

Clean Air Act Advisory Committee





Agenda

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 - New email address for DEQ's Air Quality Bureau, and temporary building address

Federal Actions

- MATS
- GHG Power Plant Rule
- GHG Endangerment Finding
- Methane Oil and Gas Rule
- Regional Haze
- Affirmative Defense
- PM2.5 NAAQS

Roll Back on MATS

40 CFR Part 63

- Proposed Rule Updated in Federal Register June 17, 2025
- [2025-10992.pdf](#)
- In this action, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is proposing to repeal specific amendments to the National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) for Coal- and Oil-Fired Electric Utility Steam Generating Units (EGUs), commonly referred to as the Mercury and Air Toxics Standards (MATS), that were promulgated on May 7, 2024.
- The amendments that the EPA is proposing to repeal include the revised filterable particulate matter (fPM) emission standard, which serves as a surrogate for non-mercury hazardous air pollutant (HAP) metals for existing coal-fired EGUs; the revised fPM emission standard compliance demonstration requirements; and the revised mercury (Hg) emission standard for lignite-fired EGUs.
- EPA held a public hearing on July 10th 2025
- Public Comment is due August 11, 2025

Roll Back on GHG 40 CFR Part 60

- Proposed Rule Updated in Federal Register June 17, 2025
- [2025-10991.pdf](#)
- Full Repeal on GHG – Fact Sheet available
- In this action, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is proposing to repeal all greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions standards for fossil fuel-fired power plants.
- The EPA is proposing that the Clean Air Act (CAA) requires it to make a finding that GHG emissions from fossil fuel-fired power plants contribute significantly to dangerous air pollution, as a predicate to regulating GHG emissions from those plants.
- The EPA is further proposing to make a finding that GHG emissions from fossil fuel-fired power plants do not contribute significantly to dangerous air pollution.
- The EPA is also proposing, as an alternative, to repeal a narrower set of requirements that includes the emission guidelines for existing fossil fuel-fired steam generating units, the carbon capture and sequestration/ storage (CCS)-based standards for coal-fired steam generating units undertaking a large modification, and the CCS-based standards for new base load stationary combustion turbines.
- EPA held a public hearing on July 8th, 2025
- Public Comment is due August 7, 2025

2009 GHG Endangerment Finding

- July 29, 2025 EPA proposed to rescind the 2009 GHG Endangerment Finding.
- The endangerment finding is the legal prerequisite used to regulate emissions from new motor vehicles and new motor vehicle engines.
- Absent the finding EPA lacks statutory authority under Section 202(a) of the CAA to prescribe standards for greenhouse gas emissions.

Methane Oil and Gas Rule – 0000b/c

- July 30, 2025 EPA extended several compliance deadlines within 0000b/c.
- EPA is providing more realistic timelines for owners and operators of new and modified oil and natural gas sources across the country.
- Additionally, EPA is giving states additional time to submit plans under the 2024 Emissions Guidelines to limit methane emissions from oil and natural gas sources across the country.
- Interim rule extends the state plan deadline by 10 months making the new deadline **January 2027**.
- [Link to: Oil and Natural Gas 2025 Interim Final Rule Fact Sheet](#)



- **Regional Haze Rule** – Included in EPA's deregulatory agenda.
- **PM2.5 NAAQS** – Included in EPA's deregulatory agenda.
- **Affirmative Defense**
 - Rule making is in process at DEQ.
 - Public comment period has closed.

Updates to Portable Registration Program





Portable Registration Program Applicability (ARM 17.8.1802)

- Nonmetallic mineral processing plants (crushers, screens, and associated equipment) with annual production of less than 8,000,000 tons
- Concrete batch plants with annual production of less than 1,000,000 cubic yards
- Asphalt plants that combust natural gas, propane, distillate fuel, waste oil, diesel, or biodiesel; and have annual production of less than:
 - 996,000 tons for drum mix plants; or
 - 324,000 tons for batch mix plants.
- Engines, such as power generators and other internal combustion engines, associated with affected facilities



Current Registration Process:

- Affected facilities proposing to register or relocate their portable operations must submit hard-copy application to DEQ for processing and approval

New Registration Process:

- Affected facilities proposing to register or relocate their portable operations will no longer be required to submit a hard-copy application
- The registration and relocation processes will now be completed electronically by the affected facility through an online portal and approved by DEQ electronically

Timeline and Other Important Information

- Live Date: **September 1, 2025**
- Stakeholder Training
 - Online/remote training:
**Wednesday, August 13,
10:00am - Noon**
- Registration SOP
 - Available August 13, DEQ website
- Link to Registration Portal
 - Available August 13, DEQ website



Questions

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County Coordination

Started our County Roadshow

Organized by the Planning Section

Jennifer Harris – Supervisor

Cory Mitchell – Planner

Aaron Ofseyer – Meteorologist

County Roadshow

Lewis and Clark County

- Promote Positive Collaboration with Counties and State Air Programs
- Review and Update County Contracts for 2026
- Better Program Understanding
- Education on available Resources
- Fall open burning and training walkthrough

County Open Burning Training

- August 28 and September 2
- Overview of open burning best practices, including BACT
- High-level discussion of DEQ rules and regulations
- Tools and resources used for making burn decisions
- Brief history of recent changes made to the program
- Discussion on future county collaborations

Federal Clean Air Act Grants

- Funding Changes
- Impacts



Monitoring Updates

5-YEAR NETWORK ASSESSMENT and ANNUAL MONITORING NETWORK PLAN 2025

Data/QA

- 2024 Data was submitted and certified by the EPA in May
- Submitted Annual Monitoring Network Plan and 5 Year Assessment:
 - *MTDEQ 2025 Network Assessment and Plan*



June 24, 2025



Monitoring Updates

People/Projects

- Fully staffed w/ two new coordinators, **Tyler Baer** and **Colton Komar**
- Sensor network projects continue apace
 - White Sulphur Springs trial run for public-facing Modulair sensors
 - PurpleAirs in schools project:
 - **67** sensors online
 - Preparing changes to Today'sAir to **accommodate sensor data**



Miscellaneous

MEPA- GHG Guidance Document Air Quality Fee Invoicing

Questions?

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