Boiler MACT/CISWI Strategy

CIBO Environment Committee

Meeting

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CIBO Issues

- Definition of Solid Waste
- CISWI Limits
- MACT Floor-setting Methodology
- Subcategories
- Variability
- GACT
- Interactions with Other Rules
- Overall Cost Impacts

Example Company Impacts

- Assumes HMIWI pollutant-by-pollutant methodology is employed
- 50+ boilers would need new/upgraded PM controls at \$1 to \$10 million/unit
- Comparable # of units would need HCL scrubbers at \$1 to \$15/million/unit unless able to switch to low chlorine fuel
- Some units may need activated carbon injection for mercury, though advanced PM control will help; look for low Hg coal?
- CO limits may be unachievable for some boiler types (stokers?), difficult to achieve for others, with uncertain impacts on NOx emissions

Other Rules—Death by a Thousand Cuts

- Besides Boiler MACT, CISWI, and Area Source GACT, we may have:
 - The end of SSM exemptions (potentially advantageous?)
 - CAIR replacement rule with possible (likely?) inclusion of large industrial boilers
 - Climate regulation and/or legislation; initial target an NSPS for boilers?
 - Tightened PM2.5 and ozone NAAQS, with implications for RACT & LAER
 - Next round of regional haze SIPs, reconsideration of current ones
 - New focus on NSR and BACT
 - PS-17 rules for CEMs, COMs, and parametric monitoring
 - Possible re-opening of other MACT rules & residual risk

Strategy Needed!

- Initial thoughts:
 - CIBO needs to work both alone and with other groups. Grassroots activity may be needed.
 Targets include:
 - EPA career, legal, and political staff
 - The Administration—CEQ, CEA, OMB
 - Governors and ECOS members
 - Federal & state legislators
 - Labor leaders