



Take Action to Clean-up Wyoming's Coal Plants!

Dear Friends,

This summer, we have an unprecedented opportunity to reduce air pollution from coal-fired power plants in Wyoming, and we need your help to make it happen.

Coal plants are the single largest source of air pollution, emitting thousands of tons of nitrogen oxides, sulfur dioxide, and soot. This pollution endangers public health and impacts our scenic vistas throughout the state. Yet, many coal plants have been operating for decades without modern pollution controls. The utilities' plan is to continue running their 35- and 40-year-old plants for decades to come with bare minimum pollution-control retrofits that just don't pass muster for genuine air quality protection. That all can change this summer as the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) finalizes a plan to reduce haze-causing pollution in Wyoming.

EPA is seeking public comment on its decision to set new emissions limits for Wyoming's coal plants. These new limits will continue for years to come so it is important that they are strong enough.

[Please take a moment to tell EPA that you support strong pollution controls for coal plants and you support the agency's efforts to clean up Wyoming's air.](#)

Your comments do not have to be lengthy or technical. Simply tell EPA to require the best modern pollution controls for nitrogen oxides and particulate matter and make sure Wyoming is a leader, not a follower, when it comes to protecting clean air. We have included some additional talking points below, but as always, the best comments are those in your own voice based on your own experiences.

[Please send in a written comment today](#) by emailing r8airrulemakings@epa.gov Just include "Docket ID No. EPA-R08-OAR-2012-0026" in the subject line of the email.

The deadline for written comments is August 9, 2013.

Utilities and Wyoming politicians will be fighting back against EPA's proposed plan, so it's important that the agency hears from people who care about Wyoming's air quality!

For those of you in southern Wyoming, we encourage you to attend a hearing this month in Cheyenne. Here are the details:

Monday, June 24, 2013

Herschler Building, Room 1699 (first floor by the entrance on the Capitol side)
122 W. 25th St., Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002

Parking is available on the street – just watch the signs for parking time limits.

The public hearing will be held from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. You do not have to stay for the entire time. If you would like to speak at the meeting but need more information, or if you are interested in the specific details about how the plan impacts a particular coal plant in your area, please contact Shannon at our office at 307-672-5809 or sanderson@powderriverbasin.org.

Here are some talking points you can use at the hearing or in written comments:

- Thank EPA for proposing a Federal Implementation Plan (FIP) to address the deficiencies in Wyoming's regional haze plan. EPA's plan requires additional pollution reductions beyond those proposed by Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality (WY DEQ).
- Thank EPA for requiring Selective Catalytic Reduction (SCR) NOx pollution controls at eight coal plant units in Wyoming. SCR is the best available pollution control for NOx and is widely used at over 200 coal plants across the country. It's time Wyoming's aging coal plants meet this industry standard.
- EPA's plan is designed to improve visibility in Wyoming's treasured national parks and wilderness areas. Visitors notice when the air is dirty, and that can have direct impact on tourism, the second largest business in the state.
- According to Wyoming's Office of Tourism, the travel and tourism industry in Wyoming creates 30,000 jobs and generates \$730 million in employment earnings and \$2.8 billion in travel expenditures annually. Over 3.5 million people visit Yellowstone National Park each year.
- EPA's plan will also reduce health care costs in the state. Combined, coal plants in Wyoming emit over 60,000 tons of nitrogen oxide pollution and almost 65,000 tons of sulfur dioxide pollution annually. The Clean Air Task Force estimates that coal plant pollution in the state results in over \$850 million in preventable health care costs.
- Utility customers in Wyoming and across the west are willing to pay to clean up these power plants. The benefits far exceed the costs. [Note: if you are a customer of Rocky Mountain Power or Basin Electric (through PRECorp), please tell EPA that you support paying for reasonable costs to improve air quality]

Thanks for your time and action!