

Support EPA's Clean Power Plan
Comments Needed by December 1st

Dear Friends,

With the weather outside this week it may seem hard to think about climate change, but regardless of the day-to-day weather patterns, the science supporting larger global trends is clear: climate-warming trends over the past century are very likely due to human activities. Most of the leading scientific organizations worldwide have issued [public statements](#) endorsing this position and have signaled that the time to act is now if we have any hope of counteracting this grave threat.

Fortunately, there is a key solution to the climate crisis on the table right now: the EPA's newly proposed [Clean Power Plan](#). The standards outlined in the plan, for the first time ever, would limit carbon pollution from its largest source—power plants.

Currently, we limit how much mercury, arsenic, soot and other air pollution power plants can dump into our air, but there are no federal limits on carbon pollution. Carbon pollution fuels climate change, which triggers more asthma attacks and respiratory disease, worsens air quality, and contributes to more frequent, destructive, costly and deadly extreme weather events. Together, the combined climate and health benefits of EPA's proposal are projected to be between \$55 and \$93 billion by 2030.

Of course, coal companies and coal-friendly politicians are working hard to thwart EPA's efforts, so citizens like you have to counterbalance the political pressure and make your voice heard.

Please send in your comments in support of the Clean Power Plan by December 1st.

Please tell EPA that:

- You support the agency's proposal to limit industrial carbon pollution from existing power plants.
- You support the agency's plans to encourage clean energy solutions. Limiting carbon pollution spurs new investments in energy efficiency and renewable power sources, hastening a cleaner, more nimble energy infrastructure.
- You support the agency's strong but workable standards. Under EPA's plan, states have tailored carbon reduction standards and will have flexibility to create plans based on the characteristics and needs of their state. This is particularly important for a state like Wyoming, which is starting with much higher levels of carbon pollution than other states. Wyoming's carbon reduction target of 19% (as opposed to the national average of 30%) is a modest and achievable proposal.

You can submit comments by any of the following ways:

- Submit a comment via the [Federal eRulemaking portal](#). Follow the online instructions for submitting comments
- Email A-and-R-Docket@epa.gov: Include docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2013-0602 in the subject line of the message
- Fax: Fax your comments to: 202-566-9744
- Mail: Environmental Protection Agency, EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC), Mailcode 28221T, Attention Docket ID No. OAR-2013-0602, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460

And please consider publishing your comment letter as a letter to editor in your local paper or the Casper Star Tribune.

If you have any questions or need more information, don't hesitate to contact Shannon at the Powder River Office at (307) 672-5809 or sanderson@powderriverbasin.org.