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## **Council of Industrial Boiler Owners – Energy Policy Positions**

The Council of Industrial Boiler Owners (CIBO) maintains that access to reliable and affordable energy is critical to ensuring America's economic prosperity and national security. Accordingly, CIBO supports the efforts of both political parties to promote an "all-of-the-above" national energy strategy that supports the continued development of all available domestic energy sources in a safe and responsible manner. CIBO believes that our Federal government can best support this strategy by increasing regulatory certainty for innovative energy projects and developing practical regulations and standards that are technically and economically achievable and that present demonstrable benefits.

CIBO's views on specific topics related to the energy sector are discussed briefly below:

### **Greenhouse Gas Regulations**

CIBO recognizes that global climate change is a complex issue of great public concern. We believe climate change is impacted by a combination of natural variability and the direct and indirect impacts of human activity. CIBO also understands that fossil fuels are currently essential to our Nation's energy supply, economy, and national security. Accordingly, CIBO believes U.S. policymakers should be guided by the following principles to address climate change:

- Policies aimed at reducing U.S. greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions must be balanced and their impacts fully understood. Given the long timeframe to achieve meaningful impacts on climate change, deliberate attention must be given to adaptation efforts on a global and regional basis.
- GHGs are a global issue and proposed solutions must rely on education and free market principles that are applied globally, in order to minimize economic dislocation. A long-term focus and commitment must be placed on the technological innovation and commercialization that will be required to increase energy efficiency and develop new, reliable sources of energy.
- The industrial sector is the backbone of the U.S. economy and any GHG reduction policies must not place disproportionate GHG reduction or cost burdens on the U.S. industrial sector.

### **Combined Heat and Power**

CIBO believes the increased use of Combined Heat and Power (CHP) technologies can create more energy efficient facilities by increasing reliability through the use of high-quality electricity and thermal energy, which decreases the impact of an electrical grid outage. CHP reduces GHG emissions and other air pollutants, as each unit of energy output is produced using less fuel. Facilities that utilize CHP technology have lower over-all operating costs, as CHP systems minimize the necessary amount of energy consumption and can act as a hedge against volatile energy costs.

CIBO supports President Obama's Executive Order that seeks to achieve a national goal of 40 gigawatts of new CHP by 2020. To meet this goal, CIBO supports increasing the flexibility of certain EPA permitting requirements, such as the New Source Performance Standards (NSPS), to make it easier for companies and facilities to adopt CHP systems and technologies.

### **Energy Efficiency**

CIBO encourages the increased implementation of energy efficient technologies as a means to lower overall energy use and reduce emissions. To that end, we support passage of the energy efficiency legislation drafted by Senators Rob Portman (R-OH) and Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) – S. 2074, the *Energy*

*Savings and Industrial Competitiveness Act of 2014* and Reps. David McKinley (R-WV) and Peter Welch (D-VT) – H.R. 2126, *the Energy Efficiency Improvement Act*.

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The Council of Industrial Boiler Owners (CIBO) is a broad-based association of industrial boiler owners, architect-engineers, related equipment manufacturers, and University affiliates – consisting of over 100 members throughout every region of the United States – representing 20 major industrial sectors. The Council was formed in 1978 to promote the exchange of information within the industry, and between the industry and the federal government, regarding policies, laws, and regulations affecting boilers and other industrial energy facilities. Since its formation, CIBO has been an active participant in the development of technically sound, reasonable, and cost-effective energy and environmental regulations for almost every type of boiler and fuel mix currently in operation.