Update on Recent Federal Actions Affecting Air Quality and Climate Change

The following table shows a list of major rules that EPA either finalized or proposed in the last two years related to air pollution and climate change. The table also shows the current status of the rulemakings and committee(s) who sent comment letters to EPA when the agency sought comments on the proposals along with respective dates when those letters were sent.

Federal Action	Status of Action	COG Committee(s)/ States Commented On/ Eligible to Comment On	Date			
In-Process						
SAFE Vehicle Rule for CAFÉ and Tailpipe Carbon Dioxide Emissions Standards for Model Year 2021-2026 Light-Duty Vehicles	Proposal	MWAQC/CEEPC/TPB	Commented on October 17, 2018			
Strengthening Transparency in Regulatory Science	Proposal	MWAQC	Commented on July 26, 2018			
Revise Supplemental Cost Finding for Mercury & Air Toxics Standards (MATS) Rule	Proposal	MWAQC	Commented on April 10, 2019			
Methane Rule (Oil and Natural Gas Sector: Emission Standards for New, Reconstructed, and Modified Sources Review)	Waiting to be published as a proposal in Federal Register	CEEPC, States	CEEPC comment letter under development			
New Source Review Determination	Proposal	States	October 8, 2019 (Last date for comments)			
"Once In Always In" Guidance for Major Sources under the Clean Air Act	Proposal	States	September 24, 2019 (Last date for comments)			

¹ Exhaustive lists of rollbacks can be found here - https://eelp.law.harvard.edu/regulatory-rollback-tracker/

EPA sued for not	Court action	Not open for comments	Petition filed in court
determining the 2015	awaited		on May 7, 2019
Ozone NAAQs			
compliance status for			
several metropolitan			
areas			
Elimination of 2020	Proposal	CEEPC, States	November 4, 2019
standards for "A-	•		(Last date for comments)
lamps," the pear-			
shaped bulbs			
GHG New Source	Proposal	States	March 18, 2019
Performance	1		(Last date for comments)
Standards for Power			
Plants			
Amending Energy	Proposal	CEEPC, States	January 30, 2019
Conservation	r		(Last date for comments)
Standards for			
Residential Furnaces			
& Commercial Water			
Heaters			
EPA HFCs and	Proposal	States	November 15, 2018
Refrigerant	Troposar	States	(Last date for comments)
Management			(East date for comments)
Program			
EPA NESHAPS for	Proposal	States	October 4, 2018
Brick and Tile plants	Troposar	States	(Last date for comments)
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		Completed	
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Reconsideration of	Final	MWAQC/CEEPC/TPB	Commented on
the Final	(Previously issued		September 27, 2017
Determination of the	Final Determination		
Mid-Term	withdrawn and SAFE		
Evaluation of	rule proposed)		
Greenhouse Gas			
Emissions Standards			
for Model Year			
2022-2025 (Light-			
Duty Vehicles)			
Repeal of Clean	Final	MWAQC/CEEPC/CBPC	Commented on
Power Plan Rule		_	December 20, 2017
DOE Repeal of light	Final	CEEPC, States	September 5, 2019
bulb efficiency		,	Effective October 7,
standards			2019
Affordable Clean	Final	CEEPC, States	Commented on
Energy (ACE) Rule	(Replaced previous		October 11, 2018
	Clean Power Plan		
	rule)		

Regional Haze Rule	EPA currently reviewing the 2016 RH rule; Issued guidance for RH SIPs for states and left emissions controls for RH to other Clean Air Act and state emission control programs.	Not open for comments	-
Executive Order on Energy Infrastructure and Energy growth	Signed April 10, 2019	Not open for comments	-
Publicly Owned Treatment Works Hazardous Air Pollutant Standards	Final	States	Published on October 26, 2017
Heavy-duty Truck "Glider Kit" Rule	Proposed rule withdrawn	Not open for comments	Rule withdrawn on July 26, 2018
Municipal Solid Waste Landfill New Source Performance Standards	Court finds EPA violated the CAA by failing to review and approve SIPs r/e the 2016 landfill emissions guidelines and issue a FIP.	Not open for comments	Court finding on May 6, 2019
NEPA for Greenhouse Gases	Draft Guidance	States	August 26, 2019 (Last date for comments)
Petroleum Refinery Sector Rule (NESHAPs / NSPS)	Final	States	November 26, 2018 (Last date for comments)
Withdrawal from Paris Climate Agreement	Announcement made, withdrawal process cannot be completed until 2020	Not open for comments	
EPA disbands Particulate Matter Review Panel	Action taken	Not open for comments	Action taken on October 11, 2018
BLM rescinding of 2015 rule related to Hydraulic Fracturing on Federal and Indian Lands	Action taken	Not open for comments	December 29, 2017
BLM Methane Waste Prevention Rule	Final	States	April 9, 2019 (Court dismissed the stay request on the rule)
EPA denial of Good Neighbor Section 126 petitions	Final (MD) Proposal (NY)	States	Denial of MD petition on October 5, 2018 July 15, 2019 (NY) (Last date for comments)