



The Alliance for Industrial Efficiency

The following is a statement by Alliance for Industrial Efficiency Executive Director David Gardiner on The President's Climate Action Plan:

WASHINGTON (June 25, 2013) – “We applaud President Obama for his recognition of the key role that energy efficiency will play in reducing greenhouse gas emissions. The most cost-effective way to lower emissions is to reduce the amount of energy that is being used in the first place. As the Administration moves forward with regulations for emissions from new and existing power plants, we urge it to adopt flexible rules, which credit the emissions benefits of off-site energy efficiency benefits from Combined Heat and Power and Waste Heat to Power projects.

“Combined Heat and Power (CHP) and Waste Heat to Power (WHP) are proven clean-energy sources that could provide as much as 20 percent of U.S. electric capacity. At that level of full-scale deployment, these technologies can reduce greenhouse gas emissions by more than 800-million metric tons per year – equivalent to removing more than half of the current passenger vehicles from the road. What’s more, by reducing the electricity needed to fuel our nation’s factories, universities and hospitals, CHP and WHP can make US industry more competitive and reliable. Because many of these projects can work independent of the grid, CHP and WHP allow America to keep running, during extreme weather events.

“Despite their tremendous potential, these technologies currently represent only 8 percent of U.S. electricity. By giving utilities the needed flexibility to reduce emissions through off-site investments in CHP and WHP, the Administration can give a needed boost to these technologies – and help the United States slash emissions while becoming more competitive.”

The Alliance for Industrial Efficiency is a diverse coalition that includes representatives from the business, environmental, labor and contractor communities. We are committed to enhancing manufacturing competitiveness and saving energy and money through industrial energy efficiency, particularly in the form of clean and efficient CHP and WHR.

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