

Impact of Current Environmental Challenges

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- Some 54,000 MW (15 percent of our nation's coal fleet) has announced retirement, mostly over the next two to three years, due mostly to MATS.
- Over 3,000 MW of Southern Company generation has announced retirements and almost 5,000 MW switching fuels, due mostly to MATS.
- EPA estimates the Clean Power Plan will result in the retirement of nearly 50,000 MW of coal-fired generation in the next five years combined with a 25 percent decrease in coal production.
- As much as half of the coal fleet could be at risk because of carbon and other regulations, such as coal ash, effluent guidelines and cooling water intake structures.



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Clean Power Plan Proposal – Initial Observations

(Emission Guidelines for Existing Sources)

- Long, complex proposal and supporting documents.
- Aggressive assumptions for each building block create stringent goals and erode state flexibility.
- Requirements do not serve customer's best interests in terms of cost and reliability.
- More time is needed at every step in this process.