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## **EPA tailoring rule a first step to reducing devastating impact of global warming**

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Washington, D.C., United States — In response to the EPA tailoring rule, Senior Legislative Representative Kyle Ash of Greenpeace issued the following statement:

“This final “tailoring” rule is a first step toward reducing the devastating impact of the nation's biggest smokestacks on the planet’s climate, oceans, and quality of life.

“The Clean Air Act has been successfully used to reduce pollution for four decades. Now, three years after the Supreme Court ruled that EPA must come to grips with this problem, we will finally see needed requirements to reduce carbon dioxide pollution caused by the burning of coal and other fossil fuels at large facilities like power plants and incinerators.

“Unfortunately, this final rule is weaker than the proposed rule, in that it has raised the threshold of covered emissions to 100,000 tons per year (from 25,000 tons per year), which reduces covered sources from around 13,000 to less than 5,000. Nonetheless, these facilities are responsible for 64% of the nation's global warming pollution from stationary sources and represent about 40% of the total U.S. contribution to global climate change.

“Reducing carbon dioxide pollution under the Clean Air Act is also crucial for children suffering from health issues such as asthma, which is exacerbated by nearby smokestacks.

“Cutting CO2 from the biggest polluters is also necessary to protect the marine environment, coastal tourism, and marine industries already suffering from the rising acidification that is caused by carbon dioxide absorbed into the ocean.

“Given the downward direction of climate legislation developing in the Senate, this action by EPA is an indication that the federal government can take climate change seriously, and is a refreshing signal to sectors throughout the economy that are key to ensuring an America run by clean energy.”

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