

GHG Regulatory Update – March 2010

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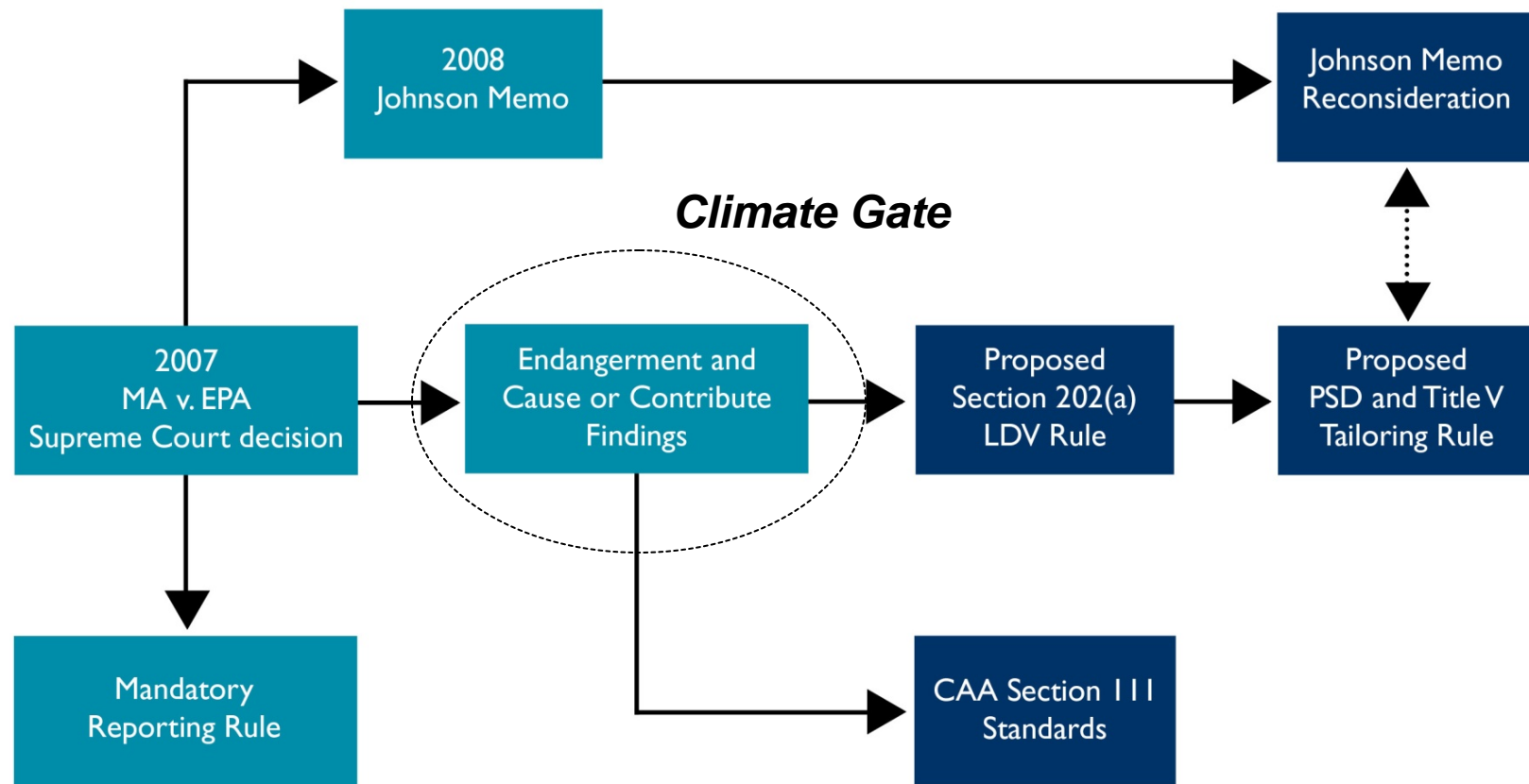


Discussion Topics

- EPA
 - ▲ Clean Air Act GHG Regulation/Tailoring
 - ▲ EPA BACT Workgroup
- Permitting Examples – CO₂
- Cap and Trade
- CEQ/NEPA
- State Developments
- Questions

How Does This All Fit Together?

EPA GHG Regulatory Development





Proposed Tailoring Rule

- October 27, 2009, (74 FR 55292), Tailoring Rule proposed
 - ▲ LDV rule signing schedule – early April
 - ▲ GHG regulation under PSD would occur 60 days after issuance of the LDV GHG regulations (e.g., early June)
- Increase the major source thresholds for GHGs from the current 100/250 tpy thresholds to 25,000 tpy, *effectively “tailoring” the PSD and Title V permit programs to target only “major” GHG sources and major modifications*
 - ▲ Significant emission rate (SER) of between 10,000 and 25,000 tpy CO₂e
- Absent tailoring, permitting agencies would be overwhelmed with PSD and Title V applications
- Proposed regulation of 6 GHG compounds:
 - ▲ CO₂, CH₄, N₂O, HFCs, PFCs, & SF₆ a1

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May want to highlight that really only 4 of these could arguably be regulated since only CO₂, CH₄, N₂O, and maybe HFCs are regulated in the LDV rule. PFCs and SF₆ definitely not...

aandrews, 3/5/2010



2/22/2010 Lisa Jackson Letter

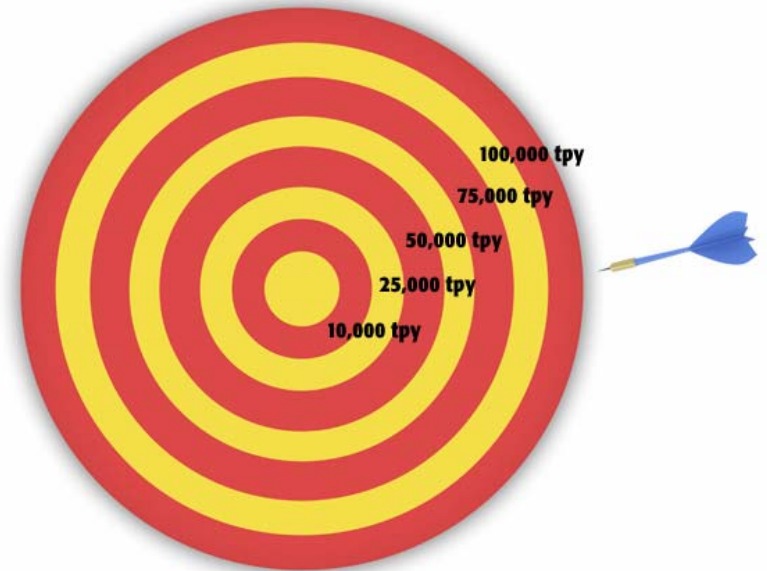
- Highlights.....

- ▲ ***“I expect to take actions to ensure that no stationary source will be required to get a CAA permit to cover its GHG emissions in calendar year 2010”***
- ▲ PSD Majors, first half of 2011 – ***only those facilities that already must apply for CAA permits as a result of their non-GHG emissions will need to address GHG emissions in their permit applications....***less than 400 according to EPA’s estimates
- ▲ Latter half of 2011 to 2013, permitting threshold ***“substantially higher than the 25,000-ton limit that EPA originally proposed”***
- ▲ EPA does not intend to subject the “smallest sources” to CAA permitting for GHG emissions ***any sooner than 2016.***



3/3/2010 Lisa Jackson Senate Appropriations Testimony

- EPA may set a threshold of 75,000 tpy of GHGs for permitting stationary sources prior to 2013
 - ▲ By the end of 2011, 1,700 permits would be required that would not be required in 2010
 - ▲ By the end of 2013 (threshold dependent) an additional 3,000 sources could need permits
- Potential GHG permits for 2009/2010 large emitting applicants?





Potential Stoppage for CAA GHG Regulation?

- Rockefeller Bill – Introduced 3/4/2010; would delay stationary source GHG regulation under CAA (PSD and NSPS) for two years but would not prevent issuance of LDV regulations
- Murkowski Resolution – To be introduced in March, would reject the Endangerment Finding and ban EPA from issuing GHG regulations under CAA (LDV or stationary source)...under Congressional Review Act, needs only a simple majority to approve
- Numerous state lawsuits on Endangerment Finding



GHG BACT

- Phase I report issued on February 3, 2010. Phase I presumed a continuation of top-down approach.
- Phase II report due on March 30, 2010. Phase II work to address:
 - ▲ Scope of applicability of PSD and BACT to GHG sources
 - ▲ Appropriateness of “presumptive” BACT
 - ▲ Appropriateness of the use of averaging or trading as BACT
 - ▲ Appropriateness to use broader supply chain reductions as BACT (reduced carbon intensity, increased efficiency and/or demand reduction)
 - ▲ Methods (reviews and permit conditions) to encourage innovative GHG controls
 - ▲ Evaluating energy efficient processes and practices. Potential for output based limitations, etc.



GHG BACT (cont.)

- The workgroup agreed that GHG BACT should apply to new and modified emission units (undergoing PSD review and triggering for GHGs).
- The workgroup did not agree on whether BACT can (or should consider) changes to the basic design of a proposed project (alternative manufacturing processes, etc.).
- There was general consensus on the process for which technical feasibility would be addressed. However, the value of commercial guarantees (or lack thereof) in determining whether a BACT option is feasible remains contentious.



GHG BACT (cont.)

- Carbon Capture and Sequestration (CCS)
 - ▲ General consensus among the committee concerning the details of feasibility
 - ▲ No consensus on whether a site should be forced to consider alternative locations (availability of sequestration capacity)
 - ▲ No consensus on the extent or degree of availability before CCS is considered “demonstrated”
 - ▲ No consensus on the degree to which CCS technology can be transferred from one source type to another



GHG BACT (cont.)

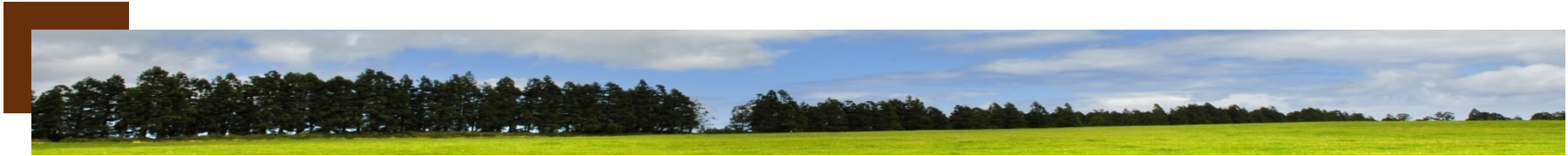
- Energy Efficiency
 - ▲ Should be considered in the BACT analysis as a factor in evaluating BACT alternatives and setting emission limits
 - ▲ Specific energy efficiency limits may be difficult to quantify continuously
 - ▲ There was no consensus on scope of the energy efficiency considerations



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- Calpine 612 MW natural gas fired combined cycle power plant in Hayward, CA - two combustion turbines and two HRSGs
- Calpine requested CO₂ BACT determination and a CO₂ limitation from Bay Area AQMD (BAAQMD)





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- **BACT Review**

- ▲ **Feasible technologies**

- Subterranean or bio-sequestration not feasible options

- ▲ **Non fossil alternatives**

- Energy commission (not the Air District) determines type of generation (NG combined cycle)
 - Wind and solar cited as requiring 3,000 (solar) to 10,000 (wind) acres, biomass fuel source not available in vicinity
 - Noted that EPA has made clear that BACT should not include alternative technologies that alter the project's fundamental scope



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- **Most Efficient Combined Cycle**
 - ▲ Comments around G and H class turbines achieving 58-60% versus the proposed turbines
 - ▲ BAAQMD noted that a gross efficiency of 56.45% is the basis for the GHG BACT
- **BACT Emissions Standard**
 - ▲ BAAQMD initially proposed 1,100 lb/MW-hr (but the link to thermal efficiency was questioned by commenters)



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- BACT Emissions Standard (ctd.)
 - ▲ Output-based Efficiency Limit - 7,730 Btu/kW-hr (HHV), design base heat rate was 6,852 Btu/kW-hr
 - Factored in degradation on heat rate (normal wear and tear) plus a margin for other items (NG variability, cooling water variability, etc.)
 - ▲ Input-based Limit - mass emissions limits in metric tons (1-hr, 24-hr, annual) and heat input limits (MMBtu) based on max rated heat input capacity of turbines



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Avg. Period	Heat Input Limit (MMBtu)	GHG Emission Limits (metric tons CO ₂ e)			
		CO ₂	CH ₄	N ₂ O	CO ₂ e
1-Hour	4,477.2	242	0.08	0.14	242
24-Hour	107,452	5,797	2.03	3.33	5,802
Annual	35,708,858	1,926,399	675	1,107.48	1,928,182

Other Notes on Thermodynamics and Efficiency (will be key in GHG CAA world)

- HHV (gross), LHV (net)
- Efficiency – gross v. net (where is it measured?)
- e.g., “Net HHV” can refer to net across plant on HHV basis



SE Idaho Energy – Advanced Energy Center

- Permit for coal gasification facility issued November 30, 2009
- Sierra Club and Idaho Conservation League petition IDEQ to include CO₂ emission limit for a vent stream (756,000 tpy CO₂ – rolling 12-month)
 - ▲ Limit based on capture and sequestration of 58 percent of the plant's CO₂ output
 - ▲ Take effect 5 years after mechanical completion
- For an interim period before the compliance date, GHG offsets may be required for a portion of the emissions stream - federal, state or regional (or Climate Action Reserve, VCS, etc.) – could be up to 1.1 MM tons CO₂/year



Carbon Cap and Trade

- Cap and trade has lost momentum at present (jobs, health care)
- Waxman Markey (economy wide cap and trade) likely a no-go in 2010
- Hybrid bill with C&T elements (utility cap, phased treatment of manufacturing, carbon pricing for fuels)

capanddividend

Top five reasons for cap and dividend

1. It gets the job done.
2. It's simple.
3. It's fair.
4. It's progressive.
5. It's market-based.

<http://www.capanddividend.org/>

- No shortage of bills or “angles” on cap and trade



NEPA/CEQ GHG Guidance

- Draft guidance memorandum published in the Federal Register on February 23, 2010 (90 day comment period ends May 24, 2010)
- Covers all agency actions requiring NEPA review, except federal land and resource management activities
- Requires estimation of potential GHG emissions from the proposed action over the life of the project – mentions 25,000 metric ton CO₂e as significant (direct emissions) and an evaluation of mitigation measures
- Sensitivity, location and timeframe are also factors
- Climate modeling limitations acknowledged



Significant State Developments

- Mandatory reporting has proliferated (CA, NM, NV, WA, etc.)
- AB-32's fate lies with governorship (AB-32 moratorium and death of CA cap and trade?)
 - ▲ CARB recently rescinded 4 Climate Action Reserve (CAR) protocols due to CEQA challenge
- Defections from Western Climate Initiative (Arizona, Utah) – is there a potential for a 2012 launch with only one state participating (CA)? Or none?
- WY Supreme Court rule on 3/5/2010 that CO2 limit cannot be imposed on power plant (Basin Electric Power Coop-Dry Fork Station)



Questions?



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