

New law authorizes DEQ in collaboration with and input from the Public Service Commission, to establish standards of performance for measuring carbon dioxide emissions from existing fossil fuel-fired electric generating units.

Provides criteria for the standards of performance.

Provides that the department can set adjusting standards of performance on fossil fuel-fired electric generating units and further determine if state standards are to be less stringent or allow for longer compliance schedules for individual units than those provided for in applicable federal rules or guidelines.

Requires the DEQ's plan establishing standards of performance for existing fossil fuel-fired electric generating units to be consistent with new law and may include alternative compliance options for meeting standards. Requires such options to comply with a guidance document by the EPA, based on measures that can be implemented, and are consistent with prior law.

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