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Members of Congress will be visiting home districts throughout the summer. Phone calls, letters, and visits from you let them know what matters to their constituents. Below are issues of importance to the forest products industry. In addition to enjoying some well-deserved time off this summer, please use this time to contact your Members of Congress.

EPA's Boiler MACT Rule

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has proposed the Boiler MACT rule that includes emission limits for industrial, commercial, and institutional boilers using fossil fuels and biomass. Achievement of the limits established in this rule would require installation of up to four different air pollution control devices that will conflict with other existing control requirements and could impose tens of billions of dollars in unnecessary costs at thousands of manufacturing facilities across the country. The standards for new boilers are so stringent that boiler manufacturers cannot guarantee compliance, which would stifle investment in new systems that feed economic growth.

The total capital costs just for the forest products industry alone are estimated at about \$7 billion. This rule is putting the forest products industry and its jobs in jeopardy. Your representatives need to hear from the people that live and work in their districts and states – you! Contact them today and let them know how this rule will negatively impact your job and community.

What You Can Do:

Please send a letter to your Representatives urging them to contact EPA regarding the Boiler MACT rule. It's easy and simple to do – simply visit www.growthevote.org, enter your name and address and hit send. 15 seconds can make all the difference.

In addition to your letter, please call their office(s) and voice your concerns over the Boiler MACT rule.

- Click [Here](#) to look up your Representatives phone numbers.
- Click [Here](#) for talking points to use while making your contact.

Senate Letter on EPA Tailoring Rule

Joined by 35 other Senators, Senate Agriculture Committee Chair Blanche Lincoln (D-AR) and Ranking Member Saxby Chambliss (R-GA) have sent a letter to EPA Administrator

Lisa Jackson expressing concern over the treatment of biomass in the EPA's Tailoring Rule. This letter is similar to the recent one sent by 63 Members of Congress regarding EPA's failure to exclude biogenic emissions from major source and modification threshold determination calculations. Both letters ask EPA to reconsider its decision and immediately begin the process of seeking comments on it.

What You Can Do:

Please contact your Senators and ask them to support energy from renewable biomass through an inclusive biomass definition in federal legislation and to make sure that federal policy fully recognizes the carbon benefits of biomass energy.

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Carbon Neutrality in Massachusetts

A local Massachusetts (MA) group, the Stop Spewing Carbon Campaign, put forward a referendum for the November 2010 ballot that would strip biomass-derived energy of its label as renewable. The Massachusetts state law currently deems wood-burning biomass plants as "renewable" energy sources and recognizes that trees sequester carbon while they are growing. However, the proposed law would challenge the use of biomass in the state by requiring waste-to-energy and biomass renewable energy sources to emit no more than 250 pounds of carbon dioxide per megawatt hour in order to be considered renewable. That is not a threshold our facilities can meet and would set a dangerous precedent for other state and federal policy.

AF&PA has been actively working to defeat the anti-biomass initiative both because of its impact in MA and its potential to serve as a national precedent. In December, we joined a coalition, the Committee for a Clean Economy, working to defeat the initiative. That group has also worked throughout the year to defeat several proposals in the Massachusetts legislature to achieve the same restrictions on biomass use as the ballot initiative. July 8th marked the end of the opportunity for the ballot initiative's proponents to replace the ballot language with legislative language. However, on July 7th the MA Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs issued a letter to the Department of Energy Resources directing them to promulgate regulations on the topic. This letter and the criteria contained within triggered proponents of the ballot initiative to publicly declare victory and announce they plan to drop their ballot initiative effort.

AF&PA is currently reviewing the letter but it appears that our industry would not support the recommendations. We will now be fighting the attack on biomass at the regulatory level in MA. We are also determining whether the ballot initiative can legally be pulled or if it will stay on the November ballot but proponents will not actively push it.

Climate

In recent weeks, the discussion in Washington, DC on climate and energy legislation has focused on a possible "utilities only" approach. The concept is to create a cap and trade program for qualifying electric utilities only. Participating utilities would receive a large allocation of free carbon allowances and would be directed to use some of them to protect commercial, business, and industrial ratepayers from higher costs. In exchange for being

subject to a cap and trade program, utilities would be exempted from EPA's pending greenhouse gas regulations. Under this "utilities only" scenario, industrial stationary sources (like those in the forest products industry) would not be included in a cap and trade program but might not receive any transition assistance to cover higher indirect purchased electricity costs. Further, industrials could still be subject to the pending EPA regulation of greenhouse gas emissions. AF&PA continues to work closely to follow developments on this and any other possible policy proposal, and to advance our priorities in any legislation that emerges.

Keys to successful interaction with a Congressional member:

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Quiz:

- Two famous American presidents, Thomas Jefferson and John Adams, both died on [specific date]. Neither man knew the other passed the same day; Adams' last words were, "Thomas Jefferson survives."

The first person to answer the question correctly wins a prize! Send your guess to grassroots@afandpa.org. Note: Every reader is encouraged to play—anyone can win!

The answer we were looking for in response to last month's quiz question (the pioneering male and female aviators) was Charles Lindbergh and Amelia Earhart. A reader also pointed out that Ms. Beryl Markham was another correct answer for pioneering female aviator. Congratulations to our two May quiz winners—Mr. Scott Swanson of Lakewood, WA and Mr. Rick Weyerhaeuser of Cambridge, MA!

Get involved!

Do you have a grassroots update from your home state? Got an idea to make our voice more prominent on the Hill and in state and local governments?

Contact AF&PA's PAC/Grassroots Director Anita Peduzzi if you wish to get involved or for additional information (202-463-2755, anita_peduzzi@afandpa.org).