

# **EPA's Proposed 111 Rules**

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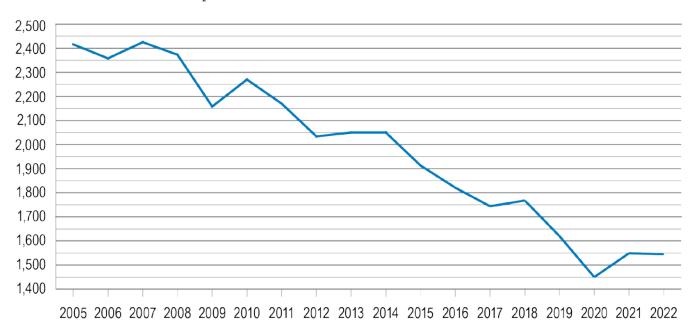
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## **Proposed Rules**

- EPA's proposed 111 Rule is made of 4 distinct elements:
  - 111(d) rule for existing steam EGU's
  - 111(d) rule for exiting gas units
  - 111(b) for new gas units
  - Repeal of the ACE rule

### **Reducing Carbon Emissions**

#### Million Metric Tons of CO<sub>2</sub>



Today, more than 40 percent of U.S. electricity comes from carbon-free sources

As of 2022, electric power industry CO<sub>2</sub> emissions were 36 percent below 2005 levels

Overall trajectory is expected to continue based on current trends.



#### Proposed EPA GHG Performance Standards for Fossil-Based Electric Generating Units - DRAFT (06/09/023)

	Proposed Best System of Emissions Reduction (BSER) and Resulting Performance Standards <sup>1</sup>					
	Through Dec. 31, 2029	Jan. 1, 2030 – Dec. 31, 2031	Jan. 1, 2032 – Dec. 31, 2034	Jan. 1, 2035 – De	ec.31, 2039	2040 and beyond
111(d) – Existing Steam EGUs (coal-fired)*						
<ul> <li>Retire by 12/31/2031</li> </ul>	No applicable standard	Routine operations/no emissions increases***	Unit retired			
<ul> <li>Retire 2032-2034</li> </ul>	No applicable standard	20% annual capacity fac	ctor (CF) restriction***	Unit retired		
<ul> <li>Retire 2035-2039</li> </ul>	No applicable standard	40% natural gas co-firing	g*** Unit retired			
<ul> <li>Retire after 1/1/2040</li> </ul>	No applicable standard	CCS at 90% capture rate	ate***			
111(d) – Existing Steam EGUs (gas-fired)*						
<ul> <li>≥45% Capacity Factor</li> </ul>	No applicable standard		Routine efficient operations; 1,300 lb CO <sub>2</sub> /MWh			
<ul> <li>&lt;45% Capacity Factor<sup>2</sup></li> </ul>	No applicable standard	Routine efficient operations; 1,500 lb CO₂/MWh				
111(d) – Existing NGCC**						
<ul> <li>CCS option</li> </ul>		1000 lb CO <sub>2</sub> /MW/ or current permit stan	CCS at 90% capture rate*** ard			apture rate***
<ul> <li>Hydrogen (H<sub>2</sub>) option</li> </ul>	1000 lb CO <sub>2</sub> /MWh or current permit standard					ogen blending by volume after 1/1/2038)***
111(b) - New NGCC*3						
<ul> <li>Base load &gt; 45-55%*** (CCS option)</li> </ul>	7701	y efficient generation/best b CO <sub>3</sub> /MWh for > 2,000 M 0 lb CO <sub>2</sub> /MWh for < 2,000	MBTU/h Units MMBTU/h Units	CCS at 90% capture rate 90 lb CO₂/MWh		
<ul> <li>Base load &gt; 45-55%***         (H<sub>2</sub> option)</li> </ul>	Highly efficient generation/best O&M 770 lb CO₂/MWh for > 2,000 MMBTU/h Units 770-900 lb CO₂/MWh for < 2,000 MMBTU/h Units				ogen blending by volume 0 <sub>2</sub> /MWh (after 1/1/2038)	
111(b) - New CT*2						
<ul> <li>Intermediate – NGCC &lt; 45-55% CF CT &lt; 33-40% CF</li> </ul>	Efficient operations 1,150 lb CO₂/MWh		30% hydrogen blending by volume 1,000 lb CO₂/MWh			
<ul> <li>Low Utilization (CT)***</li> </ul>	Use of clean fuels (NG, Nos. 1 & 2 fuel oil); 20% annual CF restriction; 120-160 lb CO₂/MMBTU					

<sup>\*</sup> States set emissions limits for existing units under Clean Air Act §111(d) that reflect EPA's BSER. Under Clean Air Act §111(b), EPA sets emissions limits based on its BSER determination for new units.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Only applies to NGCC units that are >300 MW with a capacity factor of ≥50%.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Actual CF restriction will be a unit-specific inquiry, based on design efficiency. States will set resulting performance standards using a unit-specific baseline emissions rate.

<sup>1</sup> A covered EGU is not required to use the technology identified as BSER, but instead to achieve an emissions rate equivalent to using the BSER. For existing units, the proposed regulations would allow states to authorize the use of various compliance flexibility tools to meet the standards (e.g., averaging, trading, banking, etc.).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> EPA does not propose a BSER or presumptive emissions rate for natural gas steam boilers that operate at capacity factors of less than 8%.

<sup>3</sup> New source standards are effective upon proposal, which is the date of Federal Register publication.

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