



## National Lieutenant Governors Association

1 A Resolution Concerning U.S. EPA Proposed Greenhouse Gas  
2 Emission Standards for New Fossil-Fueled Power Plants

3 WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has proposed regulations for New  
4 Source Performance Standards (NSPS) for carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions from new coal- and  
5 natural gas-fueled electric generating units (77 Fed. Reg. 22,392, April 13, 2012);

6 WHEREAS, the proposed NSPS would impose a single emission rate standard of 1,000 pounds of  
7 CO<sub>2</sub> per Megawatt-hour on both coal and natural gas combined-cycle power plants, requiring new  
8 coal units to employ carbon capture and storage (CCS) technology;

9 WHEREAS, the President's Interagency Task Force on Carbon Capture and Storage has determined  
10 that CCS technologies "are not ready for widespread implementation primarily because they have not  
11 been demonstrated at the scale necessary to establish confidence for power plant application;"

12 WHEREAS, U.S. EPA has found that the application of CCS technology to new coal-fueled power  
13 plants would increase the cost of electricity produced by such plants by 80 percent, thereby effectively  
14 precluding the construction of new, highly-efficient coal generating units;

15 WHEREAS, previous EPA NSPS for fossil-fueled generating units have established separate emission  
16 standards for coal steam-electric and natural gas combined-cycle units, recognizing the inherent  
17 differences in these fuels and electric generation technologies;

18 WHEREAS, an "all of the above" national energy policy should encourage, not impede, access to all  
19 available domestic sources of energy.

20 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

21 That the National Lieutenant Governors Association calls upon U.S. EPA to issue greenhouse gas  
22 NSPS for fossil-fueled electric generating units providing separate standards for coal-fueled steam  
23 electric and natural gas combined-cycle generating units that can be achieved with commercially-  
24 demonstrated technologies, and that will permit the economic utilization of all types of domestic coals.

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