

STATES AND REGIONS PREPARE FOR THE CLEAN POWER PLAN

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SUMMARY DESCRIPTION:

Last June, EPA put forward a draft rule to cut carbon pollution from existing power plants. Known as the Clean Power Plan (CPP), the rule will provide states with flexibility in how they will meet carbon emission reduction goals, including allowing end-use energy efficiency to deliver reductions. The final CPP is due to be released this summer and the format of the session will vary somewhat depending on whether it has been released or not prior to the conference.

Irrespective of whether the final CPP has been released or not, this session will provide information on how states and regions are gearing up to respond in general and specifically with respect to end-use efficiency opportunities. The panel is made up of representatives from state agencies and advisors to states and regional groups preparing energy efficiency strategies for the CPP. Each will speak about jurisdictions' reactions to CPP, resources being developed, and how demand side efficiency is seen fitting into state or regional plans (or not). Specific states covered will be California, Georgia, and Washington plus coverage of efforts by the Western Interstate Energy Board and the National Association of Clean Air Agencies.

Should the final CPP be available there will also be an overview of the Rule's content with some detail on energy efficiency elements of the CPP and EM&V requirements and/or guidance. Should the CPP not be available, there will be an overview of the draft CPP and discussion of items to be addressed in the CPP.

Brief presentations by the panelists on the state, regional and national efforts will be followed by a discussion among panelists, with opportunities for audience participation, on issues/concerns/obstacles specific to energy efficiency as well as infrastructure development they see as necessary to expand demand side efficiency in the context of the CPP with regards to:

- Regulatory and administrative infrastructure
- Industry (supply of efficiency services and products) infrastructure
- Consumers (demand for efficiency) infrastructure
- EM&V infrastructure (such as efficiency registries, deemed savings databases, and EM&V protocols) for documenting energy and environmental benefits