

Public Notice
Solicitation of Views and Comments
on
The Development of a State Plan
Related to EPA's Clean Power Plan

On August 3, 2015, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) finalized its Clean Power Plan. The Clean Power Plan requires states to reduce carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions from existing fossil fuel fired power plants. Every coal-fired electric power plant in North Dakota (about 4,300 megawatts of total capacity) is subject to this regulation. Of all the electricity generated in North Dakota in 2013, about 57 percent was sent out-of-state with the rest used in-state. Despite exporting more than half of its generation, the state must reduce the CO₂ emission rate from all coal-fired power plants by 45 percent by 2030.

The EPA has suggested that the emissions reductions could be achieved by one or more of the following:

- Power plant energy efficiency improvements
- Construction of new wind or solar generation facilities that replace existing coal-fired generation, or
- Demand side (consumer) energy efficiency programs

The North Dakota Department of Health is the state agency charged with developing a plan to meet the requirements of the Clean Air Act. The plan must be finalized by September 2018.

The Department of Health will be holding a public comment period and four public meetings to solicit comments regarding the development of the state's plan for reducing carbon dioxide emissions from existing power plants. The Department is seeking input on several issues as well as any other issues commenter's believe may be pertinent to the plan development. Additional background on the Clean Power Plan and a list of the issues the Department has identified for comment can be found at <http://www.ndhealth.gov/AQ/PublicCom.aspx>.

The public comment period will be held from November 3, 2015 through December 18, 2015. Public meetings will be held at the following locations and times:

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| Williston Community Library | November 9, 2015 7:00 p.m. CST |
| Beulah Civic Center | November 12, 2015 7:00 p.m. CST |
| Bismarck State College NECE Auditorium (Rm 304) | November 16, 2015 7:00 p.m. CST |
| North Dakota State University NDSU Memorial Hall – Great Plains Ballroom | November 18, 2015 7:00 p.m. CST |

Public comments may be submitted in writing to the North Dakota Department of Health, Division of Air Quality, 918 E Divide Avenue, Bismarck, ND 58501-1947. Comments may also

be emailed to airquality@nd.gov. If you plan to attend the public meeting(s) and will need special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, please contact the North Dakota Department of Health at the above-address at least seven days prior to the public meeting.

Dated this 12th day of October.

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Air Quality