

Crackdown on Coal - Implications of the MACT Rule for the Coal Industry
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Any discussion of energy in the United States must begin with coal, which accounts for over half of all electricity produced in this country. Despite coal's dominance, nearly one-third of existing coal-based power generation facilities use no meaningful environmental control equipment.

In the face of likely congressional deadlock on energy issues for the next two years, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is preparing to issue a series of regulations aimed at significantly limiting coal plant emissions. This article briefly examines the most far-reaching of these new rules-the MACT (Maximum Achievable Control Technology) boiler rule-and discusses the rule's potential impact on our nation's coal fleet.

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