

# Boiler MACT Rules Legislation - House

H.R. 2250 introduced by Rep. Griffith (R-VA) and Rep. Butterfield (D-NC) in House that would:

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H.R. 2250 gained 126 co-sponsors, passed Committee 36-14

H.R. 2250 to be voted on by full House Tuesday evening, 10/11

# Statement of Administration Policy

- The Administration strongly opposes H.R. 2250 and H.R. 2681, which would undermine public health protections under the Clean Air Act (CAA). These bills would prevent the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) from moving ahead with long-overdue requirements to reduce air pollution from industrial boilers, solid waste incinerators, and cement plants. The bills also would weaken EPA's ability to ensure that its standards protect American families from a range of harmful pollutants including mercury and other toxic metals, as well as smog and soot
- H.R. 2250 and H.R. 2681 would delay until at least 2018, and perhaps later, the implementation of important air pollution standards that are required by the 1990 CAA Amendments and are already more than a decade overdue. The delay due to those bills would result in significant public health impacts that the rules would otherwise prevent, including tens of thousands of premature deaths; tens of thousands of cases of respiratory and cardiovascular problems, including heart attacks and acute bronchitis; and over a hundred thousand asthma attacks. Delaying implementation also would increase exposure to mercury, which can impair children's ability to think and learn. As a result, even the minimum delay due to these bills could mean foregoing over a hundred billion dollars in health benefits. Each additional year of delay would mean foregoing tens of billions of dollars more in net benefits
- If the President is presented with H.R. 2250 or H.R. 2681, his senior advisors would recommend that he veto the bill

# Boiler MACT Rules Legislation - Senate

- S. 1392 introduced in Senate by Senators Ron Wyden (D-OR) and Susan Collins (R-ME) that would:
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  - Extend Boiler MACT compliance period from 3 to 5 years
  - Clarify that valuable alternative fuels and non-condensable gases (NCGs) are not classified as solid wastes (legislation uses list)
- S. 1392 has 36 co-sponsors (25R/11D)
- Push to gain additional co-sponsors, particularly Democrats
  - Casey, Klobuchar, Stabenow, Cantwell, Murray, Warner, Levin, Franken, Brown (OH), Tester, Begich, Shaheen, Gillibrand, Baucus
  - Snowe, Graham

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# Boiler MACT Legal Activity

- EPA's Administrative Stay and Reconsideration Process have been challenged by Sierra Club
- On 9/27 Judge denied EPA's motion to dismiss Sierra Club's challenge of EPA's Administrative Stay of Boiler MACT and CISWI rules
- Serious concerns about whether EPA's stay on Boiler MACT and CISWI will remain in effect
- Same judge who denied EPA's earlier request (for 15 months) has power to overturn stay
- Legislation needed for certainty

# Boiler MACT Administrative Activity

- EPA's new proposed Boiler MACT rules expected to be issued October 31, with final standards completed by April 30, 2012
- EPA has indicated they are considering changes to the NHSM rule, which reclassifies many valuable fuels as wastes. Positive move but will be challenged in court
- Legislation is the only way to guarantee EPA sufficient time to get the rules right and provide necessary certainty

# CIBO in the Debate

- A study conducted by IHS Global Insight, a respected research company, found that the rules that we are talking about today would impose total costs of over \$14 billion and put at risk 230,000 jobs in America at a time when we already have a 9.1 percent unemployment rate. My home State of Kentucky, under the analysis, would face estimated costs of \$183 million and 2,930 potential job losses. Twenty-five other States are hit even harder. That includes at least 10,000 jobs estimated for North Carolina, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, and Virginia, as well as over 5,000 job losses for Minnesota, Wisconsin, Alabama, Tennessee, Iowa, New York, Illinois, Maine, Georgia, Florida, Louisiana, and Arkansas. - Rep. Ed Whitfield (R-KY), 10/6/11



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- We'll hear over and over today, as we've heard in the past, about self-serving industry studies that claim pollution controls will cost us jobs. These studies have been thoroughly debunked by independent experts. For instance, the Congressional Research Service examined the key study by the Council of Industrial Boiler Owners and concluded that it was so flawed that "little credence can be placed in these estimates of job losses." – Rep. Henry Waxman (D-CA), 10/6/11