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# Clean Power Plan Rule Impacts

The curious task of economics is to demonstrate to men how little they really know about what they imagine they can design."

– F. A. Von Hayek, The Fatal Conceit



# **Regulatory Context**

Agency	Rule	Status
EPA	316(b) Cooling Water Intake	Final
EPA	Sulfur Dioxide NAAQS	Final
EPA	Particulate Matter NAAQS	Final
MHSA	Mine Dust Standards	Final
EPA	Cross-State Air Pollution (CSAPR)	Upheld but remanded
EPA	Utility MACT	Final, April 2015 compliance
EPA	Regional Haze	State-by-state
EPA	"Waters of the U.S."	Proposed
EPA	New Power Plant CO2 Rules	Proposed
EPA	Existing Power Plant CO2 Rules	Proposed
EPA	Ozone NAAQS	Expected December 2014
Interior	Stream Buffer Zone Rule	Expected 2014(?)
EPA	Coal Ash	Expected Dec. 2014

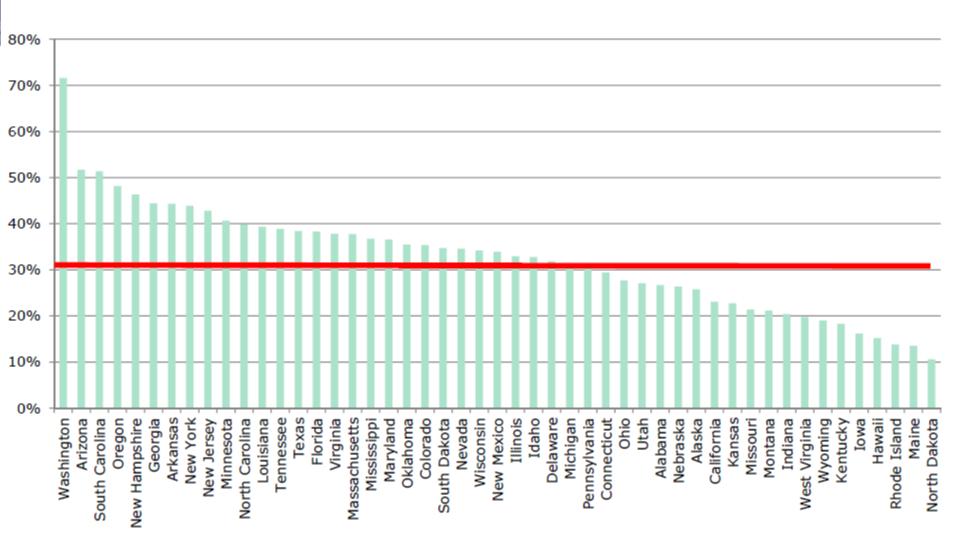




- Proposed June 2, 2014
- Call for national carbon emissions reductions of 30% below 2005 levels by 2030 (555 million tons).
- *Mass-based* national goal reached through *rate-based* mandates on 49 states
- **Timeline** 
  - October 19, 2014 December 1, 2014: Comment period closes
  - June 1, 2015: Rule finalization
  - June 30, 2016: State Implementation Plans due
  - October 30, 2016: EPA approval/disapproval of state plans

### **Emissions Reduction by State**

#### Final Goal 2030







# **CO<sub>2</sub> Rules for Existing Power Plants**

### "Building Blocks" Drive State Emissions Targets

- BB1: 6% Heat Rate Improvements at all coal-fired power plants. Fence Line
- BB2: Increase the capacity factor of natural gas combined cycle (NGCC) plants to 70%.
- BB3(a): Increase annual renewable energy generation by 209%.
- BB3(b): Prevent shutdown of 88,600 GWh of "at-risk" nuclear energy (6% of current generation).
- BB4: Reduce nationwide electricity demand 11% through energy efficiency measures.



# Is EPA's Rule Truly Flexible?

#### EPA Administrator McCarthy on State Flexibility:

- "There is enormous flexibility in the definition of a state plan, and our ability to look at the timeline for...submitting the plans and achieving the reductions."
- "There's no one-size-fits-all solution. States can pick from a portfolio of options to meet regional, state, and community needs—from ones I mentioned, or the many more I didn't, and in any combination. It's up to states to mix and match to get to their goal."

#### Excerpt from rule:

"In developing the building block data inputs applied to each state's historical data to develop the goals, the EPA targeted reasonably achievable rather than maximum performance levels. The overall goals therefore represent reasonably achievable emission performance levels that provide states with flexibility to pursue some building blocks more extensively and others less extensively than the degree reflected in EPA's data inputs while meeting the overall goals."



# **CO<sub>2</sub> Rules for Existing Power Plants**

### Concerns

- Jobs/costs/electricity affordability
- Electricity reliability
- Stranded assets/investments
- State flexibility
- Technological achievability
- Fairness, disparities between state targets
- Negligible impact on climate
- Impacts well beyond coal and electricity
- Process and timeline



### **Economic and Electricity Market Impacts**

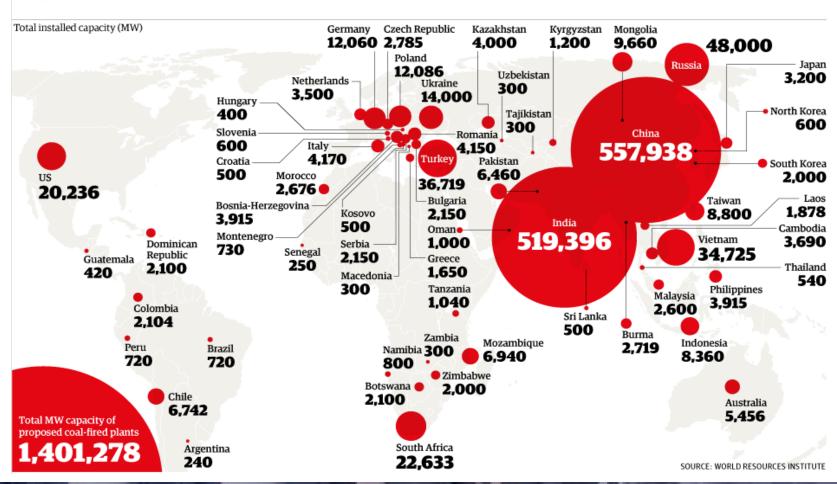
- Additional detailed and independent analysis is needed, but <u>EPA</u> estimates its rule will result in:
  - Nationwide electricity price increases of 6-7% in 2020; up to 12% in some locations.
  - Annual Compliance costs of \$5.4-\$7.4B in 2020, rising up to \$8.8B in 2030.
  - Coal retirements in 2020 of up to 49 GW nationwide.
- UMWA estimates 187,000 utility, rail, and coal job losses in 2020;
   cumulative wage and benefit losses of \$208B through 2035.



### **Global Context**

#### Rest of World Aggressively Building New Coal Plants

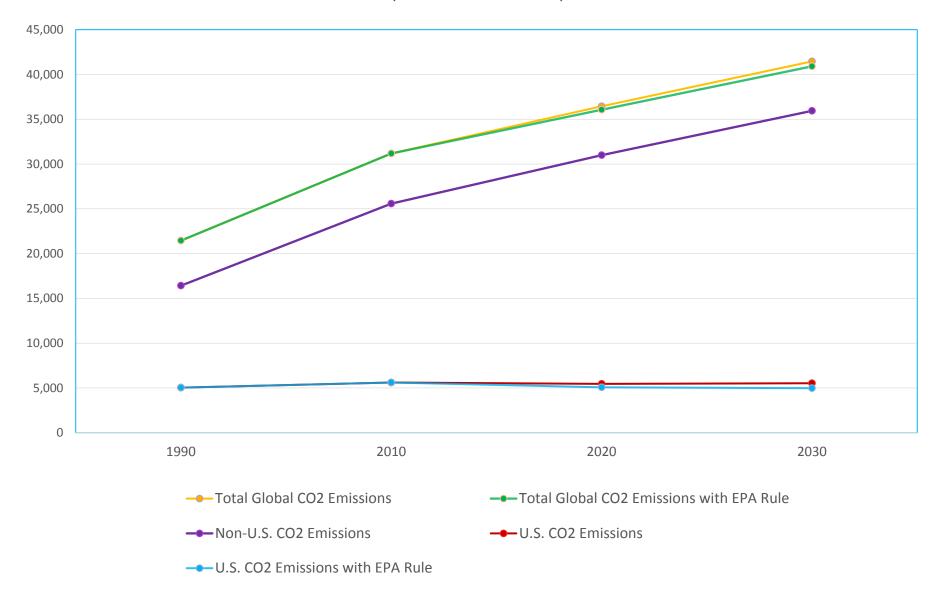
#### Proposed coal-fired plants



- Non-U.S. CO<sub>2</sub> emissions are projected to increase 55 percent between 2010 and 2040.
- In 2030, the reductions from EPA's rule would offset the equivalent of just 13.5 days of CO2 emissions from China.
- Because U.S. businesses compete on a global scale, the electricity and related price increases resulting from EPA's rule will severely disadvantage energy intensive, trade-exposed industries such as chemicals, manufacturing, steel, and pulp and paper. Such circumstances would not actually serve to reduce carbon emissions, but <u>instead simply move</u> them to other countries that have not implemented similar restrictions.

#### **U.S. and Global Carbon Emissions Projections**

(million metric tons)



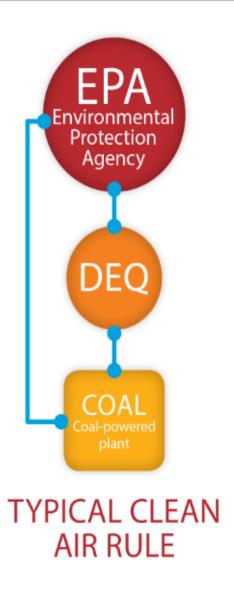


## **Legal Concerns**

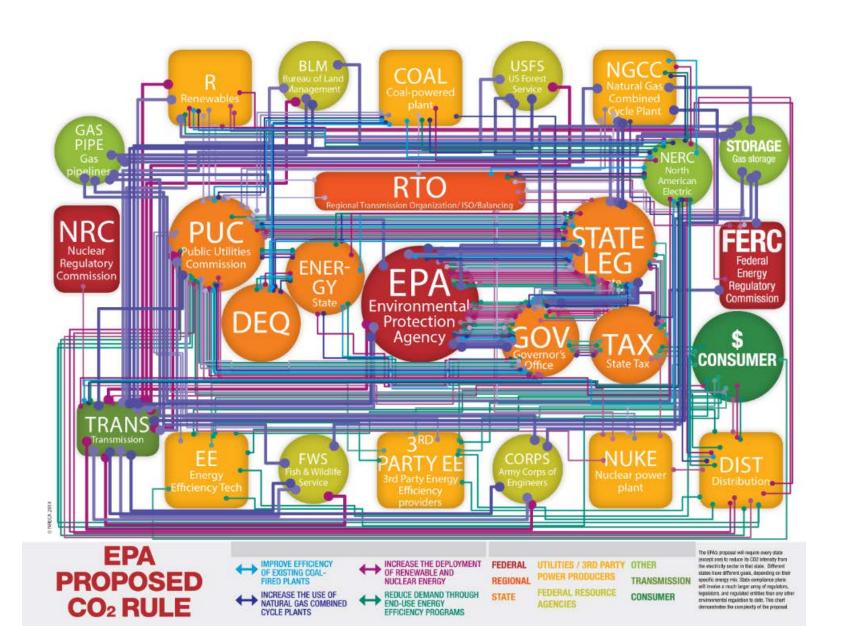
### Legality of Proposed Rule in Serious Question

- Section 112 vs. 111(d) authorities
- Authority to mandate "outside the fence" measures
  - Excerpt from Clean Air Act: "The term 'stationary source' means any building, structure, facility, or installation which emits or may emit any air pollutant."
- Absence of EPA "model rule" and Federal Implementation Plan details
- Technical achievability; arbitrary and capricious treatment of different states
- Relationship between state plans, 3<sup>rd</sup> party entities, neighboring states, etc.

# Up until now, power plants had a straightforward experience with the EPA

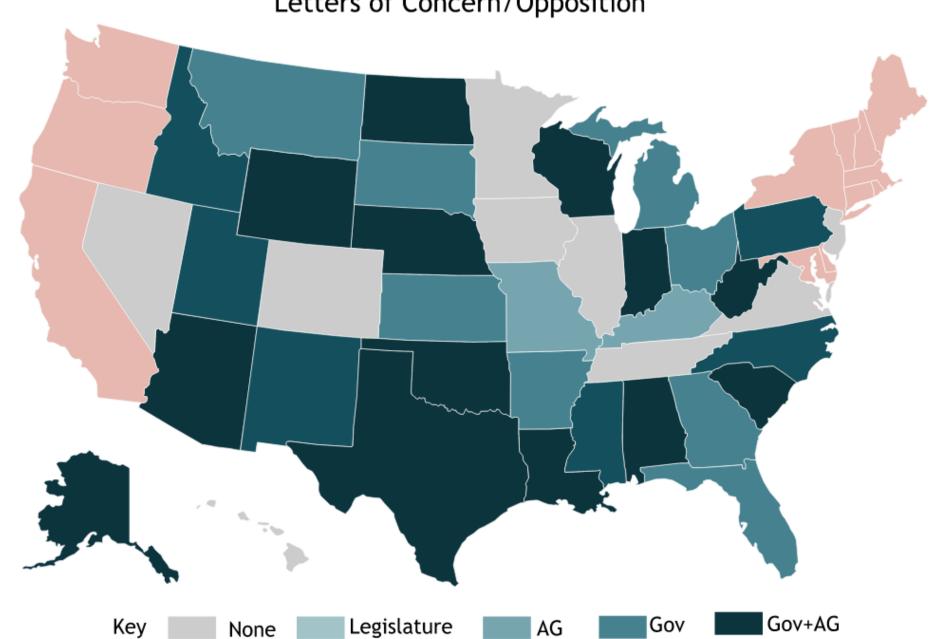


# With EPA's new Clean Power Plan, life's a lot more complicated



## State Opposition to EPA Carbon Rule

Letters of Concern/Opposition







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