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NEW EPA AIR REGS WILL COST BILLIONS OF DOLLARS Compliance Will Risk Millions of Jobs & Raise Energy Costs – NCPA Report

DALLAS (August 11, 2011)— Four new clean air regulations that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has proposed or finalized will further stifle struggling economic recovery efforts, according to two new reports released today by the National Center for Policy Analysis ([NCPA](#)). ([Part One](#) and [Part Two](#))

“The EPA is in the process of codifying and finalizing a whole slate of new air quality rules, the sheer number and economic impact of which have not been seen at any time in the EPA’s history,” said NCPA Senior Fellow H. Sterling Burnett.

“The new standards for ozone, mercury, other toxics and greenhouse gases will have an unprecedented negative impact on the U.S. economy,” said Burnett. “Millions more people will be put out of work by 2020. Cities and counties could well bankrupt themselves trying to meet the new standards. The local tax bases will shrink as businesses cut staff or move.

The new air quality regulations include:

- Cross-State Air Pollution Rule
- Mercury and Air Toxics Standards
- [Stricter Ozone Standards](#) (video)
- Expensive Greenhouse Gas Regulations

Burnett said that the regulations are overkill because, under the current standard, levels of ozone and pollutants that combine to form ozone are already so low that they have no effect on human health.

“Consumers will pay more for less reliable energy and tragically, there will be little or no improvement in human health to offset the tremendous costs,” he said.

Authored by H. Sterling Burnett and Kennedy Meier: *The EPA’s New Air Quality Regulations: All Pain, No Gain (Part One)* Full text: <http://www.ncpa.org/pdfs/ba750.pdf>

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