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**Subject:** Re: Steam Electric Inquiry

Hi Catherine,

Attributable to an EPA spokesperson:

**Have new deadlines been established?**

**Response:** On April 25, 2017 EPA published a Federal Register notice indicating that the Agency will reconsider the 2015 Steam Electric final rule. The Agency also found that to postpone the compliance dates of the Rule that have not yet passed, pending judicial review, under Section 705 of the Administrative Procedures Act. <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2017/04/25/2017-07811/postponement-of-certain-compliance-dates-for-effluent-limitations-guidelines-and-standards-for-the>

In addition, because an administrative stay lasts only during the pendency of judicial review, EPA published a proposed rulemaking to postpone certain compliance dates in the 2015 Steam Electric final rule on June 6, 2017. The comment period for this rule closed on July 6<sup>th</sup> and the rule has not yet been finalized.

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2017/06/06/2017-11221/postponement-of-certain-compliance-dates-for-the-effluent-limitations-guidelines-and-standards-for>

<https://www.epa.gov/eg/steam-electric-power-generating-effluent-guidelines-2015-final-rule#pending>

**What further revisions are being considered to the rule?**

**Response:** On April 12, 2017, in response to petitions from the Utility Water Action Group dated March 24, 2017, and the U.S. Small Business Administration dated April 5, 2017, the EPA Administrator decided that it is appropriate and in the public interest to reconsider the rule. EPA has not yet made a determination on the merits of, or conceded an error on, any issue raised in the petitions.

[https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2017-04/documents/steam-electric-elg\\_uwag-sba-petition\\_epa-response\\_04-12-2017.pdf](https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2017-04/documents/steam-electric-elg_uwag-sba-petition_epa-response_04-12-2017.pdf)

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**"The root of all joy is gratefulness."**

On Aug 3, 2017, at 1:00 PM, Catherine Clabby <[Ex. 6]> wrote:

Hi. I'm filing today by 5:30 to 6 pm.

Thank you in advance for your help.

Cathy

Catherine Clabby | Journalist

**Ex. 6** | cathyclabby

On Aug 3, 2017, at 12:49 PM, Jones, Enesta <[Jones.Enesta@epa.gov](mailto:Jones.Enesta@epa.gov)> wrote:

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Hi Catherine,

I am checking into your inquiry below. Can you tell me if this is related to your overarching coal ask piece? Also, firm deadline, please?

I'm trying to sort out what type of revisions are being considered for the Steam Electric Power Generating Effluent Guidelines - 2015 Final Rule.

I see that the EPA has already announced a plan to "postpone the compliance dates for the new, and more stringent, best available technology economically achievable ("BAT") effluent limitations and pretreatment standards for each of the following wastestreams: Fly ash transport water, bottom ash transport water, flue gas desulfurization ("FGD") wastewater, flue gas mercury control wastewater, and gasification wastewater. These compliance dates would be postponed until EPA completes reconsideration of the 2015 Rule."

Have new deadlines been established?

What further revisions are being considered to the rule?

Best wishes,

Cathy

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