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NACAA's press statement – Revocation of MATS Appropriate & Necessary Finding

EPA should not eliminate or diminish the consideration of co-benefits in its cost-benefit analysis of the Mercury and Air Toxics Standard (MATS), nor should it reverse the “appropriate and necessary” finding. Overlooking known benefits in cost-benefit analyses would deviate from basic accounting principles and would overemphasize program costs to regulated industries while profoundly understating public health benefits. EPA and its co-regulators at state and local air agencies have examined and relied on the co-benefits of air pollution regulations for decades. Excluding them from regulatory analysis would be a dramatic departure from past practice and would artificially ignore some of the very real public health and environmental benefits that are readily quantifiable. Failing to consider these benefits would be counter to EPA’s primary mission, which is to protect public health.

NACAA’s comments to EPA:

http://www.4cleanair.org/sites/default/files/Documents/MATS_written_comments-04-10-2019-NACAA.pdf