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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

1.	Notifying Member: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
	If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible:
	Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) [2251]
3.	Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [], 5.7.1 [], 3.2 [], 7.2 [], Other:
4.	Products covered (HS codes or national tariff lines. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Greenhouse gas emissions for fossil fuel-fired electric generating units; Air quality (ICS code(s): 13.040); Gas and steam turbines. Steam engines (ICS code(s): 27.040); Rotating machinery (ICS code(s): 29.160)
5.	Details of notified document(s) (title, number of pages, means of access): Repeal of Greenhouse Gas Emissions Standards for Fossil Fuel-Fired Electric Generating Units; (30 page(s), in English)
	Link to notified document(s) and/or contact details for agency or authority which can provide copies upon request:
	USA WTO TBT Enquiry Point, Email: <u>usatbtep@nist.gov</u>
	https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/TBT/USA/25_04172_00_e.pdf
6.	Description of content: Proposed rule - In this action, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is proposing to repeal all greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions standards for fossil fuel-fired power plants. The EPA is proposing that the Clean Air Act (CAA) requires it to make a finding that GHG emissions from fossil fuel-fired power plants contribute significantly to dangerous air pollution, as a predicate to regulating GHG emissions from fossil fuel-fired power plants do not contribute significantly to dangerous air pollution. The EPA is also proposing, as an alternative, to repeal a narrower set of requirements that includes the emission guidelines for existing fossil fuel-fired steam generating units undertaking a large modification, and the CCS-based standards for new base load stationary combustion turbines.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Cost saving and productivity enhancement
8.	Relevant documents:
	90 Federal Register (FR) 25752, 17 June 2025; <u>Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR)</u> Part 60:

https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2025-06-17/html/2025-10991.htm

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The EPA will hold a virtual public hearing on 8 July 2025 that will convene at <u>11 a.m.</u> <u>Eastern Time (ET)</u> and conclude at 7 p.m. ET. The EPA may close the session 15 minutes after the last pre-registered speaker has testified if there are no additional speakers. Registration and further details are available at <u>https://www.epa.gov/stationary-sources-</u> <u>air-pollution/greenhouse-gas-standards-and-guidelines-fossil-fuel-fired-power</u>

This proposed rule is identified by Docket Number EPA-HQ-OAR-2025-0124. The Docket Folder is available from Regulations.gov at <u>https://www.regulations.gov/docket/EPA-HQ-OAR-2025-0124/document</u> and provides access to primary and supporting documents as well as comments received. Documents are also accessible from <u>Regulations.gov</u> by searching the Docket Number. WTO Members and their stakeholders are asked to submit comments to the <u>USA TBT Enquiry Point</u> by or before <u>4pm Eastern Time</u> on 7 August 2025. Comments received by the USA TBT Enquiry Point from WTO Members and their stakeholders will be shared with EPA and will also be submitted to the <u>Docket</u> on Regulations.gov if received within the comment period.

Relevant notifications:

- <u>G/TBT/N/USA/2001/Add.3</u>
- 9. **Proposed date of adoption:** To be determined

Proposed date of entry into force: To be determined

10. Provision of comments:

Final date for comments: 7 August 2025

[] 60 days from notification

Contact details of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification:

Please submit comments to: USA WTO TBT Enquiry Point, Email: usatbtep@nist.gov