

## Public To Weigh In On EPA's Clean Power Plan

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"Their effect on global carbon levels?" I can't see any reason to vote against IL families and undermine a clean energy future for America. There aren't enough votes in Congress to override President Obama's inevitable veto, but meanwhile, lawmakers will try to discredit the proposal before this month's global climate conference in Paris. Three Democrats from coal producing states, Sens.

In my testimony, I reminded the EPA that millions of Americans have personally weighed with their support for the plan, by attending hearings and submitting comments, and that one poll after another has shown that Americans overwhelmingly support the Clean Power Plan and EPA action in reducing carbon pollution from coal plants - including recent surveys of voters in Missouri, Maine, Ohio, Virginia, and IL.

Under the final EPA Clean Power Plan, North Dakota would face emissions reductions of 45 percent. In a news release, Diaz contended the federal rules put thousands of coal-related jobs in the state at risk and could cause "skyrocketing energy costs" by requiring carbon dioxide emissions to be reduced in Florida by 26 percent.

Republicans on the campaign trail also have panned the rules, saying they would lead to higher energy bills and kill coal industry jobs. Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV) and Heidi Heitkamp (D-ND) that would void the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) regulations for existing power plants passed the Senate on Monday.

He continued, "ECC and its allies are resolute and determined that low-income communities of color will reap all of the benefits of the Clean Power Plan". Sister Janet Weyker of the Eco-Justice Center in Racine works near the We Energies coal-fired plant in Oak Creek. League of Conservation Voters President Gene Karpinski views the Senate move as "nothing more than a desperate and ultimately symbolic attempt by Senate Republican leadership to stop historic climate progress". But states also are working to develop programs for complying with the rules - even a few of those fighting the mandates in court. The maneuver is subject to a presidential veto and has rarely been successful in overturning executive branch rules.

He cited studies showing that the Obama plan shift to wind and solar power will cost users up to 25 percent more. According to analysis by the libertarian Cato Institute using models created by the EPA, the Clean Power Plan will only avert 0.019° Celsius of warming by the year 2100, an amount so small it can't be detected.