal building locations in alignment with the Livability Principles put forward by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Department of Transportation, and the Environmental Protection Agency.

Implementation of the Executive Order will focus on integrating achievement of sustainability goals with agency mission and strategic planning to optimize performance and minimize implementation costs. Each agency will develop and carry out an integrated Strategic Sustainability Performance Plan that prioritizes the agency's actions toward the goals of the Executive Order based on lifecycle return on investments. Implementation will be managed through the previously-established Office of the Federal Environmental Executive, working in close partnership with OMB, CEQ and the agencies.

Examples of Federal employees and their facilities promoting environmental stewardship exist throughout the country. The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs National Energy Business Center has recently awarded a design-build contract for a wind turbine electric generation system to serve their Medical Center in St. Cloud, Minnesota. The 600-kW turbine installation, to be completed in spring 2011, is projected to supply up to 15 percent of the facility's annual electricity usage.

The U.S. General Services Administration's Denver Federal Center (DFC) in Lakewood, Colorado will be installing an 8 megawatt photovoltaic system as part of a large modernization effort. The primary goal of the project is to provide a reliable utility infrastructure to service tenant agencies for the next 50 years. This facility will feed renewable energy back into the grid at night and cover 30-40 acres.

Many federal agencies have received recognition for their work to integrate environmental considerations into their daily operations and management decisions including: the Air Force Sheppard Air Force Base in Texas for their "Sheppard Puts the R in Recycling" program, the Department of Treasury for their petroleum use reduction, the Department of Energy Y-12 National Security Complex in Tennessee for pollution prevention, the United States Postal Service for their Green Purchasing Program, U.S. Department of Agriculture "Sowing the Seeds for Change" Extreme Makeover Team in Deer River Ranger District in Minnesota; and the Department of Health & Human Services National Institutes of Health in Maryland for their laboratory decommissioning protocol.



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Dear Mr. President:

Over the past month, we have been working together to develop consensus on a comprehensive pollution reduction and energy independence plan. Support is building to simultaneously create jobs, protect our national security interests and improve our environment. As you depart for Copenhagen, we wanted to provide an assessment of where we see the debate heading in the United States Senate.

From the longest serving member in the history of Congress, Senator Robert Byrd, to James Murdoch, a senior officer of News Corporation, to General Anthony Zinni, former U.S. CENTCOM Commander, Americans are uniting to say that now is the time to address climate change and secure our energy independence. We are heeding these voices and intend to combine the very best ideas from the public and private sectors and from across the ideological spectrum to achieve the structurally simplest, most economically responsible and environmentally effective result possible.

Our discussions have led us to develop a basic framework for climate action, which is attached for your consideration. We look forward to working with you in the coming months to enact comprehensive pollution reduction and energy independence legislation.

Sincerely,

John Kerry Joseph I. Lieberman

United States Senator United States Senator

Framework for Climate Action and Energy Independence in the U.S. Senate

Carbon pollution is altering the earth's climate. The impacts have already been seen and felt throughout our country and around the world. Monday's endangerment finding by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) underscores the importance of Congressional action to address greenhouse gas emissions before the EPA moves unilaterally.

This document outlines the principles and guidelines that will shape our ongoing efforts to develop comprehensive climate change and energy independence legislation; It is a starting point, inviting our colleagues' constructive input.

Our efforts seek to build upon the significant work already completed in Congress. Earlier this year, the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee passed bipartisan legislation that will instruct our efforts to promote and achieve energy security. Important work to reduce carbon emissions has taken place in the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, which additionally informs us. We also anticipate consideration of issues related to climate change by the Senate Finance, Commerce, and Agriculture Committees.

It is critical to emphasize that this framework is a work in progress. We will continue to engage with our constituents, colleagues in the Senate, and stakeholders outside Washington in our effort to build a consensus that will lead to the passage of comprehensive climate and energy legislation. The only way to succeed is through ongoing engagement and an honest effort to put all ideas on the table.

Better jobs, cleaner air. Our legislation will contain comprehensive pollution reduction targets that are both environmentally significant and achievable. It is our belief that a market-based system, rather than a labyrinth of command-and-control regulations, will allow us to reduce pollution economically and avoid the worst impacts of global climate change. It will also provide significant transition assistance to companies and consumers without using taxpayer dollars or driving up the national debt. We believe a near term pollution reduction target in the range of 17 percent below 2005 emissions levels is achievable and reasonable, as is a long term target of approximately 80 percent below 2005 levels. Finally, we believe a robust investment in the development and deployment of clean energy technologies will ensure that as pollution reduction targets become more rigorous, companies will be better equipped to meet their obligations in a cost effective manner.

Many business leaders have endorsed this approach. Just last week, David Cote, the CEO of Honeywell, as well as other business leaders, persuasively argued that setting a price on carbon would create demand for clean energy technologies and provide a tremendous opportunity for economic growth and job creation in America. He said: "There will be no jobs created without demand. This legislation would stimulate the demand for energy efficiency products and services and low carbon sources of energy. China and India are stimulating their domestic demand for these products and technologies much more aggressively than we are and will take the global competitiveness lead unless we act. Cap and trade enables businesses to use the market to most effectively and efficiently develop that 21st century global competitiveness." Mr. Cote's words have been echoed by other American business leaders including Jim Rogers, CEO of Duke Energy, who has said, "the sooner we pass climate change legislation - the better off our economy, and the world's environment - will be. If we go about it the right way, we can not only avoid unnecessary economic harm and dislocation, but we can also ignite a lower carbon, green revolution and more rapidly put this recession in our rear view mirror."

Securing energy independence. We find ourselves more dependent on foreign oil today than any other time in our nation's history, and that is unacceptable. Every day, we spend nearly \$1 billion to sustain our addiction to foreign energy sources - and we ship Americans' hard earned dollars overseas, some of which finds its way to extremist or terrorist organizations. Presidents and politicians have bemoaned this fact for decades; and now is the moment when we can - and must - break that habit. By spurring the development and deployment of new clean energy technologies and increasing our supply of domestically produced oil and natural gas on land and

offshore, our legislation will ensure America's energy security. We will do so in a way that sends money back to the states that opt to drill and also provides new federal government revenues to advance climate mitigation goals. We will also encourage investments in energy efficiency because we believe that consuming less power will help keep energy bills down and simultaneously extend the life of our domestic energy resources. Finally, maintaining the ability to refine petroleum products in the United States is a national security priority. It is our belief that we can preserve our refining capacity without sacrificing our environmental goals. If energy independence is to be a priority, we must keep the entire energy cycle right here at home.

Creating regulatory predictability. By failing to legislate, Congress is ceding the policy reins to the EPA and ignoring our responsibility to our constituents. We are working with our colleagues, the Administration and outside stakeholders to strike a sensible balance and determine the appropriate way to provide regulatory predictability. We agree that providing the business community as much certainty as possible is essential to attract investment, create jobs and generate the confidence necessary to reach our goals. The absence of national greenhouse gas emissions standards has invited a patchwork of inconsistent state and regional regulations. Since it is not reasonable to expect businesses to comply with fifty different standards, it is imperative that a federal pollution control system be meaningful and be set by federally elected officials.

Protecting consumers. It is critical to provide transitional assistance to households and businesses to ease the shift to a low-carbon economy. We will provide support to help companies meet their compliance obligations and avoid driving up prices for energy consumers. We will include special protections for low- and middle-income Americans, who spend a disproportionately large amount of their income on energy. We are considering a number of mechanisms, including a price collar and strategic reserve, to moderate the price of carbon and prevent extreme market volatility while maintaining the environmental integrity of the pollution reduction program. Additionally, we support energy efficiency programs to help reduce energy bills long into the future.

Encouraging nuclear power. Additional nuclear power is an essential component of our strategy to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. We strongly support incentives for renewable energy sources such as wind and solar, but successful legislation must also recognize the important role for clean nuclear power in our low-emissions future. America has lost its nuclear technology manufacturing base, and we must rebuild it in order to compete in the global marketplace. Our legislation will encourage the construction of new nuclear power plants and provide funding to train the next generation of nuclear workers. We will make it easier to finance the construction of new nuclear power plants and improve the efficiency of the licensing process for traditional as well as small modular reactors, while fully respecting safety and environmental concerns. In addition, we support the research and development of new, safe ways to minimize nuclear waste. We are working with our colleagues to create incentives for low-carbon power sources, including nuclear, that will complement the Energy and Natural Resource Committee's work to incentivize renewable electricity.

Ensuring a future for coal. Our country has plentiful, accessible coal resources and infrastructure. It is a key component of our current fuel mix. As Senator Byrd pointed out in a recent op-ed, "No deliberate effort to do away with the coal industry could ever succeed in Washington because there is no available alternative energy supply that could immediately supplant the use of coal for base load power generation in America." He also acknowledged that, "to deny the mounting science of climate change is to stick our heads in the sand and say 'deal

me out'. . . The truth is that some form of climate legislation will likely become public policy because most American voters want a healthier environment." We agree with both statements. However, due to current regulatory uncertainty, it is increasingly challenging to site new coal facilities, and utilities are switching to other fuel sources. Earlier this month, an electric utility in North Carolina announced its plans to take 11 existing coal facilities out of operation. Coal's future as part of the energy mix is inseparable from the passage of comprehensive climate change and energy legislation. We will commit significant resources to the rapid development and deployment of clean coal technology, and dedicated support for early deployment of carbon capture and sequestration.

Reviving American manufacturing by creating jobs. Manufacturing is the backbone of our nation's economy, and we refuse to believe that the days of American leadership are behind us. Despite some initial success stories, such as North Dakota's 30 percent growth in clean energy jobs in the last decade, the United States is falling behind. Successful climate legislation will not send existing jobs overseas. Rather, pricing carbon will drive innovation - creating new opportunities for those who develop clean energy technologies, as well as those who build, install, and maintain them. We plan to provide significant assistance to manufacturers to avoid carbon leakage and ensure the continued competitiveness of American-made goods. Our legislation will also provide financial incentives to both large and small manufacturers to improve the efficiency of their processes, which will mean even more new jobs. In addition to employing thousands in the building trades, our envisioned development of nuclear and wind power will also mean jobs and growth for our steel industry. It is time to regain our leadership and create the jobs of the future here in America.

Creating wealth for domestic agriculture and forestry. While emissions from agriculture will not be regulated, climate legislation will provide farmers with new opportunities to benefit from reducing their carbon emissions. Offset projects and other incentives will enable farmers to develop new income streams, as environmentally-friendly farming practices dramatically increase in value once a price is placed on carbon. According to USDA Secretary Vilsack, "the economic opportunities for farmers and ranchers can potentially outpace, perhaps significantly, the costs from climate legislation." In addition, a new USDA study released last week shows that this can be accomplished without an appreciable rise in food prices. While we are still discussing the details of the offset program with our colleagues, we have reached agreement that we will include significant amounts of real, monitored and verified domestic and international offsets and other incentives in our system in order to contain costs and create opportunities for farmers, ranchers and forest owners to benefit from climate change legislation.

Regulating the carbon market. We will support vigilant carbon market oversight, real-time transparency, adequate settlement requirements to control risk in the market and strong quality controls to ensure maximum effectiveness and clarity. We will not stand for market abuse or manipulation, and we believe it is essential that any comprehensive emissions reduction strategy include provisions to ensure openness and accountability within the carbon market.

Climate change is a global problem that requires a global solution. Ultimately, climate change must be addressed through a strong international agreement that includes real, measurable, reportable, verifiable and enforceable actions by all nations. American leadership is essential, but action by the developing world is necessary to maximize the benefits of our effort. To this end, we acknowledge the role the United States can play to help provide long-term financing to assist developing countries adapt to climate change, generate energy cleanly and reduce emissions from deforestation. Additional private climate finance provided through

international offsets has the added benefit of reducing costs for American consumers. As we work collectively with other countries to reduce global emissions, we agree with nine of our colleagues who wrote earlier this month: "enhanced technology cooperation will benefit the United States but must be coupled with strong protections for intellectual property rights." Finally, we will include strong measures that are compatible with our obligations under the World Trade Organization to prevent our economic competitors from exploiting the American market if they shirk their responsibility to minimize carbon pollution.

Building consensus. We intend to continue to engage our Senate colleagues in the weeks ahead to develop sensible, effective climate change legislation that will create jobs, ensure our energy independence, restore America to a position of leadership in the clean energy economy and reduce pollution. We are inspired by the years of work that have already been done and we hope both to build on those efforts and to devise new, innovative ideas for resolving some of the issues

that have long blocked the passage of a climate change bill in the Senate. Every perspective is valuable and we invite all of our colleagues, stakeholders and constituents to join us in this effort to find consensus. Together, we can and will pass climate change and energy independence legislation this Congress.



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**North American Leaders Summit:
Energy Deliverables**

August 9-10, 2009
Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico

Energy and climate change will be an important element of the trilateral discussions at the North American Leaders Summit, to be held in Guadalajara, Mexico, on August 9-10, 2009. Building on the work of the North American Energy Working Group, established in 2001 by the Energy Secretaries and Minister of the United States, Mexico and Canada, deliverables to announce at the Leaders Summit will include:

CARBON CAPTURE AND STORAGE (CCS)

North American Carbon Capture and Storage Partnership :

The three nations have committed to produce a North American Carbon Atlas that will result in uniform mapping methodology and data sharing in the area of large sources of carbon emissions and potential storage sites in North America. We will also explore ways to collaborate on research and development and demonstration (RD&D) projects related to carbon capture and storage. The overall effort will:

- Facilitate the sharing of information in order to foster and enhance data exchange on carbon sources and sinks in support of a geographical information system, which is typically used to convey information in map form. The aim is to create a distributed database, rather than a central repository, where data from different states, provinces or organizations can be accessed via a common portal and in similar format.
- Form a consensus on the methodology to be used in estimating the CO₂ capacity of various types of CO₂ storage systems in North America. This will be particularly relevant for cross-border storage to eliminate international "fault lines" and ensure compatible estimates of storage capacity in North America.
- Promote potential collaboration on RD&D related to carbon capture and storage. This includes sharing efforts to evaluate alternative uses of CCS technologies, such as Enhanced Oil or Coal-Bed Methane Recovery.
- The results of these trilateral efforts will help accelerate technology commercialization.

GAS FLARING REDUCTION

Cooperation on Global Gas Flaring :

The flaring and venting of natural gas associated with oil production wastes a valuable energy resource and contributes to global warming. Important progress has been made to reduce gas flaring, but more must be done worldwide. The United States, Canada and Mexico will work to promote best practices throughout North America. Trilateral cooperation on flaring will also be advanced in conjunction with work in existing multilateral fora, such as the *World Bank's Global Gas Flaring Reduction Partnership* , and the *Methane to Markets Partnership* , in which the three countries are members. Canada and the United States welcome Mexico's joining the multilateral process to move forward on this important issue.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Collaborative efforts on energy efficiency standards remain an important aspect of the trilateral energy relationship. The three countries agree to continue to collaborate

toward a harmonized framework that ensures energy efficiency standards are aligned in the three countries and are consistent with national energy efficiency and environmental objectives. It is proposed that officials responsible for developing energy efficiency standards in the three countries continue to meet to consider their respective standards development plans.

North American Clean Energy COOPERATION

Cooperation in RD&D towards the deployment of clean energies in North America will improve the competitiveness of all the countries by enhancing the reliability of their electric systems, diversifying the energy matrix, and strengthening energy security.

21st Century Smart Grid for North America:

Technical and scientific cooperation in this area will contribute to further the objective of developing a 21st century electric system that can facilitate the establishment of transmission that makes available abundant, affordable, clean, efficient, and reliable electric power anytime, anywhere. We can achieve this, for example, through a smart grid, which can incorporate advanced functions into the three nations' electric grids to enhance reliability, efficiency, and security, and would also contribute to the climate change strategic goal of reducing carbon emissions. Progress will be advanced by coordinating research and assessing the needs of the electric grids to upgrade them with information-age technologies, such as microprocessors, communications, advanced computing, and information technologies.

The three nations will continue collaborating on RD&D of smart grid inter-operability standards for the benefit of our societies and the development of our region.

North American Synchrophasor Initiative :

The North American Synchrophasor Initiative (NASPI) will create a robust, widely available and secure synchronized data measurement infrastructure for the interconnected North American electric power system with associated analysis and monitoring tools for better planning and operation, and improved reliability.



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Y'all likely saw this. Katherine Miller leaving UN Foundation, heading to France... Possibly Australia, India.

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Colleagues & Friends,

After more than three years of having an amazing job and working with the remarkable team at the UN Foundation, I have decided to move on and start exploring new dreams.

All of you know about the work we've done here at the Foundation that has helped make this a world class communications and constituency building operation. Whether it was developing the innovative campaigns and web platforms for our programs; tripling our online audience in just three years; building our global affairs blog, UN Dispatch, that reaches nearly a million unique visitors; or simply getting the Foundation, our principals and our programs, into the mix and in the news; the spirited and talented team I have helped build and lead has done incredible work in support of the UN's work on some of the world's toughest problems.

I am so proud of all we've accomplished; and I am very excited to work with the Foundation to help identify a new ED of Public Affairs. The job description is now live at our website (<http://www.unfoundation.org/about-unf/employment/executive-director.html>) and I have attached it here, for your convenience. If there people you would like to recommend, please feel free to send them my way.

The ideal candidate would be someone with political, agency and media experience. They should have a good sense of humor, the ability to think fast and execute faster, and think creatively about how to maximize the Foundation's brand. They should like to travel and have experience managing a strategic, integrated and multi-disciplinary team (earned, paid and social media).

I can't recommend a better place to work. I've been so lucky to work with a wonderful team (especially our chairman, Ted Turner; our President, Tim Wirth; and our COO, Kathy Bushkin Calvin) in support of the UN's work around the world. And I've gotten to do and see things that have led to a renewed sense of purpose and an even stronger belief in working for the greater good. I am also so grateful for the trust of the Foundation and the support of all of you over the last several years – thank you.

As for me, my last day at the Foundation will be September 30th. In late October, after spending

time with friends and family, I will head to France to take language classes, write, walk and contemplate my next move. From there I will travel along for another month or so, most probably to Australia and, possibly, India.

I am sure I will be calling on all of you again for your advice and support when I am the US, and back on the job market. Until then, I will be in contact with all of you via the various forms of modern communication including Skype, Facebook, a blog (<http://table81.blogspot.com/>), and even more traditional means such as postcards, letters and phone calls. All my details are included in the attached vCard and below.

All the best,
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Lawrence Journal World
EPA leader discusses pollution, stresses importance of regulations
By Christine Metz
March 13, 2012

University Daily Kansan
EPA administrator speaks about Hurricane Katrina, pollution standards
By Vikaas Shanker
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EPA leader tells Kansas students they can influence environmental policy
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Lawrence Journal World
EPA leader discusses pollution, stresses importance of regulations
By Christine Metz
March 13, 2012

From offshore drilling to the Baker Wetlands, Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Lisa Jackson tackled some of the nation and state's most controversial environmental issues Monday afternoon.

"I'm here today because so much of what I do every day is really about your future, and you have the power to influence the direction we go," Jackson told the crowd of students and faculty that had gathered at Kansas University's Spooner Hall.

Jackson, the first African-American woman to head the federal environmental regulatory agency, told the audience that she came to her role of protector of the environment not by the Teddy Roosevelt ideal of preserving pristine open spaces. Instead, she said her concern was in the "brownside" of the environment and ways to curb pollution.

"I always tease people I don't sleep outside, but I do my job to make sure you can," Jackson said.

Jackson acknowledged the criticism the agency has fallen under in recent years from those who believe environmental regulation has "hobbled" the economy.

Jackson went on to defend her agency, saying it is consistent with American values to not let industries pollute water with raw sewage, to keep vehicles from emitting lead toxins, to limit the mercury pollution coming from power plants and to monitor the chemicals used in producing food.

"We won't back down from protecting our kids from mercury pollution, or making sure that our food is safe and our water is clean," Jackson said.

Jackson did address one controversial local issue, the building of the South Lawrence Trafficway through the Baker Wetlands south of Lawrence. The area has been marked as a sacred space for Native Americans. Jackson was asked what role the EPA played in recognizing spiritual places in the siting process.

Tribes are given special roles in the consultation process, she said.

"I think when you talk about tribes that for many, many decades now, they have felt as though they don't have the opportunity to move or be mobile, so their cultural sites are extremely important," Jackson said. "For those reasons, finding out what those issues are is what the law says we should do."

And, as someone who grew up in New Orleans, Jackson said she recognizes the importance that wetlands play in flood prevention.

"When we didn't have them to break the impact of Hurricane Katrina, we missed them tremendously," Jackson said.

University Daily Kansan
EPA administrator speaks about Hurricane Katrina, pollution standards
By Vikaas Shanker
Monday, March 12, 2012

Lisa Jackson grew up as a minority in the Ninth Ward of New Orleans, an area struck by four hurricanes in the last 100 years.

As an engineering student at Tulane University, Jackson got involved with air quality issues and stopping pollution. She saw the impact of pollution and industrial waste on the Mississippi River firsthand. In 2005, Jackson's mother lost her home in Hurricane Katrina.

Now, Jackson is the first African American to serve as Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Jackson fielded questions from students, faculty and guests about the EPA's role in boosting the economy and advocating for a cleaner environment at Spooner Hall yesterday during a visit to the University.

One of the EPA's goals is to expand conversation on the environment, Jackson said. "Communities care deeply about environmental issues. They just may or may not see themselves in the same issue as someone who's in a different type of community or has a lot more money or something of that nature."

The EPA sets national environmental and pollution standards, while states set their own policies and extent of regulation. Jackson said national standards are important because "the air doesn't stay in one state, and the water doesn't stay on the street." Regulations in one state can affect the level of pollution in neighboring states; environmental justice is important on the state and national level. "It's an issue of basic care and economic leveling of the playing field," Jackson said. "Everybody should play by the same set of rules."

Jackson commented on offshore drilling — a hot national topic after the BP Gulf oil spill in 2010 — and said it had an impact in evaluating the regulatory process.

"Whenever tragedy happens, people go 'Where were you?'" she said, explaining those types of questions from the community help environmental agencies and companies like BP change and adapt to environmental concerns. She also talked about the affect of lobbying on EPA's policies and the cultural

impact of environmental decisions on American Indian territory and hydraulic fracturing, a process of fracturing the earth to mine natural gas and oil.

After the event, Jackson said college students always had a special relationship with the EPA.

"Young people always get it because they know they're getting ready to inherit what we leave them," Jackson said. "And so we leave them huge challenges like climate change."

Jackson also said students should look at how they already live on campus by using public transportation, choosing efficient foods and living in small spaces.

"One of the cool things about most campuses is that when they make up their mind, they go cleaner or greener," Jackson said.

EPA leader tells Kansas students they can influence environmental policy
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LAWRENCE, Kan. — University students can help shape environmental policies and should consider ways to improve their own impact on the environment, the administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency said during an appearance at the University of Kansas.

"I'm here today because so much of what I do every day is really about your future, and you have the power to influence the direction we go," Lisa Jackson told students and faculty Monday.

Jackson also said students should look at how they already live on campus by using public transportation, choosing efficient foods and living in small spaces.

"Young people always get it because they know they're getting ready to inherit what we leave them," she said. "And so we leave them huge challenges like climate change."

Jackson fielded questions about the EPA's role in boosting the economy and advocating for a cleaner environment and said one of the EPA's goals is to expand conversation on the environment.

The Lawrence Journal World reports that Jackson acknowledged the criticism the federal agency has received recently from those who say environmental regulations have "hobbled" the economy.

"Communities care deeply about environmental issues. They just may or may not see themselves in the same issue as someone who's in a different type of community or has a lot more money or something of that nature," she said.

Jackson said national pollution standards are important because "the air doesn't stay in one state, and the water doesn't stay on the street."

"It's an issue of basic care and economic leveling of the playing field," Jackson said. "Everybody should play by the same set of rules."

Jackson also acknowledged the criticism the federal agency has received recently from those who say environmental regulations have "hobbled" the economy. But she defended the EPA's policies, saying it's consistent with American values to keep industries from polluting, vehicles from emitting toxins and to monitor chemicals used in producing food.

"We won't back down from protecting our kids from mercury pollution, or making sure that our food is safe and our water is clean," Jackson said.

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Below and attached are press clips from yesterday's Minnesota trip. The majority of the articles cover the MOU signing, but the University of Minnesota speech and Q&A session did generate a nice story in the student newspaper.



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Minnesota will be the nation's first test site for a federal program designed to stem the flow of agricultural pollution strangling some of the country's great bodies of water, including Chesapeake Bay, the Gulf of Mexico and the Mississippi River.

Gov. Mark Dayton is expected to announce Minnesota's leading role in the project at the Capitol on Tuesday morning, with Tom Vilsack, U.S. secretary of agriculture, and Lisa Jackson, administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, at his side.

They are promoting the pilot project as the start of an ambitious federal strategy that, in essence, would give farmers a green seal of approval if they voluntarily choose to put land conservation and water quality ahead of crop yields.

Behind the new strategy is a combination of political and fiscal realities, officials said: The public is increasingly concerned about clean water for drinking, swimming and wildlife. But imposing environmental rules on farmers -- the primary source of unregulated water pollution in Minnesota -- faces insurmountable political hurdles. At the same time, funding for longstanding farm conservation programs is facing major cutbacks in the upcoming farm bill, victim of both the federal budget crunch and the anti-regulatory fervor in Washington.

"We do not want to take a step back" in conservation, Vilsack said in an interview last week. "We are seeing progress."

Farmers who participate would agree to follow land management practices that slow soil erosion and runoff of fertilizers, pesticides and manure into streams and groundwater. In exchange, they would get financial and technical support and be protected against new environmental requirements during the life of their agreement, perhaps as long as 10 years.

Participating farmers would also be certified through the new Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program, a seal of approval that could be used as a marketing tool and, eventually, on consumer products.

"The hope is that it would steer producers to meet consumer demand to be more responsible about water quality," said Deborah Swackhamer, an expert on water pollution at the University of Minnesota and a member of the EPA's scientific advisory panel.

Some voice skepticism

Already, however, the plan is generating sharp criticism from some conservation and water-quality advocates. They say 40 years of voluntary efforts have been insufficient to reduce farm runoff that dumps sediment, bacteria and other pollutants into Minnesota's rivers and streams. The state is only now starting to fulfill the requirements of the 1970s-era federal Clean Water Act in clearly identifying specific sources of water pollution across Minnesota's 81 watersheds.

Skeptics say the new plan would exempt farmers from specific requirements to reduce their contribution to overall runoff, creating an unfair burden for cities, sewage treatment plants and other landowners who

will be asked to bear significant costs to achieve water-quality standards.

"It enshrines the old ways, defying all rationality," said Whitney Clark, executive director of Friends of the Mississippi, an environmental advocacy group.

Vilsack said Minnesota was chosen as the test site for a number of reasons. It's a big agricultural state -- half the state's land mass is controlled by farmers, who make up about 2 percent of the population.

It's also home of the headwaters of the Mississippi, a river with so much agricultural pollution that it's created a massive "dead zone" at its mouth in the Gulf of Mexico. The Dayton administration was eager to embrace the program, Vilsack said, and it fits with the state's strong conservation ethic.

Even more important for proving its effectiveness, Minnesota controls its own water-quality destiny. All the water that winds up in its thousands of lakes and rivers comes from the sky in the form of rain. Virtually all its water pollution comes from its farmers, businesses and residents.

"It's a great opportunity for Minnesota to help lead the way, and for us to use our financial and technical assistance to expand conservation," Vilsack said.

Funding would most likely be determined by the next federal farm bill, which Congress is expected to take up this year, Vilsack said. Already, congressional leaders have made it clear that the popular Conservation Reserve Program, in which farmers are paid to set aside environmentally sensitive land, will be cut, perhaps drastically. Other rules and funding for farm conservation may also be cut.

"We are obviously going to be challenged to have the resources to meet the needs in rural America, including investment in conservation," Vilsack said.

Dayton is expected to announce the signing of a memorandum of understanding with the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the EPA.

Integrated plan?

Environmental groups and other experts say the critical issue will be whether the program is incorporated with specific cleanup plans. For example, the state is just completing a massive analysis of pollution in the lower Mississippi River and Lake Pepin. Researchers have found that the sediment from the Minnesota River valley that is clouding the Mississippi and filling up Lake Pepin has increased tenfold in the last century -- largely as a result of heavily cultivated corn and soybeans replacing native prairie.

If the new program integrates farmers into a targeted cleanup plan for the Minnesota and Mississippi rivers, it might work, Clark said. But if it simply protects farmers from having to make real changes to slow the loss of water and soil from their land, then it won't.

Others, however, say the certification program will be a significant improvement. Now, farmers are exempt from the Clean Water Act and most other environmental regulations. This program, which would combine support, subsidies and some certainty about the future, will encourage them to do more, Swackhamer said.

"It's a huge step in the right direction to get farmers engaged in the best management practices and to see how effective they are," she said. "There is a lot riding on this."

Pioneer Press

Minnesota gets lead role in pilot project to cut farm pollution

By Dennis Lien

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A new federal program that encourages farmers to adopt better land-use practices that cut pollution into rivers and lakes is getting a trial run in Minnesota.

The pilot project took its first step Tuesday when Gov. Mark Dayton, U.S. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack, and Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Lisa Jackson signed a memorandum of understanding at the State Capitol stating their intent to develop it here. The state will begin working out details as early as next week.

Under the program, participating farmers would pledge to manage their lands in ways that reduce soil erosion and cut fertilizer, pesticide and manure runoff. Approaches include adding buffers between fields and rivers, improving tillage techniques, and refining nutrient management plans.

In return, those farmers would be protected from new water-quality requirements for a projected 10 years and would get technical assistance and up to \$10 million in financial help from the federal government.

"In this climate, I think that degree of certainty is of value to landowners and producers," Vilsack said.

By agreeing to and practicing yet-to-be-established conservation standards, farmers also would be certified by the state, opening the way to potential markets like those already available to state timber producers who use sustainable harvesting approaches.

"It emphasizes voluntary cooperation rather than rigid requirements," Dayton said.

Minnesota, which has almost

27 million acres of agricultural land, was given a lead role in part because the headwaters of three major watersheds are located here. The state also has a developed system of assessing and restoring lakes, rivers, and streams.

The program eventually could be broadened to include other states.

Environmental and conservation groups expressed skepticism about it.

"We have some pretty serious concerns about it," said Trevor Russell, watershed program director for Friends of the Mississippi River. "We hate to be naysayers, but if this were the health-care industry, this would be equivalent to telling hospitals that if they adhere to best-management practices they helped write, they would be exempt from public health laws for a decade."

Russell speculated the program is an effort by agricultural interests to avoid future restrictions.

"I think this is sort of their attempt to make sure the Clean Water Act isn't applied to agriculture for the next decade or so," Russell said.

Steve Morse, executive director of the Minnesota Environmental Partnership, agreed, adding that farmers essentially are being rewarded for doing what they already do or are supposed to do. Better, he said, to establish a cleanup plan that protects water quality and proceed from there.

"Why a 10-year safe haven from new standards and regulations?" he asked.

Farm groups, however, were enthusiastic backers.

"It's voluntary, and there's an incentive," said Doug Peterson, president of the Minnesota Farmers Union.

Warren Formo, executive director of the Minnesota Agricultural Water Resource Center, predicted the program will benefit farmers and will improve the environment. "I would remind folks that conservation

pays," he said.

The state, along with farm, environmental, commodity and other interests, will start working out program guidelines soon, according to Minnesota Agriculture Commissioner Dave Frederickson. However, he said he could not predict when the program will be ready.

Pollution Control Agency Commissioner Paul Aasen said the technical committee will come up with established conservation practices that produce specific results.

"So the goal is to get this laundry list and to know, if we do this, we get that," Aasen said. "And then start to figure out who's willing to put this on their land and what that means for the water."

Participating state agencies include the Department of Agriculture, the PCA, the Board of Water and Soil Resources, and the Department of Natural Resources. Federal agencies include the agriculture department and the EPA.

KARE-TV

Land and water concerns lead to agricultural and environmental cooperation

Allen Costantini

January 17, 2011

ST. PAUL, Minn. -- Minnesota has become the test case of Agriculture and Environmental cooperation . Governor Mark Dayton, US Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack and US Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Lisa Jackson signed a "Memorandum of Understanding" Tuesday at the State Capitol.

"There is a reason why Minnesota is the first state for this effort," said Vilsack. "It is because Minnesota has a history of producers who care deeply about the land and water."

Minnesotans have become increasingly concerned about the water quality in the state's lakes and rivers. Studies of Lake Pepin on the Mississippi have shown increasing levels of sediment believed deposited after being carried by farming efforts in the Minnesota River. Environmentalists often point to agriculture methods for contributing to pollution runoff.

Vilsack credited 95 percent of farmers in the upper Mississippi basin, including Minnesotans, with taking some conversation steps already. The new program is aimed at nudging farmers to more conservation measures. In return, farmers will not be included in any rule changes after they join the voluntary certification program.

"What Minnesota is going to do is they are going to create a certification program on a voluntary basis," explained Vilsack. They are going to bring producers and others to the table to help formulate that plan and then, we at the USDA will provide technical assistance and financial assistance."

Asked if the program was "compensation" for expected cuts in the farm budget, Vilsack disputed the concept of a "cut".

"It depends on how you define 'cut'. We have had circumstances were the 'cut' has actually been an increase in the overall funding, but not at the rate that the Farm Bill of 2008 called for," said Vilsack.

At any rate, state and federal officials admit setting up this initial Committee to draw up rules for the certifications will not be simple.

"The certification plan does not exist yet," said Vilsack. "It is going to be formulated by the folks from

Minnesota."

Minnesota Agriculture Commissioner David Frederickson said "the devil is certainly in the details." He said he hopes to begin assembling the committee next week.

"There will be environmental organizations at the table. There will be farm organizations at the table. There will be commodity organizations at the table, conservation organizations at the table. So, I am just hopeful and have my fingers crossed that, at the end of the day, we will be able to make this happen."

The emphasis of the announcement on Tuesday was that the program is completely voluntary for farmers.

The Minnesota Farmers Union issued a written statement they are "pleased to work with USDA and EPA" on the new conservation program. In the statement, Union President Doug Peterson is quoted as saying the plan is a "perfect fit for us...regarding conservation practices."

How soon the Certification process would be up and functioning is not known.

KTTC-TV
Enhancing water quality in Minnesota
By Jonathan Kegges
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ROCHESTER, Minn. (KTTC) -- The farm industry is one of main causes of water pollution in the state of Minnesota. Tuesday Governor Mark Dayton met with U.S. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack and the Environmental Protection Agency to try and enhance the water quality in Minnesota.

We all know how important our lakes and rivers are to the state of Minnesota and Tuesday a memorandum of understanding was signed to help improve water quality in the state.

This will be designed to accelerate progress toward water quality goals while also giving Minnesota Farmers greater regulatory and cost stability.

Participating farmers will be prioritized for cost-share funding from federal and state agencies reducing the uncertainties of their operating environment.

Farmers who implement and maintain approved conservation plans will be assured that their operations meet standards.

If Participating farmers meet program obligations they will not be required to implement additional water-quality practices.

Details of this program will be developed by state and federal regulatory agencies over the next few months.

Gov. Dayton signs agreement with federal officials on conservation
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by T.W. Budig
ECM Capitol reporter

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Lisa Jackson signed an agreement with Democratic Gov. Mark Dayton today (Jan. 17) to lend joint support to farmers seeking to improve their conservation practices.

"There is nothing but good news here," said Vilsack, former governor of Iowa.

Dayton and the Obama Administration officials signed documents and shook hands to support a Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program.

The focus of the program is to quicken the pace conservation practices to safeguard water quality are put into practice on farms.

Farmers who voluntarily enroll into the certification program and practice conservation farming could be immune from future state environmental rule changes for a certain amount of time.

A technical advisory committee is envisioned as drawing up certification requirements.

"It's going to be a collective effort," said Vilsack of establishing the requirements.

His department, said Vilsack, can provide technical expertise and funding — up to \$10 million, a Dayton administration official indicated.

Vilsack noted that 95 percent of Minnesota farmers already use at least one conservation practice. But putting additional techniques into use could serve to magnify the benefits, he explained.

A major focus of her job is clean water, explained Jackson, and she realizes solutions for protecting water seep out on the local level.

Vilsack, introducing Jackson, portrayed her as well-informed and admiring of agriculture.

"She has seen with her eyes the stewardship of American agriculture," he said.

Some Republican presidential candidates speak of eliminating the EPA.

The agreement Dayton and the Obama Administration officials signed is the first of its kind in the nation.

Steve Morse, executive director of the Minnesota Environmental Partnership, in a statement said the certification program is "very vague."

"It does not provide the certainty that we need that our waters will become clean and healthy," said Morse.

"There are no assurances that the practices farm operators adopt, when added together, will get the results Minnesotans expect," he said.

Program details are expected to be established in upcoming months.

Some 27 million acres of land in Minnesota is agricultural.

Associated Press

Federal program to manage agricultural pollution to be tested; Minn. farmers could share \$10M January 17, 2011

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Minnesota farmers could share up to \$10 million as part of a federal pilot program aimed at encouraging conservation and reducing agricultural pollution, officials said Tuesday.

Details on how the new program will work remain sketchy, including how money will get distributed and to

whom. It's also unclear what conservation practices will qualify for the additional federal assistance.

U.S. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack, Environmental Protection Agency administrator Lisa Jackson and Gov. Mark Dayton announced the framework in St. Paul.

In essence, farmers would get special certification, technical assistance and government aid if they voluntarily agree to follow land management practices to soil erosion and runoff of fertilizers, pesticides and manure into streams and groundwater.

Vilsack said one incentive will be certainty because once the rules are set they won't change during the life of the agreements.

The guidelines will be developed by regulators in consultation with groups representing farmers, environmental interests and others.

Minnesota already has a high participation rate in conservation programs, but officials say efforts could be better pinpointed.

Paul Aasen, head of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, said the goal is to come up with a laundry list of conservation practices with proven results.

"If we do this, then we get that," he said.

Dayton administration officials said meetings with stakeholders could begin as soon as next week.

Minnesota Public Radio
New program to protect water quality still lacks detail
by Stephanie Hemphill
January 17, 2012

St. Paul, Minn. — Top officials from the Obama administration were in St. Paul today to announce a new program to encourage farmers to do more to protect water quality.

The program offers certification for farmers who conduct approved conservation practices, along with exemption from new regulations for participating farmers.

It's part of increased attention being paid to pollution problems in local waters, as well as in the Dead Zone of the Gulf of Mexico at the mouth of the Mississippi River

Both farmers and environmental activists express cautious optimism about how the new program could work.

In the ornate Governor's Reception Room at the State Capitol, the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency signed an agreement with Gov. Mark Dayton. It says the state and federal governments will collaborate to create the "Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program. It's an elaboration of existing voluntary farm conservation efforts that would provide additional incentives for farmers to keep field runoff out of the Minnesota and Mississippi Rivers.

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack said 95 percent of farmers in the region already are doing some form of conservation work. A recent study shows progress, he said.

"We've quantified less soil erosion, less phosphorus, less nitrogen going into rivers and streams," Vilsack said. "We also know from this evaluation that if we can combine conservation techniques and technologies that we can have an even greater impact and effect."

With higher corn prices in recent years, farmers have cultivated more acres. Rain washes soil and fertilizers into rivers. In Minnesota, Lake Pepin is filling with sediment, and in the Gulf of Mexico, a dead zone the size of Connecticut forms each year when nitrogen and phosphorus wash in from the Mississippi River.

The new program aims to reduce that destructive flow. Details are not yet worked out, but the program will provide technical and financial help to any Minnesota farmer who wants to receive certification that they are taking measures to keep the water clean. In return, they would be sheltered from new environmental regulations for a period, possibly ten years.

Conservation practices include buffer strips along waterways, appropriate tillage, and careful management of nutrients and water inputs.

Warren Formo is already deep into this kind of work; he directs the Minnesota Agricultural Water Resources Center, an industry group that encourages research and shared information about water resources.

Farmers will welcome the new program as a way to refresh the sometimes combative conversation with environmental groups, Formo said

"If we can demonstrate to them this is a way we can show past progress and challenge to do even more, I think farmers will be interested in that conversation," Formo said. "If we can keep it as a positive, encouraging, challenging program, I think we'll attract a lot of farmers."

It is impossible to know at this point whether the program will or won't work, Formo said.

His caution is amplified by many environmentalists, who are downright skeptical.

The work done by farmers so far is rudimentary compared to what's needed, said Steve Morse, who directs the 80-member Minnesota Environmental Partnership.

"We're still scrambling around the two-yard line, counting inches, and we have 98 yards to go," Morse said. "Minnesotans expect ag to do its share to protect our water resources. So if there's certainty to producers, we have to have certainty that we're going to get cleaner water. That's not there."

Morse said a ten-year exemption from new regulations is too long. Cities and industry have their permits reviewed every five years, he said, and continual new information and technical improvements are made.

The first step will be to set up a technical advisory committee to hash out the details. Officials say it will include farmers, commodity groups, conservation experts, and environmentalists.

**EPA administrator holds lecture in Coffman Union
Jackson discusses the role of science and technology in the EPA's work.
BY ZACHARY MCKEAGUE
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Coffman Union's theater was near capacity during Tuesday's visit from Lisa Jackson — U.S. Environmental Agency Administrator.

She was brought in by the Humphrey School of Public Affairs to connect with students in a public-style forum, Anne Mason, Humphrey's spokeswoman said.

Jackson's visit to the University of Minnesota preceded her meeting with Gov. Mark Dayton at the state Capitol to sign the nation's first agreement concerning farmers restricting agricultural pollutants running

into rivers and lakes. Many of the students attended the event for this reason alone.

"Nonpoint source pollution from agriculture is one of the biggest issues we have with water quality," sophomore Michelle Angelroth said. "I was curious to see what she had to say."

Christina Newell, a senior sustainability and art student, came out because of her sheer enthusiasm over the Mercury and Air Toxics Standards — new EPA regulations that limit toxic emissions from power plants, including heavy metals such as mercury.

"I heard about the new mercury rule," she said, "and I'm pretty excited about that."

But Jackson's discussion at the University focused mostly on the role of science and technology in the "vital" work of the EPA.

"Science is the backbone of everything we do at the EPA," Jackson said. "We use science to set the standards."

The EPA, she said, is commonly misrepresented in news as an agency dealing only in climate change and endangered species.

"Most of what we do, day in, day out, is actually about the protection of one species: people," Jackson said.

She boasted of jobs created by EPA's efforts to transform polluted industrial areas into usable, clean commercial areas.

"The work happening [at the University] is going to be even more essential to the EPA's mission: to protect the American people," Jackson said.

After her monologue, Jackson took questions from the audience, which revolved around the University's and the state's ability to contribute to the EPA's mission.

Jackson said the answer is continued community involvement after graduation. College life promotes community living, and community living exposes people to greener living, she said.

"There is a little amnesia that happens," she said.

"When you walk out the [University] doors, or through the gates or with a diploma ... don't forget these things."

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EPA forces dirtiest power plants to clean up toxic air pollution, but gives leeway on timing
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EPA Finalizes Rules to Limit Mercury, Other Heavy Metals, Emitted from Power Plants
by ERICA PETERSON on DECEMBER 21, 2011

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EPA requires limit on mercury emissions from power plants
By Alex Mooney
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EPA rules target mercury pollution, toxics from power plants
By Elizabeth Weise

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EPA Issues Arsenic, Mercury Cap for U.S. Coal-Fired Power Plants
By Mark Drajem - Dec 21, 2011 2:58 PM ET

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U.S. rolls out tough rules on coal plant pollution
By Ayesha Rascoe and Timothy Gardner
WASHINGTON | Wed Dec 21, 2011 4:00pm EST

LA Times

EPA issues strong limits on mercury emissions from smokestacks
By Neela Banerjee
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EPA unveils rules limiting mercury, other power plant toxins
By Andrew Restuccia
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National Journal

EPA Unveils Long-Awaited Mercury Rule

By Amy Harder
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Wall Street Journal

EPA Sets Deeps Cuts in Power-Plant Emissions
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EPA issues mercury-reduction standards for power plants
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EPA finalizes mercury limits for coal plants
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Wednesday, December 21, 2011

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December 21, 2011

NY Times (Green Blog)

E.P.A. Issues Limits on Mercury Emissions
By JOHN M. BRODER
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The Courier-Journal

EPA mercury limits expected on coal plants
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Collins, Snowe urged to support clean air rules
By Jackie Farwell, BDN Staff
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On Fox News, Ed Whitfield Denies 'Any Benefit' To Babies And Pregnant Women From Reducing Mercury Levels
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Power plant rules unveiled: Higher bills, cleaner air

Coal-fired power plants across U.S. will have to reduce pollutants

EPA forces dirtiest power plants to clean up toxic air pollution, but gives leeway on timing

DINA CAPIELLO

Associated Press

12:53 PM CST, December 21, 2011

WASHINGTON (AP) — The largest remaining source of uncontrolled toxic air pollution in the United States, the nation's coal- and oil-fired power plants, will be forced to reduce their emissions or shut down, under a federal regulation released Wednesday.

The long-overdue national standards for mercury and other toxic pollutants are the first to be applied to nation's oldest and dirtiest power plants.

About half of the 1,300 coal- and oil-fired units nationwide still lack modern pollution controls, despite the Environmental Protection Agency in 1990 getting the authority from Congress to control toxic air pollution from power plant smokestacks. A decade later, in 2000, the agency concluded it was necessary to clamp down on the emissions to protect public health.

Decades of litigation and changing political winds have allowed power plants to keep running without addressing their full environmental and public health costs.

EPA administrator Lisa Jackson said in a statement that the standards "will protect millions of families and children from harmful and costly air pollution and provide the American people with health benefits that far outweigh the costs."

The rule ranks as one of the most expensive in the EPA's history, with an estimated \$9.6 billion price tag.

Its release comes after intense lobbying from power producers and criticism from Republicans, who said the rule would threaten jobs and electric reliability and raise electricity prices.

To ease those concerns, the administration will encourage states to make "broadly available" an additional fourth year to comply with the rule, as allowed by the law. Case-by-case extensions could also be granted to address local reliability issues.

Some in the industry wanted an automatic and longer delay, to ensure that the combination of power plants retiring and those shutting down temporarily to install pollution control equipment would not affect

reliability. But even the chair of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the independent body that ensures electric reliability, did not see evidence for a blanket extension.

An AP survey of 55 power plants producers found that more than 32 mostly coal-fired power plants in a dozen states would retire because of the regulation issued Wednesday, and another rule aimed at reducing pollution downwind from power plants. The survey found, however, that the power plant retirements alone would not cause homes to go dark. Another 36 power plants may have to shut down because it would be cheaper than complying with the rule. The estimated age of the units retiring or at risk was 51 years.

For coal, which was already struggling because of low natural gas prices and lackluster demand for electricity, the environmental regulations may well be the final blow.

Two other federal environmental regulations in the works to address cooling water intakes and coal ash disposal could lead to more power plant retirements, according to experts.

WFPL News

EPA Finalizes Rules to Limit Mercury, Other Heavy Metals, Emitted from Power Plants by ERICA PETERSON on DECEMBER 21, 2011

The federal Environmental Protection Agency has unveiled new rules that will reduce pollution from power plants.

The rule has been in the works for more than two decades, and the EPA was under a court order to finalize the rules by last week. Under the rule, utilities will have to drastically reduce the amounts of toxic metals power plants emit into the air.

EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson made the announcement at the Children's National Medical Center in Washington, D.C. She says the rule will have invaluable health benefits.

"Once the rule is fully implemented in 2016, it will prevent up to 11,000 premature deaths, 4,700 heart attacks and 3,100 emergency room visits among children," she said.

Many utility companies have lobbied against the standard, but in an effort to show that not all companies are against it, the EPA invited Baltimore-based Constellation Energy Vice President Paul Allen to speak at the press conference. Allen praised the EPA for seeking input from all stakeholders, and says companies should have had time to prepare.

"Companies have had a lot of time to think about, consider, and prepare for the response to these rules

depending on how the final rule shakes out," he said. "Options have been considered and options are available to companies to comply with the rule."

The EPA estimates that most plants will be able to comply in three years, and states will be allowed to extend the deadline for another year. The EPA will consider any utilities who can't comply within four years on a case-by-case basis.

The state has approved Louisville Gas and Electric and Kentucky Utilities' plan to comply with the rule. That plan—which includes shutting down several coal-fired plants—is scheduled to be fully implemented by 2016.

EPA requires limit on mercury emissions from power plants

By Alex Mooney, CNN

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(CNN) -- The Environmental Protection Agency finalized new federal standards on toxic pollutants and mercury emissions from coal power plants Wednesday, a move being praised by environmentalists but criticized by others, who predict lost jobs and a strain on the nation's power grid.

EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson, at an event at the Children's National Medical Center in Washington, announced that for the first time U.S. coal and oil-fired power plant operators must limit their emissions of mercury and other hazardous air pollutants.

"I am glad to be here to mark the finalization of a clean air rule that has been 20 years in the making, and is now ready to start improving our health, protecting our children, and cleaning up our air," Jackson said. "Under the Clean Air Act these standards will require American power plants to put in place proven and widely available pollution control technologies to cut harmful emissions of mercury, arsenic, chromium, nickel and acid gases. In and of itself, this is a great victory for public health, especially for the health of our children."

EPA rules in place since the 1990s target acid rain and smog-forming chemicals emitting from power plants, but not mercury, a neurotoxin known to damage developing fetuses and children.

Despite federal limits on emissions of mercury from other sources, such as waste incinerators, there have been no limits on coal-fired power plants, which the EPA says constitute the single largest source of mercury emissions.

"These standards rank among the three or four most significant environmental achievements in the EPA's history," said John Walke, clean air director of the National Resources Defense Council. "This rule making represents a generational achievement."

The new regulations are among the most wide-reaching to come from the EPA during Barack Obama's administration. They include separate limits for mercury emissions, acid gasses, and other pollutants from several metals.

Specifically, the EPA will impose numerical emission limits for all existing and future coal plants and propose a range of "widely available, technical and economically reasonable practices, technologies, and compliance strategies," to meet the new demands.

According to an EPA analysis, the larger economic benefits of the reduced pollution will more than pay for

the short-term clean-up costs. The EPA also predicts more jobs will be created than lost as power plants invest million of dollars in upgrades.

It also estimates the new regulations, by reducing people's exposure to these toxins, will prevent 11,000 premature deaths each year and trim health costs.

"EPA estimates that for every dollar spent to reduce pollution from power plants, the American public will see up to \$9 in health benefits. The total health and economic benefits of this standard are estimated to be as much as \$90 billion annually," the agency said in a news release.

But the EPA also acknowledges the regulations will result in increased power grid strain: by its estimate, 14.7 gigawatts of power supply will be eliminated from the U.S. power grid when the rules take effect by 2015. That figure -- enough to power well over 10 million U.S. households -- is overly optimistic, according to other industry analyses.

Several industry groups and some Republicans also disagree about the economic impact the new regulations will have.

Reps. Darrell Issa and Jim Jordan, chairmen of the House Oversight Committee and subcommittee on Regulatory affairs, respectively, sent a letter to the White House earlier this week claiming the "EPA has failed to perform a proper analysis of the rule's impact on job creation" and "consider the rule's impact on grid reliability."

The new rules have also made their way to the Republican presidential campaign trail, with Jon Huntsman recently predicting increased brownouts during the summer and Rick Perry declaring the EPA is a "job-killing" agency.

And the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, a group traditionally sympathetic to Republicans, has aired ads urging listeners not to "let the EPA turn out the lights on the American economy."

But the Obama administration has found an ally in New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg, who argued in a recent op-ed for the Huffington Post that the new standards are gravely needed.

"We can stop this," Bloomberg wrote of mercury poisoning. "We can spare children this tragic injustice and the pain it brings their families. We can spare adults from losing years off their lives. And we can spare taxpayers the enormous health care costs that come with mercury-related-illnesses."

Environmentalists, who earlier this fall were outraged with Obama over his refusal to push for ozone emission standards the EPA supported, are also strongly on board.

"This bold new announcement means less contaminated fish -- and more protections for kids who are at risk of developing learning disabilities and other problems that have been linked to mercury poisoning," the Sierra Club said in an e-mail to CNN. "This is a big public health victory, 20 years in the making. It's one of the most important anti-pollution measures in recent memory."

Mary Anne Hitt, director of the Beyond Coal Campaign, said, "As a mom, I'm especially excited to know that millions of mothers and babies will now be protected from mercury poisoning. We all teach our kids the simple rule that if you make a mess you should clean it up -- and now polluters will have to follow that same rule."

The new rule requires that the vast majority of mercury contained in coal be captured and prevented from releasing into the air when burned for energy, and would require operators to shut down or upgrade the least efficient power plants.

Power plant operators have three years to comply with the new standards, but plant operators may be granted additional time to install the necessary emissions improvement technologies if they are able to

demonstrated a valid need.

Once airborne, mercury enters bodies of water through precipitation, becomes methylmercury, and accumulates in the food chain.

The EPA and the Food and Drug Administration jointly recommend that pregnant women and young children limit their consumption of fish and shellfish to two meals a week because of the methylmercury contamination.

EPA rules target mercury pollution, toxics from power plants **By Elizabeth Weise, USA TODAY**

The Environmental Protection Agency released far-reaching air pollution regulations Wednesday, 21 years after they were first mandated by Congress and six days after they were signed by the agency.

The rules require coal- and oil-fired power plants to lower emissions of 84 different toxic chemicals to levels no higher than those emitted by the cleanest 12% of plants. Companies have three years to achieve the standards, and EPA has made clear a fourth year and perhaps even more time are also available to them.

"We're delighted," says Janice Nolen of the American Lung Association. "After waiting 21 years, it looks like we may actually have a rule that will help to save 11,000 lives a year and reduce exposure all across the country to a bunch of really toxic substances."

"It's hard to overstate the significance of this rule," says John Walke of the Natural Resources Defense Council, an environmental group. "This is a generational achievement, that mark's America cleaning up dirty power plants once and for all."

The EPA rules govern multiple toxics, including mercury, arsenic, nickel, selenium and cyanide.

Power plants are responsible for half of the mercury and more than 75% of the acid gas emissions in the United States, the EPA says. The EPA estimates that about half the nation's power plants already have pollution control technologies in place. This rule will "level the playing field" in the agency's words, by ensuring that the rest, about 40% of all coal-fired plants, take similar steps.

By EPA estimates, the rules will prevent as many as 11,000 premature deaths and 4,700 heart attacks a year, as well as preventing 130,000 cases of childhood asthma symptoms.

Coal-fired burners are the main concern of the regulation, as oil-fired burners are less popular given high oil prices. There are about 1,100 coal-fired burners being used at 600 power plants nationwide, EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson told USA TODAY. Currently, 12% of the nation's coal-fired power plants already meet the standards, by definition. Another 48% have some if not all of the necessary technologies in place to meet the standards.

The remaining 40% "have done nothing, they have no controls, they emit unlimited amounts of pollutants, they have no technology in place," Jackson says. These plants are the focus of the regulations.

But the industry argues the cost of meeting these rules could bring economic hardship.

American Coalition for Clean Coal Electricity President and CEO Steve Miller said Wednesday. "The EPA is out of touch with the hard reality facing American families and businesses. This latest rule will destroy jobs, raise the cost of energy and could even make electricity less reliable."

The coalition plans to study the new rule but says it may risk jobs and access to affordable electricity. If

so, it will ask Congress to "step in," Miller says. "People's jobs, their family budgets and their access to affordable electricity are at stake."

There was a furious eleventh-hour push by some utility groups in the past two weeks "to try to kill this, but in the end too many pieces of the power industry were saying, 'We can do this,' " says Jim Pew of Earthjustice, a public interest law group.

Advertisements suggesting that the United States will experience power blackouts because of the new rules "are greatly overblown," EPA's Jackson says. Modeling done by EPA, Congress and the Department of Energy all suggest there's no danger of that.

"This is just a scare tactic," she says. Utilities are crassly "asking Americans to choose between mercury in their and their children's bodies, and power." That's not what's happening, Jackson says.

There's nothing in the rule requiring these plants to be shut down, only that they need to be cleaned up, she says. Analysis has shown that these plants are, on average, 50 years old.

"It's just like your car. You have to make a determination of how much you want to put into a clunker when it starts to see the end of its useful life. Companies will have to make business decisions," Jackson says.

Bloomberg

EPA Issues Arsenic, Mercury Cap for U.S. Coal-Fired Power Plants

By Mark Drajem - Dec 21, 2011 2:58 PM ET

President Barack Obama's administration issued the first U.S. standards to cut mercury and other toxic emissions from coal-fired power plants, winning praise from health advocates who say the step is long overdue.

The Environmental Protection Agency rule, the most expensive under review by Obama's administration, would force producers such as Southern Co. (SO) to install pollution-control devices or close coal plants and substitute natural gas or wind generation. Most of the 1,100 U.S. plants already comply.

"This has been 20 years in the making," Lisa Jackson, the EPA administrator, said today at Children's National Medical Center in Washington. "This is a great victory for public health, especially for the health of our children."

The rule, proposed in March, caused a split within the electric industry, with companies such as Atlanta-based Southern and American Electric Power Co. (AEP) saying it would force them to retire needed plants. Proponents such as Chicago-based Exelon Corp. (EXC) say they spent billions of dollars on pollution controls and natural-gas plants, anticipating new rules, and want competitors to make the same investments.

The EPA says the standard, estimated to cost \$9.6 billion a year, will save lives and create \$90 billion in annual benefits. It will also boost employment as power producers install scrubbing systems made by companies such as Babcock & Wilcox Co. (BWC) or Alstom SA (ALO), the agency said.

Mercury, Acid Gases

The EPA proposal incorporates three separate limits: one for mercury, a second for acid gases and a third for particulate matter, which is used to target emissions of metals such as chromium, selenium and cadmium.

In its March proposal, it said the regulation could prevent 17,000 premature deaths from toxic emissions.

Today it lowered that estimate to 11,000, according to the statement. Jackson said improved estimates for benefits from a rule to combat pollution across state borders leaves the mercury standard with fewer toxics to remove.

The changes announced today include easing off on mandatory controls for particulate matter, dispatching with pollution caps when plants are starting up or shutting down, and allowing companies greater leeway to average mercury emissions across units. Those changes will save utilities about \$1 billion annually, EPA said in a fact sheet.

Presidential Memorandum

The rule was accompanied by a presidential memorandum that directs the EPA to use authority in the law to give power companies more time beyond the three-year deadline to install equipment or shut old plants. The EPA said in its statement that it wants to make "broadly available" a fourth year, and will offer more time to deal with local reliability issues. In most cases that extra time will not be necessary, the EPA said.

Critics say the rule will force plant closures, raising the cost of electricity and endangering the reliability of the distribution grid. In addition, they have said the health benefits the EPA is claiming are overstated, as they have already been accounted for in previous pollution measures.

"It will increase the cost of power, undermining the international competitiveness of almost two dozen manufacturing industries, and it will reduce employment upstream in the mining sectors," Scott Segal, a lobbyist at Bracewell & Giuliani LLP in Washington representing companies such as Southern, said in an e-mail before the rule was released. "Given that the rule is one of the most expensive air rules ever, the American public deserves better."

Pollution Controls

About 40 percent of coal-fired power plants don't have the pollution controls necessary to comply with these rules, according to the EPA.

A separate EPA measure on power-plant emissions of sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxide that float across state lines is set to take effect in 2012, and is being challenged by power companies in court. This rule is likely to face challenges in court and in Congress as well.

The two rules together are the most far-reaching actions to curb pollution since Clean Air Act was amended in 1990, according to the American Lung Association.

This is a "huge victory for public health," Albert A. Rizzo, chief of pulmonary and critical-care medicine at Christiana Care Health System in Wilmington, Delaware, and the association's national volunteer chairman, said in the EPA's statement.

Reuters: U.S. rolls out tough rules on coal plant pollution **By Ayesha Rascoe and Timothy Gardner** **WASHINGTON | Wed Dec 21, 2011 4:00pm EST**

(Reuters) - The Obama administration on Wednesday unveiled the first-ever standards to slash mercury emissions from coal-fired plants, a move aimed at protecting public health that critics say will kill jobs as plants shut down.

Facing fierce opposition from industry groups and lawmakers from coal-intensive states, the Environmental Protection Agency said the benefits of the Mercury and Air Toxics Standards, or MATS,

will greatly outweigh the costs.

EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson revealed the rules, which have been about 20 years in the making, at a Washington, D.C. children's hospital. Mercury can harm the nervous systems of developing fetuses and infants and can enter the food stream through contaminated fish.

"By cutting emissions that are linked to developmental disorders and respiratory illnesses like asthma, these standards represent a major victory for clean air and public health," said Jackson, whose agency hopes to start enforcing the rules over the next several years.

While the rule mostly adhered to the tough proposal on mercury, arsenic, chromium and other pollutants made earlier in the year, there were some differences.

The rules will cost utilities about \$9.6 billion annually, down more than \$1 billion from the EPA's earlier estimate due to "flexibilities" that were added to the final regulation, the agency said.

The EPA also said it will push permitting authorities in the states and cities to make "broadly available" a fourth year for polluters to invest in technology needed to cut the emissions.

One of a raft of clean air standards the agency is launching, the mercury standards have divided the power industry.

Companies including Exelon and NextEra that generate most of their power with "clean" fuel sources such as nuclear, natural gas and renewables have supported the mercury standards, while those that get most of their power from coal, including American Electric Power and Southern have vigorously fought them.

The standards pleased environmentalists and public health advocates, an important part of President Barack Obama's voter base, who slammed his decision in September to delay a landmark rule on smog emissions.

DRIVING PLANT CLOSINGS

While the EPA stressed the flexibility of the final rules, power industry lobbyists said the agency still did not allow enough time for compliance.

Scott Segal, a lobbyist at Bracewell & Giuliani, said the rules will result in the loss of more than 1.4 million jobs by 2020 as utilities are forced to shut old coal-fired power plants. He estimated that for every temporary job created in technologies to clean up power plants four higher paying jobs, often union ones, will be lost.

"The bottom line: this rule is the most expensive air rule that EPA has ever proposed in terms of direct costs," Segal said. "It is certainly the most extensive intervention into the power market and job market that EPA has ever attempted to implement."

Rob Patrylak, a managing director of Black & Veatch, a consulting, engineering and construction company, said of all the EPA clean air rules, the MATS rule will force the largest number of coal-plant retirements. Unlike other recent clean air standards, such the Cross State Air Pollution Rule that seeks to cut emissions that move downwind from power plants, the MATS rule does not allow utilities to trade pollution credits to comply.

"MATS is really what's driving the decision," for companies to shut some of their coal plants, he said.

Energy analysts have said the EPA's mercury rule, along with the cross state, cooling water and coal ash rules could shut up to 70,000 megawatts of coal-fired generation.

The EPA estimated that MATS will save \$90 billion in healthcare costs by 2016 as technology to cut mercury emissions also reduces emissions of fine particulates, which can damage hearts and lungs. When combined with other EPA rules, thousands of lives will also be saved, it said.

Environmentalists praised the administration for pushing through tough rules. "EPA will take a significant step toward cleaner air, and we hope to see more progress to protect public health from air pollutants, including greenhouse gases, in the New Year," said Kevin Kennedy, US climate director at the World Resources Institute, said in an email.

Republican lawmakers quickly pounced on the new mercury rules, vowing to stop the regulations.

James Inhofe, the senior Republican senator on the Environment Committee, said he would try to overturn the rule using a "joint resolution of disapproval," a tool that faces an uphill battle in the Democratic-controlled Senate. Inhofe called the rule "a thinly veiled electricity tax" that will hurt jobs.

Jackson, who spoke during her announcement about her two sons' struggles with asthma, said she was not surprised that lawmakers were threatening to derail the regulations, but ultimately these rules were long overdue.

"These standards are 22 years in making. They are what the American people deserve after waiting so long," Jackson said. "My belief is that if we started hiring engineers instead of lobbyists and...scientists instead of lawyers, we would be able to do our job for the American people."

LA Times

EPA issues strong limits on mercury emissions from smokestacks

By Neela Banerjee

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WASHINGTON -- The Obama administration on Wednesday announced a tough new rule to limit emissions of mercury, arsenic and other toxic substances from sources such as power plants, a landmark measure that could prevent up to 11,000 premature deaths annually, according to the Environmental Protection Agency.

Though mercury is a known neurotoxin that can be profoundly harmful to children and pregnant women, there has never been a federal rule setting a standard for its release into the air from power plants. The current rule has been more than 20 years in the making, stymied repeatedly by objections from coal-burning utilities -- the biggest source of mercury and other acid gases -- and about the cost of installing pollution-control equipment.

The new regulation does not differ markedly in its rigorous emissions targets and timetable from a draft rule proposed in March, despite fierce lobbying to change it. It gives utilities three years to install pollution control equipment called scrubbers, with the opportunity for extensions from regulators on a case-by-case basis.

The rule follows on the heels of several Obama administration decisions to shelve environmental standards to mollify a sharply critical business community, including a high-profile decision this summer to halt new standards to cut smog. The long-awaited rule governing air toxins is sure to rile powerful utilities and their congressional allies who have doggedly lobbied the administration over the last few

weeks to weaken or delay the standards.

Said EPA Administrator Lisa P. Jackson said in a statement: "The Mercury and Air Toxics Standards will protect millions of families and children from harmful and costly air pollution and provide the American people with health benefits that far outweigh the costs of compliance."

Environmentalists applauded the step as a historic leap in efforts to curtail air pollution. "We can breathe easier today," said Frances Beinecke, president of the Natural Resources Defense Council, in an emailed statement. "Dirty coal-fired power plants will have to clean up the toxic soup of emissions that is polluting our air and making people sick, especially children. This critical update to the Clean Air Act will reduce child developmental delays, asthma attacks, heart attacks, and cancer; and save tens of thousands of lives."

Scott Segal, director of the Electric Reliability Coordinating Council, an industry lobbying group, said the sweeping implications of the new rule mean that utilities would not accept them easily.

Under the new rule, power plants can emit 1.2 pounds of mercury per million BTUs of energy produced. Industry had sought a limit of 1.4 pounds. But the EPA arrived at its figure based on a formula set out under the Clean Air Act, and analysts said the agency could not deviate from it.

"The final rule appears to be pretty close to the proposed rule, which is unfortunate. The rule suffers from statistical errors, inaccurate technological assumptions, and inadequate economic and reliability analysis. Given that the rule is one of the most expensive air rules ever, the American public deserves better."

Companies would have three years to clean up their emissions of mercury and about 70 other toxic substances, and utilities could appeal for at least one more year as they install the necessary equipment. Much of industry has argued that the timetable is too tight and could lead to rolling blackouts. One group, the American Public Power Assn., told the White House that its members needed more than seven years to comply with the mercury rule.

About a dozen states have already approved rules to cut mercury and other toxic substances. A recent study by air quality regulators in the Northeast showed that Massachusetts' aggressive efforts since 1998 to reduce mercury emissions have slashed emissions by more than 90%. Industry has argued that the health benefits of reducing mercury through a federal standard are overstated.

But the estimated public health effects had played a considerable role so far in getting the administration to stick to standards it proposed in March, environmentalists said. Power plants account for about half of mercury emissions and more than 70% of acid gases.

People get exposed to mercury mainly by eating contaminated fish. Mercury exposure damages the developing brains of fetuses and children.

The EPA estimates that by 2016, the proposed rules could avert 4,700 heart attacks a year and prevent 130,000 cases of childhood asthma symptoms.

The Hill E2 Wire

EPA unveils rules limiting mercury, other power plant toxins

By Andrew Restuccia

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The Environmental Protection Agency on Wednesday unveiled highly anticipated national standards to limit power plant output of mercury and other toxic air pollutants that have been linked to developmental disorders and childhood asthma.

The long-delayed final standards have been the subject of a ferocious lobbying and public relations battle. And it's a fight that could spill onto the presidential campaign trail at a time when GOP candidates routinely accuse Obama of pursuing an overzealous green agenda.

The regulations are a victory for environmental groups, who are still recovering from the bitter disappointment of the White House's decision to scuttle much-anticipated smog regulations. But they face vehement opposition from Republicans and industry groups, who argue the rules will harm the economy, force the closure of coal-fired power plants and threaten the reliability of the country's power grid.

The administration took pains Wednesday to limit the political fallout from the regulations. President Obama intends to issue a memorandum later Wednesday directing EPA to ensure the standards impose the least possible cost on industry and don't threaten electric reliability.

EPA said Wednesday that the regulations – which require coal- and oil-fired power plants to install technology to reduce harmful air pollution – will offer massive public health benefits at limited cost to industry.

The agency estimates that the standards will prevent 11,000 premature deaths, 4,700 heart attacks and 130,000 cases of childhood asthma per year.

"By cutting emissions that are linked to developmental disorders and respiratory illnesses like asthma, these standards represent a major victory for clean air and public health– and especially for the health of our children," EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson said in a statement.

"With these standards that were two decades in the making, EPA is rounding out a year of incredible progress on clean air in America with another action that will benefit the American people for years to come," Jackson said.

In an effort to drive home the regulations' health benefits, Jackson is set to unveil the standards Wednesday at the Children's National Medical Center in Washington, D.C. She was joined at the event

by officials from the American Lung Association and other supporters of the standards.

The agency made an effort to show that the power industry is not uniformly against the standards. Paul Allen, a senior official with power giant Constellation Energy, is slated to appear at Wednesday's rollout.

EPA said that more than half of the country's existing coal-fired power plants have already installed the necessary technology to meet the new standards. About 40 percent of the country's coal-fired plants will be required to update their facilities under the rules, according to the agency.

Plant operators have three years to comply with the standards and EPA encouraged states to "make a fourth year broadly available for technology installations" in an effort to stem criticism of the regulations. The agency also said it would allow more time to comply with the standards on a case-by-case basis if electric reliability issues arise on a localized level.

EPA also said the regulations will help create 46,000 temporary construction jobs and 8,000 permanent utility jobs.

Environmental groups cheered the new standards Wednesday.

"We can breathe easier today. After decades of industry-induced delay, the Environmental Protection Agency did exactly what it was designed to do: look out for our health and our environment," said Frances Beinecke, president of the Natural Resources Defense Council, in a statement.

"Dirty coal-fired power plants will have to clean up the toxic soup of emissions that is polluting our air and making people sick, especially children," she said.

The rules come over the protest of House Republicans, who shepherded legislation through their chamber in September that would indefinitely delay the rules and force EPA to rewrite them.

Major utilities with coal-fired generation like American Electric Power and Southern Company have also fought the standards, holding a series of meetings with White House Office of Management and Budget officials as recently as mid-December warning the rules will force layoffs and hurt power reliability by forcing the closure of a massive number of plants.

Industry groups blasted the regulations Wednesday. Scott Segal, Director of the Electric Reliability Coordinating Council, a group of utilities, said the rules will "undermine job creation in the United States," force the retirement of power plants and increase the cost of electricity.

“The bottom line: this rule is the most expensive air rule that EPA has ever proposed in terms of direct costs,” Segal said in a statement. “It is certainly the most extensive intervention into the power market and job market that EPA has ever attempted to implement.”

The Obama administration has pushed back in recent weeks on allegations that the rules will cause power outages. The Energy Department issued a report earlier this month that said the regulations will not threaten the reliability of the country’s electric grid.

The regulations, which were first mandated in 1990 as part of a series of amendments to the Clean Air Act, will reduce toxic air pollutants like mercury, arsenic, acid gas, nickel, selenium, and cyanide. The air toxics have been shown to cause developmental problems in children as well as respiratory problems like asthma and bronchitis.

EPA had been ordered to complete the rule Friday under a court-ordered deadline, but delayed public rollout until this week.

National Journal
EPA Unveils Long-Awaited Mercury Rule
By Amy Harder
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Appearing at Washington’s Children’s Hospital with public health leaders at her side, Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Lisa Jackson on Wednesday unveiled the nation’s first-ever national standards for mercury and other toxic air pollution from power plants.

The sweeping regulations—mandated by Congress in 1990 and delayed by prolonged litigation, lobbying, and legislative battles—will require utilities to cut at least 90 percent of their emissions of mercury, a neurotoxin known to cause brain damage and other health problems, particularly in developing fetuses and young children.

“The Mercury and Air Toxics Standards will help protect millions of families and children from harmful and costly air pollution and provide the American people with health benefits that far outweigh the costs of compliance,” Jackson said.

EPA says the rule will prevent up to 11,000 premature deaths and prevent thousands of respiratory illnesses, which could translate into \$90 billion in health and economic benefits a year.

“EPA estimates that manufacturing, engineering, installing, and maintaining the pollution controls to meet these standards will provide employment for thousands, potentially including 46,000 short-term construction jobs and 8,000 long-term utility jobs,” according to the agency.

Critics are bound to take issue with those numbers, which ignore the likely job losses in the coal-utility sector. Indeed, utilities that burn coal, such as American Electric Power and Southern Company, will be affected the most since coal is the dirtiest fuel used to generate electricity and accounts for 99 percent of the mercury pollution from the power sector. Coal is also the cheapest and most abundant fuel source,

though, providing nearly 50 percent of the country's electricity.

Consumer groups praised the new rules. "The health benefits of this rule are clear, and today's announcement follows the example set by the Clean Air Act by protecting public health in a cost effective manner," said Shannon Baker-Branstetter of Consumers Union.

"Exposure to air pollution and toxic chemicals can cause asthma and heart attacks, harm those suffering from respiratory illness, and in some cases lead to death," said Alan Baker, interim executive director of the American Public Health Association. "Implementing these critically needed standards could mean the difference between a chronic debilitating, expensive illness or healthy life for hundreds of thousands of American children and adults."

Wall Street Journal
EPA Sets Deeps Cuts in Power-Plant Emissions
BY RYAN TRACY AND DEBORAH SOLOMON
December 21, 2011

WASHINGTON—The Environmental Protection Agency on Wednesday made final new limits on emissions from power-plant smokestacks, requiring deep cuts in toxic pollution at hundreds of generating units that burn coal or fuel oil to make electricity.

The agency said the rules, set to take effect in about 60 days, will prevent up to 11,000 premature deaths each year.

The rules will also cost about \$10 billion annually while power companies install pollution controls or shut down aging plants that can't comply, and they are expected to reshape the power sector as companies switch to cleaner-burning fuels such as natural gas.

The Obama administration, eager for a victory on its environmental resume after a delay in a separate rule on smog-forming ozone pollution earlier this year, announced the rule Wednesday at a Washington ceremony. EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson was flanked by public-health advocates and some power-industry representatives.

The new standards "will protect millions of families and children from harmful and costly air pollution and provide the American people with health benefits that far outweigh the costs of compliance," Ms. Jackson said in a statement.

The administration held its ground on the air-toxins rule despite objections from congressional Republicans and some power companies that said the rules will go too far, too quickly and would potentially put the reliability of the electric grid at risk as plants close down. Efforts to delay the rules in Congress over the past year have failed.

In a nod to the reliability concerns, the EPA said Wednesday it was encouraging state authorities to allow four years if necessary for companies to install retrofits at plants to comply with the rules, instead of the statutory three. If even more time is needed, the agency said the rule provides "a well-defined pathway to address any localized reliability problems should they arise."

Several Republican lawmakers said Wednesday they were preparing legislation that would block the rules or allow a "safety valve" for plants that can't comply in time. The Edison Electric Institute, the utility industry's main trade group, said the EPA made useful changes but still was creating "the most expensive rule in the agency's history."

Those gestures fall short of the industry's requests. Power companies had wanted an automatic four-year compliance time frame and a presidential executive order to secure a fifth year, if necessary, to keep the

grid online.

The rules will make power companies slash emissions of gases that contribute to soot and acid rain and can worsen heart and lung problems. They also require cuts of mercury and other toxic metals. The agency said about 60% of affected power plants already comply with the rules.

In a related memorandum to Ms. Jackson, President Barack Obama directed the EPA to be flexible "where justified" in enforcing the new rule.

Mr. Obama said the fourth year should "broadly available to sources, consistent with law," and should be invoked "expeditiously where justified."

The president also said the EPA should "promote early, coordinated, and orderly planning and execution of the measures needed to implement" the rule.

Atlanta Journal-Constitution
EPA issues mercury-reduction standards for power plants
By Kristi E. Swartz
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The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency released new power plant emissions rules designed to remove mercury and other toxins from the air.

The agency said reducing toxic pollutants would cut thousands of cases of chronic bronchitis, heart attacks, aggravated asthma and other health problems.

Georgia Power and other utilities have said the new rules would cause them to close or significantly alter several coal-fired power plants, costing time, money and jobs. Complying with the new regulations could cost Georgia Power \$741 million to nearly \$3 billion and lead it to close or refit six additional coal or oil-fired plants by 2015, the utility has said.

Customers eventually will pay for these costs in the form of higher electricity bills.

The regulations have been part of a political tug-of-war between the utility industry and environmentalists. Utilities have lobbied heavily for the EPA to make changes to the proposed rule, released in March.

A small drop of mercury can contaminate a lake and the fish that live in it, according to a report from Environment Georgia. All 50 states have advisories warning women and children not to eat local fish because they may be contaminated with mercury, the report said.

The EPA's rules were signed Dec. 13 but were not made public until just before a news conference at 2 p.m. Wednesday. Environmental and industry groups already had lined up their prepared statements praising or chastising the rules.

"The EPA is out of touch with the hard reality facing American families and businesses. This latest rule will destroy jobs, raise the cost of energy and could even make electricity less reliable," said Steve Miller, President and CEO of the American Coalition for Clean Coal Electricity.

St. Louis Today
EPA finalizes mercury limits for coal plants
BY JEFFREY TOMICH
Wednesday, December 21, 2011

Read more:

http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/metro/epa-finalizes-mercury-limits-for-coal-plants/article_0d614802-2c01-11e1-befc-0019bb30f31a.html#ixzz1hDEMDXHo

Federal regulators on Wednesday announced landmark new rules that put nationwide limits on the amount of mercury and other toxic pollutants emitted by power plants.

The regulations were finalized by the Environmental Protection Agency under a court deadline. They were proposed in March, re-igniting a vigorous debate between the power industry and environmental and public health advocates.

The rules replace less aggressive limits on mercury established by the George W. Bush administration that were later thrown out by the federal courts. The Bush rules had established a cap-and-trade program that allowed utilities that reduced emissions to sell credits to those that didn't.

Under the new regulations, coal-burning power plants will have up to four years to slash mercury emissions and make deep cuts in the release of acid gases and metals like arsenic and chromium for which there are currently no national standards.

The rules "will protect millions of families and children from harmful and costly air pollution and provide the American people with health benefits that far outweigh the costs of compliance," EPA Administrator Lisa P. Jackson said in a statement.

The agency said pollution control technology needed to meet the standards are widely available and already in use at more than half of the nation's coal-fired power plants.

The rules will bring changes to states like Missouri, where there are presently no state-imposed limits on mercury emissions. Illinois, meanwhile, put more stringent mercury standards in place several years ago.

The EPA rules on mercury come just months after the agency finalized another set of tough regulations that require steep reductions of sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxide emissions in 27 eastern states, including Missouri, beginning next year.

EPA estimates the mercury and air toxics regulations will prevent as many as 11,000 premature deaths each year and help avoid thousands of heart attacks and cases of asthma and acute bronchitis in children.

StateImpact Texas

New Rules Approved for Pollution from Coal Plants

December 21, 2011

In a move the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is calling "historic," new rules were approved today that mandate reduced emissions of mercury and other pollutants from U.S. coal power plants. In a statement released today, the agency says that these are the first national standards that "will slash emissions of these dangerous pollutants by relying on widely available, proven pollution controls that are already in use at more than half of the nation's coal-fired power plants."

The agency estimates that the new rules "will prevent as many as 11,000 premature deaths and 4,700 heart attacks a year." It also says that the rules will reduce childhood asthma symptoms and result in less acute bronchitis in children.

"Power plants are the largest remaining source of several toxic air pollutants, including mercury, arsenic, cyanide, and a range of other dangerous pollutants," the agency says. They "are responsible for half of

the mercury and over 75 percent of the acid gas emissions in the United States.”

About forty percent of Texas’ power comes from coal, and several companies in the state will have to upgrade their plants in order to comply with the new rules. At the Fayette Power Project in La Grange, Texas, the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) and Austin Energy have spent \$400 million on upgrades to scrubbers at the plant, but they’ll have to spend more to comply with the new rules.

“We’re evaluating it right now, there is definitely a cost to remove mercury,” Andrew Valencia, Manager of Power and Gas Operations for LCRA told StateImpact Texas today. “But the technologies that will be deployed will depend on what the final rules are.”

The EPA is giving three years for companies to comply with the new standards and is “also encouraging permitting authorities to make a fourth year broadly available for technology installations.” In short, the agency does not expect any power outages to result because of the new rules. A recent independent study by the Associated Press reached the same conclusion.

NY Times (Green Blog)
E.P.A. Issues Limits on Mercury Emissions
By JOHN M. BRODER
December 21, 2011, 2:00 PM

The Environmental Protection Agency introduced new standards on Wednesday sharply limiting emissions of mercury and other toxic pollutants from the nation’s 1,400 coal- and oil-burning power plants.

If and when the new rule takes effect, it will be the first time the federal government has enforced limits on mercury, arsenic, acid gases and other poisonous and carcinogenic chemicals emitted by the burning of fossil fuels.

Lisa P. Jackson, the E.P.A. administrator, said that the regulations, which have taken more than 20 years to formulate, would save thousands of lives and return financial benefits many times their estimated \$9.6 billion annual cost.

“By cutting emissions that are linked to developmental disorders and respiratory illnesses like asthma, these standards represent a major victory for clean air and public health – and especially for the health of our children,” Ms. Jackson said.

President Obama, who in September rejected a proposed E.P.A. rule covering smog-causing emissions as too burdensome to industry, said he was fully supportive of the new regulation. He directed the agency to ensure that companies were given sufficient time and flexibility to meet the new rule.

He said the new rule, formally known as the Mercury and Air Toxics Standards, “represents a major step forward in my administration’s efforts to protect public health and the environment.” (The White House

released a video in which the president discusses the rules.)

A number of power plant operators are likely to challenge the new rules in court, saying they are too expensive and will force the premature closing of scores of power plants, eliminating hundreds of thousands of jobs and threatening the supply of electricity in some parts of the country.

Scott H. Segal, who represents utilities that will be affected by the new rule, said that the E.P.A. was playing down the costs and double-counting the benefits. "The bottom line," he said in an analysis of the regulation, "this rule is the most expensive air rule that E.P.A. has ever proposed in terms of direct costs. It is certainly the most extensive intervention into the power market and job market that E.P.A. has ever attempted to implement."

Environmental advocates challenged Mr. Segal's analysis, and his views are not universally shared in the power industry. Ralph Izzo, the chief executive of Public Service Enterprise Group, the parent of New Jersey's largest electric utility, said that his company had spent \$1.3 billion to bring his plants into compliance with New Jersey's air quality rules, which are as stringent as the new federal standard. He said that other utilities had had more than enough notice to clean up their plants in advance of the federal rule announced on Wednesday.

He said the E.P.A. action was "long overdue." He noted that the Clean Air Act, under which the new standards are issued, gives enough flexibility to allow all power generators to come into compliance without any threat to the reliability of electric supply.

Mercury is a potent neurotoxin, harming the nervous systems of fetuses and young children and causing lifelong developmental problems. Other pollutants covered by the new rule, including dioxin, can cause cancer, premature death, heart disease, and asthma.

Power plants generally will have up to four years to comply, although waivers can be granted in individual cases to ensure that the lights stay on. The E.P.A. estimates that utilities will be forced to retire plants that currently provide less than one-half of 1 percent of the nation's total generating capacity.

The rule is the first national one to put limits on emissions of mercury and other toxic gases from power plants, although more than a dozen states have already imposed such rules on plants within their borders. The George W. Bush administration proposed a rule covering mercury emissions, but environmental and health groups successfully blocked it in court on the ground that it did not meet the minimum standards of the Clean Air Act.

The new federal rule is not based on simple numbers, like pounds per year or per megawatt-hour, but on a scale based on the performance of other power plants; uncontrolled sources will have to do as well as the best-performing sources do now. The rule, in effect, specifies a group of proven cleanup technologies

– such as scrubbers or carbon injection systems – rather than precise emissions goals.

Senator James Inhofe of Oklahoma, the senior Republican on the Environment and Public Works Committee, vowed to block the new regulation.

“Sadly, this rule isn’t about public health,” he said in a statement. “It is a thinly veiled electricity tax that continues the Obama administration’s war on affordable energy and is the latest in an unprecedented barrage of regulations that make up E.P.A.’s job-killing regulatory agenda.”

The E.P.A. said that when the rules are fully put into effect, they will prevent 90 percent of the mercury in coal burned in power plants from being emitted into the air and reduce 88 percent of acid gas emissions from power plants.

The rule will apply to about 1,400 units that generate electricity by burning coal or oil at 600 separate power plants. (Some have more than one power-generation unit.) About half the coal boilers lack what the E.P.A. calls “advanced pollution control equipment”; some are more than 50 years old.

Other relatively large mercury sources, like medical waste incinerators and municipal waste combustors, are already controlled and have released their emissions by 95 percent, according to the E.P.A. Some of the reduction was from simple steps like ceasing to incinerate batteries.

The E.P.A. estimated that the rules would eliminate “up to 11,000 premature deaths” per year, along with thousands of heart attacks, asthma attacks and emergency room visits.

The impact on the electric system is difficult to quantify, in part because the administration is moving forward on two other major rules affecting power plants, one for plants east of the Rockies that send pollution across state borders, and another governing discharges of warm water. Plant owners may calculate that it is cheaper to build a new plant burning natural gas than to upgrade an old coal-burner.

Susan F. Tierney, a consultant who was an assistant secretary of energy for policy during the Clinton administration and a utility regulator in Massachusetts, said that for plants that were “on the margin” financially, the cross-state rule and the new mercury rule might push them under.

Plants with stronger economics might upgrade to control mercury and other hazardous pollutants, she said, because the water rule was still several years in the future.

Ms. Tierney said the mercury rule was the biggest E.P.A. rule on power plants since the mid-1990s, although other changes could be coming. "Under existing rules, it's really the next big action-forcing regulation," she said. Eventually, she said, E.P.A. regulation of greenhouse gases could have a broader impact, but that rule is still being written.

The Courier-Journal
EPA mercury limits expected on coal plants
12:31 PM, Dec. 21, 2011

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is expected Wednesday to make final its rule aimed at cutting emissions of mercury and other toxic chemicals from coal-fired power plants.

The agency has scheduled a 2 p.m. press conference at a Washington, D.C., hospital, promising a major Clean Air Act announcement, and environmentalists and industry officials who closely monitor the EPA said they expect action on mercury and other toxic-air emissions to be unveiled.

If the agency's final rule is as strong as the one it proposed in March, it would reduce mercury emissions from power plants by as much as 91 percent over the next three or four years, saving lives and reducing health-care bills, while costing the nation's utilities about \$11 billion annually and driving electricity rates higher.

The new rule would replace Bush-era regulations thrown out by the federal courts that had relied on a cap-and-trade strategy, where utilities that made cuts could sell credits to those that didn't. At the time, the Bush administration predicted its rule would reduce mercury pollution from coal-fired power plants 70 percent over 13 years

EPA in March said its rule would apply to all power plants and other industrial sources of mercury emissions, while also seeking to toxic air pollutants such as arsenic, lead, chromium and acid gases.

The rule is expected to have particular impact in Kentucky and Indiana, where coal-fired power plants supply more than 90 percent of the states' electricity.

Environmentalists and some medical doctors have called the Louisville area a mercury "hot spot" because of its concentration of coal-fired plants. Two are within the city limits, and another is across the Ohio River in New Albany, Ind.

The Plain Dealer

U.S. EPA issues tough mercury and other toxic emission standards; some coal-burning power plants may close**Wednesday, December 21, 2011, 2:32 PM****By John Funk**

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) today issued the first rules regulating power plant smoke stack emissions of mercury and other toxic metals.

The rules will probably force utilities that rely on coal-fired boilers, including FirstEnergy Corp. and Columbus-based American Electric Power, to shut down older, smaller power plants because installing clean-up equipment would not only be costly but would also reduce the output of the plants.

Among FirstEnergy power plants that face upgrades or closures are Lake Shore, Ashtabula and Bay Shore.

The standards will regulate power plant emissions of mercury and other toxic pollutants such as arsenic, acid gas, nickel, selenium, and cyanide.

The pollution controls to eliminate these materials are proven and widely available, said EPA administrator Lisa Jackson. But only about half of the nation's 1,100 coal-burning utility power plants are equipped with technology today.

The impact of the new rules on consumer power prices has yet to be determined. EPA estimates that the new safeguards will prevent as many as 11,000 premature deaths and 4,700 heart attacks a year and prevent about 130,000 cases of childhood asthma symptoms and about 6,300 fewer cases of acute bronchitis among children each year.

"By cutting emissions that are linked to developmental disorders and respiratory illnesses like asthma, these standards represent a major victory for clean air and public health- and especially for the health of our children," said Jackson.

Bangor Daily News**Collins, Snowe urged to support clean air rules****By Jackie Farwell, BDN Staff****Posted Dec. 19, 2011, at 5:44 p.m.**

PORTLAND, Maine — A group of doctors, sportsmen, scientists and parents led by the American Lung Association gathered Monday to urge Maine's senators to support clean air legislation.

The coalition called on Sens. Susan Collins and Olympia Snowe to back tougher federal rules on mercury and air pollution from power plants and oppose efforts to delay stricter emissions standards for industrial boilers.

At a press conference, Mark Conley of Raymond said he sometimes has to keep his asthmatic son, Jake, indoors because air pollution compromises the 12-year-old's breathing.

"Do we want our kids walking around in the future with masks on?" Conley said.

The Environmental Protection Agency is expected this week to unveil first-ever national standards for mercury and other toxic pollutants released from power plant smokestacks. The agency says the standards will keep 91 percent of the mercury in coal from entering the air, preventing an estimated 11,000 heart attacks and 120,000 asthma attacks annually by 2016.

"While many parts of the country rely on coal power, the health effects from this relatively inexpensive resource are borne by the people of Maine," Snowe said in a statement. "It is unacceptable that these costs are simply transferred from one region to another and that is why I have long supported reducing mercury pollution with cost-effective technologies."

Art Cerullo, a member of the American Lung Association of Maine board, said at the press conference that Maine's senators hold the key to preventing out-of-state polluters from dirtying Maine's air. Behind him, an actor dressed as Santa placed gift boxes labeled "healthy air" and "healthy kids" into a stocking while a man dressed as the Grinch replaced them with chunks of coal.

"But it's not just about health," Cerullo said. "It's about our ability to create jobs and grow Maine's economy. And let's face it, when you think of Maine as Vacationland, you don't think of dirty, unhealthy air."

Collins co-sponsored a bill this summer to postpone implementation of the new industrial boiler regulations, giving the EPA 15 months to review the issue and extending compliance deadlines from three years to five.

Pulp and paper industry officials in Maine have said the plants are crucial to their businesses and that the regulations are costly to comply with and overly strict. Opponents argue the delay will allow harmful toxins into the air.

Collins' bipartisan legislation now has more than 40 co-sponsors and will give the EPA time to analyze the best ways to implement the standards, known as Boiler MACT rules, according to Kevin Kelley, a spokesman for Collins.

"Maine has lost more than a third of its manufacturing jobs during the past decade, and Sen. Collins remains committed to helping ensure that the Boiler MACT rules are crafted to protect public health without harming the forest products industry, which is the lifeblood of many small, rural communities," Kelley said in a statement.

**Time (EcoCentric Blog)
December 21, 2011**

“By cutting emissions that are linked to developmental disorders and respiratory illnesses like asthma, these standards represent a major victory for clean air and public health— and especially for the health of our children. The Mercury and Air Toxics Standards will protect millions of families and children from harmful and costly air pollution and provide the American people with health benefits that far outweigh the costs of compliance.”

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator LISA JACKSON, in a statement announcing the release of the EPA's long-awaited rules on mercury and other air toxics. The regulations—which have been in the works for two decades—are the first to restrict emissions of mercury, a potent neurotoxin, from power plants. According to the EPA, the new rules—with which coal-fired power plants will have at least three years to comply—will prevent at least 11,000 premature deaths and 4,700 heart attacks a year, along with 130,000 childhood asthma symptoms and 6,300 fewer cases of acute bronchitis in children.

**The Talk Radio News Service
EPA Issues New Air Pollution Rules
Wednesday, December 21, 2011 At 2:40PM**

The Obama administration announced Wednesday new rules aimed at reducing air pollution caused by coal power plants.

The Mercury and Air Toxics Standards unveiled today are designed to curb emissions via a series of pollution controls.

According to a news release, “the new safeguards will prevent as many as 11,000 premature deaths and 4,700 heart attacks a year. The standards will also help America's children grow up healthier – preventing 130,000 cases of childhood asthma symptoms and about 6,300 fewer cases of acute bronchitis among children each year.”

“By cutting emissions that are linked to developmental disorders and respiratory illnesses like asthma, these standards represent a major victory for clean air and public health— and especially for the health of our children,” said EPA Administrator Lisa P. Jackson. “The Mercury and Air Toxics Standards will protect millions of families and children from harmful and costly air pollution and provide the American people with health benefits that far outweigh the costs of compliance.”

The EPA estimates that “the two rules are estimated to prevent up to 46,000 premature deaths, 540,000 asthma attacks among children, 24,500 emergency room visits and hospital admissions.” The administration also believes that the new standards will net the nation's economy \$90 billion per year.

Critics of the new standards, however, say that they will result in job loss and higher electricity bills for

customers.

Power plant lobbyist Scott Segal told MSNBC that “this rule is the most expensive air rule that EPA has ever proposed in terms of direct costs.”

“Much is made of the current debate over extending the payroll tax holiday,” Segal said. “The irony is that a middle class family may end up giving that entire tax benefit back in the form of higher utility bills.”

Think Progress

On Fox News, Ed Whitfield Denies ‘Any Benefit’ To Babies And Pregnant Women From Reducing Mercury Levels

By Brad Johnson on Dec 21, 2011 at 2:38 pm

As U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administration Lisa Jackson announces the first-ever Clean Air Act rules to limit mercury pollution from coal-fired power plants, Republicans are already attacking this historic advance for public health. The health risks of this potent neurotoxin are enormously well-documented. Methylmercury from coal pollution accumulates in fish, poisoning pregnant women and small children. Mercury can harm children’s developing brains, including effects on memory, attention, language, and fine motor and visual spatial skills. But Republicans are willing to argue that the profits of the coal industry outweigh the well-being of America’s children.

“There are already strict regulations relating to mercury emissions,” Rep. Ed Whitfield (R-KY), the chair of the House energy and power subcommittee, falsely claimed in an interview today with Fox News. “Obviously whatever controls the EPA has in place are not working if our fish are tainted,” Fox’s Alisyn Camerota shot back. Whitfield then made the false claim that “there is not going to be any benefit from this new regulation in reducing mercury levels”:

CAMEROTA: As I’m sure you know, for the past years doctors have been advising pregnant women not to eat any fish when they are pregnant because the mercury levels are so high in fish. So what to do about this? Obviously whatever controls the EPA has in place are not working if our fish are tainted.

WHITFIELD: Well, let me just say this to you, the scientists that testified before our committee were unanimous in the view that there is not going to be any benefit from this new regulation in reducing mercury levels. All of the benefits were calculated from the reduction of particulate matter, which is already covered under ambient air quality standard regulations. This is about closing coal plants, and that’s precisely what it is about.

Whitfield and energy committee chair Fred Upton (R-MI) have assiduously avoided having medical experts testify about the EPA’s mercury rules, instead parading utility and coal industry officials before their committee to make exaggerated claims about the costs of upgrading power plants to protect children’s health. At one such hearing, Rep. Joe Barton denied the “medical negative” of mercury exposure.

The glimmer of fact in Whitfield’s claims is that the health costs of mercury poisoning of our nation’s children over decades of unlimited coal pollution are difficult to quantify. Mercury poisoning is rarely fatal and hard to detect, but causes undeniable, insidious developmental harm to fetuses and babies.

Cost-benefit analyses conducted by epidemiologists for the new rule emphasize the equally real live-saving impact of cutting the deadly soot pollution from the few dozen ancient coal plants that emit

most of the nation's mercury pollution. By conceding that cutting the particulate matter would save thousands of lives, Whitfield was in effect admitting that current ambient air quality standards are not sufficient to protect American health either.

Economists are beginning to recognize that the costs of coal pollution outweigh the benefits of "cheap" coal electricity. Unless the coal industry cleans up its act, coal power is making the American economy sick.

MSNBC

Power plant rules unveiled: Higher bills, cleaner air

Coal-fired power plants across U.S. will have to reduce pollutants

WASHINGTON — The Obama administration on Wednesday unveiled rules for coal-fired power plants that mean costly investments passed on to consumers, but also health benefits.

Hundreds of older plants — which together make up the largest remaining source of unchecked toxic air pollution in the United States — will have to cut emissions or shut down.

"By cutting emissions that are linked to developmental disorders and respiratory illnesses like asthma, these standards represent a major victory for clean air and public health," Lisa Jackson, head of the Environmental Protection Agency, said in a statement.

The American Lung Association added its support, calling it a "huge victory for public health" and echoing EPA estimates that the rules will prevent 130,000 child asthma attacks and 11,000 premature deaths each year.

Power plant operators who have trouble meeting a three-year deadline to reduce emissions of mercury and other toxics will be given some flexibility under a deal struck between the White House and the EPA, the Washington Post reported last Friday.

The EPA estimates the rules will cost utilities \$9.6 billion by 2016 to install special equipment known as "scrubbers."

About 40 percent of the 1,400 coal-fired units nationwide still lack modern pollution controls, despite the EPA in 1990 getting the authority from Congress to control toxic air pollution from power plant smokestacks. A decade later, in 2000, the agency concluded it was necessary to clamp down on the emissions to protect public health.

The administration was under court order to issue a new rule, after a court threw out an attempt by the Bush administration to exempt power plants from toxic air pollution controls.

In a video released Wednesday afternoon, President Barack Obama said the decades of delays caused by special interest groups that resulted in standards never being put into place for power "was wrong."

"Today, my administration is saying, 'Enough'," he said.

When fully implemented in 2016, the standards will slash mercury pollution from burning coal by 90 percent, lung-damaging acid gases by 88 percent and soot-producing sulfur dioxide by 41 percent.

Companies that generate most of their power with "clean" fuel sources like nuclear, natural gas and renewables have supported the standards, while those that get most of their power from coal, including American Electric Power and Southern, have vigorously fought the rules.

Scott Segal, an energy industry lobbyist at Bracewell & Giuliani, said the rules will result in the loss of more than 1.4 million jobs by 2020 as utilities are forced to shutter old coal-fired plants. He estimated that for every temporary job created in technologies to clean up power plants four higher paying jobs, often union ones, will be lost.

"The bottom line: this rule is the most expensive air rule that EPA has ever proposed in terms of direct costs," he added. "It is certainly the most extensive intervention into the power market and job market that EPA has ever attempted to implement."

He also cited an industry-sponsored study that estimated areas with the most coal power plants could see electricity prices rise by 19 percent.

"Much is made of the current debate over extending the payroll tax holiday," he told msnbc.com. "The irony is that a middle class family may end up giving that entire tax benefit back in the form of higher utility bills."

EPA spokeswoman Enesta Jones countered that "EPA modeling indicates that these standards will result in relatively small changes in the average retail price of electricity (approximately 3 percent)."

Republicans had joined opponents, and in October the EPA delayed approval, saying it needed more time to review the 960,000 comments it received on a draft of the measure.

In response to concerns about the costs, the EPA has said the money saved in health care costs will be greater than the amount polluters will need to invest in retooling their plants to meet the new standards.

A group of 25 states has launched a court case over the rules, seeking a delay of at least a year for what they argue is an expensive measure that will shut down old coal-fired power plants.

Analysts have said American Electric Power and Duke Energy could see temporary shutdowns because of the rules.

To ease those concerns, the EPA will encourage states to make "broadly available" an additional fourth year to comply. Case-by-case extensions could also be granted to address local reliability issues.

The EPA, which had also been sued by environmental groups to finalize the rule, has maintained that the regulation is needed to prevent illnesses and deaths caused by air pollution.

Environmentalists were pleased with the final rules.

"After decades of industry-induced delay, the Environmental Protection Agency did exactly what it was designed to do: look out for our health and our environment," said Frances Beinecke, president of the Natural Resources Defense Council.

The EPA estimates the rules will save \$37 billion to \$90 billion in health care costs each year by 2016 as technology to cut mercury emissions also reduces emissions of fine particulates, which can damage hearts and lungs.

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Below and attached are press clips from today, including a list of broadcast pieces and Spanish language pieces. I've attached the CNN, PBS, and MSNBC broadcast pieces to this email as well as the full text of the Spanish clips.



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EPA mercury rules hailed as environmental victory for Obama
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By BRYAN WALSH
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BY JEFFREY TOMICH
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by Anya Litvak, Reporter

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EEUU presenta duras normas contra contaminación plantas a carbón

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Por Ayesha Rascoe y Timothy Gardner

EFE

EE.UU. impone nuevas restricciones a emisiones tóxicas de plantas de energía

La medida fue aplaudida por los defensores del ambiente y alarmó a empresarios y republicanos.

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EE.UU. impone más restricciones a emanaciones tóxicas de plantas de energía

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Articles**Washington Post**

Environmental Protection Agency issues new regulation on mercury

By Juliet Eilperin

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The Environmental Protection Agency announced Wednesday a regulation more than two decades in the making that requires coal- and oil-fired power plants to control emissions of mercury and other poisons for the first time.

About 40 percent of the nation's roughly 1,400 coal- and oil-fired utilities lack modern pollution controls on toxic emissions; the new requirement is expected to prompt the closure of some of the oldest and dirtiest plants.

Congress gave the EPA the authority to limit these toxins — which include mercury, arsenic, acid gas, nickel, selenium and cyanide — in 1990, but disagreements among federal regulators, industry officials and activists over how best to regulate them have stalled action until now.

The Washington Post reported the full details of the regulation on Friday, the day EPA Administrator Lisa P. Jackson signed the regulation into law, but the agency did not publicly disclose the rule until Wednesday.

"This is a giant victory for public health, especially the health of our children," Jackson told reporters in a telephone call Wednesday, noting that she knew the full impact of polluted air, because as the mother of a son with asthma, "Fifteen years ago, my youngest son spent his first Christmas in a hospital, struggling to breathe."

The EPA estimates the new regulation's safeguards — which are slated to fully take effect in three years — will prevent as many as 11,000 premature deaths and 4,700 heart attacks a year by 2016 and will cost

the industry \$9.6 billion in compliance that year. By comparison, the agency projects reducing these

emissions will save between \$37 billion and \$90 billion in 2016 in annual health costs and lost workdays.

The regulation could face legal and legislative hurdles, however: Some utilities have vowed to fight it in court, while the top Republican on the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, James M. Inhofe (Okla.), said Wednesday he would seek to block it in Congress.

Some utility and coal industry officials said cleaning up these plants will cause severe economic hardship and could lead to power outages in regions of the country.

The rule will take effect in about 60 days. Along with the rule, the administration issued a presidential memorandum clarifying that an additional fourth year for compliance "should be broadly available to sources, consistent with the requirements" of the Clean Air Act. The memorandum notes that the EPA also has the ability to issue an administrative order for a fifth year, "should unusual circumstances arise that warrant such flexibility."

Jackson estimated that only 4.7 gigawatts of the nation's 1,000 gigawatts of electricity capacity, or less than one-half of 1 percent of the nation's plants, would have to shut down as a result of the new standards.

Ann Weeks, who is senior counsel for the Clean Air Task Force and has sued the EPA over its failure to issue the mercury standards in the past, said, "Our work tells us this is feasible within the time constraints under the Clean Air Act, that it will not create electric reliability problems and that it will have very significant health benefits for Americans."

But some industry officials said these requirements, along with other air pollution rules that the EPA has issued this year, will undermine the nation's fossil-fuel sector.

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In Texas, new EPA regulations cheered, decried

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(AP) AUSTIN, Texas — Texas environmentalists are cheering new federal standards announced Wednesday that will force coal- and oil-fired power plants to reduce mercury emissions and toxic pollutants or shut down. Power industry leaders, however, said the pricey changes could lead to layoffs and undo strain on the state's grid.

Texas, which has 19 coal-fired power plants — more than any other state — and plans to build nine more, is among the few states still adding coal-fired plants. It also releases more air pollutants than any other state.

The new standards have an estimated price tag of \$9.6 billion, ranking them among the most expensive in the Environmental Protection Agency's history. The new rules were unveiled in Washington by EPA administrator Lisa Jackson.

"This is big. Texans shouldn't be living with the health risks of mercury and other pollutants," said Tom "Smitty" Smith, director of the Texas office of the consumer activist group Public Citizen.

"The only thing more shocking than the large amounts of toxic chemicals released into the air each year by coal and oil fired power plants is the fact that these emissions have been allowed for so many years,"

added Ilan Levin, associate director of the Environmental Integrity Project.

According to Levin's group, Texas is the nation's top power plant mercury polluter, with its coal-fired power plants emitting 16.9 percent of the total U.S. mercury air emissions for 2010. The Department of State Health Services has issued fish consumption advisories for 300,000 acres of Texas lakes, according to advocacy group Environment Texas.

American Electric Power, the parent company of AEP Texas, has already spent \$7 billion to reduce emissions since 1990 in the 11 states it serves, said Gary Gibbs, AEP Texas' manager of environmental and governmental affairs.

He said the company isn't opposing the new EPA regulations, but rather the time frame. Under the new rules, companies are given three years to decrease emissions of mercury and other toxins, and can apply for a fourth year to install equipment.

Gibbs also said the latest rules are especially costly because they come on the heels of EPA regulations released this summer that require states to reduce sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxide emissions, both of which mostly come from coal-fired power plants.

"Very extensive rules are being used that require us to spend a lot of money and make a lot of retrofits in a fairly short period of time," he said.

An Associated Press survey of 55 power producers nationwide found that more than 32 mostly coal-fired power plants in a dozen states would retire because of the regulation issued Wednesday and the previous rule aimed at reducing pollution downwind from power plants. One of those, Gibbs said, is the Welsh coal power plant near Pittsburgh, Texas, which is projected to shutdown in December 2014. Its 44 employees would be laid off.

In all, American Electric Power may have 600 layoffs across 11 states due to both sets of new regulations, Gibbs said.

Texas has filed a federal lawsuit to challenge the downwind EPA regulations. Gov. Rick Perry, a Republican presidential candidate, often denounces the federal agency as a job killer.

Allison Castle, a spokeswoman in Perry's state office, said both Wednesday's regulations and those from this summer were "a continuation of the Obama Administration's assault on traditional American energy sources and the good American jobs they support."

She said the latest round of regulations "will inevitably result in power plant closures, increased costs of electricity, and reduced electricity reliability for American businesses and families, with little to no direct benefit to the environment."

Smith disagreed, saying the industry has known for two decades that mercury would eventually be regulated.

"It's not worth retrofitting a 30- to 40-year-old facility," he said. "But most of them will make the retrofits and continue to operate much more cleanly."

Gibbs, the AEP Texas official, said complying with the new rules could mean idling so many plants for repairs that meeting the state's power needs may get tougher.

"This last summer, without any of these challenges, we were barely able to keep the lights on here in Texas," he said. "So, if you're trying to schedule a significant portion of your power plants to be down ... there could be some real hiccups."

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N.J. to benefit from new EPA regulations for coal-fired power plants
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By Seth Augenstein

More than 20 years after the Clean Air Act was passed, the Environmental Protection Agency issued a rule Wednesday that particularly benefits New Jersey by forcing coal-fired power plants to reduce their emissions of mercury, arsenic, acid gas, nickel and cyanide by 2014.

New Jersey implemented its own stringent standards for mercury and other toxic pollution in 2004 and now sees most of its coal plant pollution waft in from the west.

"A tremendous amount of mercury comes into New Jersey from out of state," said Judith Enck, the EPA's administrator of Region 2, which includes New Jersey. "Air pollution does not recognize state boundaries."

The EPA estimates the seven New Jersey power plants that will need to cut back emissions disperse 68 pounds of mercury into the air a year, while western neighbor Pennsylvania has 38 power plants that pump out more than 4,000 pounds of mercury a year, much of which falls down on New Jersey.

The new regulation nationally will prevent 11,000 premature deaths per year and 4,700 heart attacks, as well as thousands of cases of asthma and bronchitis, the EPA says.

Federal officials said the law was a long time coming. The Clean Air Act was passed in 1990, but the mercury-emission rule was caught up in litigation for years, according to EPA officials. Lisa Jackson, the current EPA administrator and former head of New Jersey's Department of Environmental Protection, signed the new rule into effect on Friday, the final day of a court-imposed deadline that resulted from environmental groups suing the EPA.

"The law was passed in 1990 — 21 years ago — and nothing had happened," said U.S. Sen. Frank Lautenberg (D-N.J.). "Today we're telling the polluters 'No more delays.' "

The generation industry, however, contends few if any health benefits will be realized because standards for soot emissions are already so stringent. They also say the environmental rule is not scientifically based.

"The rule suffers from statistical errors, inaccurate technological assumptions and inadequate economic and reliability analysis," said Scott Segal, director of the Electric Reliability Coordinating Council. "Given that the rule is one of the most expensive air rules ever, the American public deserves better."

One New Jersey power company, however, welcomes the changes. Ralph Izzo, the president of PSE&G, wrote a letter to the Wall Street Journal this month urging the adoption of the mercury rule, saying his company invested \$1.5 billion to make it possible in the Garden State.

"The vast majority of power plants can meet this schedule," Izzo wrote. "Action is long overdue."

Environmentalists were thrilled with the new rule.

"This landmark achievement reflects what every parent knows, which is that powering our homes should not poison New Jersey's kids," said Doug O'Malley, field director with Environment New Jersey.

"Mercury pollution from coal-fired plants affects us every day, from the can of tuna fish we eat to the air we breathe," added Jeff Tittel, executive director of the New Jersey chapter of the Sierra Club. "Mercury is a neurotoxin that especially affects pregnant women and children. Removing it from the air will help our families become healthier."

New Jersey scientists have said there is a legacy of pollution downwind from Pennsylvania power plants such as the GenOn plant in Portland. Robert Laumbach, an assistant professor at the Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences Institute in Piscataway, said he's seen cases of elevated mercury levels from eating seafood — because the mercury comes with evaporation and precipitation into water sources, where it enters the food chain and eventually ends up on people's plates.

Stanley Weiss, a professor of preventive medicine and community health at the University of Medicine and Dentistry-New Jersey Medical School, said he's identified the cause-and-effect relationship of asthma cases in Belvidere, White Township and Harmony Township to pollution from coal-fired plants in Pennsylvania.

"We saw direct health implications," Weiss said. "Clearly it's affecting all of us."

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EPA Tells Coal-, Oil-Fired Plants to Clean Up Air Shut Down Published December 22, 2011

That's the decision facing hundreds of the nation's oldest and dirtiest power plants under an Environmental Protection Agency rule announced Wednesday that will force plants to control mercury and other toxic pollutants for the first time.

The long awaited national standards rein in the largest remaining source of uncontrolled toxic pollution in the U.S. -- the emissions from the nation's coal- and oil-fired power plants, which have been allowed to run for decades without addressing their full environmental and public health costs.

The impact of the ruling will be greatest in the Midwest and in the coal belt -- Kentucky, West Virginia and Virginia -- where dozens of units likely will be mothballed, according to an Associated Press survey. The majority of facilities will continue to run, and find ways to reduce pollution.

About half of the 1,200 coal- and oil-fired units nationwide still lack modern pollution controls, despite the EPA in 1990 getting the authority from Congress to control toxic air pollution from power plant smokestacks. A decade later, in 2000, the agency concluded it was necessary to clamp down on the emissions to protect public health.

At a news conference Wednesday at Children's National Medical Center in Washington, EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson said the regulation was the Obama administration's "biggest clean air action yet", trumping a landmark agreement to double fuel economy standards for vehicles and another rule that will reduce emissions from power plants that foul the air in states downwind.

The administration was under court order to issue a new rule, after a court threw out an attempt by the Bush administration to exempt power plants from toxic air pollution controls.

"Before this rule, there were no national standards limiting the amount of mercury, arsenic, chromium, nickel and acid gases that power plants across the country could release into the air that we breathe," said Jackson, listing the contaminants linked to cancer, IQ loss, heart disease and lung disease that are covered by the rule, and that also pollute lakes, streams and fish.

In a video released Wednesday afternoon, President Barack Obama said the decades of delays caused by special interest groups that resulted in standards never being put into place for power plants "was wrong."

"Today, my administration is saying, 'Enough'," he said.

When fully implemented in 2016, the standards will slash mercury pollution from burning coal by 90

percent, lung-damaging acid gases by 88 percent and soot-producing sulfur dioxide by 41 percent.

Power plant operators will have to choose between installing pollution control equipment, switching to cleaner-burning natural gas, or shutting down the plant. None of those choices come cheap -- the EPA estimates the rule will cost \$9.6 billion annually, making it one of the most expensive the agency has ever issued.

Some power producers intensely lobbied the Obama administration to weaken the rule and to delay it, and Republicans in Congress passed legislation to do so, saying it would threaten jobs and the reliability of the power grid, and raise electricity prices.

To ease those concerns, the administration will encourage states to make "broadly available" an additional fourth year to comply with the rule, as allowed by the law. Case-by-case extensions could also be granted to address local reliability issues, according to a presidential memorandum sent Wednesday to Jackson.

In the memorandum, Obama directs the EPA to ensure that implementation of the rule "proceed in a cost-effective manner that ensures electric reliability."

Environmentalists said Wednesday that the added flexibility did not jeopardize the public health benefits of the regulation.

"After more than two decades of delay, dirty coal-fired power plants are going to be cleaned up in short order," said Frank O'Donnell, president of Clean Air Watch, who said the EPA "bent over backwards" to accommodate concerns about reliability.

For those in the industry, and some in Congress, the concessions didn't go far enough.

Oklahoma Sen. James Inhofe, the top Republican on the Senate's environment committee, said he would file a joint resolution, a rarely used Congressional tactic, to get the rule overturned.

Some in the industry pushed for an automatic delay, or "safety valve," to make sure that plants that have to run to ensure reliability aren't found in violation of the rule and too many plants don't close down at once. In addition to those that will retire, hundreds of units will need to be idled temporarily to install pollution control equipment. Some of those units are at critical junctions on the grid and are essential to restarting the electrical network in case of a blackout, or making sure voltage doesn't drain completely from electrical lines, like a hose that's lost its water pressure.

The Edison Electric Institute, whose members were split on the toll of the rule, said in a statement Wednesday that while the EPA "made useful technical changes", it believes "the administration is underestimating the complexity of implementing this rule in such a short period of time."

The American Coalition for Clean Coal Electricity, which is an association of companies producing electricity from coal, said the rule will destroy jobs, raise the cost of energy and make electricity less reliable. A study by the group estimated that as much as 12 percent of coal-fired generation would be forced to retire due to the regulation.

But an AP survey of 55 power plant producers found that estimate, and others, to be inflated. The mercury rule, along with another to reduce power plant pollution that blows downwind, will force portions of more than 32 mostly coal-fired power plants in a dozen states to retire, and put another 36 power plants on the brink of retirement.

But not a single operator interviewed said the EPA was solely to blame for the decision. And coal is still likely to be the country's dominant electricity source until 2035, according to the Energy Information Administration.

For the older, aging plants, many of which only ran when electricity demand peaked, the rules were the final blow. Coal was already struggling to compete against low natural-gas prices, demand from China and elsewhere driving up its price, and lower electricity demand.

The average age of the units retiring or at risk of shutting down was 51 years old, the AP found. And while they produce enough power for more than 22 million households, experts say they probably won't cause the lights to go out, because in many cases the power is being replaced.

Baltimore Sun

EPA air rule industry hates helps Maryland

Reduces pollution from out of state; MD power plants already comply

By Tim Wheeler

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The new Environmental Protection Agency rule requiring coal-fired power plants to reduce their emissions of mercury and other toxic air pollutants is generating a lot of debate, with environmental and health groups hailing it while industry groups contend it will hurt the economy.

Here in Maryland, though, it seems tighter regulation is universally welcomed. That's because 70 percent of the mercury that's deposited in state lakes and rivers blows in from out of Maryland, according to the state Department of the Environment. The state has issued warnings against eating a number of fish from Maryland waters because they've absorbed mercury, which can harm the nervous system. It's a particular risk for pregnant women, as children exposed in the womb could suffer impaired thinking, learning and development, according to EPA.

Industry lobbyists and supporters contend the rule could force many coal plants to shut down and endanger electric reliability, though others, including independent reviewers, have said industry claims are overblown. In Maryland, the EPA rule should have no real impact on the state's coal-fired power plants, state officials say, because they already have added the pollution scrubbers that will be required under the federal rule.

Under Maryland's 2006 Healthy Air Act, power plants have been required to reduce mercury emissions 90 percent and other harmful emissions by 80 to 85 percent, according to George "Tad" Aburn, air management director for the state.

Maryland officials supported EPA's rule, as did Constellation Energy and some other utilities that have already added pollution scrubbers on their coal plants. Aburn said Maryland's plant owners installed some \$3 billion worth of scrubbers in less time than the EPA rule would require. And he contended the state law increased employment, rather than cost jobs, as critics have argued the EPA rule will do. Aburn said state plant owners have added 93 permanent jobs to handle the pollution controls, and the installation of scrubbers supported 3,200 construction jobs.

"It's time for the rest of the country's electricity generation sector to catch up with Maryland and do what our power producers have been doing for years now to protect children from toxic mercury and air toxics pollution," said Sen. Benjamin L. Cardin, D-Md.

The Colorado Independent

EPA mercury rules hailed as environmental victory for Obama

By David O. Williams

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Tough new U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) rules limiting mercury, lead and other toxic emissions from coal- and oil-fired power plants were met with widespread praise from previously demoralized environmental groups on Wednesday.

“Congress ordered the EPA to regulate toxic air pollution more than 20 years ago when it passed the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990,” said Rachel Cleetus, senior climate economist at the Union of Concerned Scientists. “The EPA has been regulating most industries, up until now, except for the biggest polluters — coal and oil-fired power plants.

“The public health benefits far outweigh the costs. And contrary to the doomsday predictions of industry and their allies in Congress, the lights will stay on.”

Backers of the new rules say mercury is a neurotoxin with serious health implications for children and pregnant women, and the EPA estimates the new rules – which require new scrubber technology within three years (with extension possible on a case-by-case basis) – will prevent up to 11,000 premature deaths each year. Coal industry lobbyists argue the new rules are unnecessary and will increase energy costs in a fragile economy.

Climate change denier and leading oil, gas and coal advocate Sen. James Inhofe, R-Okla., told the Los Angeles Times he'll introduce legislation to overturn the new EPA rules when Congress returns following the holiday break.

“This rule isn't about public health,” Inhofe told the Times. “It is a thinly veiled electricity tax that continues the Obama administration's war on affordable energy and is the latest in an unprecedented barrage of regulations that make up EPA's job-killing regulatory agenda.”

But Obama will likely veto any such legislative attempt to undercut the new rules even if the Democrat-controlled Senate passes Inhofe's bill, which is highly unlikely.

In Colorado, Xcel Energy is out ahead of the new rules thanks to the Clean Air, Clean Jobs Act in 2010 that compelled the state's largest public utility to shut down several aging coal-fired power plants and convert others to cleaner-burning natural gas and renewable energy.

“We are modernizing our system and significantly reducing emissions under the state's Clean Air-Clean Jobs Act,” Xcel officials said in a statement Wednesday, according to the Denver Post. “We also currently use activated carbon injection to control mercury emissions at our Pawnee Generating Plant and at all three units of our Comanche Generating Plant.”

Clean Air, Clean Jobs – highly controversial at the time it was passed – is now being held up as a model for other states, including neighboring Wyoming.

Environmental groups were dispirited by the Obama administration decision last summer to hold off on implementing new EPA smog rules ahead of a scheduled review in 2013.

Conservationists also have been sharply critical of the State Department approval this fall of the controversial Keystone XL pipeline, although Obama later scored points by delaying that decision until after the 2012 election. Now a provision to fast track his decision has been included in a payroll tax cut extension that's stalled in the House.

Colorado Congresswoman Diana DeGette today said Keystone XL was a necessary compromise to provide payroll tax relief and extend unemployment benefits and reimbursement for Medicare

“Over in the House, the Democrats, we don’t love this compromise,” DeGette, a Denver Democrat, said on a call with reporters today. “We don’t think it should be for two months. We don’t like the extension of this pipeline that was in it. We don’t like some of the ways it was paid for. But the fact is it was a compromise.”

BNA

EPA Finalizes Rule to Reduce Mercury, Air Toxics Emissions From Power Plants

Thursday, December 22, 2011

By Jessica Coomes and Andrew Childers

The Environmental Protection Agency issued a final rule Dec. 21 setting stringent mercury and air toxics standards for power plants, with an enforcement process for utilities to receive an additional year beyond the standard compliance period to install pollution controls.

The additional time is meant to address criticism that the regulation would force the shutdown of coal-fired power plants and jeopardize electricity reliability, EPA said.

“The lights will stay on, and we’ll have clean air,” EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson told reporters Dec. 21 in announcing the release of the rule at the Children’s National Medical Center in Washington, D.C.

Overall, the final rule is largely similar to the proposed version released in March, although EPA made some changes, including adjustments to some emissions limits for air toxics. For example, the final rule sets limits for filterable particulate matter, rather than total particulate matter, as a surrogate for metallic air toxics.

Although some industry representatives and lawmakers said the rule will force power plant shutdowns, health and environmental advocates hailed the regulation as a long-overdue victory that has been required since the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 were enacted.

The rule has been called utility MACT because it requires the use of maximum achievable control technology.

Obama Calls Rule ‘Bold Step.’

President Obama, in a video on a White House blog, said the 1990 law was “a bold and necessary step” but that “special interest groups” have delayed enactment of power plant emissions standards for 21 years.

“That was wrong,” Obama said. “Today, my administration is saying, ‘Enough.’”

EPA said power plants account for half of the country’s mercury emissions, and the final rule is expected to prevent as many as 11,000 premature deaths each year.

Jeff Holmstead, a former EPA assistant administrator for air and radiation and now an attorney for Bracewell & Giuliani LLP, told BNA Dec. 21 that EPA officials are on a mission “to do everything they can to ensure all coal-fired power plants have all of the latest and greatest pollution controls or shut down, and there is a recognition that this may create problems, but they view that as somebody else’s problem. That puts more burdens on the utility industry to work to get something more reasonable in place.”

\$9.6 Billion in Annual Costs

EPA estimated the regulation will entail an annual cost of \$9.6 billion for the power industry, but \$1 billion less than the proposed regulation would have cost. Jackson said the estimated compliance costs went down because the final rule adds flexibility to how industry can meet the standards.

"The rule is still the most expensive Clean Air Act rule ever imposed on the power sector," Scott Segal, director of the Electric Reliability Coordinating Council, told BNA Dec. 21. "I'm not sure that [\$1 billion] difference makes all that much difference."

The standards apply to 600 power plants that have 1,400 electricity generating units—1,100 coal-fired units and 300 oil-fired units.

EPA said 40 percent of those units do not have advanced pollution controls. The agency is requiring the installation of controls, including electrostatic precipitators, baghouses, scrubbers, and dry sorbent injection.

Rise Predicted in Electricity Prices

Jay Timmons, president and chief executive officer of the National Association of Manufacturers, said in a statement Dec. 21 that the rule will cause electricity prices to rise.

"Manufacturers use one-third of our nation's energy supply, so a jump in energy prices will have a devastating impact on companies of all sizes, harming their ability to create jobs, invest, and grow," Timmons said.

EPA expects the rule will prompt the retirement of 4.7 gigawatts of the country's 1,000 gigawatts of electricity generating capacity. Most of the retiring units are old and do not have modern pollution controls, EPA said.

Rep. Fred Upton (R-Mich.), chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, said in a statement Dec. 21 that "parts of the country face very real threats of rolling brownouts and blackouts" because of the utility MACT rule.

Sen. James M. Inhofe (R-Okla.), ranking member of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, said Dec. 21 he would file a joint resolution of disapproval under the Congressional Review Act to nullify the rule, which he called "a thinly veiled electricity tax that continues the Obama Administration's war on affordable energy and is the latest in an unprecedented barrage of regulations that make up EPA's job-killing regulatory agenda."

Additional Time to Install Controls

Power plants will have three years to install pollution controls, as the Clean Air Act allows, with the possibility of receiving one-year extensions on a case-by-case basis from local permitting authorities.

Jackson said she will tell states to make "very liberal use of the fourth year for companies putting on controls."

In addition, the administration is allowing utilities that are needed to ensure electricity reliability to schedule an additional year to install controls through an enforcement process under Section 113 of the Clean Air Act.

However, EPA said "there will be few, if any situations, in which this pathway will be needed."

"In the unlikely event that there are other situations where sources cannot come into compliance on a timely basis, consistent with its longstanding historical practice under the Clean Air Act, the EPA will address individual noncompliance circumstances (if there are any) on a case-by-case basis, at the appropriate time, to determine the appropriate response and resolution," the agency said in a fact sheet

on the final rule.

Changes from Proposed Version

EPA said it made changes to the rule based on the thousands of public comments it received, aiming to make "implementation easier and less costly."

For example, EPA is allowing filterable particulate matter—rather than filterable and condensable particulate matter—to be a surrogate for metallic air toxics. The agency said most air toxics consist of filterable particles.

In addition, EPA is allowing work practice standards during periods of startup and shutdown because numeric emissions limits were not feasible.

"Those are meaningful, good changes, but they're not nearly enough," Segal said. "When you look at the changes EPA has made in this rule, there is not a lot of additional flexibility."

EPA said it also changed the definitions for subcategories of coal-fired electricity generating units because the proposed definitions were confusing and not specific enough.

The final rule also adds separate subcategories for oil-fired units that are outside the continental United States and units that are used on a limited basis.

Numeric Emissions Limits Set

The rule sets national emissions standards for hazardous air pollutants for power plants. MACT standards represent the emissions levels being achieved by the best-performing 12 percent of power plants, and they are issued under Section 112 of the Clean Air Act.

For coal-fired generating units, the rule sets numeric emissions limits for mercury, filterable particulate matter as a surrogate for toxic metals, and hydrogen chloride as a surrogate for acid gases.

For oil-fired units, the rule sets numeric emissions limits for filterable particulate matter as a surrogate for toxic metals, hydrogen chloride, and hydrogen fluoride.

In conjunction with the hazardous air pollutants standards, the final rule revises new source performance standards for power plants to address emissions of particulate matter, sulfur dioxide, and nitrogen oxides.

Legal Settlement Prompted Rule

The utility MACT rule replaces the Clean Air Mercury Rule, which the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit struck down in 2008 (*New Jersey v. EPA*, 517 F. 3d 574, 65 ERC 1993 (D.C. Cir. 2008); 39 ER 301, 2/15/08).

Under a legal settlement with health and environmental groups, EPA proposed the utility MACT rule in March (*American Nurses Ass'n v. Jackson*, D.D.C., No. 08-2198, order issued 10/24/11; 42 ER 541, 3/18/11).

A final rule originally was due Nov. 16 under the settlement, but EPA sought a one-month delay to respond to the 960,000 public comments it said it received on the proposal.

EPA signed the final rule Dec. 16 but did not release it publicly until Dec. 21.

Ann Brewster Weeks, legal director of the Clean Air Task Force, told BNA Dec. 21 that the final rule

“struck exactly the right note” in achieving emissions reductions in a way that will ensure electricity reliability. The Clean Air Task Force represents parties in the litigation.

“We're pleased with what came out today,” she said. “Provided that the utility companies do what they're supposed to do, this will be implementable.”

Legal challenges are expected to be filed over the final rule. Holmstead said one issue he expects to come up in litigation is whether EPA acted legally when it made a finding that it is “appropriate and necessary” to regulate air toxics emissions from power plants.

Cross-State Rule Also Implemented

The utility MACT rule is the second regulation issued in recent months targeting power plant emissions.

In July, EPA finalized the Cross-State Air Pollution Rule, which requires electric utilities in several states to reduce interstate transport of nitrogen oxides and sulfur dioxide. The compliance period for the cross-state rule begins Jan. 1, 2012.

The proposed utility MACT rule estimated it would save up to 17,000 premature deaths each year, while the final rule lowered that estimate to 11,000 deaths. Jackson said the number went down because the cross-state rule's health benefits were “greater than we thought, which means there's less pollution to be attacked by this one.”

Time (EcoCentric Blog)

Clean Air: The EPA Finally Tackles Mercury Pollution

By BRYAN WALSH

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At the start of the fall, greens were not happy with President Obama. There was lingering disappointment about the failure of climate legislation a year before—a failure that many environmentalists blamed on insufficient action from the White House. That was bad enough, but at the beginning of September Obama shocked many of his environmental allies by pulling back proposed tough standards on smog pollution, undercutting his own Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). And there was more anger—including sustained protests outside the White House—over the possible approval of the proposed Keystone XL pipeline, which would bring Canadian oil sands to the U.S. Influential environmentalists were talking seriously about withholding full support for Obama in 2012, despite the fact that a Republican President would almost certainly be disastrous for environmental protection. It didn't matter—greens were that mad.

Fast forward a few months, however, and things have changed. Obama decided last month to put off any decisions on the Keystone XL pipeline until 2013, ostensibly to allow more time for study. He threatened to veto any Congressional bill that would force his hand on the pipeline. And then on December 21, the White House announced the first-ever regulations on mercury pollution from power plants, a controversial set of rules—fiercely opposed by Republicans and much of the utility industry—that had been in the works for more than two decades. The regulations are a win for environmentalists and for public health, but the announcement also helps cement Obama's relationship to his green base heading into an election year.

Here's what EPA head Lisa Jackson said at the unveiling of the regulations, held at the Children's National Medical Center in Washington:

I am glad to be here to mark the finalization of a clean air rule that has been 20 years in the making, and is now ready to start improving our health, protecting our children, and cleaning up our air. Under the Clean Air Act these standards will require American power plants to put in place proven and widely available pollution control technologies to cut harmful emissions of mercury, arsenic, chromium, nickel

and acid gases. In and of itself, this is a great victory for public health, especially for the health of our children.

You can find the full rules here—much of what I wrote about the pending mercury regulations in a blog post last Friday is still relevant:

Mercury is a neurotoxin—one that's especially dangerous to children—and trace amounts of it can be found in some forms of coal, especially from the West. When that coal is burned, the mercury is released into the air, where it can attack us directly, or wind its way up the food chain, often through fish. (Concerns about mercury levels is one reason that pregnant women are often advised to avoid sushi and other seafood.) The EPA has been looking at regulating mercury since the Clean Air Amendments of 1990 were passed—with remarkably bipartisan support—but the agency dragged its feet, issuing its first study in 1998 and the first attempt at regulations under former President George W. Bush in 2005. But those rules were considered so lax that a federal court threw them out and ordered the agency to come up with something more stringent. Now—seven years later—the EPA is on the brink of doing just that.

The new rules will cut mercury, as well as several other air toxins—including arsenic—chiefly from coal-fired power plants. The public health benefits are impressive: the agency said the rules will prevent some 11,000 premature deaths a year and 130,000 childhood asthma symptoms. The costs may sound high—the EPA estimates the price of complying with the regulations will run to \$11 billion a year—but the rules should reduce health costs by preventing asthma, hospital visits and premature deaths at a much higher return, as Eileen Claussen of the NGO C2ES said:

These investments will pay important dividends by reducing health costs by \$37-90 billion in 2016 alone. EPA has taken steps to allow time to install new controls and to ensure energy reliability, but implementation will have to be carefully monitored to ensure that any bottlenecks are addressed in a timely manner.

Many—but not all—utilities are complaining about the cost of the regulation. Scott Segal, who represents utilities, said:

The bottom line...this rule is the most expensive air rule that E.P.A. has ever proposed in terms of direct costs. It is certainly the most extensive intervention into the power market and job market that E.P.A. has ever attempted to implement.

But many utilities say they've already prepared for the regulations, which—let's not forget—have been on the way for years. And the EPA is giving power plants a little extra time to prepare for the rules, which won't fully kick in for another four years, or 24 years after the 1990 Clean Air Act was passed. Waivers will be available for individual plants to ensure that electricity is flowing, even as the rules prevent 90% of the mercury in coal burned in power plants from being emitted into the air.

The mercury regulations were an early Christmas present for environmentalists, who've waited years for this day, and for the EPA's Jackson, a public health advocate whose son has asthma. They're also a reminder that greater change can often come about through the nitty-gritty work of executive rulemaking than through big bills in Congress. (This is especially true when Congress seems bound and determined not to do anything at all.) Young greens who threatened to sit out 2012 if Obama failed to stop Keystone XL should take note: this is how having an environmentally-friendly President in the White House really pays off.

St. Louis Post-Dispatch
Missouri, other coal states in crosshairs of EPA mercury rule
BY JEFFREY TOMICH
Thursday, December 22, 2011

The Obama administration on Wednesday announced landmark new rules requiring power plants to sharply reduce emissions of mercury and other toxic pollutants.

The regulations, first proposed in March, were finalized last week by the Environmental Protection Agency under a court deadline, and have been subject to heavy lobbying and vigorous debate between the electric industry and environmental and public health advocates.

Utilities and their allies in Congress have complained the regulations are the costliest of several tough regulations already or soon to be imposed on coal-burning utilities and said the agency has underestimated both the difficulty of implementing it and the economic fallout that will occur as a result. States like Missouri, which gets 80 percent of its electricity from coal, will be especially hard hit, they say.

But EPA officials insist that the regulations will bring \$37 billion to \$90 billion in public health benefits by 2016. That overwhelms the estimated \$10 billion cost to utilities and their consumers.

"This is a great victory for public health," EPA Administrator Lisa P. Jackson said during a briefing with reporters. "Coming generations will grow up exposed to lower levels of toxic pollution in the air they breathe."

Backers say the regulations are an especially important advance, especially in states like Missouri, where there are presently no limits on mercury emitted from power plant stacks. Illinois, which gets almost half of its power from coal, put more stringent mercury standards in place several years ago and has seen emissions decline.

The rules replace less aggressive limits on mercury established by the George W. Bush administration that were later thrown out by the federal courts. The Bush rules had established a cap-and-trade program that allowed utilities that reduced emissions to could sell credits to those that didn't.

The final regulations affect about 600 oil- and coal-burning power plants that will have three years, and in some cases longer, to slash mercury emissions by 90 percent and make deep cuts in the release of gases like hydrochloric acid and metals like arsenic and chromium for which there are currently no national standards.

St. Louis-based Ameren Corp., one of the nation's biggest coal-burning utilities, estimates it will spend hundreds of millions of dollars to upgrade its nine coal power plants in Illinois and Missouri to comply.

"We're going to have to put some form of additional controls on all of our plants on both sides of the river," Mike Menne, the company's vice president of environmental services, said in an interview.

Ameren, which recently cited previous environmental regulations for a decision to close two small coal-fired plants in Illinois, said no additional plants will need to be shuttered.

Menne isn't certain that Ameren would be able to meet the new emissions standards within three years as required, and may need to use a provision in the rules to seek an extension.

"We think because we have so many units it may take us longer," Menne said. The exact timing and costs will depend on many factors, including the availability of equipment, he said.

Ameren has already implemented new pollution controls at the company's Illinois coal plants and is achieving mercury reductions of 40 percent to 80 percent. In Missouri, it recently spent \$600 million on new equipment at its Sioux plant in St. Charles County that captures mercury and other pollutants, and it has tested mercury controls at its Meramec and Labadie plants.

The 1,600-megawatt Labadie plant is just the kind of industrial polluter that the new rule targets. Not only

is it Missouri's largest power plant, it doesn't presently have any form of mercury controls and was the nation's second-largest mercury emitter in 2010, according to EPA data. As a state, Missouri ranked fourth for mercury emissions.

The so-called mercury and air toxics standard comes just months after the agency finalized another set of tough regulations that require steep reductions of sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxide emissions in 27 eastern states, including Missouri, beginning next year.

The combination of new and proposed requirements for coal-burning power plants and regulations on mining have drawn a sharp response from Congressional Republicans like U.S. Sen Roy Blunt of Missouri.

Blunt, who has accused Obama's EPA of waging a war on coal, estimated the new power plant emissions rules promulgated over the past six months will cost the nation more than a million jobs and drive up electric rates in states such as Missouri by 20 percent. He vowed "to continue working to stop rules like this and other job-destroying regulations."

Karl Brooks, the regional administrator for the EPA in Kansas City, said Missouri could see 3 percent increases in electricity costs over time, but will benefit more than many other states through hundreds fewer premature deaths and sick days, doctor's visits and hospital stays.

"Ordinary people bear the cost of pollution," he said.

Environmental and public health groups say the rule was necessary and long overdue.

"We are extremely pleased that the EPA held firm in issuing these standards on time and at levels of stringency that promise significant public health protections," said Ann Weeks, senior counsel for the Boston-based Clean Air Task Force, who was the lead counsel in the court case that established the deadline for issuing the regulations announced Wednesday. "Americans have been waiting for nearly a decade for the Agency to regulate the dangerous air toxics released by this industry."

Power plants are the largest source of airborne mercury, a neurotoxin that accumulates in lakes and streams and becomes more potent as its ingested by fish -- the main source of exposure for people.

Pregnant women, unborn babies and young children are especially vulnerable to mercury, according to studies linking high levels to development of nervous systems, which can impair children's ability to think and learn.

Other toxic metals emitted from power plant stacks such as arsenic, chromium and nickel can cause cancer. And cutting emissions will also reduce the amount of fine particle pollution that contributes to heart attacks, bronchitis and asthma.

EPA officials challenged industry's dire predictions about coal plant closures and impacts on reliability, and said technology needed to meet the standards are widely available and already in use at more than half of the nation's coal-fired power plants.

Jackson estimated that the regulations would indirectly force 4.7 gigawatts of coal-fired generation -- less than 0.5 percent of the nation's total -- offline. Ultimately, she said "businesses will make a business decision" whether to invest in emissions controls, switch to cleaner fuels or close plants.

She also said the rules would be a net jobs creator, sparking 46,000 temporary construction jobs and 8,000 permanent jobs.

The regulations announced by the EPA on Wednesday differ only slightly from the version proposed nine months ago. The agency said changes makes the rules easier and less costly to implement and shave

more than \$1 billion from the cost to industry.

Even though the rule was a long time coming and suffered setbacks, it got done and will get results, Brooks said.

"I think people are going to look back at 2011 as the year we really delivered on the promise of the Clean Air Act," he said.

Pittsburgh Business Times
EPA's mercury rule and its SWPA aftermath
by Anya Litvak, Reporter
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Thursday, the Environmental Protection Agency finalized its Mercury and Air Toxics Standards aimed at curbing pollution from coal-fired and oil-fired power plants.

None of our region's power plants are projected to be in danger of shutting down or retiring as a result of the rule. But here are some of the ways it will impact the Pittsburgh area and its economy.

According to the EPA's analysis, enacting the rule will drive retail electricity prices in southwestern Pennsylvania up 4.5 percent by 2015, 2.8 percent by 2020 and 1 percent by 2030. All of those are higher than the U.S. average and would be the second highest hike among 13 regions in the U.S.

The same analysis also projects Appalachian coal producers will be supplying 6 percent less of their products to electric power plants in 2015 than in 2009. Instead, the Interior region, which includes the "abundant Illinois Basin," will likely pick up the slack since it's cheaper to mine.

Health benefits: According to the EPA, the new rule will prevent 530 premature deaths in Pennsylvania and create up to \$4.4 billion in health-related benefits in five years.

On a local note, one company that might see a fiscal health benefit is Robinson Township-based Calgon Carbon Corp. (NYSE: CCC). Calgon uses activated carbon for air and water purification.

When our manufacturing reporter Malia Spencer talked with Calgon's Chairman, President and CEO John Stanik last month, he told her that environmental policy changes, including the mercury rule, provide "tremendous opportunity" for the company's growth.

Just this week the company reorganized some executives to handle the growth it expects over the next 5 years.

Of course in the long run, the winner in all of this will be natural gas, according to the EPA. As the use of coal in power generation drops by about 4 percent by 2030 as a result of the rule, nuclear, hydroelectric, wind and solar combined are projected to increase by less than half a percent. Natural gas combined cycle plants, however, should see a 3 percent bump as a result of tightened emissions, the agency forecasts.

Editorials/Op-Eds

The Star-Ledger (Editorial)

On mercury standards, better late than never
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Mercury is a known neurotoxin that is especially harmful to pregnant women and children. The science on this is beyond dispute.

And yet, the federal government has never set standards on mercury emissions at power plants, the source of about half the mercury we are exposed to in our fish, soil and air.

That changed yesterday, thanks to tough new rules issued by Lisa Jackson, a New Jersey alum who now runs the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The rules issued yesterday were 20 years in the making, delayed repeatedly by the powerful clout of the coal industry. It is a travesty that we have been unprotected for so long, a failure that has left thousands of people dead and many more struggling with asthma, emphysema and brain damage.

The new rules will have little impact on power plants in New Jersey, where standards are more strict than in most states. But one-third of New Jersey's air pollution floats across our borders from coal states to our west and south.

Predictably, the coal companies are protesting this decision, saying it will kill jobs and force closures of coal plants that are needed to maintain reliability.

But power companies have until 2015 to comply and can apply for an extra year if needed. And while the added costs could drive up electricity rates modestly, the rules also will create jobs by forcing power companies to invest in pollution control. And each \$1 in cost will be offset by \$9 in savings on health care, according to the EPA, which estimates that the new rules will prevent 11,000 premature deaths a year and 130,000 cases of childhood asthma by 2016.

Yesterday's decision comes as a relief. President Obama caved to pressure last summer when new standards on smog were shelved. This time, he is sticking to the science. And that will allow us all to breathe more easily.

NY Times Editorial
Toward Healthier Air
December 22, 2011

Resisting strenuous last-minute lobbying by some of the nation's biggest utilities, the Obama administration announced on Wednesday a final rule requiring power plants to reduce emissions of mercury and other toxic pollutants by roughly 90 percent within the next five years.

This is a big victory for environmentalists and scientists who have worked for 20 years to regulate these pollutants — and an even bigger one for the public. When fully effective, the rule could save as many as 11,000 premature deaths a year and avoid countless unnecessary illnesses.

The decision compensates, at least in part, for the White House's lamentable decision two months ago to reject stricter health standards for smog. That and the administration's failure to give full-throated support to climate change legislation last year had disheartened many of the president's environmental supporters.

The administration can now legitimately point to three measures that will almost certainly lead to cleaner power plants and vehicles, more breathable air and fewer greenhouse gas emissions: a ruling in July setting new limits on interstate emissions of sulfur dioxide, the main acid rain gas; a landmark deal announced in November aimed at doubling automobile fuel efficiency by 2025; and, now, the new

mercury rule.

Some power companies and their Republican allies argued that the rules will impose high costs with relatively little payoff, but the evidence does not support that view. The Environmental Protection Agency estimates the annual cost of compliance at \$10 billion, compared with annual savings in health costs of between \$37 billion and \$90 billion by 2016. Mercury is a potent neurotoxin and can adversely affect the nervous system in children; other toxins covered by the rule can cause asthma and cancer.

Nor is there merit in the argument that the technology for controlling these pollutants is not available. One-third of the states have already imposed their own rules on such toxics, and several forward-looking utilities have installed pollution controls that can be upgraded without great effort or expense to meet the new federal standards.

Some old coal-fired power plants will have to be shut down, but many had been scheduled for retirement and others can be retrofitted or replaced with cleaner gas-fired facilities. The E.P.A. will also have flexibility to give extensions to companies that can demonstrate they need an extra year to comply.

The rule, which industry can afford, is a long overdue measure for cleaner air and a healthier America.

NYTimes.com (Paul Krugman Blog)
The Meaning of Mercury
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David Roberts reports on the EPA's decision, finally, to regulate mercury from coal plants:

Anyone who pays attention to green news will have spent the last two years hearing a torrent of stories about EPA rules and the political fights over them. It can get tedious. After a certain point even my eyes glaze over, and I'm paid to follow this stuff.

But this one is a Big Deal. It's worth lifting our heads out of the news cycle and taking a moment to appreciate that history is being made. Finally controlling mercury and toxics will be an advance on par with getting lead out of gasoline. It will save tens of thousands of lives every year and prevent birth defects, learning disabilities, and respiratory diseases. It will make America a more decent, just, and humane place to live.

Let me repeat part of that: it will save tens of thousands of lives every year and prevent birth defects, learning disabilities, and respiratory diseases. This is actually a much bigger issue, when it comes to saving American lives, than terrorism.

As Roberts explains, we've known about these costs of mercury pollution for decades, yet it took until now to get something done. The reason is, of course, obvious: special interests, hiding behind claims of immense economic damage if anything was done, were able to block action.

It's worth noting that these claims of economic harm from pollution regulation have always been proved wrong when the regulation finally came. Ozone regulation was supposed to cripple the economy; so was acid rain regulation; neither did.

Oh, and if we're going to have to scrap some power plants and replace them, it's hard to think of a better time to do it than now, when the workers and resources needed to do the replacing would largely have been unemployed otherwise.

The point that strikes me most, however, is that this shows that it matters who holds the White House. You can complain about Obama's lack of a strong progressive agenda, which I sometimes do, or wonder

what good it is to hold the White House when the other side blocks every attempt to do good through legislation. But mercury regulation would not have happened if John McCain were president.

Elections have consequences, and this is one delayed consequence of 2008 that will make a big difference.

Wall Street Journal (Opinion)

Lisa Jackson's Power Play

Harming the economy, degrading the U.S. grid: another day at the EPA.

December 22, 2011

At an unusual gala ceremony on the release of a major new Environmental Protection Agency rule yesterday, chief Lisa Jackson called it "historic" and "a great victory." And she's right: The rule may be the most expensive the agency has ever issued, and it represents the triumph of the Obama Administration's green agenda over economic growth and job creation. Congratulations.

The so-called utility rule requires power plants to install "maximum achievable control technology" to reduce mercury emissions and other trace gases. But the true goal of the rule's 1,117 pages is to harm coal-fired power plants and force large parts of the fleet—the U.S. power system workhorse—to shut down in the name of climate change. The EPA figures the rule will cost \$9.6 billion, which is a gross, deliberate underestimate.

In return Ms. Jackson says the public will get billions of dollars of health benefits like less asthma if not a cure for cancer. Those credulous enough to believe her should understand that the total benefits of mercury reduction amount to all of \$6 million. That's total present value, not benefits per year—oh, and that's an -illion with an "m," which is not normally how things work out in President Obama's Washington.

The rest of the purported benefits—to be precise, 99.99%—come by double-counting pollution reductions like soot that the EPA regulates through separate programs and therefore most will happen anyway. Using such "co-benefits" is an abuse of the cost-benefit process and shows that Cass Sunstein's team at the White House regulatory office—many of whom opposed the rule—got steamrolled.

As baseload coal power is retired or idled, the reliability of the electrical grid will be compromised, as every neutral analyst expects. Some utilities like Calpine Corp. and PSEG have claimed in these pages that the reliability concerns are overblown, but the Alfred E. Newman crowd has a vested interest in profiting from the higher wholesale electricity clearing prices that the EPA wants to cause.

Meanwhile, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, which is charged with protecting reliability, abnegated its statutory responsibilities as the rule was being written.

One FERC economist wrote in a March email that "I don't think there is any value in continuing to engage EPA on the issues. EPA has indicated that these are their assumptions and have made it clear that are not changed [sic] anything on reliability . . . [EPA] does not directly answer anything associated with local reliability." The EPA repeatedly told Congress that it had "very frequent substantive contact and consultation with FERC."

The EPA also took the extraordinary step of issuing a pre-emptive "enforcement memorandum," which is typically issued only after the EPA determines its rules are being broken. The memo tells utilities that they must admit to violating clean air laws if they can't retrofit their plants within the EPA's timeframe at any cost or if shutting down a plant will lead to regional blackouts. Such legal admissions force companies into a de facto EPA receivership and expose them to lawsuits and other liabilities.

The economic harm here is vast, and the utility rule saga—from the EPA's reckless endangerment to the

White House's failure to temper Ms. Jackson—has been a disgrace.

Forbes

Merry Christmas America, Now Give Us Your Money - Love, EPA.

James Taylor, Contributor

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If you found it difficult this year to save enough money to purchase Christmas gifts for your loved ones, just wait until 2012. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency yesterday announced new mercury restrictions on coal power plants that will impose anywhere from \$10 billion (EPA's estimate) to \$200 billion (third-party estimates) in new costs on energy production. On a per household basis, that imposes anywhere from \$100 to \$2,000 in additional energy costs on the average U.S. household each and every year.

Although the new restrictions do not take effect until 2015, energy providers will have to take immediate action to meet the deadline. U.S. electricity prices have already increased by nearly 50 percent during the past decade, and EPA's new restrictions will merely accelerate that trend. Start taking still more money out of next year's Christmas envelope and transfer it over to the monthly electricity envelope.

Despite the high costs, perhaps the new restrictions would make sense if the United States faced a severe and worsening environmental mercury problem. Exactly the opposite is the case.

EPA reports that mercury emissions in the United States have declined by approximately 60% since 1990. The dramatic reduction in mercury emissions is consistent with the reduction in air pollution across the board. EPA reports that emissions of the Six Principal Pollutants it monitors have decreased by 67% since 1980. This trend will continue even without EPA's new mercury restrictions, as natural gas continues to claim an ever-greater share of electricity output in the nation. Natural gas power is dramatically cleaner than coal power and cuts most emissions by 80 to 100 percent. Natural gas cuts mercury emissions by more than 90% in relation to coal.

Still further, there would be little reason for concern even if the dramatic and ongoing decline in mercury and other emissions were not already taking place. As scientist Willie Soon summarized in a Wall Street Journal article earlier this year, "To build its case against mercury, the EPA systematically ignored evidence and clinical studies that contradict its regulatory agenda, which is to punish hydrocarbon use."

Soon presented more than 80 pages of research supporting his article, documenting that environmental mercury levels in the United States are far from being a serious health threat. Soon demonstrated how EPA conducted no original research and cherry-picked available studies to present the bleakest possible picture regarding environmental mercury and human health. In doing so, EPA relied on the studies with glaring scientific flaws while ignoring much more credible studies showing no serious health risks.

Given the long-term improvement in our nation's air quality and the steep price of the new restrictions, the timing and rationale of EPA's decision seem rather curious. However, environmental activist groups have long since abandoned sound science and cost-benefit analyses in their war on conventional energy. Oil, coal, natural gas, nuclear, and hydro-power are the enemy. Anything short of wind and solar power, with a very few minor exceptions, are to be fought at all costs. And even wind and solar power are mere bridges to a future where energy usage is restricted to our most basic needs.

In the meantime, if global warming can justify shutting down coal power plants, then play up global warming fears. If flimsy mercury studies can justify shutting down coal power plants, then play up mercury fears. And if mercury emissions are already in rapid decline anyway, keep claiming our nation's air quality

keeps getting worse and hope that the truth doesn't get out.

Merry Christmas, now give us more of your money.

Salt Lake Tribune (Editorial)

Dirty power

December 22, 2011

New federal regulations limiting emissions of toxic mercury and other pollutants from power plants — mostly coal-powered — seem already to be having one beneficial effect. About 68 of the oldest plants and some of the biggest polluters will probably close after the new rules go into effect in 2014-'15.

The new EPA requirements will force 33 plants to close, while an additional 36 could close due to the costs of required upgrades. Some of the older plants were already on track to be shuttered, and the new regulations will only bring on the inevitable sooner.

That's good news for the millions of Americans suffering from the ill effects of breathing the toxins spewed into the air by these plants. The EPA estimates that the reduction in air-borne toxins will prevent as many as 11,000 premature deaths and 4,700 heart attacks a year, 130,000 cases of childhood asthma and about 6,300 cases of acute childhood bronchitis each year

And, even better news is found in an Associated Press survey of power-generating utilities that debunks the doomsday predictions coming from some Congress members, unions and coal and power producers. The industry interest groups have said that regulating emissions of mercury and other toxic pollutants from power plant smokestacks for the first time would cause major power blackouts.

In fact, according to the survey, which asked power-generating companies to outline their plans for older, dirty plants and how the new rules would affect the power supply and employment, that won't happen.

The two new rules — to limit air pollution in states downwind from coal-burning power plants and to set standards for mercury and other pollutants — could be responsible for the closures of more than 8 percent of the coal-burning plants in the country. The average age of those plants is 51 years, and many were to be closed anyway.

But some towns, mostly in rural areas since dirty power plants are usually located where most of us don't have to see them, will be affected by job losses and shrinking revenue.

One of Utah's six largest power plants, the PacifiCorp coal-burning Carbon plant in Price Canyon, could close earlier than its 2020 shutdown date because of the rules. The two-unit plant has been operating for 57 years and, in 2010, spewed nearly 216 tons of pollutants, including toxic mercury, chromium, lead and hydrochloric acid.

The switch away from dirty power is inevitable. While there will be a short-term economic burden as old, coal-fired plants close, the health benefits from cleaner air are worth it.

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Here's Inhofe's press release and I've attached his letter, which is much more technical in nature.



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Inhofe Announces Investigation into EPA's "Crucify Them" Strategy on American Energy Producers in Senate Floor Speech

[Link to Inhofe Floor Speech](#)

[Link to Letter from Inhofe to EPA Administrator Jackson](#)

Washington, D.C. - Senator James Inhofe (R-Okla.), Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works, delivered a speech today on the Senate floor announcing that he has launched an investigation into the Obama-EPA's apparent "crucify them" strategy targeted at American energy producers. This investigation will look into EPA's actions towards domestic energy production specifically in light of the agency's recent efforts relating to hydraulic fracturing.

Senator Inhofe's announcement today follows several questionable statements from top EPA officials, including comments released in a little-watched video from 2010, which reveals EPA Region VI Administrator Al Armendariz admitting that EPA's "general philosophy" is to "crucify" and "make examples" of oil and gas companies.

[CLICK HERE TO WATCH ARMENDARIZ VIDEO](#)

Not long after Administrator Armendariz made these comments, EPA targeted US natural gas producers in Pennsylvania, Texas and Wyoming. In all three of these cases, EPA initially made headline-grabbing statements either insinuating or proclaiming outright that the use of hydraulic fracturing by American energy producers was the cause of water contamination, but in each case their comments were contrived - and despite their best efforts, they have been unable to find any definitive evidence to make this link. When EPA's investigations did not turn out the way they had hoped, the agency quietly released several late-night statements reversing their earlier assertions during holidays and while Congress was out of town.

As part of his efforts to launch an oversight investigation into the Obama-EPA's actions, Senator Inhofe sent a [letter](#) today to EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson asking for answers regarding the events surrounding EPA Region 6 and their recently withdrawn administrative order in Parker County, Texas - apparently the first of EPA's "crucifixion" victims.

These three cases in Texas, Wyoming and Pennsylvania are particularly important given that the Obama administration has proposed numerous new studies looking into hydraulic fracturing: EPA is currently in the midst of a long term study on hydraulic fracturing and any potential harms to drinking and ground water, which will ultimately be the foundation for EPA's decision on whether the administration will move forward with a barrage of federal regulations.

Highlights from Inhofe's Floor Speech

Transcript of Administrator Armendariz's comments in 2010 Video

Administrator Armendariz:

"But as I said, oil and gas is an enforcement priority [...] I was in a meeting once and I gave

an analogy to my staff about my philosophy of enforcement, and I think it was probably a little crude and maybe not appropriate for the meeting but I'll go ahead and tell you what I said. It was kind of like how the Romans used to conquer little villages in the Mediterranean. They'd go into a little Turkish town somewhere, they'd find the first five guys they saw and they would crucify them. And then you know that town was really easy to manage for the next few years [...] So, that's our general philosophy."

Not long after Armendariz made this stunning admission, EPA apparently began to zero in on its first crucifixion victims. The agency targeted US natural gas producers in Texas, Wyoming, and Pennsylvania.

Parker County, Texas

Despite the fact that Texas state regulators were actively investigating the issue, EPA Region 6 led by Regional Administrator Armendariz issued a December 7, 2010 Emergency Administrative Order which "determined" that state and local authorities had not taken sufficient action and ordered Range Resources to provide clean drinking water to affected residents and begin taking steps to resolve the problem. Along with this order, EPA went on a publicity barrage in an attempt to publicize its premature and unjustified conclusions. The day of the order EPA issued a press release in which mentioned "hydraulic fracturing" four times with no context or science to implicate the process in any contamination. The agency claimed that they had also "determined that natural gas drilling near the homes by Range Resources in Parker County, Texas, has caused to the contamination of at least two residential drinking water wells."

Regional Administrator Armendariz was quoted in a press story posted online prior to him even notifying the state of Texas that EPA was their order and emails have been obtained from the day the order was released showing him gleefully sharing information with rabid anti-fracking advocates saying "we're about to make a lot of news...time to Tivo channel 8." In subsequent interviews Armendariz made comments specifically intended to incite fear and sway public opinion against hydraulic fracturing citing multiple times a "danger of fire or explosion." When state regulators were made aware of EPA's actions, they made it clear they felt the agency was proceeding prematurely to which Armendariz forwarded their reply to headquarters with a single-word message, "Stunning."

Now, fast forward to a late Friday afternoon of March 30th of this year, just a few hours after Congress left town for the Easter recess, the Wall Street Journal reported that, "EPA told a federal judge it withdrew an administrative order that alleged Range Resources had polluted water wells in a rural Texas county west of Fort Worth. Under an agreement filed in U.S. court in Dallas, the EPA will also drop the lawsuit it filed in January 2011 against Range, and Range will end its appeal of the administrative order." A few weeks prior to EPA's withdrawal, a judge also concluded that one of the residents involved in the investigation worked with environmental activists to create a "deceptive video" that was "calculated to alarm the public into believing the water was burning" when it appears the resident attached a hose to the water well's gas vent - not to a water line - and then lit the gas from the hose's nozzle.

Pavilion, Wyoming

Last December, EPA publicized the release of non-peer reviewed draft findings which pointed to hydraulic fracturing as the cause of groundwater contamination. Here again, EPA stepped in over the actions of the state and made a press announcement designed to capture headlines where definitive evidence linking the act of hydraulic fracturing to water contaminations simply didn't exist. The announcement came in December despite as late as November 9, 2011 EPA Regional Administrator James Martin saying that the results of the latest round of testing in Pavillion were not significantly different from the first two rounds of testing, which showed no link between hydraulic fracturing and contamination. That's 3 rounds of testing which showed no contamination from hydraulic fracturing yet only a few weeks later, EPA was announcing the opposite.

I said after speaking to Administrator Jackson that day that it was irresponsible for EPA to release such an explosive announcement without objective peer review. Given the serious flaws in EPA's process, I asked EPA Administrator Jackson to release all the data, methodologies and protocols that have been used, and she has made a commitment to do so. Also, because this study is a new scientific inquiry and these methods will be used nationwide, I strongly believe that it should be considered a Highly Influential Scientific Study (HISA) and undergo the required objective peer review process. Unfortunately, the EPA has refused to officially classify this study as a HISA and has only loosely committed that it will be "treated" as one, allowing EPA to pick and chose which requirements it follows.

In another reversal by EPA in the past few weeks, EPA stepped back and agreed to take more water samples and postpone a peer review of the findings, something the State of Wyoming had been requesting from the beginning and something that should have been done prior to the political decisions to publicize unsubstantiated findings in an draft report.

Dimock, Pennsylvania

Dimock, Pennsylvania is the third site of EPA's recent backtracking of its publicized attempts to link hydraulic fracturing to groundwater contamination. In this instance the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) had taken substantial actions and including working out an agreement with an oil and gas company ensuring residents clean drinking water.

In line with the State's DEP, on Dec. 2, 2011, EPA declared that the water in Dimock was safe to drink. Just over a month later, EPA reversed its position, announcing it would be providing drinking water to some homes while conducting further testing of local private water wells - private water wells which the Agency has no regulatory authority over. Following the flip-flop, EPA's testing "did not show levels of contamination that could present a health concern."

What is perhaps most egregious was- to quote Pennsylvania DEP Secretary Michael Krancer - EPA's "rudimentary" understanding of the facts and history of the region's water. Independent geologists and water consultants like Brian Oram have been puzzled by the Agency's rationale for their involvement in Dimock because the substances of greatest concern by EPA are naturally occurring and commonly found in this area of Pennsylvania yet EPA has chosen this area to attack due to the presence of hydraulic fracturing.

Inhofe Letter to EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson asking for answers on Range Resources Debacle in Texas

I have written a [letter](#) to EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson which I sent today asking her for a thorough explanation into the Agency's actions surrounding the Parker County Texas investigation as well as detailed questions about the science the agency used to justify their emergency order. I am particularly concerned with this situation given the fact that it is under the watch of EPA Region 6 and Administrator Armendariz. Keep in mind they waited until Congress was in recess hoping their admission would go unnoticed.

Inhofe Calls for Investigation into EPA Actions in Texas, Wyoming and Pennsylvania

Today, I've come to the Senate Floor to announce that I am launching an oversight investigation into EPA's handling of these three cases. Against the backdrop of recent events, and Administrator Armendariz's admission that EPA is out to crucify natural gas companies, it's clear that EPA did not base these three studies on sound science or engage in the proper scientific process; the agency has been using questionable authorities while usurping the rightful regulatory authority of states. EPA clearly went through with these investigations based on preconceived conclusions with the explicit goal of tying potential environmental harms to hydraulic fracturing.

In EPA's handling of these three cases in Texas, Wyoming and Pennsylvania, I haven't seen much evidence to counter Armendariz's statement that EPA's "general philosophy" is to "crucify" and "make examples" of oil and gas companies, so this investigation is clearly needed. It will hold this administration accountable for what really happened behind the scenes in these matters and I will continue vigilant oversight of any future studies whose findings can be used to inhibit America from using its vast natural resources.

Two things are clearly incontrovertible. 1) The Obama Administration has done everything it possibly can to destroy domestic production of oil, gas and coal. And 2) the Obama Administration now is successfully carrying out its admitted plan to "boost the price of gasoline to the levels in Europe" and make energy prices "necessarily skyrocket." Fortunately for the American people, they have yet to fully achieve their goal and we have got to stop them.

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To Richard Windsor

04/15/2010 11:42 AM

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Subject Fw: Safe Chemicals Act materials

Here's the bill and the summary. I'm going through it now. Should I get a meeting together with Steve?

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Subject: Safe Chemicals Act materials

Here is the PDF of the bill, the summary, and the section-by-section.

Ben Dunham
Legislative Assistant and Counsel
US Senator Frank R. Lautenberg
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Safe Chemicals Act of 2010.pdf Summary.docx Section by Section.docx

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06/30/2009 11:57 AM

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Subject materials for Levin

I've attached the language from Waxman-Markey, as well as the letter from the State of CA and also a MOU from Mary Nichols on what California intends to do moving forward. Did you want to send this to Senator Levin, or shall I send it to staff?

Thanks.



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07/05/2011 04:22 PM

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Subject Fw: Letter to EPA regarding Ozone Standard

FYI. A Landrieu/Sessions Dear Colleague letter is circulating around the Senate asking for EPA to not complete the Ozone reconsideration.

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Forwarded at the request of Sen. Landrieu's office. The deadline for signing is July 13, 2011.

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Legislative Counsel

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02/28/2012 05:28 PM

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Subject Fw: Presidential Memorandum -- Proposed Revised Habitat for the Spotted Owl: Minimizing Regulatory Burdens

Hopefully this will not come up tomorrow, but the attached came out of the WH this afternoon and the release below just came out of DoI. .

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Subject: Presidential Memorandum -- Proposed Revised Habitat for the Spotted Owl: Minimizing Regulatory Burdens

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February 28, 2012

Attached is a memorandum from the President for the Secretary of the Interior regarding a proposed revised habitat for the Spotted Owl: Minimizing Regulatory Burdens.

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Service Identifies Areas to Be Assessed for Potential Northern Spotted Owl Critical Habitat, Proposes Broad Exclusions, Ecological Forestry, and Barred Owl Control

Service will now undertake important economic assessment to inform final designation

Washington, DC – Today, in compliance with an order from a U.S. District Court, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced a science-based critical habitat proposal for the northern spotted owl that begins a public review process to determine what forest lands should be designated as critical habitat in a final rule that will be published in November. This proposal recommends substantially increasing active management of forests, consistent with ecological forestry principles, in areas designated as critical habitat. Today’s announcement, which identifies areas that may be considered for the final designation, also emphasizes significant benefits of excluding private lands, and that consideration along with the important economic assessment will help inform areas that will be excluded from the final designation.

The proposal continues protections for remaining old growth forests while recommending ecological timber harvests to improve habitat, as well as resilience to wildfire and insect infestations. In addition, the Fish and Wildlife Service today took an important step toward experimental removal of the encroaching barred owl from certain areas. These are all key actions identified in the 2011 revised Recovery Plan for the Northern Spotted Owl. Overall, northern spotted owl numbers have been declining 2.9% on average per year – leading to an estimated 40% decline in numbers over the last 25 years. The presumed causes of the decline are the continuing effects of lost old growth forest habitat prior to the 1990s and increasing competition from the barred owl.

“We must move forward with a science-based approach to forestry that restores the health of our lands and wildlife and supports jobs and revenue for local communities,” said Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar. “By confronting the growing impact of the invasive barred owl and expanding the scientific foundation for wise management of our forests, we can give communities, foresters, and land managers additional tools they need to forge a healthier and more productive future for our forests. Today’s announcement provides a foundation from which we can assess the appropriate areas for final designation – a decision which will be based on science and informed by the important economic analysis and public feedback to be conducted over the coming months.”

Today’s announcements follow [a visit last week](#) by Secretary Salazar to one of three ecological [forestry pilot projects](#) in Oregon, where – as suggested by Dr. Norm Johnson and Dr. Jerry Franklin - he proposed an expansion of active forest management in Western Oregon to provide sustainable timber and healthier habitat for wildlife and fish.

“The forestry pilot projects that our research has helped inform and implement will result in good size timber for local mills, and will leave behind dry forests that are healthier and more fire resistant and moist forests that are more diverse and provide better habitat for wildlife,” said Dr. Franklin and Dr. Johnson. “The endorsement of ecological forestry in today’s announcement provides a strong foundation to apply these balanced principles across the Northwest forests and help demonstrate that we can both protect old growth and provide sustainable timber jobs while restoring the health of our forests.”

During that trip, Salazar discussed the 150 timber sales planned by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) over the next two years in Oregon, including a target of 197 million board

feet of proposed sales in western Oregon in FY 2013. Salazar announced that as part of this target, the BLM will plan for at [least five additional timber sales](#) (totaling approximately 15 million board feet) using ecological forestry principles. In addition— as part of the commitment to restoring healthy habitat and providing sustainable timber harvest and revenues – the BLM will undertake Resource Management Plan revisions which will provide goals, objectives, and direction for the management of approximately 2,500,000 acres of BLM-administered lands in western Oregon.

Interior is also working closely with USDA's Forest Service, which recently announced steps to improve forest restoration through active management and increase forest products sold by the National Forests from 2.4 billion board feet in 2011 to 3 billion board feet no later than 2014.

"The Fish and Wildlife Service's critical habitat proposal recognizes the need for active management of forests and provides a solid scientific foundation for work that needs to be done to improve forest health," said Tom Tidwell, Chief of the U.S. Forest Service. "Increased restoration work will benefit the environment and people, with more resilient ecosystems and improved wildlife habitats while providing outputs of forest products that contribute to local economies."

As part of this Administration's commitment to ensuring that rules comply with President Obama's Executive Order on regulatory reform, today's announcement is accompanied by a Presidential Memorandum that directs Interior to take a number of steps before the final plan is identified, with a focus on maximizing flexibility and promoting economic growth. Specifically, the memorandum directs Interior to provide clear direction for industry and other stakeholders on how logging can be conducted in critical habitat as part of the final rule, and directs Interior to give careful consideration, to the extent permitted by law and science, to providing the maximum exclusion of areas from the final rule – with a particular focus on maximizing eligible exclusion of private and State lands. Additionally, the President is directing Interior to revise a nearly three-decade old rule so that, rather than conducting economic analysis *after* critical habitat is proposed, economic analyses are completed and made available for public comment at the *same time* as a critical habitat proposal is published.

Critical Habitat Proposal

Today's proposal – which is based on the best available science and the revised 2011 Recovery Plan for the Northern Spotted Owl – identifies lands that are potentially eligible for critical habitat designation, but does not mean that they will be included in the final designation. Over the coming months the Service will conduct an economic analysis, assess scientific information, and receive public input that will help inform which of these potential areas may be included in the final critical habitat. The proposal recommends that in areas that are currently designated as critical habitat as well as any that are designated as a result of this process, appropriate timber harvests consistent with ecological forestry principles be encouraged, a major change from previous critical habitat designations.

"The science is telling us that unmanaged, fire-prone forests aren't healthy for either the landscape or the spotted owl," said Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service Dan Ashe. "In fact,

the Fish and Wildlife Service is strongly recommending an active forest management approach – like the forestry practices that the Forest Service and BLM are expanding - to restore forest health, increase resilience, and foster diversity.”

The Fish and Wildlife Service has already taken the step of proposing to exclude several categories of land from the final critical habitat designation, including approximately 4 million acres of state lands, private lands, and federal lands – such as national parks and wilderness areas – much of which is already managed for conservation. The Service will also use public and stakeholder feedback, as well as the information from the economic analysis, to assess additional areas for exclusion from the remaining approximately 10 million acres that are initially eligible for potential critical habitat designation. It is expected that as a result of these additional exclusions, the size of the final designation would be reduced further.

Critical habitat designation only pertains to federal activities in designated areas. Critical habitat designations do not provide additional protection on non-federal lands unless proposed activities involve federal funding or permitting.

Today’s critical habitat proposal revises a 2008 critical habitat designation in response to a court order.

Barred Owl Control

A draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) also announced today outlines options for experimental removal of barred owls from certain areas throughout the spotted owl’s range to test the effect of such removal on spotted owl population trends. The Service is considering combinations of both lethal and non-lethal (capturing and relocating or placing in permanent captivity) methods for removing barred owls.

“We can’t ignore the mounting evidence that competition from barred owls is a major factor in the spotted owl’s decline, and we have a clear obligation to do all we can to prevent the spotted owl’s extinction and help it rebound,” said Ashe.

If the barred owl removal experiment proceeds and the effects of removal are positive, the Service may consider the feasibility and efficacy of barred owl removal on a broader scale. This action would involve a separate National Environmental Policy Act process. For more information about the barred owl draft EIS, click [here](#).

The Service will be accepting public comments for 90 days on both the proposed critical habitat and barred owl draft EIS upon publication in the Federal Register, anticipated within the next two weeks. There will also be an additional public comment period later this spring on the economic analysis information for the critical habitat proposal. For additional information regarding critical habitat and the Endangered Species Act, click [here](#).

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Subject: Fw: To be released: Tomorrow CEO Letter on NSPS Delay

See attached letter on NSPS. Long list of signatories.

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Date: 09/19/2011 06:32 PM
Subject: To be released: Tomorrow CEO Letter on NSPS Delay

Dear Joe, Michael, Lorie & Arvin,

I wanted to send over the attached letter from a number of environmental organization CEOs concerning the recent acknowledgment that the current September 30th deadline for releasing the proposed power plant greenhouse gas rules will not be met. I expect the letter will be public tomorrow morning.

I am available to discuss this evening and tomorrow as needed.

My best,
Joe Mendelson

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Subject Fw: USW Pleased with EPA Progress on Waste Definition in Boiler Rules

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Here you go, Arvin. I'll send you the final Pulp Truth piece once it goes.

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From: USW News
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USW Pleased with EPA Progress on Waste Definition in Boiler Rules

Pittsburgh, Oct. 14, 2011 - Responding to United Steelworker (USW) concerns, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is preparing to rewrite rules to allow alternative biomass fuels to be used as fuel in industrial, commercial and institutional boilers.

The EPA has notified the USW that its decision to re-propose significant parts of its Non-Hazardous Secondary Materials Rule (NHSM) will include redefining a variety of biofuel materials as fuel rather than waste.

The pending action will save thousands of jobs and protect the environment by preventing millions of tons of carbon-neutral biomass materials from being diverted to landfills or vented to the atmosphere rather than be used as alternatives to fossil fuels.

“The USW would like to commend the EPA for all the hard work it has done to be responsive to our union’s concerns about this rule. We are confident that EPA’s proposed changes will help preserve family-wage jobs and encourage investment in technologies to make America more energy independent,” USW International President Leo W. Gerard said.

“With these changes we are hopeful a legislative remedy will not be needed. Our concern with a legislative approach to address concerns about this rule and related EPA boiler rules has been that in the current climate, common sense is unlikely to prevail. Too many ideologues would want to add their baggage to the bill with provisions that would not protect our jobs or the environment.”

The rule, originally issued on March 1, is designed to sort out which materials would be considered fuel and which would be designated as waste. Waste materials are more stringently regulated under the Clean Air Act than those designated as fuel under the NHSM rule as originally proposed by the EPA.

The NHSM rule was promulgated as part of a suite of EPA rules dealing with air emissions from industrial, commercial and institutional boilers and from waste incinerators. Application of the three air rules was suspended in April so EPA could ensure that companies and institutions operating boilers subject to the rules would be able to comply without unduly impacting their ability to operate.

While EPA suspended the air rules earlier this year, the agency did not suspend the NHSM rule. “That’s why we are pleased with EPA’s current decision to re-propose sections of the NHSM rule,” said International Vice President Jon Geenen, who leads the USW’s paper sector. “Rule suspensions do occur, but it is not often that EPA re-proposes a rule that has already been finalized.”

The EPA has indicated that it will explicitly state that a variety of biofuel materials are in fact fuels rather than waste materials. The agency will propose a petition process for fuels that do not meet current strict fuel legitimacy criteria.

The agency will include resinated wood in the rule text and may be willing to include a short list of additional materials. Resinated wood products such as board trim and sander dust can be used as boiler fuel.

“This indicates clearly that the regulatory process can be made to work and that working in good faith with the agencies is the correct approach to ensuring regulations that benefit both workers and the environment,” Gerard said.

The USW represents 850,000 members in the United States, Canada and the Caribbean, a majority of whom work in industries impacted by the EPA boiler rules.

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To Betsaida Alcantara

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Subject Day 2: Coverage of Cross State Air Pollution Rule

Attached is a document with the second day coverage of the CSAP rule. The coverage has been consistent, it highlights public health and put costs into context. We've had rapid response to respond to any inaccuracies. So far there have been hundreds of stories written and re-posted.



day 2 coverage - Cross State Air Pollution Rule.docx

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09/29/2011 03:39 PM

To Gwendolyn KeyesFleming
cc Bob Sussman, Brendan Gilfillan, Richard Windsor, Sarah Pallone, Seth Oster
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Subject Re: Fw: Google Alert - lisa jackson epa

Here is the letter that went to the president, a Kentucky reporter just reached out to us for comment.



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Gwendolyn KeyesFleming | I haven't see the letter either... | 09/29/2011 03:37:02 PM

From: Gwendolyn KeyesFleming/R4/USEPA/US
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Date: 09/29/2011 03:37 PM
Subject: Re: Fw: Google Alert - lisa jackson epa

I haven't see the letter either but will try to track it down. Discussions are on going w/ KY. Stan & I met w/ Len Peters Monday & Jim G is meeting w/ his KY counter part today. They've come far but we still have a lot of concerns.

Bob Sussman

----- Original Message -----

From: Bob Sussman
Sent: 09/29/2011 02:01 PM EDT
To: Richard Windsor
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haven't seen the letter but things remain very difficult with kentucky, as gwen can elaborate . . .we have seen very little movement on their side

Robert M. Sussman
Senior Policy Counsel to the Administrator
Office of the Administrator
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Richard Windsor | Heads up - has anyone seen a copy o... | 09/29/2011 01:48:22 PM

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Heads up - has anyone seen a copy of the Beshear letter? I thought things were chugging along with KY?

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Subject 316b Press Release is out

Here are all the final materials, internal and external.



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Subject Fw: Letter from the President to the Speaker of the House of
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This just went out, it focuses heavily on the executive order to reduce burdens of regulation.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
August 30, 2011

Attached is the text of a letter from the President to the Speaker of the House of
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To Richard Windsor
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Subject FW: Fw: Can Texas meet the CSAPR budget? Interesting
research piece on this from a financial analyst

Administrator

We are calling in to Heather to update her on Luminant. Also since you are over there you may want to stop upstairs.

Bob Perciasepe
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Interesting article, FYI.

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Subject: Can Texas meet the CSAPR budget? Interesting research piece on this from a financial analyst

Here is an interesting research piece on the Texas CSAPR situation saying Texas can meet its budget if it runs existing controls. The article also point out that tTexas has regulated units that can pas son the costs of allowances and merchant plants that cannot (the shareholders take the hit). I do not know enough about the author to evaluate any bias, but this is what they say about themselves:

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Subject: Fw: Please consider running this Letter to the Editor

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To: wsj.ltrs@wsj.com <wsj.ltrs@wsj.com>
Subject: Please consider running this Letter to the Editor

Attached please find a letter to the Editor regarding the WSJ editorial published on April 5, 2012: I've also embedded the text of the letter here in this email.
Thank you for your consideration.
Sue Tierney

April 5, 2012
The Editor
The Wall Street Journal
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As a Journal subscriber, I was surprised to see how many factual errors were in the WSJ's April 5, 2012 editorial ("Killing Coal"). Here are just a few of the more important ones, with some important corrections:

- EPA has imposed a de facto ban on new coal plants since 2009: Actually, 1,793 MW of new coal-fired generating capacity came on line in 2009, followed by another 5,246 MW in 2010 and another 2,343 MW in 2011 (NETL and EIA data).
- The EPA assumes that the U.S. will never complete another coal-fired project, ever: Actually, the regulatory impact statement accompanying the rule explains that the proposed regulation specifically exempts the 15 plants that EPA has identified are likely to begin construction within a year of the proposed regulation.
- The EPA's new source performance standard for CO2 applies to modifications made at existing coal-fired plants to meet upcoming pollution rules ("...as a utility obeys the mercury rule, say, it will also be caught in the pincer movement"): Actually, the EPA's proposed regulation states that power plant owners' installation of pollution control equipment projects are "specifically exempt" from the definition of a NSPS modification.
- To control CO2, utilities will need to install new technology such as capture-and-sequestration systems: While generally true, the EPA would give new coal plants 10 years to add such systems, specifically so that new coal would not be squeezed out of the mix.
- The environmental lobby is applauding the new regulations: Actually, many environmental groups have criticized EPA for allowing so much flexibility for new coal plants.

Most astonishingly, although pointing out a preference that it is "far better to let markets decide which energy sources to develop," the WSJ editors fail to note the loud statements from the marketplace (and reported in the Journal's own pages) that new coal plants (and new nuclear plants) are just too expensive to build in an era when natural gas is so plentiful and cheap: see, for example, "Cheap Natural Gas Unplugs U.S. Nuclear-Power Revival," Rebecca Smith (March 2012); "Oil and Gas Boom Lifts U.S. Economy," Russell Gold (February 2012); "Glut Hits Natural-Gas Prices," January 2012; "Stepping on the Gas," Daniel Yergin (April 2011); "Shale Gas Will Rock the World," Amy Meyers Jaffe (May 2010).

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To Richard Windsor, Bob Perciasepe, Diane Thompson, Arvin
Ganesan, Gina McCarthy, Laura Vaught
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Subject Fw: EPA response to the GHG letter to OMB from the Energy
and Power Subcommittee?

FYI - congressional letter has dropped. It's addressed to OMB. Gina I've asked your folks to draft something but we're going to have to coordinate with WH/OMB on the response.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Thursday, February 23, 2012

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**Bi-Partisan Majority of the House of Representatives ask OMB to
block Costly EPA Greenhouse Gas Regulation**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Rep. Ed Whitfield, (R-KY-01), Chairman of the House Subcommittee on Energy and Power, and U.S. Rep. John Barrow (D-GA-12), Member of the Energy and Commerce Committee, along with 221 colleagues in the House, sent a letter to President Obama's acting director of the Office

of Management and Budget (OMB) requesting him to stop the Environmental Protection Agency's greenhouse gas (GHG) rulemaking.

These costly new standards would dramatically increase electricity rates in the United States, stop new coal plants from being built, and phase out or potentially eliminate existing coal-fired electricity, which currently accounts for nearly half of our nation's electricity supply.

"Affordable, reliable electricity is critical to keeping and growing jobs in the United States and such a standard will likely drive up energy prices and threaten domestic jobs," Representatives Whitfield and Barrow said. "Forcing a transition to commercially unproven technologies could send thousands of U.S. jobs overseas and raise electricity rates on families and seniors at a time when the nation can least afford it."

EPA's efforts to regulate greenhouse gases could increase the cost of everything from gasoline to household utilities to groceries. During a hearing in the House Energy and Commerce Committee on Feb. 9, 2011, Dr. Margo Thorning, Senior Vice President and Chief Economist at American Council for Capital Formation, testified that the first wave of EPA's greenhouse gas regulations could result in as many as 1.4 million job losses.

Last year, the House of Representatives passed the Energy Tax Prevention Act to stop the EPA from implementing these regulations. The Senate has failed to act on this important legislation that would permanently remove the threat of these regulations. The legislation passed in the House will:

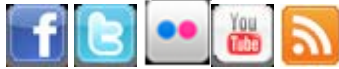
- **Prohibit EPA from targeting greenhouse gases as related to climate change under the Clean Air Act.** EPA would not be permitted to unilaterally regulate greenhouse gases, chiefly carbon dioxide emissions from using fossil fuels – the coal, oil, and natural gas that provides America with 85 percent of its energy.
- **Prevent the American economy from being placed at a competitive disadvantage.** U.S. energy prices, including electricity prices, and production costs will rise across numerous industries as a result of EPA's permitting requirements (by forcing the switch to more expensive fuels and/or changes in technologies and production processes). As a consequence, business investments will move overseas to developing countries whose industries produce more GHGs than the U.S.

The text of the letter is attached.

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Subject Additional State of the Union Materials

Attached and below.



2012 State of the Union pocket card.pdf Blueprint For An America Built to Last.pdf

Talking Points: An America Built To Last

- In his State of the Union Address, the President laid out a blueprint for an economy that's built to last – an economy built on **American manufacturing, American energy, skills for American workers, and a renewal of American values.**
- The President believes this is a make or break moment for the middle class and those trying to reach it.
- What's at stake is the very survival of the basic American promise that if you work hard, you can do well enough to raise a family, own a home, and put enough away for retirement.
- The defining issue of our time is how to keep that promise alive. No challenge is more urgent; no debate is more important. We can either settle for a country where a shrinking number of people do really well, while more Americans barely get by. Or we can build a nation where everyone gets a fair shot, everyone does their fair share, and everyone plays by the same rules. At stake right now are not Democratic or Republican values, but American values – and for the sake of our future, we have to reclaim them.

American Manufacturing: The President laid out proposals for how we'll bring about a new era of American manufacturing, with more good jobs and more products stamped Made in the USA. Proposals will include tools that will help American small businesses to compete and grow.

- Take away the deduction for outsourcing, make companies pay a minimum tax for profits and jobs overseas, and reward companies for bringing jobs back to America.
- Lower tax rates for companies that manufacture and create jobs in the United States.

- Get tough on trade enforcement.
- Create more jobs and make us more competitive by rebuilding America using half of the savings from ending foreign wars.

American Energy: The President presented a new era for American energy—an economy fueled by homegrown and alternative energy sources that will be designed and produced by American workers.

- Promote safe, responsible development of the near 100-year supply of natural gas, supporting more than 600,000 jobs while ensuring public health and safety.
- Incentivize manufacturers to make energy upgrades, saving \$100 billion over the next decade.
- Create clean energy jobs in the United States.

Skills for American Workers: He laid out new ideas for how we’ll make sure our students and workers get the education and training they need so that we have a workforce ready to take on the jobs of today and tomorrow.

- Reform job training and forge new partnerships between community colleges and businesses to train and place 2 million skilled workers.
- Attract, prepare, support, and reward great teachers to help students learn.
- The President called on Congress to extend the tuition tax credit we started that saves middle-class families thousands of dollars. And give more young people the chance to earn their way through college by doubling the number of work-study jobs in the next five years.
- The President also delivered a message to colleges and universities: if you can’t stop tuition from going up, the funding you get from taxpayers will go down. Higher education can’t be a luxury – it’s an economic imperative that every family in America should be able to afford.
- Build a 21st century immigration system and give responsible young people a chance to earn their citizenship.
- Put veterans to work protecting our communities and preserving our natural resources.

American Values: And most importantly, the President called for a return to American Values – of fairness for all, and responsibility from all.

- Make the tax code fairer and simpler for the middle class and make sure millionaires and billionaires follow the Buffett Rule by paying at least 30% in taxes.
- End subsidies for millionaires.
- Prevent tax increases for working families by extending the payroll tax cut.
- Call on Congress to give every responsible homeowner the opportunity to refinance.

- Make sure Wall Street plays by the same rules.
- Reduce the influence of money and lobbyists and do away with procedures that stop Congress from working on behalf of the American people.
- Pass a balanced, fair deficit reduction plan.

The President has been clear that we need to do more to create jobs and help economic growth. Thanks to the President’s bold actions, the economy is growing again.

- Over the past 22 months, our businesses have created 3.2 million jobs.
- Last year, we added the most private sector jobs since 2005. American manufacturing is creating jobs for the first time since the late 1990s.
- The American auto industry is back.
- The President has approved fewer regulations in his first three years than President Bush did in his. The President ordered every federal agency to eliminate rules that don’t make sense.
- Today, American oil production is the highest that it’s been in eight years.
- The President signed into law new rules to hold Wall Street accountable, so a crisis like the one we’ve endured never happens again.

When we act together, in common purpose and common effort, there is nothing the United States of America cannot achieve. That’s why the President’s blueprint for action contains common sense policies that that businesses and citizens can take. It includes actions that Congress needs to take. But it also includes actions that the President will take on his own:

- The President announced the creation of a Trade Enforcement Unit that will be charged with investigating unfair trade practices in countries like China. There will be more inspections to prevent counterfeit or unsafe goods from crossing our borders. And this Congress should make sure that no foreign company has an advantage over American manufacturing when it comes to accessing finance or new markets like Russia.
- Tonight, the President asked the Attorney General to create a special unit of federal prosecutors and leading state attorneys general to expand our investigations into the abusive lending and packaging of risky mortgages that led to the housing crisis. This new unit will hold accountable those who broke the law, speed assistance to homeowners, and help turn the page on an era of recklessness that hurt so many Americans.
- We have a supply of natural gas that can last America nearly one hundred years, and this administration will take every possible action to safely develop this energy. Experts believe this will support more than 600,000 jobs by the end of the decade. And the President is requiring all companies that drill for gas on public lands to

disclose the chemicals they use. America will develop this resource without putting the health and safety of our citizens at risk. The development of natural gas will create jobs and power trucks and factories that are cleaner and cheaper, proving that we don't have to choose between our environment and our economy.

- The President directed his administration to allow the development of clean energy on enough public land to power three million homes. The President announced that the Department of Defense, the world's largest consumer of energy, will make one of the largest commitments to clean energy in history – with the Navy purchasing enough capacity to power a quarter of a million homes a year.
- In the next few weeks, the President will sign an Executive Order clearing away the red tape that slows down too many construction projects. But Congress needs to fund these projects. Take the money we're no longer spending at war, use half of it to pay down our debt, and use the rest to do some nation-building right here at home. There's never been a better time to build, especially since the construction industry was one of the hardest-hit when the housing bubble burst.
- We have come too far to turn back now. We cannot go back to an economy based on outsourcing, bad debt, and phony financial profits. The President intends to keep moving forward and rebuild an economy where hard work pays off and responsibility is rewarded – an economy built to last.

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**EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503**

April 5, 2011
(House Rules)

STATEMENT OF ADMINISTRATION POLICY

H.R. 910 – Energy Tax Prevention Act of 2011

(Rep. Upton, R-MI, and 95 cosponsors)

The Administration strongly opposes House passage of H.R. 910, which would halt the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) common-sense steps under the Clean Air Act (CAA) to protect Americans from harmful air pollution. H.R. 910 would also increase the Nation's dependence on oil and other fossil fuels as well as contradict the scientific consensus on climate change.

The CAA gives EPA the necessary tools to protect our families from a wide variety of harmful pollutants that cause asthma and lung disease – especially in children. Weakening these standards would allow more pollution in the air we breathe and threaten the health of Americans across the country. A recent report by EPA shows how important this landmark law has been in protecting public health. In 2010 alone, just one part of the CAA prevented:

- 160,000 premature deaths;
- 130,000 heart attacks;
- More than 100,000 hospital visits by preventing millions of cases of respiratory problems, including bronchitis and asthma. It enhanced productivity by preventing millions of lost workdays, and kept kids healthy and in school, avoiding millions of lost school days due to respiratory illness and other diseases caused or exacerbated by air pollution.

Since 1970, the CAA has reduced key air pollutants that cause smog and particulate pollution by more than 60 percent. At the same time the economy has more than tripled. And since the CAA Amendments in 1990, electricity production is up and prices are stable. In 2009, electric utilities delivered 33 percent more electricity to U.S.

households and businesses than in 1990, while nationwide electricity prices remained essentially unchanged.

Over its 40-year span, the benefits of the CAA – in the form of longer lives, healthier kids, greater workforce productivity, and ecosystem protections – outweigh the costs by more than 30 to one.

Passage of H.R. 910 would also block important policy measures that enable the CAA to achieve additional societal benefits related to carbon pollution. For example, the bill would block EPA's involvement in the historic, bipartisan Federal program to promote vehicle fuel economy standards for Model Years 2017-2025. This program will reduce oil consumption, provide significant savings to American consumers at the pump, and limit pollution from tailpipe emissions. Further, H.R. 910 would second guess the widely-accepted scientific consensus that carbon pollution is at increasingly dangerous concentrations and is contributing to the threat of climate change. This could create uncertainty around the requirements which are currently in effect for the Model Year 2012-2016 vehicle standards. Finally, H.R. 910 would contradict public health experts and scientists and strip EPA of its authority to develop sensible standards for currently unchecked carbon pollution, and thus prevent EPA from following its statutory obligations as interpreted by the Supreme Court.

If the President is presented with this legislation, which would seriously roll back the CAA authority, harm Americans' health by taking away our ability to decrease carbon pollution, and undercut fuel efficiency standards that will save Americans money at the pump while decreasing our dependence on oil, his senior advisors would recommend that he veto the bill.

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To Richard Windsor
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Subject Interviews tomorrow morning

Administrator -

Attached is a memo for tomorrow morning's interviews. In brief - they've booked the following hits, all of which will take place on the north lawn of the WH:

8:00 am ET: CNBC Squawk Box with Carl Quintanilla and Joe Kernan - LIVE

8:10 am ET: Fox Business with Peter Barnes - TAPED

8:20 am ET: MSNBC Dayside with Anchor TBD- LIVE to TAPE

They've told me each of these outlets understands the news value of the labels and have not brought up any other potential topics with them.

They've asked for you to arrive in the West Wing lobby at 7:50 am, and they will walk you out to each camera on the North Lawn. I will be there as well.

Please let me know if you need any info that's missing from this note or the attached memo.

Thanks.

- Brendan



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Attached is an embargoed copy of the American Lung Association's 13th Annual State of the Air Report. This report looks at air quality across the nation and provides letter grades (A-F) for the counties where air pollution monitors gather data for ozone (smog) and particle pollution (soot). This year's report shows continued progress in improved air quality—thanks to cleanup measures enforced under the Clean Air Act. The Clean Air Act has drastically cut these toxins from the air we breathe. The report also shows that far too many children, seniors, people living in poverty and people with diabetes, lung and heart disease live in areas with unhealthy air. We need the Clean Air Act to be aggressively implemented and enforced to protect everyone from air pollution.

We are using the hashtag #StateoftheAir to promote the report on twitter.

The report is embargoed until 5:00 am EDT on Wednesday April 25. Please respect our embargo. It will be live at www.stateoftheair.org at that time.

Janice, Peter or I would be happy to answer any questions.

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Subject TALKING POINTS: Clean Air Act Settlement with the
Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA)

All,

Earlier today Administrator Jackson announced an historic Clean Air Act settlement with the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) to modernize its fleet of coal-fired power plants and promote clean energy investments. Below you will find talking points, a link to the press release and TVA Messages and Q&A.

Seth

TALKING POINTS

- The settlement will require TVA to invest a TVA estimated \$3 to \$5 billion on new and upgraded state-of-the-art equipment to prevent approximately 1,200 to 3,000 premature deaths, 2,000 heart attacks and 21,000 cases of asthma a year and \$1 billion in annual health benefits.
- This agreement will save lives and prevent billions of dollars in health costs. Modernizing these plants and upgrading air quality means better health protections and greater economic opportunities for the people living near TVA facilities.
- Investments in pollution control equipment will keep hundreds of thousands of tons of harmful pollutants out of the air and create green job opportunities that will reduce pollution and improve energy efficiency.
- Once fully implemented, the pollution controls and other required actions will address 92 percent of TVA's current emissions, reducing emissions of nitrogen oxide (NOx) by 69 percent and sulfur dioxide (SO₂) by 67 percent from TVA's current levels.

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TVA Messages and Q&A



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Subject TALKING POINTS: EPA Reduces Smokestack Pollution,
Protecting American's Health from Soot and Smog

All,

Today the Administrator announced the signing of the Cross State Air Pollution Rule, a major step forward in protecting the health of the American people.

Below are talking points, an attached fact sheet and links to our press release and an AP story.

- Seth

TALKING POINTS: EPA Reduces Smokestack Pollution, Protecting Americans' Health from Soot and Smog

- Today EPA finalized additional Clean Air Act protections that will slash hundreds of thousands of tons of smokestack emissions that travel long distances through the air leading to soot and smog, threatening the health of hundreds of millions of Americans living downwind.
- The Cross-State Air Pollution Rule will protect communities that are home to 240 million Americans from smog and soot pollution, preventing up to 34,000 premature deaths, 15,000 nonfatal heart attacks, 19,000 cases of acute bronchitis, 4000,000 cases of aggravated asthma, and 1.8 million sick days a year beginning in 2014- achieving up to \$280 billion in annual health benefits.
- Twenty seven states in the eastern half of the country will work with power plants to cut air pollution under the rule, which leverages widely available, proven and cost-effective control technologies.
- Ensuring flexibility, EPA will work with states to help develop the most appropriate path forward to deliver significant reductions in harmful emissions while minimizing costs for utilities and consumers.

FACT SHEET



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AP STORY: EPA clamps down on pollution spoiling air downwind

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Subject Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Task Force: Release of Preliminary Strategy

Hello all,

We are sending along an advance copy of the Gulf of Mexico Regional Ecosystem Restoration Strategy (Preliminary) for your review. This report will be released to the public at 9:00 am EST today. On behalf of Administrator Jackson, I want to thank you for making time available in your busy schedules to speak with us regarding this Preliminary Strategy. We very much appreciate it.

Sincerely,

John



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Subject Fw: UBS Utilities: Highlights from Inaugural Regulator Survey

UBS views of the power sector market based on recent regulator survey:

"The survey results confirmed our more modest-to-cautious outlook on regulated utilities. We expect more frequent rate case filings – driven from EPA-related capital investments – coupled with a weak economic backdrop and record low Treasury yields may put downward pressure on regulated earnings beginning in earnest in 2013. Earnings could be further pressured as we see an increasing need for external equity, exacerbated with the expiration of bonus depreciation tax benefits."

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All,

We are releasing the inaugural results from our regulator survey today. Please let us know if there are any questions you would find particularly insightful in future iterations of the survey. Thank you to all who participated.

Kind Regards,
The UBS Power and Utilities Team

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- **Survey offers a few surprises**

We surveyed utility regulators for insights on expectations, including returns, capital structure, demand outlook, as well as key issues affecting the sector. We believe industry ROEs may decline modestly but equity structures will remain largely intact. Regulators continue to await an above-average number of utility rate case filings, driven in large part by above-normal capital investment. By and large, regulators believe load growth will be limited in the near term, with the three-year outlook only modestly better at ~1%. Those States pursuing more aggressive energy efficiency programs indicated generally negative near-term demand growth projections. The key issue among respondents remains the impact of EPA regulations, with many both formally and implicitly citing its challenges. Lastly, regulators appear to be content with electric

restructuring and the latest acceleration in customer shopping.

- **Survey confirms our reserved view on fundamental outlook for utilities**

The survey results confirmed our more modest-to-cautious outlook on regulated utilities. We expect more frequent rate case filings – driven from EPA-related capital investments – coupled with a weak economic backdrop and record low Treasury yields may put downward pressure on regulated earnings beginning in earnest in 2013. Earnings could be further pressured as we see an increasing need for external equity, exacerbated with the expiration of bonus depreciation tax benefits. We highlight Key Call Wisconsin Energy (WEC) as our top regulated pick given its constructive regulation, above average dividend growth and positive free cash flow. Among hybrid utilities, we prefer Exelon (EXC), given its leverage to improving power prices resulting from CSAPR implementation

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01/19/2010 01:06 PM

To Group OARM-ALL

cc Bob Perciasepe, Diane Thompson, Allyn Brooks-LaSure,
Seth Oster

bcc Richard Windsor

Subject OARM's Role in Furthering the Administrator's Top Priorities

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: OARM's Role in Furthering the Administrator's Top Priorities

FROM: Craig E. Hooks
Assistant Administrator

TO: All OARM Employees

I hope you have had an opportunity to reflect upon the Administrator's recently announced list of top priorities (attached) which include taking action on climate change; improving air quality; assuring the safety of chemicals; cleaning up our communities; protecting America's waters; expanding the conversation on environmentalism and working for environmental justice; and building strong state and tribal partnerships. At the recent Senior Executive Service (SES) Executive Leadership Development Conference, our senior leadership spent a considerable amount of time exploring how each attendee could personally help to achieve and commit to working collaboratively with others in the Agency on these priorities.

At first glance, it may seem that the Office of Administration and Resources Management (OARM), and you personally, have very little influence or involvement in these activities. Nothing could be further from the truth. Our work here in OARM plays an integral and essential role in facilitating all aspects of the Agency's very important, complex and challenging mission.

The grants and contracts that we award and monitor support every one of the top priority efforts. Without the work of many employees throughout OARM it would not have been possible for the Agency, the states and countless Americans to benefit from the environmental clean-up, construction and employment opportunities made possible through American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds allocated to EPA.

The Office of Human Resources, the Office of Administration, OARM-RTP and OARM-Cincinnati ensure that we hire and support the Agency's employees and that these employees can do their work in offices and laboratories that are modern and safe. Through our management of EPA's laboratories in RTP and Cincinnati, we are also helping to facilitate the critical scientific research that provides the foundation for much of EPA's environmental work and success.

In addition, our Office of Policy and Resources Management, Office of the Federal Environmental Executive, and Immediate Office staff help to ensure that OARM as an organization has the staff, budget, and essential tools to do what we are supposed to be doing,

and that we are doing it right.

So all of you, each in your own individual way, has and will continue to contribute not only to the on-going mission of the Agency, but to helping EPA make meaningful progress in achieving the Administrator's seven key themes.

In addition to outlining these priorities, the Administrator has also indicated that she wants to focus on improving EPA's internal operations, our current performance measurement system and other Agency processes. In all of these areas, OARM will assume a key leadership role and I will be looking to you to help identify and implement positive and meaningful changes where needed and useful.

One of the most important things the Administrator has challenged the SES to do, and now I challenge you to do, is to rethink how you view the work of EPA and your contribution to our mission. Administrator Jackson has asked her leadership to work as "One EPA" in finding ways to think and act in a much broader, cross-organizational and collaborative manner. I too, would like to ask you to personally commit to working as "One OARM." OARM has always been regarded as an organization with many diverse functions, yet having a very cohesive and caring workforce. During my tenure as Assistant Administrator I have had the opportunity to see first hand, your commitment and concern for EPA employees and for one another. I encourage you to partner with other OARM organizations in seeking creative solutions to problems, finding ways to improve our customer service and exploring new opportunities to meet Agency needs.

This past year I have spent a great deal of time working to ensure that our ARRA responsibilities were met. During this next year, I intend to focus more of my time on those issues that are critical to the success of OARM, including filling key leadership vacancies. Within the next few weeks I will be refining my own list of OARM priorities and will welcome your feedback as we work collaboratively to meet the Administrator's and my goals, while continuing to provide EPA's employees and programs with the best service possible.

I want to thank you for your hard work and commitment. I look forward to working with you on becoming "One OARM" where we have fun, provide meaningful services to EPA's employees and support the Administrator's priority issues and the very important mission of the Agency.



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Craig Hooks/DC/USEPA/US

09/02/2011 09:39 AM

To Richard Windsor

cc Malcolm Jackson

bcc

Subject Pictures from the Feds Feeds Family Event

Just a few pictures and a video (amateur) from the Feds Feeds Family event on Wednesday. We raised over 2300 lbs of food for the Capital Area Food Bank! Thank you for your support. The staff was really jazzed you participated. Thanks, again.



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Dana Tulis/DC/USEPA/US

06/04/2010 01:51 PM

To David Gray

cc Bob Perciasepe, David Gray, Diane Thompson, Erica Canzler, Gilberto Irizarry, Janet Woodka, Mathy Stanislaus, Richard Windsor

bcc

Subject Re: Workshop - Technology Background Information - DRAFT READ ME PLEASE

Good! Thank David, that works.

 Dana S. Tulis
 National Incident Coordinator
 Office of Emergency Management
 Environmental Protection Agency
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David Gray	Everyone - Okay with me sending out t...	06/04/2010 01:35:52 PM
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From: David Gray/R6/USEPA/US
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 Date: 06/04/2010 01:35 PM
 Subject: Workshop - Technology Background Information - DRAFT READ ME PLEASE

Everyone - Okay with me sending out this email to the participants? Since it is a PDF I cannot clean it up any further and honestly don't think it would make much of a difference.
 David

Workshop Participants:

Attached are 35 technologies which can help serve as a starting place for tomorrow's discussions. Please do not distribute this document further. In order to send you some examples in advance - this is a unedited/unredacted print out from our online database.

EPA is not promoting any technology or company whose product or process is included in the attached document. The document provides examples of the types of information being submitted to us.

Several participants have also shared technology and company information with us. We will forward those documents soon.

David and Janet



salt marsh cleanup ideas master.pdf

Dana Tulis/DC/USEPA/US

01/10/2011 09:52 PM

To Richard Windsor

cc Barry Breen, Mathy Stanislaus

bcc

Subject Fw: Pollution Report # (Initial)1 Alyeska Pump Sta 1 Spill -
Alyeska Pipeline Service Co. Pump Station 1 Booster Pump

Just making sure you are receiving.
Gilberto Irizarry

----- Original Message -----

From: Gilberto Irizarry**Sent:** 01/10/2011 08:18 PM EST**To:** Debbie Dietrich; Barry Breen; Mathy Stanislaus; Seth Oster; Adora
Andy; Marsha Minter; Lisa Feldt; Dana Tulis; Bob Perciasepe; Diane Thompson**Cc:** Mark Mjones; Craig Matthiessen; Kim Jennings; Dana Stalcup; Kathy
Jones; Ellyn Fine; Bill Finan; Epahq Eoc; Sheila Kelly; Tim Grier; Lisa
Boynton; David Chung; Kevin Mould; Jan Shubert; Eugene Lee; Sherry Fielding;
Janine Dinan; Antoinette Powell-Dickson; George Hull; Dale Perry; Richard
Rupert; Brendan Gilfillan; Andra Belknap**Subject:** Pollution Report # (Initial)1 Alyeska Pump Sta 1 Spill - Alyeska
Pipeline Service Co. Pump Station 1 Booster Pump

FYI, see below the Regional PolRep (Pollution Report) for the subject situation.

Please be aware that we (OEM/EOC) are coordinating with R10 to establish a good battle rhythm of reports to ensure good and continuous situational awareness for HQ senior leadership.

We'll continue to report on progress.

Tito

Sent by Blackberry. Please excuse typos.

Gilberto "Tito" Irizarry
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Eugene Lee

----- Original Message -----

From: Eugene Lee**Sent:** 01/10/2011 08:09 PM EST**To:** Gilberto Irizarry**Subject:** Fw: Pollution Report # (Initial)1 Alyeska Pump Sta 1 Spill -
Alyeska Pipeline Service Co. Pump Station 1 Booster Pump

Tito - This polrep just received from R10. Of note, R10 has 4 OSCs currently engaged in this response (2 in Prudhoe Bay and 2 in Fairbanks), 1 PIO (Fairbanks) and 6 START contractors supporting the response. A request for an increase of \$200K to the current \$50K funding ceiling is anticipated.

Eugene

----- Forwarded by Eugene Lee/DC/USEPA/US on 01/10/2011 08:07 PM -----

Pollution Report # (Initial)1 Alyeska Pump Sta 1 Spill - Alyeska Pipeline Service

Co. Pump Station 1 Booster Pump

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Richard Franklin, Earl Liverman, Jeffrey Fowlow,
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Opalski, Lori Cohen, Marcia Combes, Eugene

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Macintyre, Epahq Eoc, Wally Moon,
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Attached is a Pollution Report (POLREP) regarding:

USEPA Region X
Alyeska Pump Sta 1 Spill
Deadhorse, AK

To view this POLREP, please open the attachment.
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For additional information regarding this site,
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DANIEL RYAN
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04/05/2011 08:36 AM

To Richard Windsor
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Subject FW: Inquirer coverage of Adm's visit to Philly

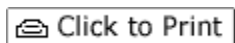
Lisa-

Front page, below the fold, with your pic
Excellent coverage!
It was great to see you and catch up yesterday.

Thanks.

Dan

<http://www.philly.com/philly/news/pennsylvania/119232314.html>



Posted on Tue, Apr. 5, 2011

In Philadelphia, federal EPA chief says health equals jobs

By Sandy Bauers

Inquirer Staff Writer

When Lisa P. Jackson took the stage at a national brownfields conference in Philadelphia on Monday, she said she wished all her detractors could be there to hear how restoring polluted industrial sites makes good business sense.

An hour later, when she participated in a panel at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia about new rules limiting emissions of mercury and other poisons from U.S. power plants, she spoke of how it would not only prevent thousands of premature deaths and illnesses a year, but would also support thousands of jobs in the construction and utility industries. "These are very good jobs," she said. "They're labor-intensive jobs. And you know what you can't do with them? You can't ship them overseas, because our power plants are here."

Health and jobs. Health and jobs. It's almost a mantra for Jackson, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's administrator.

Now two years into the job, Jackson is a beleaguered cabinet member who draws detractors - and supporters - wherever she goes.

In Congress, she has been grilled, challenged, countered, and debated as new Republican legislators contend that she and the agency are overreaching their purview.

"You will hear people use words like *cutting* and *defunding*, and making bold claims about so-called EPA power grabs," she said. Indeed, "you may have heard that earlier this year, someone in Congress offered me my very own parking space, because I've come in to testify so often."

Perhaps the most volatile issue is whether the EPA should regulate greenhouse gases - carbon dioxide and other heat-trapping gases that most scientists say are causing climate change.

U.S. Sen. Pat Toomey (R., Pa.) is a co-sponsor of an energy bill that would prevent the EPA from imposing an energy tax on greenhouse gases. He says the bill would help lower

energy prices.

"We cannot allow the EPA to hold Pennsylvania's economy hostage," he said in a statement.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce's Bill Kovacs said it was "clear that the Clean Air Act was never intended to [give the agency authority to] regulate greenhouse gases."

"It's a decision for Congress to make," said Kovacs, senior vice president of environment, technology, and regulatory affairs for the chamber. "Not a bureaucratic regulatory agency."

He also contended that historically, the EPA proposed only three to five major "rules" - or sets of regulations - a year. This year, he said, Jackson's EPA is anticipated to propose more than two dozen, with nearly half of them already issued.

That's "partly because she inherited a mess from her predecessors," countered Frank O'Donnell, president of the national advocacy group Clean Air Watch in Washington. "A large percentage of the air rules are redos of rules the Bush administration botched in its quest to be industry-friendly."

The agency "has just fallen into the right-wing mantra of government being too big," he said. "The EPA is suffering as a result of the health-care legislation and the fire that it lit in the tea party and elsewhere. In a lot of parts of the country, you don't hear the EPA used without the prior epithet *job-killing*."

David Masur, director of PennEnvironment, which hosted the mercury panel at Children's Hospital, said he thought that at the root of the debate were special interests holding sway with newly elected officials.

"Why we see this now is the political lay of the land has changed, and big polluters are cashing in," he said. Congressional conservatives are "standing up for the powerful polluters instead of the kids with asthma and old people who can't go outside on hot summer days."

Jackson, 49, a chemical engineer with a master's degree from Princeton University, was the secretary of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection before joining the Obama administration.

She also spent 16 years with the EPA previously, overseeing the cleanup of hazardous waste sites under the Superfund program.

In a way, she's not surprised at the current conflict.

"We're doing our job," she said. "I think EPA is getting attention because we are using science to follow the law. And that's long overdue."

She said that whether the rules are about mercury or ozone or clean water, "those are the issues that EPA should be speaking on. It means that we're relevant. It means that every once in a while, the American people have to remember that we have insisted as a nation on strong environmental protection and we don't want to go backwards."

She praised the agency's work not just on new regulations, but on the Chesapeake Bay, the BP oil spill, and its current radiation monitoring of the nation's rainwater, drinking water and milk "to assure Americans that the horrible tragedy in Japan is not affecting them and their families."

In the coming-on-strong department, Jackson also announced Monday that possibly within months, the agency would propose standards to deal with oil and natural-gas drilling,

particularly their air emissions.

In rural Wyoming, where drilling is widespread, she said, officials were surprised to learn that levels of smog rivaled those in Los Angeles.

She said states "have a huge role to play in that planning process. No state can afford to look the other way."

In Pennsylvania, nearly 3,000 wells have been drilled, and Gov. Corbett is an industry ally, opposing a severance tax. A top official of the Department of Environmental Protection recently ordered that all violations and enforcement actions be approved by the DEP secretary.

Jackson, whose regional administrator, Shawn Garvin, recently sent a strongly worded letter to the Pennsylvania DEP urging greater scrutiny of the industry, said, "I would encourage the State of Pennsylvania to be looking at aggressively overseeing" the industry.

The EPA is expected to bring out another major rule this summer addressing the downwind transport of pollutants from power plants. It is sure to raise more criticism and debate.

But in Philadelphia at the brownfields and mercury events on Monday, Jackson was among her fans.

U.S. Rep. Chaka Fattah (D., Pa.), who introduced Jackson at the Children's Hospital panel, said that "some members of Congress have made it their mission to interject themselves, to be a roadblock in the work of the administration, but she is doing a great job. I know in my talks with the president there is no cabinet administrator that he has appointed that he is prouder of."

During a question-and-answer period, audience members thanked Jackson for the work she and her agency were doing.

"You've put your finger in the dike," said a Pennsylvania woman who said she was asthmatic. "I know you've gotten a lot of backlash you don't deserve."

Earlier, at the brownfields conference, Jackson received a standing ovation.

And that was just for coming on stage, before she had said a word.

David
McIntosh/DC/USEPA/US

04/29/2011 10:53 AM

To "Richard Windsor", "Seth Oster"

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Subject Fw: Court Rejects Industry Challenge to Cleaner Cars that
Save Consumers Money

From: Vickie Patton [vpatton@edf.org]

Sent: 04/29/2011 10:51 AM AST

To: Vickie Patton <vpatton@edf.org>

Subject: Court Rejects Industry Challenge to Cleaner Cars that Save Consumers Money

Dear Journalists,

A three judge panel of the federal court of appeals in Washington, D.C. just rejected the legal challenge by the US Chamber of Commerce and National Automobile Dealers Association to EPA's action (a preemption waiver) to carry out California's landmark clean car program -- a program that saves consumers hard-earned money at the gas pump, strengthens national security and reduces climate-disrupting pollution.

DC Circuit Judges Karen Henderson, Merrick Garland, and Janice Rogers Brown decided the case finding: "Because the Chamber has not identified a single member who was or would be injured by EPA's waiver decision, it lacks standing to raise this challenge." Slip Op at page 11.

This is a major victory for the millions of Americans that are working together to unleash smart policies to break our dependence on oil, save families money at the gas pump, and reduce dangerous pollution. It is time for the US Chamber of Commerce to stop obstructing made in America clean air solutions that are a trifecta for lower gas prices, energy security, and a safer environment.

The clean car program was adopted by California and 14 other geopolitically diverse states across the nation: Arizona, Connecticut, Washington, DC, Florida, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Washington.

The court's opinion relies on the breakthrough Presidential accord and the resulting EPA integrated national clean car program developed jointly with the auto industry, the United Auto Workers and the states providing for national clean car standards, holding:

"Even if EPA's decision to grant California a waiver for its emission standards once posed an imminent threat of injury to the petitioners -- which is far from clear -- the agency's subsequent adoption of federal standards has eliminated any independent threat that may have existed."

The court's opinion and order are attached.

Paul Clement argued the case for the US Chamber of Commerce and the National Automobile Dealers Association.

I would warmly welcome the opportunity to discuss this in more detail.

Sincerely yours,

Vickie Patton
General Counsel
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Subject Blog Round-up - Friday, July 30, 2010



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**Diane
Thompson/DC/USEPA/US**
04/21/2010 07:40 PM

To "Richard Windsor", "Bob Perciasepe"
cc "Aaron Dickerson", "Robert Goulding", "Dan Kanninen"
bcc
Subject Fw: FYI Presidential Proclamation -- Earth Day

Michael Moats

----- Original Message -----

From: Michael Moats
Sent: 04/21/2010 07:38 PM EDT
To: moats.michael@epa.gov
Subject: FYI Presidential Proclamation -- Earth Day

THE WHITE HOUSE
Office of the Press Secretary

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
April 21, 2010

Attached is a proclamation signed by the President today regarding Earth Day.



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Elizabeth
Ashwell/DC/USEPA/US
04/24/2012 01:47 PM

To Richard Windsor
cc
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Subject Energy Transition Forum dinner, May 13th

Just wanted to make you aware of the invitation from the German Marshall Fund Energy Transition Forum dinner on Sunday, May 13th. (It's Mother's Day and I believe that you'll just be returning from vacation as well.) Happy to decline, but wanted to make you aware of the invite.

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Shalini Vajjhala/DC/USEPA/US wrote on 04/23/2012 10:15:32 PM:

> From: Shalini Vajjhala/DC/USEPA/US
> To: Elizabeth Ashwell/DC/USEPA/US@EPA, "Jose Lozano"
> <Lozano.Jose@epamail.epa.gov>
> Date: 04/23/2012 10:15 PM
> Subject: Fw: Invitation for Lisa Jackson to GMF Energy Transition
> Forum dinner, May 13th

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> From: "Cathleen Kelly" [CKelly@gmfus.org]
> Sent: 04/23/2012 04:51 PM AST
> To: Shalini Vajjhala
> Subject: RE: Invitation for Lisa Jackson to GMF Energy Transition
> Forum dinner, May 13th

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> Dear Shalini,
> I've attached the formal invitation to Administrator Jackson for
> GMF's Energy Transition Forum on May 13th. I'd be grateful if you
> could forward this up through the appropriate channels, or for any
> advice on who I should send this to in Lisa Jackson's office to make
> sure its considered.
> All the best,
> Cathleen

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Elizabeth
Ashwell/DC/USEPA/US
03/30/2012 11:45 AM

To Richard Windsor
cc Jose Lozano, Stephanie Owens
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Subject Princeton University's Earth Day

I can decline this one, but just wanted to make you aware that a Princeton student group invited you to participate in an Earth Day celebration on campus on Friday, 4/20:

Date 03/26/2012 02:51 PM
From Nora Barnett <nbarnett@princeton.edu >
To LisaP Jackson/DC/USEPA/US@EPA

Subject Princeton Earth Day

On April 20th 2012, Princeton's Environmental Groups, led by SURGE (Students United for a Responsible Global Environment) with the help of Princeton's Sustainability Office will host Princeton's Earth Day celebrations. Every year, Princeton holds Earth Day celebrations to raise awareness about and interest in the pressing issues that face our planet today. Earth Day 2012 will take place on the center lawn of Frist Campus Center, in the middle of Princeton's campus. The location allows for easy visibility and we are expecting a significant attendance both from the Princeton campus and the larger Princeton community. This year's celebration is unique in that our primary goal is to expose the ways in which climate change does have true, tangible, human consequences. Various estimates suggest we may have as many as 150-200 million climate change refugees by 2050. We believe, however, that this awareness of the true human impacts is still lacking on our campus and we want to emphasize the damage caused by climate change and inspire others to get involved. The event will showcase various student group performances and involve a large photo exhibition of the plight of climate refugees all over the lawn. In addition, this event is a big fund-raiser and in keeping with the theme, we will be donating all profits to climate refugees. This year, the theme of our event is the Human Face of Climate Change. We picked this theme prior to researching your film, and were surprised to find out that it is also the tagline for Climate Refugees.

We would absolutely love to have you come speak at our event. We, and the larger Princeton community, would love to listen to your thoughts and insights. It would be truly an honor to have you and we hope to hear from you soon!

Caroline Jo
Katie Smith
Nora Barnett



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Eric Wachter/DC/USEPA/US

08/01/2011 02:21 PM

To Bob Perciasepe, Bob Sussman, Diane Thompson, Jose Lozano, Laura Vaught, Michael Goo, Richard Windsor, Sarah Pallone, Seth Oster

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Subject resending Friday's daily reading file -- iPad version

For those of you on iPads, attached is a readable version of the Administrator's daily reading file for July 29. The pdfs have to be saved in a special format for the iPads. Thanks.



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Eric Wachter/DC/USEPA/US To Richard Windsor
 01/04/2010 12:31 PM cc
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 Subject Fw: Season's Greetings

He is writing in response to the e-card you sent him.

----- Forwarded by Eric Wachter/DC/USEPA/US on 01/04/2010 12:31 PM -----

Message Information

Date 01/04/2010 08:44 AM
From **Christophe Nuttall <christophe.nuttall@undp.org>**
To LisaP Jackson/DC/USEPA/US@EPA
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Subject RE: Season's Greetings

Message Body

Dear Ms Lisa Jackson

May after your outstanding actions in 2009, which encouraged us UNDP to support California and other federated States to take action on Climate change to take action in other Provinces, regions and Federated States of developing countries, please accept my very best wishes for a Happy New Year.

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Subject Fw: One of Nature's Top 10 in Science for 2011

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From **Maurice Zeeman/DC/USEPA/US**

To LisaP Jackson/DC/USEPA/US@EPA

cc Steven Bradbury/DC/USEPA/US@EPA; Jim Jones/DC/USEPA/US@EPA

Subject One of Nature's Top 10 in Science for 2011

Message Body

Dear Administrator Jackson,

Find yourself on pp. 440-1 of the December 22/29th issue of *Nature!*

Should help make for a very Happy Holidays.

Sincerely yours,

Maurice Zeeman



Nature 480 437-445; 2011 (Top-10-for-2011).pdf

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Janet Woodka/DC/USEPA/US

04/12/2012 11:30 AM

To Bob Perciasepe, Richard Windsor, Brendan Gilfillan

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Subject Fw: Jack Gerard letter on New Source Performance Standards for the Oil and Gas Sector

Gina was on this but wanted to make sure that you had it.

Janet

From: Khary Cauthen**Sent:** Thursday, April 12, 2012 9:31 AM**To:** jackson.lisa@epa.gov**Cc:** thompson.diane@epa.gov; sussman.bob@epa.gov; mccarthy.gina@epa.gov; Cindy Huang; Heidi Ellis; Amy Dewey**Subject:** Jack Gerard letter on New Source Performance Standards for the Oil and Gas Sector

Administrator: Jack wanted to share with you the following thoughts on the Oil and Gas Sector NSPS Rule.

**Jack N. Gerard**

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April 12 , 2011

The Honorable Lisa Jackson
Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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Washington, DC 20460

Re: New Source Performance Standards for the Oil and Gas Sector

Dear Administrator Jackson:

API and its member companies have urged EPA to improve the final rule to ensure it is both achievable and environmentally beneficial. API does not oppose the rule if changes can be made to ensure it can be reasonably implemented to avoid negative impacts to domestic oil and gas production and job creation. Now that EPA has obtained a short extension of the deadline for completing this rule, we would like to reiterate two important points.

I. NSPS requires consideration of cost in the selection of control measures.

In our comments on the proposed rule, we explained that, when the VOC content of gas is low, control measures (such as reduced emissions completions, or RECs) achieve very little VOC emissions reduction and are extraordinarily expensive (i.e., not cost-effective). Therefore, imposing control measures on low-VOC gas is not practicable and cannot be justified under the Clean Air Act.

EPA's cost analysis for the proposed rule assumed a fixed gas VOC content of about 18% by weight, which clearly is substantially higher than the VOC content of gas from many of the shale gas formations currently under development around the country. Our analysis shows that the estimated cost of control measures that EPA developed in support of the proposed rule was unrealistically low. For example, EPA's cost estimate for RECs did not take into account the time needed to transport needed equipment to a site and to set up the equipment once it arrives on site.

As a result of high VOC content and low equipment cost assumptions, EPA concluded that control measures, such as RECs, could be cost-effectively implemented at all affected facilities when, in fact, they can not. When applying the cost-effectiveness criteria EPA has routinely used in prior NSPS rules, control measures are not cost-effective unless the VOC content of the gas is 10% or higher.

In addition, even assuming EPA's cost estimates are correct, RECs still would not be cost-effective for a vast number of oil and gas productions sites. For example, we explained in our comments that the average VOC content of gas from coal bed methane wells is close to zero. Using EPA's own REC cost estimates, assumptions about the VOC reductions achieved, and the value of methane that would be captured, the net cost effectiveness of VOC control would still be hundreds of thousands of dollars per ton of VOC reduced. This is plainly not cost-effective.

EPA does not have unlimited authority under § 111. EPA may regulate only to the extent that its rule can be justified under the prescribed statutory factors. A rule that applies without regard to VOC content is beyond EPA's authority.

II. A phase-in period for reduced emissions completions is needed.

In our comments on the proposed rule, we explained that a phase-in period will be needed to assure successful implementation of the new REC requirement where it will apply. We pointed out that about 25,000 new wells are completed each year and that there are approximately 300 REC sets currently in use in the industry. Assuming each REC set can be used to complete 25 wells per year, this means that about 1000 new REC sets will be needed to ensure that the rule can be implemented without unreasonably delaying new well development. In addition, many existing REC sets likely will need to be retrofitted to meet the new standards. This means that all 300 existing sets will not be immediately available upon the effective date of the rule. For these reasons, the REC requirement should become effective two years after the rule is issued.

If EPA requires immediate compliance with the REC requirement, the rule will cause substantial delays in most oil and gas development projects. Not only is this bad energy and economic policy, such an outcome is not supported by the law (e.g., a standard that cannot be met by most affected sources plainly cannot be shown to be achievable). This situation can and should be avoided by providing a two-year phase-in period for the REC requirement.

While this letter focuses on the REC requirements, similar situations apply to storage vessels and pneumatic controllers. A VOC applicability limit and phase-in period should be included for these two affected sources as well.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit these supplemental comments. Please feel free to contact

me if you have questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jack Gerard". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jack Gerard
President and CEO
American Petroleum Institute



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Janet Woodka/DC/USEPA/US

06/14/2011 10:01 AM

To Richard Windsor, Bob Perciasepe, David McIntosh, Sarah Pallone, Laura Vaught, Arvin Ganesan, Seth Oster, Michael Goo, Diane Thompson, Barbara Bennett, Scott Fulton, Bob Sussman, Lisa Garcia, Lawrence Elworth, Gina McCarthy, Nancy Stoner, Bicky Corman

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Subject BPC report on EPA regulations

Not sure if folks saw this yesterday but the Bipartisan Policy Center released a report on EPA regs and the impact they have on the utility sector and it's reliability. The exec summary notes that:

Key benefits of the suite of EPA regulations include the avoidance of tens of thousands of premature deaths annually, reductions in pollution-related illnesses, and improved visibility and ecosystem health. These new conditions in the power sector are expected to increase the number of coal-fired power plants that will be retired in the next several years; in fact, a number of plant shutdowns have recently been implemented or announced.

BPC analysis indicates that scenarios in which electric system reliability is broadly affected are unlikely to occur.

The report goes on to analyze the factors that are going into the business decisions that companies are making in deciding whether to retire plants. And so I thought it might be useful for folks to have, especially given some of the recent stories on AEP.

The press release is cut and pasted below and the exec summary and report are attached.

Janet

BPC Releases Report on EPA Environmental Regulation and Electric Sector Reliability

Study Finds Impacts on Reliability of Electric System are Manageable But Challenges Remain to Minimize Costs

June 13, 2011

Media Contact:

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Washington, DC – The Bipartisan Policy Center (BPC) today released a BPC staff report, *Environmental Regulation and Electric System Reliability*, the product of an extensive effort by the BPC to examine reliability and cost issues associated with forthcoming EPA regulations. Over the course of several months, the BPC collaborated with the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), and Northeast States for Coordinated Air Use Management (NESCAUM) to host three day-long workshops. These workshops featured presentations and panel discussions by nearly 60 energy experts, including representatives of the electric utility industry, environmental organizations, labor unions, state regulators, regional transmission organizations, federal agencies, and Congressional staff, and informed today's report.

Overall, the report finds that the impacts on the reliability of the electric system due to EPA regulations are manageable and that there are tools available at the Federal, state, and local levels to address localized reliability risks. Nevertheless, the electric power sector and its regulators face significant planning challenges if the aim is to avoid localized reliability problems and minimize impacts on electric rates. Further, while recognizing the political difficulties, the report finds that there may be an opportunity to enact a legislative fix that could guarantee the environmental benefits of the Clean Air Act and provide a lower cost transition for the power sector.

A cover letter to the report from Joe Kruger, BPC Director for Energy and Environment, can be found [here](#).

The full report, *Environmental Regulation and Electric Sector Reliability* , can be found [here](#).

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BPC Electric System Reliability.pdfExecutive Summary - Electric System Reliability_0.pdf

Janet Woodka/DC/USEPA/US

12/16/2010 02:44 PM

To "Bob Sussman", "Bob Perciasepe", "Scott Fulton", "Sarah Pallone", "Richard Windsor", "Seth Oster", "David McIntosh", "Arvin Ganesan"

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Subject Fw: KC Star Article and Karl's Op-ed on Sunflower

As promised by karl...
Julia Cacho

----- Original Message -----

From: Julia Cacho

Sent: 12/16/2010 11:06 AM CST

To: Janet Woodka

Cc: Karl Brooks

Subject: KC Star Article and Karl's Op-ed on Sunflower

Kansas City Star - Permit process for coal-fired plant in Kansas draws criticism - 12/12/10 - Santa's elves aren't the only ones working longer hours as the holidays approach. For several weeks, nine Kansas state employees have been voluntarily working weekends and late into the night to finish a review of a permit for a power plant.
<http://www.kansascity.com/2010/12/12/2515548/permit-process-for-coal-fired.html>



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07/23/2010 08:06 PM

To "Seth Oster", "Bob Perciasepe", "Richard Windsor"

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Subject Fw: Open Letter to Ray Mabus

You may want to give a heads up to folks on this. I'm going to send over to Mabus's gang.

----- Original Message -----

From: Sidney Coffee [scoffee@americaswetland.com]

Sent: 07/23/2010 05:03 PM EST

To: Janet Woodka

Cc: Valsin Marmillion <vam@mcopr.com>

Subject: Open Letter to Ray Mabus

Janet,

Just wanted to give you a heads up on an ad we're placing in Roll Call to run this Tuesday, July 27, in an effort to highlight need for restoration during recovery from Deepwater Horizon. (It will also run in the Advocate in Baton Rouge and the Times-Picayune).

Partnering with us on the "open letter" ad are Environmental Defense Fund, The Nature Conservancy, National Wildlife Federation, Ducks Unlimited, Audubon, and Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana.

Enjoyed our talk the other day. Let me know if you need anything else. Heard the meeting with Secretary Jackson went very well last week.

Best,

Sidney

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Sidney Coffee

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Blumenfeld/R9/USEPA/US
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To "Jose Lozano", "Teddy Ryerson"
cc "Richard Windsor"
bcc
Subject Fw: Invitation to Santa Barbara's Earth Day to receive
Environmental Hero Award

Sent by EPA Wireless E-Mail Services

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From: "Schneider, Helene" [HSchneider@SantaBarbaraCA.gov]

Sent: 02/26/2012 02:23 AM GMT

To: LisaP Jackson

Cc: Jared Blumenfeld

Subject: Invitation to Santa Barbara's Earth Day to receive Environmental Hero Award

Dear Administrator Jackson,

I am writing on behalf of a local environmental non-profit organization, Community Environmental Council (CEC), to invite you to receive the Environmental Hero Award at this year's Earth Day Festival in Santa Barbara, California, which will be held during the weekend of April 21-22, 2012.

The details regarding this very popular and long standing festival are included in the attached letter from CEC Executive Director Dave D. Davis. As Mayor of the City of Santa Barbara, it would be my honor to welcome you here and celebrate the accomplishments of the EPA and particularly your leadership as Administrator. While in public office, I have had the pleasure to meet and get to know your Region IX Administrator, Jared Blumenfeld, and I truly appreciate his pro-active leadership, both when he served as the Director for the Environment for the City & County of San Francisco, as well as in his current role. We would certainly also welcome his attendance with you at this event.

Over 30,000 people are expected to attend this year's festival and including you to the program would be a welcome addition to the festivities, as well as a great opportunity for you to convey your message about environmental protections and accomplishments in California to an interested audience and to the local media.

I would also like to invite you to consider participating in a smaller luncheon with key environmental community leaders just prior to the awards ceremony. My office, coordinating with CEC, would make all the necessary arrangements. Finally, we would be happy to coordinate any other media-related event you may wish to organize to give you an opportunity to discuss current events and issues related to EPA. I think the local press would particularly be interested in hearing from you about the recent ruling on cruise ships and the ban on discharge zones off California's coastline, for example.

I hope your very busy schedule will allow you to consider and accept this invitation. Please do not hesitate to contact my office or CEC with any questions you may have. As CEC is finalizing the various logistical details with this upcoming festival, we would appreciate a response from your office

as soon as feasibly possible.

Thank you for your leadership and for your consideration on receiving this award.

Sincerely,

Helene

Helene Schneider
Santa Barbara Mayor



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Jeffrey Corbin/CBP/USEPA/US

To Richard Windsor, Bob Perciasepe, Bob Sussman, Shawn Garvin, Diane Thompson

06/08/2011 11:57 AM

cc Ann Campbell, Mary Hanley, porterfield.teri, Donald Maddox, Julie Winters

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Subject Fw: First Annual Anacostia Report Card

Today the Anacostia RiverKeeper and Anacostia Watershed Society jointly issued a brief (8 pages) State of the River Report (attached). While the "grades" are all failing for current conditions, the health of the river is improving (slowly and slightly). However, at current rates of improvement they estimate decades or even hundreds of years for some parameters to reach healthy levels. They also include a political scorecard that rates DC, MD, the 2 MD counties and "Feds." on four issues - stormwater, toxics, trash, and overall plan. The political scores for the "Feds" are somewhat un-telling since, 1) we got a mixed score for stormwater (both a thumbs up and a thumbs down) -scoring well for the new stormwater retention stds on fed lands, but scoring low for lack of funds for the Corps' Anacostia Restoration Plan, 2) thumbs down for toxics (claiming lack of leadership on toxic clean-up), and 3) for both trash and Overall Plan we didn't receive a score since they will "wait and see" if the Potomac/Anacostia Trash TMDL and the Ches Bay Nutrients/Sediment TMDL and WIPs work as planned.

Surprisingly, the report concludes by only making recommendations for what individuals living in the watershed can do (use less water, fertilizer, toxic chemicals, etc.) - no recommendations for local, state or fed gov's.

jc

[Jeff Corbin](#)
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05/25/2011 09:23 AM

To Richard Windsor, Bob Perciasepe, Bob Sussman, Shawn Garvin, Diane Thompson, Seth Oster, Brendan Gilfillan
 cc Julie Winters, James Edward, Travis Loop, David Sternberg, Daniel Ryan, Ann Campbell
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Subject CBF press conference today - Interneve in AFB Lawsuit

Today a number of NGOs and one PA Public service District are joining forces and will be filing in federal court a motion to intervene in the Farm Bureau lawsuit - opposing the FB position and supporting the Bay TMDL. They are holding a press conference at CBF HQ in Annapolis at 11AM. Please note that the PR forwarded to us is embargoed until 11AM.

We began drafting a desk statement yesterday.

We have also been informed that VA, MD and national wastewater agencies organizations will be intervening this week in support of several of the suits' claims (but not all of them).

Thanks...jc

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 Date: 05/25/2011 09:03 AM
 Subject: today's press conference

Here's the advisory for today's press conference. I've attached the release as well. Please don't circulate the release till after 11 a.m. today.

May 24, 2011
 For Immediate Release
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*** * * MEDIA ADVISORY * * ***
Press Conference
May 25, 11 a.m.

**CBF AND PARTNERS TAKE ACTION
 TO FIGHT OPPONENTS OF BAY CLEANUP**

(ANNAPOLIS, MD) -- The Chesapeake Bay Foundation, the National Wildlife Federation, and the Mid-Shore Riverkeeper Conservancy will hold a press conference to outline legal action being taken

today along with other environmental organizations (Citizens for Pennsylvania's Future, Defenders of Wildlife, and the Jefferson County Public Service District) to fight opponents of the Bay pollution limits. The press conference will be held at the Merrill Center, 6 Herndon Ave. in Annapolis, at 11 a.m.

Since the Farm Bureau sued EPA in January, a number of other national agribusiness groups have joined with them to attempt to stop Bay cleanup efforts.

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**John
Hankinson/DC/USEPA/US**
12/22/2010 12:04 PM

To Richard Windsor
cc Janet Woodka
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Subject LA trip

This is the trip Clay Miller of my staff put together for the first week of January. I would appreciate any thoughts about who to see or what else I might do there. My instincts are to drive down to Houma or somewhere down on the coast, but it appears we will be spending most of our time in N.O. I gather you are only in briefly today, but I am available for consultation!

John



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Ray Spears/DC/USEPA/US

02/05/2009 03:03 PM

To Richard Windsor

cc Eric Wachter, Robert Goulding

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Subject Re: what time for Lisa H and David m announcement please?

Lisa,

Here is a draft of the memo to staff. Please let me know of the changes and I will finalize.



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Subject: what time for Lisa H and David m announcement please?

Ray Spears/DC/USEPA/US

03/09/2009 10:43 AM

To Scott Fulton, Bob Sussman, Lisa Heinzerling, David
McIntosh, Allyn Brooks-LaSure, Eric Wachter, Craig Hooks,
Robert Goulding

cc Richard Windsor

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Subject Presidential Memorandum Scientific Integrity

Attached FYI is a copy of the P.M. on Scientific Integrity that the President will be signing this morning.



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Colleagues:

Just minutes ago, I signed a proposed finding indicating that six greenhouse gases pose a threat to the health and welfare of current and future generations of Americans. This was an historic action, and the first formal recognition by the U.S. government of the threats posed by climate change.

Two years ago, the Supreme Court urged EPA scientists to speak on the question of greenhouse gas pollution and the threats it poses to our health and welfare. They recognized the seriousness of this matter and

I'm proud of the work you've done to tackle this question head-on.

We release this proposal amid the President's call to transition to a low-carbon economy, and strong Congressional leadership on clean energy and climate legislation. In the weeks and months ahead, we will work closely with all stakeholders to find the best solutions to the threats of climate change. I believe that the right answer will come through legislation that focuses on green jobs, clean energy, and new technologies.

This is an historic day for our country and our agency. As Earth Day approaches, today's announcement should remind all Americans that change has come for the environment. Change has come to the EPA.

Many hands played a part in this effort. You all have my sincerest appreciation and respect. I know staff and managers in OAR, ORD and OGC played a crucial role in this document's development. In particular, let me highlight the tireless work of Lisa Heinzerling, Dina Kruger, Ben DeAngelo, Rona Birnbaum, Carol Holmes and John Hannon. They, like all EPA employees, have given so much to advance our mission of protecting human health and the environment.

As always, I'm proud to serve with you. Thanks for your extraordinary work.

Sincerely,

Lisa P. Jackson



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To Chuck Fox
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Subject Fw: E-Clips Wednesday Edition

editorial in today's Sun

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FYI

Scott Fulton

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From: Scott Fulton
Sent: 01/11/2011 03:11 PM EST
To: Richard Windsor; Bob Perciasepe
Cc: Arvin Ganesan; David McIntosh; Diane Thompson
Subject: Fw: OIG Special Report: "Congressionally Requested Inquiry Into EPA's Handling of Freedom of Information Act Requests"
Fyi -- Concludes that the Agency's management of the FOIA process has not been politicized, as suggested by Grassley and Issa. Note the following quote from the report:

Our analysis shows that political appointees at EPA are generally not involved in processing, screening, or approving FOIA requests. Even though our sample included only requests related to controversial subjects, political appointees were involved with 7 of the 50 instances reviewed. The activities of political appointees in the FOIA process at EPA generally include signing denials and partial denials, and receiving reports on FOIA processing. We found no evidence of systematic screening of FOIA requests by political appointees. Based on our review of their program, we conclude that the EPA does not have a process to filter FOIA requests by political appointees.

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Attached is the EPA Office of Inspector General (OIG) special report, *Congressionally Requested Inquiry Into EPA's Handling of Freedom of Information Act Requests* (Report No. 11-P-0063).



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Because this report contains no recommendations, you are not required to respond to this report.

The report will be made available to the public on the OIG's website tomorrow, January 12, after 12 p.m. The location of the report will be <http://www.epa.gov/oig/reports/2011/20110110-11-P-0063.pdf>.

Richard Windsor/DC/USEPA/US
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Subject Fw: blog round-up- January 26, 2010

Interesting piece on Sen Byrd and MTM.
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Sent by: Robin Kime

To Richard Windsor

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Subject EO 13563 Plan: EPA's Preliminary Plan for Periodic Retrospective Review

Administrator,

Attached is the final version of EPA's Preliminary Plan for Periodic Retrospective Reviews of Existing Regulations (the Plan) that was submitted to OMB yesterday. We're continuing to work with OMB and Seth on the public release of the plan tomorrow.

-Michael



EPA Prelim Retro Review Plan -Final- 5 24 2011.pdf

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10/25/2011 09:57 AM

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Subject Fw: LGAC Report

The attached documents, while not "officially" signed, were approved by the full LGAC yesterday afternoon. We have a bit of process to run (getting signatures) but wanted to share with you their report.

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Prelim strategy recs 10-24 FINAL.pdf 10-24 Transmittal Draft.pdf

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State of Kansas Resolution Opposing the EPA Regulatory Train Wreck 11-000-5420.pdf

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March 27, 2012

Statement of DEEP Commissioner Daniel C. Esty on EPA's Proposed Carbon Pollution Standards

Commissioner Daniel C. Esty of the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) today issued the following statement concerning the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) release of first-ever national standards to cover greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from new fossil fuel fired power plants (also known as New Source Performance Standard)s:

"EPA took an important step forward today in proposing standards for new fossil fuel power plants that will control greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions linked to climate change. While Connecticut already participates in a program to limit these emissions, I am confident EPA's requirements for new power plants can successfully co-exist with our program – the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative."

"EPA's proposed standards are both reasonable and achievable. These standards will help move Connecticut and the entire nation to a cleaner, cheaper and more reliable energy future."

"Until such time that Congress adopts comprehensive climate legislation, it is critical for Connecticut and other states – with the support of EPA – to play a strong role in addressing climate change. Our approach must be guided by common sense, so that we can achieve the critical goals of protecting our environment, promoting affordable renewable energy and growing our economy."

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Gov. Gregoire's statement on EPA finding

OLYMPIA – Gov. Chris Gregoire today released the following statement on the Environmental Protection Agency’s endangerment finding that greenhouse gas emissions threaten public health:

“In 2007, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that the Clean Air Act makes it incumbent upon the Environmental Protection Agency to determine if greenhouse gas emissions are a threat to public health and welfare. After a thorough review of the science and after assessing literally thousands of public comments, to include my own, on December 7, EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson signed an endangerment finding, obligating her agency to take the reasonable steps necessary to reduce greenhouse gas pollutants.

“A majority of my colleagues and I – Democrats and Republicans, alike – have worked at the state and regional level to promote clean energy jobs, energy independence, and caps on greenhouse gas emissions. In the absence of comprehensive federal energy and climate legislation, EPA must be applauded for accepting the responsibility Congress has given it under the Clean Air Act to reduce carbon dioxide and other pollutants that threaten our people and our



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Gov. Gregoire's statement on dismissal of lawsuit challenging Governor's executive order on climate change

OLYMPIA – Gov. Chris Gregoire today issued the following statement on the decision to dismiss a lawsuit challenging the governor's executive order on climate change:

“I was delighted, but not surprised to learn that a lawsuit challenging my May 2009 executive order on climate change has been dismissed.

“The plaintiffs, who were represented by attorneys for the Evergreen Freedom Foundation, dropped the litigation in the wake of a Superior Court ruling on Oct. 8 that Executive Order 09-05 directs agencies to do work that is well within their authority, and mine. It has long been established law that an executive order may be a directive from the governor communicating to state agencies what the governor wants the agency to accomplish. I do not understand why this lawsuit was brought. I also don't understand why they waited more than a year after the order was issued to take action.

“This is a win for Washingtonians. It allows our state agencies to get on with their important

work of reducing the very real impact of greenhouse gas emissions. The dismissal also means we will not be forced to spend more taxpayer dollars to defend our agency work against plaintiffs' attempts to obtain a court injunction. Meanwhile, the agencies are nearing completion of the work that I directed them to do through my Executive Order. I couldn't be more pleased with the result of the order and the dismissal of this litigation."

The EO directed several state agencies to:

- **Consult with companies that emit 25,000 metric tons of greenhouse gases or more each year** in developing emission strategies and industry benchmarks to help meet the state's greenhouse gas reduction targets.
- **Work with TransAlta to develop a voluntary agreement to significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions** from the company's coal-fired power plant near Centralia.
- **Work together with forest landowners to develop recommendations for a forestry offset program** and other financial incentives for the forestry and forest products industry.
- **Recommend whether or not the state should adopt a low-carbon fuel standard** to reduce carbon emissions from the transportation sector.
- **Join with neighboring states** to obtain federal funding to implement a West Coast highway accessible to electric and alternative-fuel vehicles.
- **Develop guidelines to address rising sea levels** and the risks to water supplies.
- **Formulate plans to increase transit options**, such as buses, light rail, and ride-share programs, and give Washington residents more choices for reducing the effect of transportation emissions.
- **Continue to work with six other Western states and four Canadian provinces** in the Western Climate Initiative to develop a regional emissions reduction program.
- **Work with the Obama Administration** and the state's Congressional delegation to help design a national emission reduction program that is strong and reflects state priorities.

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Subject Fw: EMBARGOED: Vice President Memo Lays Out Progress on Building an American Clean Energy Economy

Per my other email, attached is the memo Browner will be speaking about.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
Office of the Vice President

EMBARGOED UNTIL MIDNIGHT EST
December 14, 2009

Attached is the memorandum referenced during today's conference call on Clean Energy Progress held by Chief Economic Adviser to the Vice President Jared Bernstein and Director of the White House Office of Energy and Climate Change Policy Carol Browner. The memorandum is from the Vice President to the President on the administration's progress in building a clean energy economy through the Recovery Act and other initiatives. The memo was produced at the request of the Vice President by the White House Office of Energy and Climate Change, the Office of the Vice President, the Council of Economic Advisors and the Department of Energy. The attached memorandum and the conference call is **embargoed until midnight EST**.



Vice President Memo On A Clean Energy Economy 12 14 09.pdf

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05/03/2010 05:56 PM

To Richard Windsor

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Subject Prep for Maddown

Ok -- so you're prepped by those guys.

Here is a document with the daily WH update on background/talking points as well as their release from today on the BP meeting. I've pasted it below and attached is as well.

In the document attached but not pasted below is the transcript from CNN's "State of the Union" show from Sunday with Napolitano, Salazar and Allen. Might be useful.

Seth



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The Ongoing Administration-Wide Response to the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill

Prepared by the Joint Information Center

UPDATED May 2, 2010 5 PM

In the Past 24 Hours:

- President Obama visited the Gulf Coast to inspect response operations firsthand, underscoring the administration's all-hands-on-deck response to protect the coastline of the Gulf states. He was accompanied by Assistant to the President for Homeland Security John Brennan and Assistant to the President for Energy and Climate Change Policy Carol Browner.
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- BP has indicated it will reimburse volunteers at the rate of \$10 per hour. Contractors are also hiring people to support shoreline clean up. Contractor rates go as high as \$18 per hour for supervisors.

By the Numbers to Date:

- Personnel were quickly deployed and nearly 2,000 are currently responding to protect the shoreline and wildlife.
- More than 100 vessels are responding on site, including skimmers, tugs, barges, and recovery vessels to assist in containment and cleanup efforts—in addition to dozens of aircraft, remotely operated vehicles, and multiple mobile offshore drilling units.
- Hundreds of thousands of feet of boom (barrier) have been deployed to contain the spill—more than 500,000 feet is available.
- More than 1 million gallons of an oil-water mix have been recovered.
- More than 156,000 gallons of dispersant have been deployed—an increase of more than 13,000 gallons since yesterday. An additional 75,000 gallons are available.
- Seven staging areas (Biloxi, Miss., Pensacola, Fla., Venice, La., Pascagoula, Miss. and Theodore, Ala., Port Fourchon, La., and Port Sulphur, La.) were set up to protect sensitive shorelines.
- 2,000 volunteers have been trained to assist in the response effort to date—an increase of

1,400 since yesterday.

Websites and Hotlines:

- For information about the response effort, visit www.deepwaterhorizonresponse.com.
- To volunteer, call 1-866-448-5816.
- To report oiled wildlife, call 1-866-557-1401. Messages will be checked hourly.
- To report spill related damage, please call 1-800-440-0858.
- For information about validated environmental air and water sampling results, visit www.epa.gov/bpspill.
- To file a claim, call BP's helpline at 1-800-440-0858. A BP fact sheet with additional information is available [here](#). For those who have already pursued the BP claims process and are not satisfied with BP's resolution, can call the Coast Guard at 1-800-280-7118. More information about what types of damages are eligible for compensation under the Oil Pollution Act as well as guidance on procedures to seek that compensation can be found [here](#).

Coordinated Interagency Asset Deployment and Response:

- The Department of Defense is fully integrated into the DHS-led team and fully supportive of all response activities. The Coast Guard and Department of Defense continue to work closely together, anticipating requirements, identifying response options, and rapidly providing response support.
- The Minerals Management Service remains in contact with all oil and gas operators in the sheen area. Two platforms have stopped production and one has been evacuated as a safety measure. Approximately 6.2 million cubic feet of natural gas is shut-in—less than one-tenth of a percent of daily gas production in the Gulf of Mexico.
- As the nation's leading scientific resource for oil spills, NOAA has been on the scene of the BP spill from the start, providing coordinated scientific weather and biological response services to federal, state and local organizations. NOAA spill specialists are advising the U.S. Coast Guard on cleanup options as well as advising all affected federal, state and local partners on sensitive marine resources at risk in this area of the Gulf of Mexico.
- Two Modular Aerial Spray System (MASS) aircraft flew from Stennis International Airport in Mississippi in support of the incident in the Gulf of Mexico. Both aircraft have multiple missions scheduled daily moving forward. These aircraft can dispense the same dispersant

chemical being used by BP and the federal responders. Each system is capable of covering up to 250 acres per flight with three flights per aircraft per day.

- A C-17 aircraft carrying pollution response boom components for support flew from Travis AFB in California and has arrived at Mobile International Airport.
- In direct support of the Coast Guard under an existing pollution clean-up and salvage operations agreement, the Navy is providing a variety of oil pollution control equipment. The Navy has sent thousands of feet of inflatable oil boom with mooring equipment, several skimming systems, related support gear, and personnel to support oil spill response efforts. Naval Air Station Pensacola is serving as a staging facility for Coast Guard contractor-provided equipment.
- In response to the BP oil spill, the Secretary of Defense has authorized under Title 32 the mobilization of the Louisiana National Guard to help in the ongoing efforts to assist local communities in the cleanup and removal of oil and to protect critical habitats from contamination. As the responsible party in this incident, the government will hold BP accountable for the costs of the deployment.

Spill of National Significance & National Incident Commander:

- Secretary Napolitano announced that this incident is a Spill of National Significance on April 29, the Department of Interior has announced that they will be sending SWAT teams to the Gulf to inspect all platforms and rigs, and the EPA is conducting air monitoring activities to gather information on the impact of the controlled burn on air quality.
- As part of the designation of the BP Oil Spill as a Spill of National Significance, Secretary Napolitano announced that U.S. Coast Guard Commandant Admiral Thad Allen will serve as the National Incident Commander on May 1 for the administration's continued, coordinated response—providing additional authority and oversight in leveraging every available resource to respond to the BP oil spill and minimize the associated environmental risks.
- As National Incident Commander, Admiral Allen will continue to work closely with Coast Guard Rear Admiral Mary Landry, the federal on-scene coordinator, and the Departments of Homeland Security, Defense, Interior and Commerce, the Environmental Protection Agency and other federal departments and agencies as appropriate—as well as BP, the responsible party in the spill—to ensure the efficient continued deployment and coordination of vital response assets, personnel and equipment that were activated immediately after the spill began.

Joint DHS-DOI Investigation:

- Early on, the President directed responding agencies to not only devote every resource to respond to this incident but to also determine its cause.
- Secretary Napolitano and Secretary Salazar signed an order establishing the next steps for a joint investigation that is currently underway into the causes of the explosion of the drilling rig Deepwater Horizon in the Gulf of Mexico. The U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) and the Minerals Management Service (MMS) share jurisdiction for the investigation.
- The joint investigation, which began on April 21, will have the power to issue subpoenas, hold public hearings, call witnesses, and take other steps that may be needed to determine the cause of the incident. It is proceeding under a [Joint Statement of Principles and Convening Order](#), which convenes the formal joint investigation, and a [Memorandum of Agreement](#), which lays out roles and responsibilities that relate to each agency's area of expertise.

Fishing Restrictions

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- Statement from Harlon Pearce, Chairman, Louisiana Seafood Promotion and Marketing Board: "The precautionary closure of the federal waters off the coast of Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and part of Florida is a necessary action to insure the citizens of the United States and abroad that our seafood will maintain the highest level of quality we expect from the Gulf of Mexico. As chairman of the Louisiana Seafood Promotion and Marketing Board, I applaud Dr. Lubchenco's decision to insure everyone that all seafood in the Gulf is of the highest quality and is safe to eat."
- Statement from Ewell Smith, Executive Director, Louisiana Seafood Board: "We Support NOAA's precautionary closure of the affected area so that the American consumer has confidence that the seafood they eat is safe. It is also very important to underscore the fact that this closure is only the affected area of the Gulf of Mexico, not the entire Gulf. The state waters of Louisiana West of the Mississippi River are still open and the seafood coming from that area is safe. That portion of waters represents about 77% of Louisiana seafood production of a 2.4 billion dollar economic impact to the state."

Response Actions:

- The response to the BP Oil Spill began as an emergency search and rescue mission by the U.S. Coast Guard, the Navy and other partners on April 20.
- The President immediately began actively monitoring the incident. The President has been in contact with all the governors of the states that may be affected and ordered that the administration use every single available resource at our disposal.
- Concurrently, command center operations were stood up immediately in the Gulf Coast to begin also addressing the environmental impact of the incident and coordinate with all state and local governments.
- The morning after the explosion, Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar deployed Deputy Secretary David J. Hayes down to the gulf to assist with coordination and response to the incident.
- When the drill unit sank, the Administration immediately and intensely investigated by remotely operated vehicles the entire 5,000 feet of pipe that's on the floor of the ocean. In that process three leaks were identified, the most recent coming on the evening of April 28.
- The Administration immediately began holding regular calls with BP leadership and numerous senior-level meetings have been held between the administration and BP to discuss BP's response effort and federal oversight and support.
- The National Response Team (NRT), an organization of 16 federal departments and agencies responsible for coordinating emergency preparedness and response to oil and hazardous substance pollution incidents was quickly activated and a coordinated group of federal partners-including the United States Coast Guard, Departments of Homeland Security, Commerce, Interior and the Environmental Protection Agency-immediately began directing and overseeing BP's response.
- The President dispatched Secretary Napolitano, Secretary Salazar, EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson, Assistant to the President for Energy and Climate Change Policy Carol Browner and NOAA Administrator Jane Lubchenco to the Gulf Coast to ensure all is being done to respond to this oil spill.
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CONTACT INFORMATION

To report oiled shoreline or request volunteer information: (866)-448-5816

To submit alternative response technology, services or products: (281) 366-5511

To submit your vessel as a vessel of opportunity skimming system: (281) 366-5511

To submit a claim for damages: (800) 440-0858

To report oiled wildlife: (866) 557-1401

To contact the Deepwater Horizon Joint Information Center: (985) 902-5231

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TOP ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS DISCUSS ONGOING OIL SPILL RESPONSE WITH BP LEADERSHIP

WASHINGTON—Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Secretary Janet Napolitano, Secretary of the Interior (DOI) Ken Salazar, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Lisa Jackson and Secretary of Energy Stephen Chu today met with BP CEO Tony Hayward and BP American Chairman and President Lamar McKay to discuss ongoing, coordinated response efforts and receive an update on BP's spill mitigation plans for potentially affected Gulf Coast states.

Secretary Napolitano, Secretary Salazar and Administrator Jackson and other senior Administration officials requested an update on how BP plans to ensure an effective response in all potentially affected Gulf Coast states, including Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida.

The administration—including the DHS, DOI, the Departments of Defense and Commerce, and the Environmental Protection Agency—has launched and coordinated an all-hands-on-deck, relentless response to this crisis from day one in order to mitigate the spill's impact on public health, the environment and the economy.

As President Obama has made clear, BP will be held accountable for the costs associated with this tragic event.

Today's meeting was the most recent in a series of ongoing coordination and communication activities between top administration officials and BP leadership.

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Participants in today's meeting representing the administration included:

Secretary Napolitano
Secretary Salazar
Administrator Jackson
Secretary Chu
Jane Holl Lute, Deputy Secretary, Department of Homeland Security
David Hayes, Deputy Secretary, Department of the Interior
Bob Perciasepe, Deputy Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency
Larry Summers, Director, National Economic Council
Joe Aldy, Assistant to the President for Energy and the Environment
Carol Browner, Assistant to the President for Energy and Climate Change Policy
Heather Zichal, Deputy Assistant to the President for Energy and Climate Change Policy
Richard Reed, Special Assistant to the President for Homeland Security and Senior Director for Continuity Policy

Heidi Avery, Deputy Assistant to the President for Homeland Security
Cecilia Rouse, Member, Council of Economic Advisers
MaryAnn Wolverton, Member, Council of Economic Advisers
Peter Orszag, Director, Office of Management and Budget
Jeff Liebman, Associate Director, Office of Management and Budget
Melody Barnes, Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy
Heather Higginbottom, Deputy Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy
Liz Sears Smith, Deputy Cabinet Secretary
Nancy Sutley, Chair, White House Council on Environmental Quality
Mike Boots, Associate Director for Land and Water Ecosystems, White House Council on Environmental Quality
Rod O'Connor, Chief of Staff, Department of Energy
John Sandweg, Counselor to the Secretary, Department of Homeland Security
Jane Lubchenco, Administrator, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
Jay Reich, Deputy Chief of Staff, Department of Commerce
Lois Schiffer, General Counsel, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
David Kennedy, Director, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management
Rear Admiral Sally Bryce O'Hara, Deputy Commandant of Operations, U.S. Coast Guard
Rear Admiral Brian Salerno, Assistant Commandant for Marine Safety, Security and Stewardship, U.S. Coast Guard
Greg Nelson, Associate Director, Office of Public Engagement
John Holdren, Advisor to the President for Science and Technology, Director of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, and Co-Chair of the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology
Shere Abbott, Associate Director of Environment, Council of Advisors on Science and Technology

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Subject: FYI: Sutley to Announce Black Carbon Initiative to Fight Arctic Warming

FYI -- State/CEQ is planning to announce a new initiative in Copenhagen tomorrow --



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08/30/2011 12:56 PM

To "Lisa Jackson", "Bob Perciasepe"  
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Subject Fw: Letter from the President to the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

See attached. Hope you knew this was coming, though I'm not betting on that.

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**From:** White House Press Office [noreply@messages.whitehouse.gov]  
**Sent:** 08/30/2011 11:28 AM EST  
**To:** Seth Oster  
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
August 30, 2011

Attached is the text of a letter from the President to the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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**Seth Oster/DC/USEPA/US**  
10/05/2010 02:22 PM

To "Lisa Jackson", "Diane Thompson", "Janet Woodka"  
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Subject Fw: Executive Order--Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration  
Task Force

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**From:** White House Press Office [noreply@messages.whitehouse.gov]  
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**Subject:** Executive Order--Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Task Force

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
October 5, 2010

Attached is an executive order signed by the President today regarding establishing the Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Task Force.

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Stephanie  
Owens/DC/USEPA/US  
04/23/2012 06:00 PM

To Richard Windsor, Diane Thompson  
cc  
bcc  
Subject Fw: Follow up: White House/EPA Women & the Environment  
Briefing on Monday, March 26th

FYI - the Women and the Environment Webpage is up - [www.epa.gov/womenandgirls](http://www.epa.gov/womenandgirls)

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Dear Friends,

I am happy to announce the launch of EPA's new webpage "Women, Girls and the Environment" and invite you to visit the page, share it with your colleagues and cross-link to exciting, multi-media content which we hope will support the valuable work you do in your respective communities. The link is [www.epa.gov/womenandgirls](http://www.epa.gov/womenandgirls).

Today, you will find materials from the Women and the Environment White House Briefing, which many of you attended on March 26, 2012. We have included the briefing materials, summaries of the action workshop notes, and information from the commitment cards you submitted. There are also links to videos and photographs of the briefing. Also, explore the link to the 2012 EPA Earth Day video, "Look Beneath the Surface," a provocative, inspiring production.

We also encourage you to submit your success stories for a series of e-books on "Women and the Environment" which will be coordinated by Robin Strongin, President and CEO of Amplify Public Affairs, in co-sponsorship with EPA. Thanks to those of you who submitted stories for the first edition. There will be future opportunities, so stay tuned for more information.

You specifically asked to stay in touch with one another to further expand the conversation, so I have attached a list of the briefing participants, with e-mail address, to facilitate your communication.

We will update the Women, Girls and the Environment website regularly. Please let us know about information and content that you feel will benefit other women and girls by sending your information and or questions to [publicengagement@epa.gov](mailto:publicengagement@epa.gov).

Thank you for supporting environmental protection for our families and communities.

Happy (day after) Earth Day,

Stephanie

Stephanie Owens

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Stephanie  
Owens/DC/USEPA/US  
12/21/2011 08:44 PM

To Richard Windsor  
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Subject Fw: Release

Administrator Jackson,

We have received 37 formal stakeholder comments on MATS, several of which were included in the this evening's press release (attached.) We shared the comments with the White House and they forwarded them to the Tom Joyner Morning Show. You may be asked about specific comments, especially the one from the NAACP, in your interview tomorrow morning.

### **Mercury and Air Toxics Standard Stakeholder Comments**

**As of 8:30 PM 12 -21-11**

#### **1. Benjamin Todd Jealous, NAACP:**

"This rule is a smart, sensible and overdue step to limit the dangerous effects of these toxins and address the racially disparate impact of air pollution. The standards will save millions of dollars in medical expenses by helping to prevent new cases of asthma attacks and other respiratory diseases that often strike families that can least afford it, while advancing a healthier quality of life for families across the nation."

#### **2. Albert A. Rizzo, MD, American Lung Association:**

Since toxic air pollution from power plants can make people sick and cut lives short, the new Mercury and Air Toxics Standards are a huge victory for public health. The Lung Association expects all oil and coal-fired power plants to act now to protect all Americans, especially our children, from the health risks imposed by these dangerous air pollutants."

#### **3. American Businesses for Clean Energy, American Sustainable Business Council, Ceres, Environmental Entrepreneurs, Main Street Alliance and the Small Business Majority:**

"Our experience has shown that the Clean Air Act yields substantial benefits to the economy and to businesses, and that these benefits consistently outweigh the costs of pollution reductions. We believe the finalization of MATS [Mercury and Air Toxics Standards] is a meaningful step towards economic recovery and growth."

**4. New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg:**

"Today, the President has done the right thing by ignoring the false claims of a narrow special interest and siding with the public health and the public good. The new EPA mercury standards will save countless lives and improve the quality of life for millions. The new rules will also accelerate the country's move away from heavily polluting coal power plants to cleaner energy sources that will continue to stimulate investment and economic activity long into the future."

**5. Massachusetts Governor Patrick:**

"Massachusetts has dramatically reduced toxic mercury and other harmful emissions from local power plants through our strict pollution controls. Nevertheless, we have been impacted by mercury emissions from facilities in upwind states that have not imposed similar controls," said Governor Patrick. "I congratulate the Obama Administration for adopting new nationwide rules that address this inequity, leveling the playing field and ensuring that the Commonwealth will reap the benefits of our own strict clean air regulations."

**6. Washington Governor Gregoire:**

"I applaud EPA for taking strong action to curb harmful, toxic emissions from coal-fired power plants. In Washington, we're fortunate that we have been out front in protecting our people and our environment from such risks."

**7. Howard Learner, Environmental Law & Policy Center:**

"These standards mean power plants will invest in modern pollution controls, and that investment will create jobs, cleaner air and better public health. Illinois adopted mercury pollution reduction standards in 2006 and modern control equipment has been installed at almost all coal plants in the state. The technology works, the lights have stayed on, mercury pollution has been reduced and children's health is better protected. It's time for the holdout utilities to stop crying wolf, stop stalling and clean up their pollution to protect children's health and our rivers and lakes."

**8. Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel:**

"I commend the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for introducing new standards to reduce levels of dangerous toxins in our air. Limiting emissions of mercury and other pollutants from coal and oil-fired power plants will save thousands of lives, protect public health, and create jobs for Americans. Our experience in Illinois has shown that mercury emissions can be dramatically reduced without any impact on reliability, cost, or quality of service. We must continue to clean our air and clean up this industry across the country, to create opportunities for Americans and allow all Americans to lead healthier lives."

**9. Alan Baker, American Public Health Association:**

"The dangerous health risks associated with coal-burning power plants is no longer an elusive, distant threat. Exposure to air pollution and toxic chemicals can cause asthma and heart attacks, harm those suffering from respiratory illness and in some cases lead to death. Implementing these critically needed standards could mean the difference between a chronic debilitating, expensive illness or healthy life for hundreds of thousands of American children and adults."

**10. The Rev. Fletcher Harper, GreenFaith:**

"The EPA's new rule is a vital step forward morally and religiously. The great religious traditions to which so many US citizens belong – from Judaism, Christianity and Islam to Hinduism, Buddhism and more - are overwhelmingly clear that protecting life and the environment represent a moral responsibility, and that we are called to steward and protect an earth which, ultimately, does not belong to us. By saving thousands of lives – many of them from our nation's most vulnerable communities – and by preventing toxic emissions, this rule will help ensure that future generations inherit a healthier, cleaner planet."

**11. Shannon Baker-Branstetter, Consumers Union:**

"The health risks that mercury exposure poses are serious, especially since those most at risk are children and other vulnerable populations. Mercury from large industrial sources contaminates the air we breathe and common foods that many Americans eat. Regulating mercury emissions is just a common sense way to protect consumers from these health hazards and today's announcement is a critical step towards that goal."

**12. U.S. Commerce Secretary John Bryson:**

"For business leaders, there are few challenges greater than uncertainty, and by issuing today's ruling, this Administration has answered definitively a question that has hung over the U.S. energy industry for nearly 20 years. These new standards have benefits that far exceed costs, and the flexibility built into their adoption will help guarantee that implementation will proceed in a thoughtful, common-sense way that limits negative impacts on businesses."

**13. Rev. Canon Sally G. Bingham, President of Interfaith Power & Light President:**

"This is good news for the religious community across America. The finalization of the Mercury and Air Toxics Standards shows us that the 40-year old Clean Air Act is still an invaluable tool to carry out our call to be stewards of God's Creation and to serve the least among us."



**14. Lauren Randall, Environment America:**

"Today President Obama stood up to the polluters and protected kids' health. This landmark achievement reflects what every parent knows, which is that powering our homes should not poison kids."

**15. Roberto Carmona, Voces Verdes:**

"Voces Verdes applauds the Obama Administration's important new standard to control and curb mercury and other toxic air pollution from power plants. This historic rule will benefit our nation as a whole and Latino families everywhere preventing the harmful effects of these pollutants, such as respiratory diseases, developmental problems and heart attacks in our communities. This rule protects our health while also creating thousands of jobs from the manufacturing, engineering, installation and maintenance of pollution controls to meet these standards, potentially including 46,000 short-term construction jobs and 8,000 long-term utility jobs. This is an important move to protect the public health while ensuring a brighter future for our communities."

**16. Robert D. Brook, M.D., University of Michigan and American Heart Association:**

"This historic action taken today by the EPA will mean that all of us now and in the future can expect to suffer fewer cardiovascular problems caused by breathing harmful air pollutants from power plants, and also see a reduction in other health issues related to mercury and fine particulate matter. Though much progress has been made in cleaning our nation's air over the past few decades, these added safeguards should help to further reduce cardiovascular disease, the No. 1 killer in the United States. With these standards in place, generations of Americans will now be able to breathe even cleaner air, a fact we should all be proud of as a nation."

**17. Rabbi David Saperstein, Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism:**

"As heirs to a tradition of stewardship that teaches us to be partners in the ongoing pursuit of tikkun olam, or repairing the world, it is our sacred duty as Jews to care for the environment that sustains us. As such, we welcome the EPA's Mercury and Air Toxic Standards."

**18. Katie Huffling, Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments:**

"As nurses, we applaud, President Obama and the EPA for their defense of the public's health as they release their new regulations on mercury and other toxic air emissions from power plants. Day in and day out we care for those who suffer from cancer, heart disease, neurological damage, birth defects, and asthma. These serious ailments affect whole families and communities. The Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments recognizes the monumental decision that is being made to reduce power plant emissions and how this will

contribute to improving the health of our most vulnerable populations - the very young and the very old, especially. On behalf of the patients and communities we serve, we are incredibly grateful for this important environmental health regulation."

**19. Nsedu Witherspoon, Children's Environmental Health Network:**

"We know that mercury can permanently damage a child's sensitive nervous system. If we want our children to reach their full potential, we need to get mercury out of their environment. This proposal is a practical, cost-effective and vital step toward this goal."

**20. Bishop Stephen E. Blaire, Chairman of the Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB):**

"The U.S. Catholic bishops welcome this important move by the Administration to adopt long-awaited standards to reduce mercury and toxic air pollution from power plants and to protect children's health," said Bishop Blaire. "In the end it just makes good sense to want to have clean air for our children and families to breathe and for future generations."

**21. Richard Cizik, President of the New Evangelical Partnership:**

"We want to applaud Administrator Lisa Jackson for her courage and determination in protecting not just the unborn in the womb, one out of six who are impacted by mercury, but also adult Americans who need protection from the impacts of mercury."

**22. Lisa Bardwell, President/CEO of Earth Force:**

"I want to register Earth Force's support of EPA's finalization of the Mercury and Air Toxics rule. We work with young people to address environmental issues facing their communities. We challenge them to be leaders today, to listen to diverse perspectives, and to think about the long-term implications of their actions. I hope we, as adults, can set an example for them - one that looks beyond the false dichotomies between economy and environment and that does not sacrifice their health for short-term gain."

**23. The Evangelical Environmental Network:**

[Excerpt from report] Mercury from power plants can be harmful to developing fetuses. In an unusual alliance that has the potential to shift pollution politics, Catholics and evangelical Christians opposed to abortion are joining forces with child health advocates to lobby for stricter limits on mercury pollution.

**24. A.J. Nino Amato, President of the Coalition of Wisconsin Aging Groups:**

"As people age, their bodies are less able to compensate for the effects of environmental air pollution. Based on medical research, air pollution can aggravate heart disease and stroke, lung diseases such as chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, asthma, and diabetes. This leads to increased medication use, visits to health care providers, admissions to emergency

rooms and hospitals, and even death. All of which leads to substantial increases in health care costs, that can be prevented, if and only if we enact the new EPA Air Quality Standards.

**25. Ralph B. Everett, President/CEO of the Joint Center:**

[In reference to the New Joint Center Report that finds benefits of EPA rules outweigh costs and would provide significant health and environmental benefits to low income and minority individuals]"This report demonstrates that not only do the EPA rules, such as the air toxics rule, make good economic sense, but they will noticeably impact the health and environment of African American populations and relieve burdens that have been disparately borne by this community", said Ralph B. Everett, Joint Center's President and CEO. "Given that low-income communities of color are disproportionately sited in close proximity to industrial facilities, power plants, and heavily traveled roads, it's clear that these rules will be of enormous benefit to residents in vulnerable communities.

**26. Catherine Thomasson, M.D., incoming Executive Director of Physicians for Social Responsibility:**

"PSR applauds the EPA's strong new rule on mercury and air toxics from power plants. This one is a real win for the public's health, especially children, babies and the unborn,"

**27.**

**Jeff Levi, PhD, Executive Director of Trust for America's Health (TFAH):**

This new standard, over twenty years in the making, is a critical addition to the Clean Air Act to protect the public's health," said Jeff Levi, PhD, Executive Director of TFAH.

**28. Alan Baker, interim Executive Director of APHA:**

"The dangerous health risks associated with coal-burning power plants is no longer an elusive, distant threat. Exposure to air pollution and toxic chemicals can cause asthma and heart attacks, harm those suffering from respiratory illness and in some cases lead to death," said Alan Baker, interim executive director of APHA. "Implementing these critically needed standards could mean the difference between a chronic debilitating, expensive illness or healthy life for hundreds of thousands of American children and adults."

**29. Fred Krupp, President of EDF:**

"Every decade or so, the United States takes a giant step forward on the road to cleaner, healthier air. Getting the lead out of gasoline was one. Reducing acid rain was another. Now, [according to the Washington Post](#) , the Administration is set to announce a new giant step that directs power plants to cut their emissions of mercury and other air toxins. Though we don't yet have all the details, this much is clear: After 21 years of debate, mercury has at long last been added to the list of public health enemies that have no place in our children's air, water and food."

**30. John Suttles, senior attorney at the Southern Environmental Law Center:**

"As the largest unregulated sources of mercury and dozens of other highly toxic air pollutants, coal-fired power plants endanger the health and well-being of children and pregnant women every day," said John Suttles, senior attorney at the Southern Environmental Law Center. "The national standards EPA announced today establish sensible, achievable health protections for all Americans. These standards are a huge victory for families and children as they will slash levels of mercury and other toxic air pollution that disproportionately harm kids."

**31. Kevin Kennedy, U.S. Climate Director, World Resources Institute:**

"Just in time for the holidays, the EPA has taken a big step toward protecting people and the environment with the release of new mercury standards for power plants. This announcement demonstrates a balanced and responsible approach by the EPA, which has developed these standards through a lengthy, deliberate process involving many stakeholders.

"In fact, these standards have been in development for [over 20 years](#). Many plants are already meeting the standards, and 11 of the 15 largest coal utilities have already [informed](#) their shareholders that they are well positioned to comply with them." "Furthermore, these standards are achievable using current technology and provide sufficient flexibility to protect [electric system reliability](#). While some older coal plants may be pushed toward retirement, this will help expedite a shift to newer and more efficient plants, or other alternate energy sources.

"EPA has taken a significant step toward cleaner air, and we hope to see more progress to protect public health from air pollutants, including greenhouse gases, in the coming year."

**32. Nicholas S. Hill, MD, president of the American Thoracic Society:**

"As a physician who treats many patients with severe lung disease, I know that clean air is critically important to my patients' health and helps to keep them out of emergency departments and hospitals," said Nicholas S. Hill, MD, president of the American Thoracic Society. "Even though there is an expense to controlling toxic emissions, it is far less than the cost of excess illness and death attributable to these toxins."

**33. Rev. Mitchell C. Hescox, President of EEN:**

"My organization, along with those we work with in the faith community including the National Association of Evangelicals and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, are thankful for recently finalized National Mercury and Air Toxics Standards and their life-saving benefits from mercury, particulates, and acid gases.

**34. Heather Sage, Vice President of PennFuture:**

"This is a great holiday present for the children of the nation and their families," said Heather Sage, vice president of PennFuture. "Thanks to this action by the EPA, our children's futures and their brain development will no longer be sacrificed on the altar of the power industry. This rule guarantees that the old coal-fired power plants must stop spewing toxic mercury and clean up, switch to cleaner fuel, or shut down. The power industry's free ride is finally over.

**35. Trip Van Noppen, President, Earthjustice:**

"We're celebrating today after a long fight for cleaner air. Earthjustice has stuck with this fight through thick and thin for more than a decade, and we're pleased after that long effort to see President Obama deliver this positive result. We'll remain vigilant against the inevitable attacks of these public health protections in Congress and in the courts, but for now, this is an incredible achievement that makes this holiday season a lot happier and healthier. We commend President Obama for this important life-saving result."

**36. James Pew, attorney, Earthjustice:**

"America is getting the gift of clean air this holiday season. We applaud the President for issuing these vital clean air protections that will save up to 11,000 lives each year by ensuring that the dirtiest power plants in the nation install the available technology that will cut mercury, arsenic, and other dangerous pollutants that make people sick."

**37. Gary Cohen, President of Health Care Without Harm:**

"This is a major step forward for mercury elimination in the environment," stated Gary Cohen, president of Health Care Without Harm. "Considering the setbacks this year for protections to our health, we congratulate the EPA for moving forward on this important, live-saving standard."

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Date: 12/21/2011 05:25PM  
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Final release attached.

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Can we issue this as soon as possible?

Thanks

(See attached file: *Here's What They're Saying -- MATS (2).doc*)  - Here's What They're  
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**Steve Owens/DC/USEPA/US**

11/23/2010 01:56 PM

To Bob Sussman, Bob Perciasepe

cc Richard Windsor

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Subject Lead Petition Lawsuit

FYI: The CBD filed its lawsuit re the lead ammo/sinkers petition.

[http://www.biologicaldiversity.org/news/press\\_releases/2010/lead-11-23-2010.html](http://www.biologicaldiversity.org/news/press_releases/2010/lead-11-23-2010.html)



TSCA complaint[1].pdf

**Steve Owens/DC/USEPA/US**

08/03/2011 05:05 PM

To Bob Sussman, Scott Fulton, Seth Oster, Richard Windsor,  
Bob Perciasepe, Diane Thompson

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Subject Fw: TSCA Section 21 Petition re Oil and Gas Drilling and  
Fracking Chemicals

FYI. We will have 90 days to review and make a determination on this.

From: Megan Klein <mklein@earthjustice.org>  
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Date: 08/03/2011 04:10 PM  
Subject: TSCA Section 21 Petition re Oil and Gas Drilling and Fracking Chemicals

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Wendy and Barbara:

As promised, attached is a copy of our TSCA section 21 petition requesting that EPA promulgate rules under TSCA sections 4 and 8 imposing requirements on manufacturers, processors, and distributors of the chemical substances and mixtures used in oil and gas exploration and production.

The original petition, accompanied by a CD containing all documents cited in the petition, will be filed tomorrow morning via hand delivery to Administrator Lisa Jackson. A copy of the petition and the CD also will be hand delivered to Wendy tomorrow morning.

We look forward to discussing this further with you.

Best regards,

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Susan Hedman/R5/USEPA/US To Richard Windsor  
 05/19/2011 07:07 PM cc  
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 Subject Midwest Gen

Here is some additional information about the Fisk and Crawford power plants. Please let me know if you would like any additional information.



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Susan Hedman Will do. ----- Original Message ----- 05/18/2011 12:06:02 PM

From: Susan Hedman/R5/USEPA/US  
 To: Richard Windsor/DC/USEPA/US@EPA  
 Date: 05/18/2011 12:06 PM  
 Subject: Re: Talking Points for conversation with Chicago Mayor

Will do.

Richard Windsor

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Richard Windsor  
**Sent:** 05/18/2011 12:59 PM EDT  
**To:** hedman.susan@epa.gov  
**Subject:** Fw: Talking Points for conversation with Chicago Mayor

Tx Susan. For other reasons, can you get me more detailed info on the Fisk and Crawford plants. How old are they? What do they emit? Do they have any controls? Are there other non-air related issues (e.g., cooling water). Thanks.

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From: Susan Hedman/R5/USEPA/US  
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 Date: 05/18/2011 12:53 PM  
 Subject: Talking Points for conversation with Chicago Mayor

Chicago Area River System / Talking Points

Thank you very much for your support of the Agency and our determination to upgrade water quality standards on the Chicago River. As you know, Chicago is the only major city in the U.S. to not disinfect its water.

I'm sure you saw that American Rivers called the Chicago River the "4th most endangered river in the

country."

We are hopeful that our action here will help with that.

The next step is for Illinois to act quickly and conduct a State rulemaking. EPA, through the Region, is there to help the State with this process. Anything you could do to move the state along would be helpful.

Upgraded standards are technically feasible, scientifically necessary and affordable.

Using MWRDGC's own (inflated) numbers as a worst case scenario, EPA's analysis demonstrates that water quality can be improved with existing technology at a reasonable cost (under \$40 a year for the average Cook County homeowner).

#### Background

· EPA has determined that Illinois needs new or revised water quality standards for the Chicago Area Waterway System. Over the last 25 years, water quality in the river system has improved so much that it has become a recreational asset for Chicago and its suburbs and the number of people using it for recreation continues to increase. Upgrading these standards is the next important step toward achieving the Clean Water Act's goal of making the river system safer for recreational activities that bring the public into contact with the water.

· The State of Illinois is long overdue on updating its water quality standards to provide the Clean Water Act protections that must accompany this transformation.

· Since 2007 EPA has been consistent in recommending that Illinois upgrade its water quality standards for the Chicago River system and the Lower Des Plaines River so that they are eventually safe for recreation in and on the water. EPA's evaluation of new information indicates that it is technically and economically possible to attain this standard of cleanliness.

· Because of this determination EPA expects Illinois to revise its designated uses and water quality criteria to protect recreation in and on the water for those sections. EPA will propose its own regulations for those sections if Illinois fails to do so.

#### H. Kramer facility in Chicago's Pilsen neighborhood / Talking Points

On April 21, EPA again cited H. Kramer for Clean Air Act violations.

H. Kramer is secondary copper smelter located in Chicago's largely Hispanic Pilsen neighborhood.

This was the second time since March that EPA cited H. Kramer for air violations.

EPA expects H. Kramer to take immediate steps to reduce lead emissions.

Reducing air pollution in Chicago's Pilsen neighborhood is a high priority for EPA.

#### Fisk and Crawford coal-fired power plants / Talking Points

EPA began its enforcement case lawsuit against Midwest Generation in July 2007 and the U.S. filed suit in August 2009.

After two dismissals in Federal court, EPA is evaluating its options for appeal.

The case concerns six power plants owned by Midwest Generation in the Chicago area.

Fisk and Crawford plants are in environmental justice areas of concern in the Chicago area.

EPA's case alleged Clean Air Act violations including violations of PSD, Title V, and the Illinois SIP limits for opacity and particulate matter.

Several environmental groups had intervened in the lawsuit.

Susan Hedman/R5/USEPA/US

To "Richard Windsor", "Diane Thompson"

09/10/2010 08:55 PM

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Subject Fw: Daily Activity Report: Enbridge Pipeline 6A Oil Spill  
Emergency Response, for Friday, Sept 10, 2010

Thomas Crosetto

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Thomas Crosetto**Sent:** 09/10/2010 07:26 PM CDT**To:** Susan Hedman; Richard Karl; Ronna Beckmann; Adora Andy; Sarah Pallone; Phillipa Cannon; Anne Rowan; Beverly Kush; Bharat Mathur; Denise Gawlinski; Epahq Eoc; EOC Deputy Manager; Jayna Legg; Jason El-Zein; Jeff Kelley; Jennifer Ostermeier; Linda Nachowicz; jim.clark@illinois.gov; bud.bridgewater@illinois.gov**Cc:** Samuel Borries; Beverly Kush; Fredrick Micke; Verneta Simon; Steven Faryan; Bradley Benning; Ramon Mendoza; Sonia Vega; Craig Thomas; Jeff Kelley; Mark Durno; Partap Lall**Subject:** Daily Activity Report: Enbridge Pipeline 6A Oil Spill Emergency Response, for Friday, Sept 10, 2010

Hi everyone. Below please find the Daily Activity Report for the Enbridge Pipeline 6A Emergency Response, Romeoville, IL, for September 10, 2010, and four photos of site activities:



Enbridge Pipeline 6A Romeoville Emergency Response Daily Activities 9-10-10.doc



Enbridge Romeoville - sorbent boom deployed in retention pond.JPG



Enbridge Romeoville - activities at site of pipe break.JPG



Enbridge Romeoville - boom ready for deployment.JPG



Enbridge Romeoville - RA Hedman and IC Borries conducting interview with local TV station.JPG

Please feel free to call if you have any questions.

Tom C.  
312-636-3897 (mobile)

**Vicki Ekstrom/DC/USEPA/US**

08/06/2010 04:26 PM

To Richard Windsor

cc Michael Moats, Allyn Brooks-LaSure

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Subject State Fair White House Blog

Administrator,

The White House asked for a blog post on your trip to the Wisconsin State Fair, focusing on the importance of rural America. The post we've prepared is pasted below and attached. Please let us know your thoughts.

Thanks,

Vicki

### **American Tradition and Rural Innovation at the Wisconsin State Fair**

This week I took part in an American tradition: visiting the Wisconsin State Fair. The Wisconsin State Fair and state fairs throughout the country are a cherished summertime experience for rural America – a place where old friends and old traditions go hand-in-hand with the latest innovations. Under a solar powered tent, I sampled my first cheese curds, visited Senator Herb Kohl's family's flavored milk stand, and of course had some of the Fair's famous cream puffs.

Something else was on display as well: the value that our great outdoors and green spaces have for millions of Americans. The environment is the foundation of the economy for the farmers and ranchers I met at the fair, the people who live off the land. It's part of the culture for the women and men who love to fish and hunt. And it's a way of life for the 60 million Americans living in small towns and rural areas throughout the country. Though they may not call themselves "environmentalists," these Americans are playing an important part in protecting critical natural resources, using sustainable techniques to preserve our environment, and leading the way in innovative clean energy technology.

Today rural America faces profound environmental challenges. While the State Fair was a place of celebration, I also had serious conversations about clean drinking water, chemicals in our products and our environment, and the effects climate change could have on American agriculture. The good news is, the development of new, green ideas has never been stronger, and rural America is helping to lead the way. That's one of the reasons why I visited Wisconsin, to view some of the cutting-edge strategies being used in the state and to see some of the extraordinary clean water research taking place at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee School of Freshwater Science. A few hours before visiting the Fair, I announced a strategy to open the way to green infrastructure solutions throughout the country. That strategy will help urban and rural communities use natural infrastructure – soil, vegetation, or the rain gardens at the Fair – to capture stormwater and agricultural runoff, to filter contaminants, and to conserve water.

Clean water, air and land are an American tradition. We're traveling the country and speaking

with everyone we can to get the best ideas from all over America. We're even having a little fun, too, enjoying both the traditions and the innovations of state fairs in Wisconsin and across the nation. By building lasting partnerships and strong connections between our communities, our businesses and our government, we can work together to make America greener, healthier, and more prosperous.



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Mr. Windsor and Ms. Ashwell:

The Joint Center's Commission to Engage African Americans on Climate Change extends an invitation to Administrator Jackson to bring remarks at its upcoming Commission Retreat on June 13. Specific details of the meeting are attached along with a list of Commissioners. Please contact Ralph Everett directly at (202) 789-3510 or by e-mail at [ralpheverett@jointcenter.org](mailto:ralpheverett@jointcenter.org) if you have any questions.

We appreciate your consideration of this invitation. We look forward to hearing from you.

Cynthia

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To All EPA Employees

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Subject EPA's 40th Anniversary Commemoration Events - OPEN HOUSE PROGRAM ATTACHED

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**MEMORANDUM**

SUBJECT: EPA's 40th Anniversary Commemoration Events - OPEN HOUSE PROGRAM ATTACHED

TO: All EPA Employees

As the anniversary of the EPA's founding on December 2, 1970, draws near, EPA employees are invited to mark your calendars for a commemorative event to recognize the Agency's extraordinary achievements throughout four decades. Our theme for the year-long recognition of the EPA's 40th anniversary – Healthier Families. Cleaner Communities. A Stronger America. – honors the hard work we do every day to fulfill our vital mission. During our Anniversary week, Administrator Jackson will host or attend events in various regions. These events will highlight many of our successes over the past 40 years and some of our exciting plans for the future.

**Mellon Auditorium, December 2, 2:30pm - 4:30pm**

EPA's headquarters commemoration will occur on Thursday afternoon, December 2, 2010, at the Mellon Auditorium in Washington, D.C., with presentations recognizing the EPA, its people, its programs and the progress we have made since the day we opened our doors. Likewise, each regional office will have its own event to mark the EPA's legacy. To ensure that we commemorate this milestone as One EPA and so that every employee can participate, the headquarters event will be broadcast on IPTV. For those employees in Washington, please be reminded that seating is limited in the Mellon Auditorium so it is recommended that you **RSVP at <http://epa40th.eventbrite.com>** as soon as possible. You will also receive updates and valuable information on this RSVP site.

Mellon Auditorium, 1301 Constitution Avenue NW  
1:30pm ET - Doors Open  
2:30pm ET - Program begins (LIVE broadcast on IPTV)  
4:30pm ET - Program Ends



**"OneEPA" Headquarters Open House , Ariel Rios, December 2, 9am - Noon - [PROGRAM ATTACHED]**

On the morning of EPA's anniversary, EPA headquarters at Ariel Rios will host an open house for Agency employees in Washington, DC to jointly reflect on the past 40 years of our work and to educate one another about our efforts and accomplishments. Program offices will feature exhibits and demonstrations, such as OECA's Environmental Crime Scene Display and Demo, attendees can tour the Emergency Operations Center, and many other stops on the building Open House tour. There will also be a special Green Room program featuring the Deputy Administrator, conversations with Assistant Administrators and a presentation from the Aspen Institute on their recently-compiled list of EPA's most important achievements. (Please see the attached brochure with program of speakers). This is an opportunity, as employees' work schedules allow, to be educated on the work of their colleagues. No RSVP required. All employees can enter at Ariel Rios main entrance and must carry their EPA badge.

EPA Ariel Rios Complex, 12th & Pennsylvania NW  
9:00 am to 12:00 noon

For additional information on EPA's 40th anniversary, visit [www.epa.gov/40th](http://www.epa.gov/40th).



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**MEMORANDUM**

**SUBJECT:** Guidance for Green Travel Policies and Practices

**FROM:** Stefan Silzer  
 Acting Director, Office of Financial Management  
 Office of the Chief Financial Officer

**TO:** All EPA employees

I am pleased to announce EPA’s participation in the Federal Green Travel Initiative which is a government-wide partnership to develop strategies for reducing greenhouse gas emissions directly attributed to travel.

As a part of this initiative, GSA recently released [Guidance for Sustainable Temporary Duty \(TDY\) Travel Policies and Practices](#) (FTR Bulletin 10-06, September 30, 2010). I encourage all EPA employees to incorporate this guidance into their official travel management activities, policies, and procedures.

The initiative is an excellent opportunity for EPA to promote its mission and goals on a government-wide level. We can protect human health and the environment by taking action on climate change and improving air quality, while also working towards the President’s goal of cutting Federal emissions 13% by 2020, as outlined in Executive Order 13514, [Federal Leadership in Environmental, Energy, and Economic Performance](#) .

Some of the actions Federal employees can take to reduce these emissions and to reduce overall

travel costs include:

- Use teleconferencing, video conferencing, and webinars in lieu of travel
- Plan travel as far in advance as possible to take advantage of reduced fares
- Use alternative modes of transportation while off-site (public transportation; hybrid taxis and rental cars; walking; ridesharing)
- Stay in hotels that participate in green lodging programs that incorporate energy efficiency, water conservation, or waste reduction
- Select lodging facilities that minimize transportation needed to TDY location
- Participate in hotel linen and recycling programs; reduce energy use when not in the room

EPA took a leadership role with its development of an EPA Green Travel Initiative last year, and I encourage all EPA employees to continue to lead by example.

For more information, contact Jeanne Conklin, Staff Director, Financial Policy and Planning Staff, at (202) 564-5342 or [conklin.jeanne@epa.gov](mailto:conklin.jeanne@epa.gov). Please find Bulletin FTR 10-06 attached.



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Subject Last Day to RSVP for tomorrow's EPA@40 Commemorative event

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Colleagues--

The past three days of EPA's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary commemoration have provided many opportunities to inform the public on EPA's work. On Tuesday, the Administrator highlighted the agency's long-standing commitment to children's health at the Coretta Scott King Young Women's Leadership Academy in Atlanta; and she spent more time with students today as she visited with the New York Harbor High School.

Please remember that EPA employees are welcome, as their work schedules allow, to attend events in their regions this week as well as events at headquarters on December 2nd, and are reminded to RSVP as soon as possible for the EPA@40 Commemorative Event in the Mellon Auditorium, **tomorrow**, December 2, from 2:30- 4:30 pm. Administrator Jackson will lead the program, which includes video presentations featuring EPA staff from around the country and special guests. **Further details and ticketing information for the EPA @40 Commemorative Program are available below.**

Seats are on a first-come, first-serve basis for the EPA@40 Commemorative Program, so please RSVP at <http://intranet.epa.gov/> as soon as possible. You will also receive updates and valuable information on this site.

If you are unable to attend EPA@40, you are invited to watch the event live on IPTV.

More Info:

Mellon Auditorium, 1301 Constitution Avenue NW

Thursday, December 2, 2010

1:30pm ET - Doors Open

2:30pm ET - Program begins (LIVE broadcast on IPTV)

4:30pm ET - Program Ends

"OneEPA" Headquarters Open House, Ariel Rios, December 2, 9am-Noon

The "OneEPA" Headquarters Open House, which precedes the EPA@40 event, offers an amazing opportunity for EPA's DC employees to jointly reflect on the past 40 years of our work and to educate one another about our efforts and accomplishments. There will also be a special Green Room program featuring the Deputy Administrator, conversations with Assistant Administrators and a presentation from the Aspen Institute on their list of some of EPA's most important achievements. (Please see <http://intranet.epa.gov/> for a program of speakers and more information). No RSVP required. All employees can enter at Ariel Rios main entrance and must carry their EPA badge.

More Info:

EPA Ariel Rios Complex, 12th & Pennsylvania NW

Thursday, December 2, 2010

9:00 am to 12:00 noon

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For additional information on EPA's 40th anniversary, visit <http://intranet.epa.gov/>

We look forward to seeing you tomorrow!

### **EPA@40 Commemorative Program Details and Ticketing Information:**

**TIME:** Doors will open at 1:30 PM. We ask that all attendees arrive before the program begins at 2:30 PM. Seating will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis. *Standing room will be provided at the back of the room for late-comers.*

**TICKETS:** A PDF ticket was included in your Order Confirmation email from Eventbrite. All attendees must *print this paper ticket and bring that and their EPA badge* to the event.

**LOCATION:** Mellon Auditorium, 1301 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington DC. *Please enter on Constitution Avenue.*

**SECURITY:** All attendees will go through metal detectors. Please limit the amount of items you bring, as purses and small bags are permitted, but large cases and shopping bags are not. Coat check will NOT be available.

**FACILITY INFORMATION:** A sign language interpreter will be present. *Wheelchair accessible entry is located between EPA East And Mellon Auditorium*



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Colleagues--

Today marked the beginning of EPA's week-long commemoration of the agency's 40th anniversary. It kicked off this morning as Administrator Jackson was present at the Aspen Institute's Washington, DC headquarters for their unveiling of the Institute's list of "10 Ways EPA has Strengthened America" over the past 40 years. The list was compiled by a group of more than 20 thought leaders brought together by the Aspen Institute. For those of you who have not yet seen the list or the accompanying report, you can find it on the EPA Web site ([www.epa.gov](http://www.epa.gov)).

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Today we continue our week-long commemoration of the EPA's 40th anniversary with events taking place throughout the regions. Administrator Jackson spent the morning in Region 4 recognizing young innovators at Atlanta's Coretta Scott King Leadership Academy with Atlanta Mayor Kasim Reed and other key leaders. She signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Academy to partner with EPA on math and science initiatives.

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**MEMORANDUM**

**SUBJECT:** EPA Indian Policy  
**FROM:** Administrator Lisa P. Jackson  
**TO:** All EPA Employees

In 1984, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency became the first federal agency to adopt a formal Indian Policy. Today, 25 years later, I am proud to formally reaffirm that policy. By my action, EPA reiterates its recognition that the United States has a unique legal relationship with tribal governments based on the Constitution, treaties, statutes, Executive Orders, and court decisions. EPA recognizes the right of tribes as sovereign governments to self-determination and acknowledges the federal government's trust responsibility to tribes. EPA works with tribes on a government-to-government basis to protect the land, air, and water in Indian country.

EPA's tribal program has evolved since the Indian Policy was first adopted. Many significant milestones and successes in the EPA-tribal environmental partnership during these years can be directly traced to the EPA Indian Policy and the EPA-staff commitment to the EPA Indian Policy.

Today, EPA faces unique challenges that both the President and I believe require a full commitment to our nation's environmental and energy future: Leading the world in reversing our collective greenhouse gas emissions' growth, decreasing our dependency on foreign oil, creating millions of new jobs in emerging clean-energy technologies, and reducing the pollution that can endanger our children. A clean energy environment is to this decade and the next what the Space Race was to the 1950s and 1960s, and, as America moves forward, tribes are essential partners in this future.

It is an important day in our partnership with tribes as EPA builds on past successes and strives to meet current and future environmental challenges in Indian country. Please join me in continuing to build a strong partnership with tribal governments to protect human health and the environment in Indian country.

Sincerely,  
Lisa P. Jackson

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