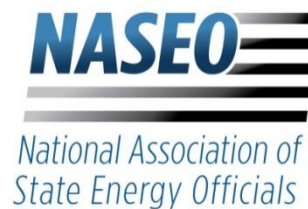


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# The President's Climate Action Plan

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- ▶ Calls on the federal government to work with states, cities, industries, consumers and the international community to address one of the greatest challenges of our time
- ▶ Reinforces the federal commitment to:
  - ▶ Cut harmful pollution
  - ▶ Protect our country from the impacts of climate change
  - ▶ Lead an international effort to address a changing climate
- ▶ Directs EPA to set flexible carbon pollution standards, regulations or guidelines, as appropriate, for power plants under section 111 of the Clean Air Act



# EPA's Task Using the Clean Air Act Authority

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## Issue carbon pollution guidelines for existing power plants

- ▶ Issue federal guidelines for the states
  - ▶ Work in partnership with states
  - ▶ States will develop plans that set standards for existing sources
  - ▶ States use EPA guidelines as a reference
- ▶ Federal guidelines should build on states' leadership and experience with programs that reduce GHGs
- ▶ Will follow the agency's open and transparent review process, including public comment and a public hearing



# Stakeholder Engagement

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- ▶ Over the past few months, EPA has engaged with multiple stakeholders to design a program for existing power plants
  - ▶ States
  - ▶ Leaders in the power sector
  - ▶ Labor leaders
  - ▶ Non-governmental organizations
  - ▶ Tribal officials
  - ▶ Members of the public
  
- ▶ Common themes
  - ▶ Timing
  - ▶ Flexibility
  - ▶ Credit for early action



# Discussion Questions

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<http://www2.epa.gov/carbon-pollution-standards/questions-state-partners>

- 1. What is your experience with programs that reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in the electric power sector?**
- 2. How should EPA set the performance standard for state plans?**
- 3. What requirements should state plans meet, and what flexibility should be provided to states in developing their plans?**
- 4. What can EPA do to facilitate state plan development and implementation?**



# Next Steps: Actions and Timing

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## ▶ Per the President's Directive

- ▶ EPA will issue proposed carbon pollution standards, regulations, or guidelines, as appropriate, for modified, reconstructed and existing power plants
  - By no later than June 1, 2014
- ▶ EPA will issue final standards, regulations or guidelines, as appropriate
  - By no later than June 1, 2015
- ▶ EPA will include in the guidelines addressing existing power plants a requirement that states submit to EPA the implementation plans
  - By no later than June 30, 2016



# Ongoing Engagement

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## ▶ Continue discussions

▶ Within States - Connect with your stakeholders and state colleagues, especially air offices and utility commissioners

▶ With EPA – Share your insights on important design considerations

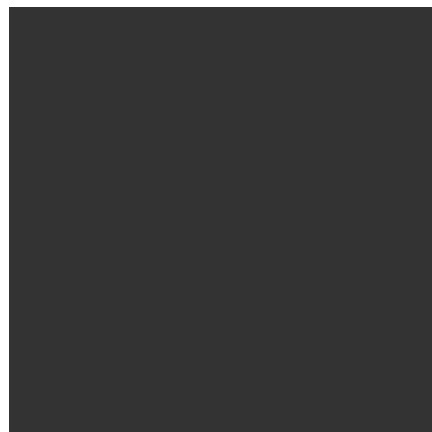
- To initiate separate meetings with EPA, contact Lora Strine [strine.lora@epa.gov](mailto:strine.lora@epa.gov)
- Submit written design suggestions to [carbonpollutioninput@epa.gov](mailto:carbonpollutioninput@epa.gov)

## ▶ For general information:

<http://www2.epa.gov/carbon-pollution-standards>







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