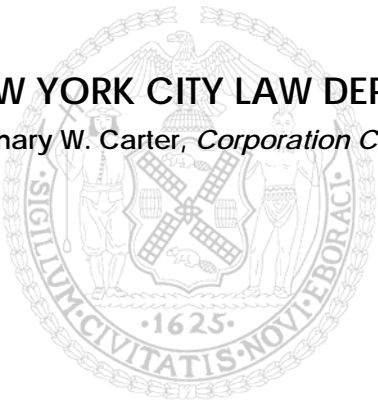


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## STATEMENT BY CORPORATION COUNSEL ZACHARY W. CARTER DEFENDING EPA'S CLEAN POWER PLAN

NEW YORK – New York City Corporation Counsel Zachary W. Carter issued the following statement in response to challenges filed today to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) final Clean Power Plan:

"My office is pleased to join the effort to defend EPA's common-sense plan to further cut power plant emissions. These rational rules, which are based in law and in science, give government the critical tools it needs to protect our environment well into the future. My office is prepared to intervene in the litigation to defend EPA's plan to further the best interests of public health."

The final Clean Power Plan was published today in the Federal Register. In response to a lawsuit filed by West Virginia and other states seeking to stay the unpublished version of the rules in August, Attorney General Schneiderman, issued a joint statement with 15 Attorneys General and the City of New York that the coalition would oppose any challenge or [attempt to stay the rules](#). This same coalition of states and cities, joined by others, anticipate intervening in the case next week.

EPA adopted the Clean Power Plan through a multi-year stakeholder process that drew heavily on successful strategies states have used in cutting power plant emissions while benefiting their economies. For example, the nine-state Northeast Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) – of which New York is a partner – has successfully reduced regional carbon dioxide emissions from the electricity sector by 40 percent from 2005 levels. The program's first three years saw a reduction of total energy bills across the nine states by \$1.3 billion and added \$1.6 billion to the regional economy – creating an estimated 16,000 jobs in the process.

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