

Senate Blocks Carbon Emission Rule Ahead of UN Climate Talks

Timeline for Actions Taken on the EPA's Carbon Emission Rules

The EPA predicts that by 2030 the rule will lower emissions from the power sector by 32% from emission levels in 2005

Aug. 2015

EPA rule was released to cut carbon emissions from existing and newly built coal-fired power plants.

Nov. 2015

Senate votes to block a pair of regulations that are central to Obama's climate change initiative.

Dec. 2015

House is expected to pass a companion resolution forcing Obama to veto.

Obama goes to Paris for the UN Climate talks. GOP members of Congress hope that their vote sends a message to diplomats.