

Broad and Growing Opposition to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Proposed Regulations on Coal Plants



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Nations continue to push back against onerous carbon legislation and renewable mandates that exacerbate energy inequality, raise electricity costs and damage the economy.

Australia elected a new government last year with a mandate to repeal the carbon tax. Europe's renewable strategy is being pared back, the continent is threatened by Russia's energy security challenge, nations such as Japan are using significantly more coal, and multiple nations lead the world in economic growth using coal-fueled electricity.

In the United States, there is enormous and growing opposition to proposed power plant rules, which would punish electricity consumers, harm America's poor and have no material benefit under climate theory. The proposal is also questionable from a legal standpoint and faces major opposition from Congress, states, business, industry, labor and other groups.

- **9 U.S. Governors** send letter to President urging him to abandon proposal
- **20+ Governors** voice opposition to EPA's greenhouse rules
- **20+ State Legislatures** pass legislation and resolutions expressing concerns
- **41 U.S. Senators** sign letter asking EPA to withdraw rule
- **25 Public Utility Commissions** express opposition to EPA rules through national resolutions
- Bi-partisan group of 29 from **U.S. Congressional delegation** in Texas voice concern
- **24 Attorneys General** send letter to EPA voicing concerns
- **U.S. House Appropriations Committee** passes spending bill to prohibit EPA from using funds to advance any 111 Section of the Clean Air Act that establishes carbon standards for new, existing and modified sources
- **U.S. Supreme Court** warns EPA about overreach, rejects EPA's decision to ignore the Prevention of Significant Deterioration thresholds set by the Clean Air Act, and recently holds that Tailoring Rule is not permissible

"With this new rule, the Environmental Protection Agency is continuing its push to make U.S. electricity less diverse, less reliable and more expensive. The resulting impacts on American jobs and the economy could be devastating."

» **Chad Kolton,**
**Spokesperson for Partnership
for a Better Energy Future***

"The tax you voted to get rid of is finally gone. A useless, destructive tax which damaged jobs, hurt families' cost of living and which didn't actually help the environment is finally gone."

» **Tony Abbott,**
Australian Prime Minister

"No matter what they say, no country is going to take actions that are going to deliberately destroy jobs and growth in their country."

» **Stephen Harper,**
Canadian Prime Minister

*A coalition of business organizations representing over 80 percent of the U.S. economy.

Lessons Learned

Teachable Moments from Misguided Energy Policies



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Australia

Australia repealed the carbon tax, which has hurt consumers, driven up electricity costs, damaged the economy, shed manufacturing and jobs and reduced competitiveness in the country.



The carbon tax caused more than **\$15 billion** in damages.



Without the tax, the typical Australian family is estimated to save more than **\$550 a year**.



Unpopularity of carbon tax leads to **new Prime Minister** and Parliamentary control.



California

California's aggressive carbon mandates drove up already high power prices; In 2013 California had a negative net worth of **(\$127B)**.



Ontario

After abandoning coal plants, wind power is costing Ontario more than **\$5B** annually. Ontario had an **\$11.6B budget deficit** in 2013 and has lost more than a **quarter-million jobs**.



The European Union

As a result of punishing renewable mandates, from 2005 to 2013, the average price of residential electricity in the EU **rose 55%** and industrial rates **rose 26%**.

Advanced Coal Technologies

The Solution for Clean, Low-Cost Energy

As we look to our future, all forms of energy will be needed. Coal is the world's fastest-growing major fuel, set to surpass oil as the world's largest global energy source in coming years. A globally cooperative, technology-driven path will be critical to meeting our energy and environmental goals.

Sources: The Sacramento Bee, March 28, 2013; Ross McKittrick, Environmental and Economic Consequences of Ontario's Green Energy Act, April 2013; Huffington Post, Manufacturing Jobs: Ontario's Decade-Long Job Decline Led By Factory sector, Nov. 28, 2012; Center for Energy Policy and the Environment at the Manhattan Institute, "Maintaining the Advantage: Why the U.S. Should Not Follow the EU's Energy Policies," Robert Bryce, Feb. 2014.