



# *U.S.EPA's Clean Power Plan*



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## Agenda:

- **Overview of EPA's Clean Power Plan**
  - **Performance Standards**
  - **State-Specific Goals**
- **Implementation**
- **Compliance Planning**
- **Questions / Answers**



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## **August 3, 2015, EPA signed for publication:**

- **Standards of Performance for Greenhouse Gas Emissions from New, Modified, and Reconstructed Stationary Sources: Electric Utility Generating Units Final Rule §111(b)**
- **Carbon Pollution Emission Guidelines for Existing Stationary Sources: Electric Utility Generating Units - Final Rule §111(d) – the “Clean Power Plan”**

## Clean Power Plan

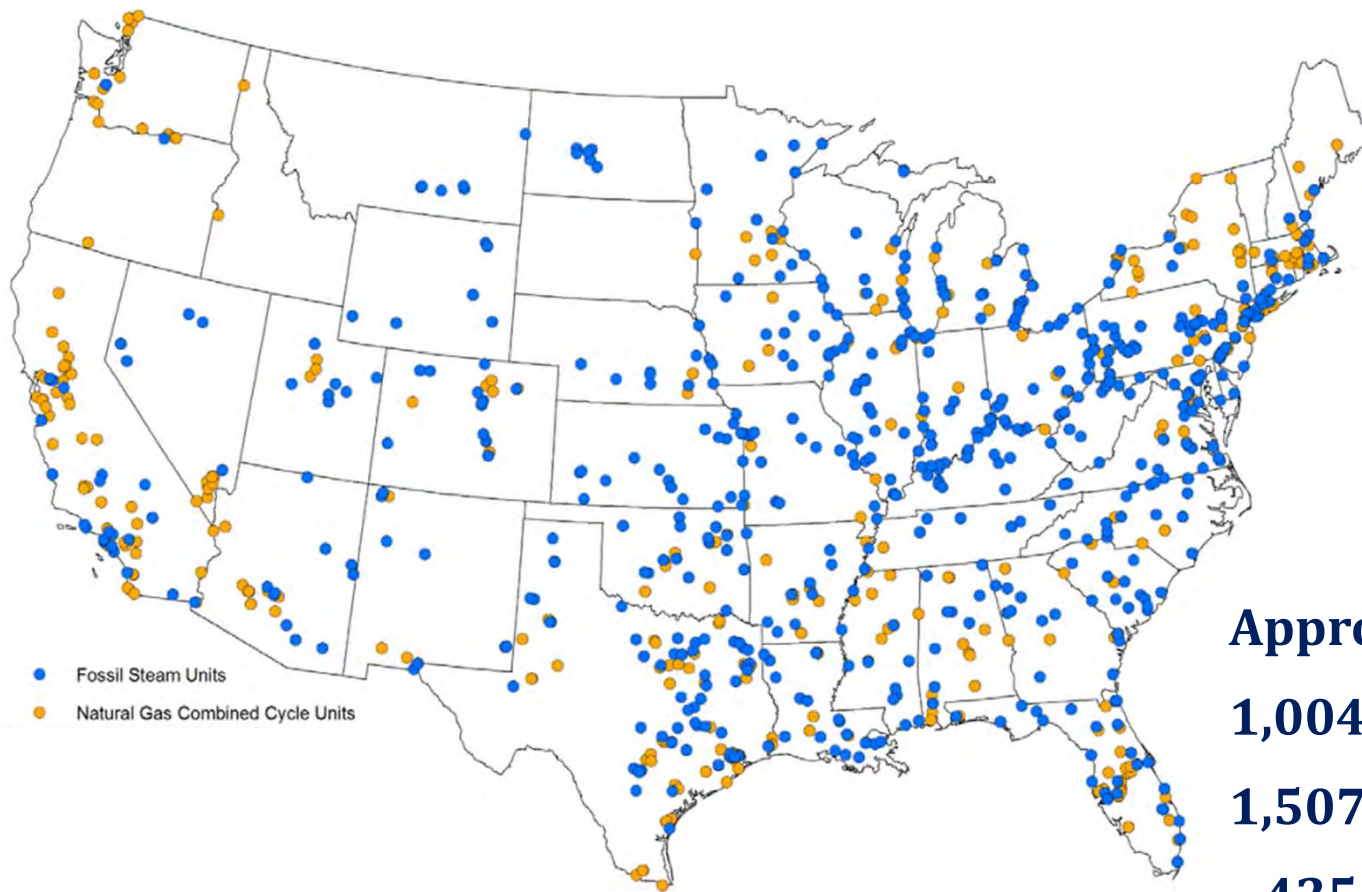
➤ **Applies to:**

- **Existing fossil fuel-fired steam electric generating units (EGUs) (coal, oil, and gas-fired boilers);**
- **IGCC Units;**
- **Natural Gas Combined-Cycle (NGCC) and Combined-Heat and Power (CHP) Units**

**...capable of selling >25 MW to a utility power distribution system and was in operation or had commenced construction as of January 8, 2014.**

## **A New Source Performance Standard for Existing Units**

## Clean Power Plan – Affected Units



● Fossil Steam Units  
● Natural Gas Combined Cycle Units

**Approximately:**  
**1,004 Coal-fired EGUs**  
**1,507 NGCC Units**  
**425 Oil/Gas EGUs**

Source: U.S.EPA

## Clean Power Plan

- **“Affected Units” do not include:**
  - **Units <25 MW**
  - **Simple-cycle combustion turbines**
  - **Non-fossil fuel fired generating units**
  - **Existing renewable energy generating units**
  - **Existing nuclear generating units**
  - **New Units that are subject to the §111(b) New Source Performance Standards for Greenhouse Gas Emissions**

## Clean Power Plan

**Very simply, the CPP applies CO<sub>2</sub> performance standards to affected EGUs that must be achieved by 2030:**

<b>EGU Subcategory</b>	<b>Final Rate lb CO<sub>2</sub>/MWh-net</b>	<b>2012 Baseline Data lb CO<sub>2</sub>/MWh-net</b>	<b>% Reduction</b>
<b>Fossil Steam EGU or IGCC</b>	<b>1,305</b>	<b>2,204</b>	<b>41%</b>
<b>NGCC</b>	<b>771</b>	<b>894</b>	<b>16%</b>

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Performance Standards are based on EPA's assessment of Best System of Emission Reduction (BSER):

### Building Block 1

Heat Rate improvement at existing coal-fired power plants


### Building Block 3

Shifting electricity generation from existing coal-fired power plants and existing NGCC units to NEW zero-CO<sub>2</sub> emitting resources

### Building Block 2

Shifting electricity generation from existing coal-fired power plants to existing NGCC units

## BSER Determination:

$$FS_{\text{Goal}} \text{ (lb/MWh)} = \frac{(\text{Coal}_{\text{CO}_2\text{-BB1}} + \text{OGFS}_{\text{CO}_2}) - \text{RE}_{\text{CO}_2} - \Delta\text{NGCC}_{\text{CO}_2}}{\text{Baseline } FS_{\text{MWh}}}$$


$$\text{NGCC}_{\text{Goal}} \text{ (lb/MWh)} = \frac{\text{NGCC}_{\text{CO}_2} - \text{RE}_{\text{CO}_2}}{\text{NGCC}_{\text{Baseline MWh}}}$$


## BSER Determination:

### Building Block 1: Improved Heat Rate

- Applied to existing coal-fired EGUs
- Based on Heat Rate Improvements of:
  - 4.3% in Eastern Interconnect
  - 2.1% in Western Interconnect
  - 2.3% in Texas
- Reduced baseline CO<sub>2</sub> emission rate from 2,204 lb/MWh to 2,109 lb/MWh (Eastern Interconnect)
- Reduced total baseline CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by approximately 66,105,000 tons/year (2.9%)


## BSER Determination:

### Building Block 3: New RE Generation

- **Substituted existing FS and NGCC generation with new RE generation.**
- **New RE Generation was calculated by:**
  - **Applying 2010-2014 capacity increases (MW) going forward through 2030 and applying “representative” capacity factors**
- **EPA concluded that:**
  - **RE generation will increase by:**
    - **28,796,222 MWh/year (2013 – 2023) and**
    - **62,796,222 MWh/year (2024 – 2030)**

## BSER Determination:

### Building Block 3: New RE Generation

$$FS_{\text{Goal}} \text{ (lb/MWh)} = \frac{(\text{Coal}_{\text{CO}_2\text{-BB1}} + \text{OGFS}_{\text{CO}_2}) - \text{RE}_{\text{CO}_2}}{\text{Baseline } FS_{\text{MWh}}}$$


$$NGCC_{\text{Goal}} \text{ (lb/MWh)} = \frac{\text{NGCC}_{\text{CO}_2} - \text{RE}_{\text{CO}_2}}{\text{NGCC}_{\text{Baseline MWh}}}$$


- **Reduced total baseline CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by approximately 530,889,000 tons/year (24%)**

## BSER Determination:

### Building Block 2: Incremental NGCC (“ΔNGCC”)

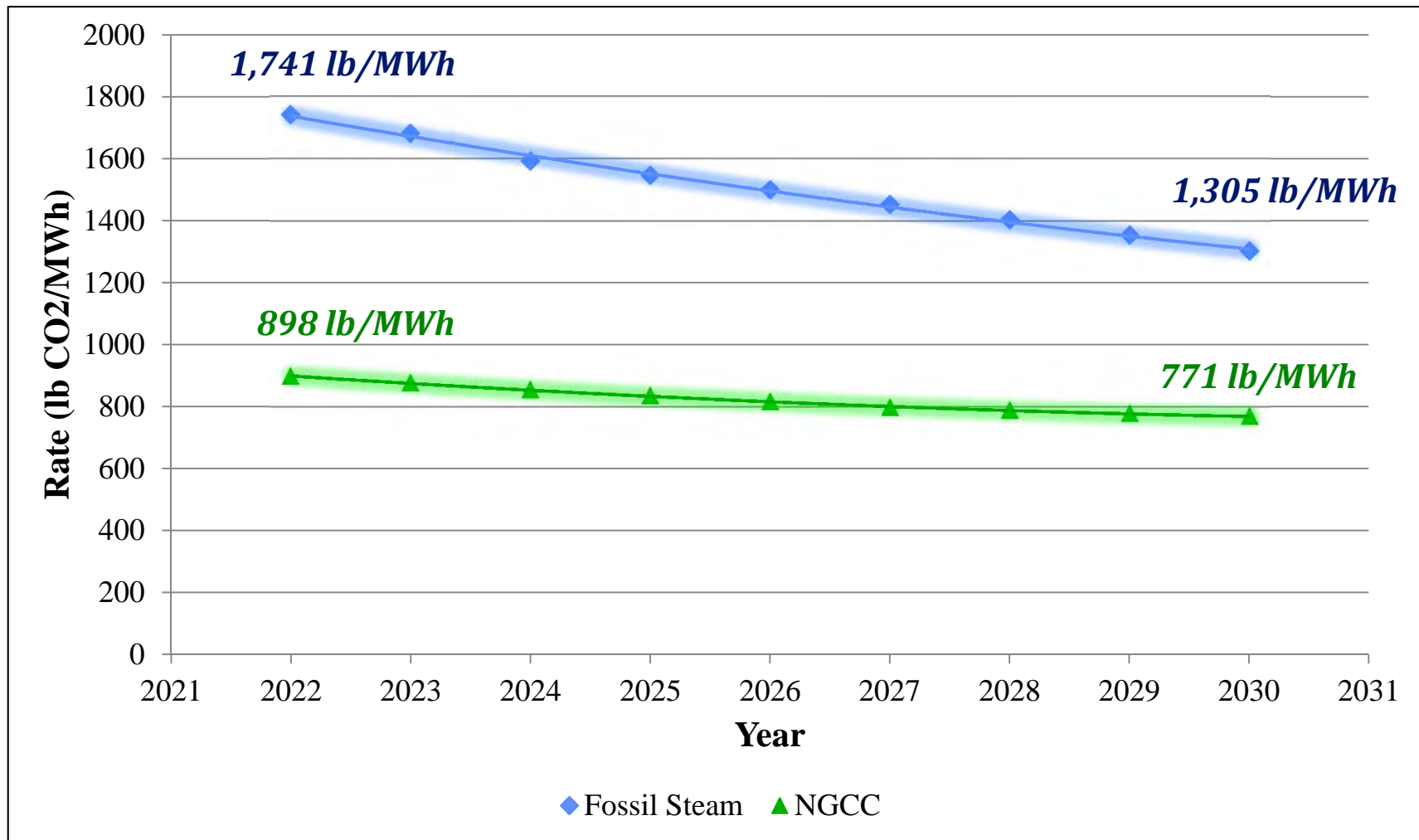
- Substituted existing FS generation with ΔNGCC generation
- ΔNGCC Generation

$$= \text{NGCC}_{\text{MWh}} @ 75\% \text{ CF} - \text{Baseline NGCC}_{\text{MWh}} (\text{post-BB3})$$

$$\text{FS}_{\text{Goal}} (\text{lb/MWh}) = \frac{(\text{Coal}_{\text{CO}_2\text{-BB1}} + \text{OGFS}_{\text{CO}_2}) - \text{RE}_{\text{CO}_2} - \Delta\text{NGCC}_{\text{CO}_2}}{\text{Baseline FS}_{\text{MWh}}}$$


- Reduced total baseline CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by approximately 123,617,000 tons/year (8.1%)

## BSER Determination:

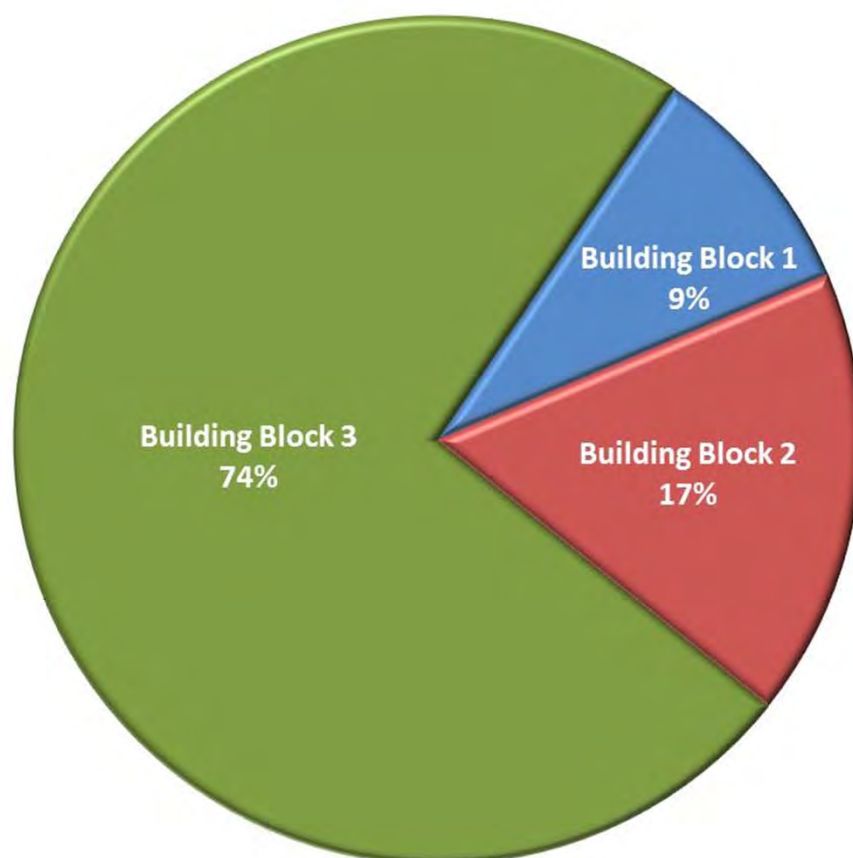


## BSER Determination:

- **Building Block 1: 2.9% reduction in total CO<sub>2</sub> emissions**
- **Building Block 3: 24% reduction in total CO<sub>2</sub> emission**
- **Building Block 2: 8.1% reduction in total CO<sub>2</sub> emissions**



## BSER Determination:



Baseline CO<sub>2</sub> = 2,265,735,254 tons

### Reductions from Baseline:

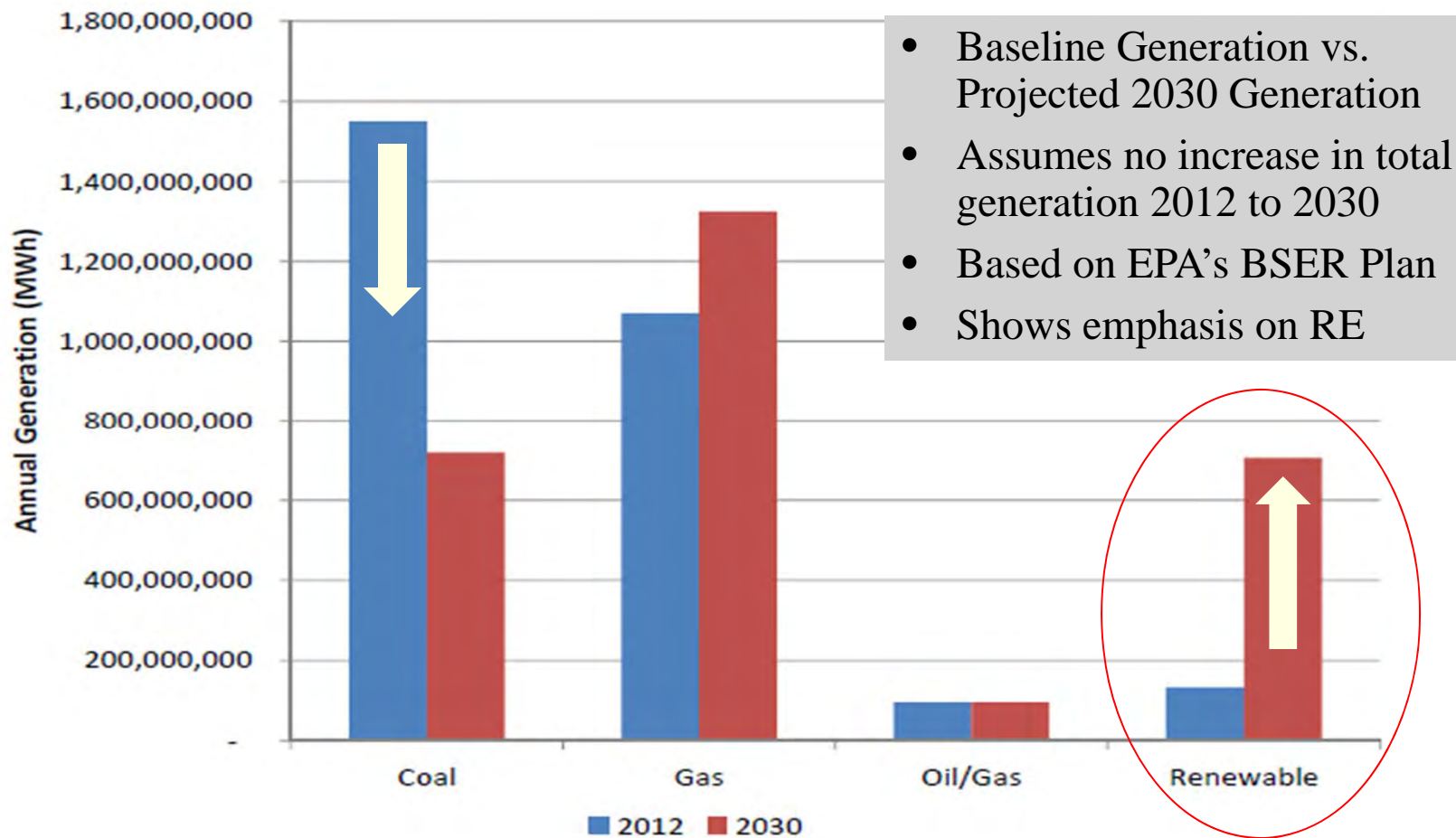
Building Block 1: 66,105,000

Building Block 2: 123,617,000

Building Block 3: 530,889,000

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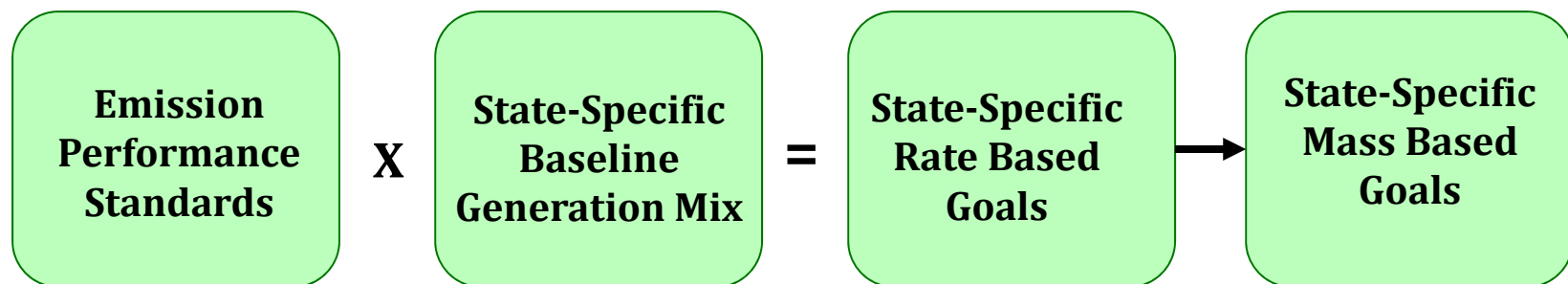
- **Renewable Energy will play a significant role in either a rate-based or mass-based program:**



## Clean Power Plan

In addition to the subcategory specific performance standards, the Clean Power Plan also includes state-specific emission rate goals:

- Rate-based goal (lb/MWh)
- Mass-based goal (total tons of CO<sub>2</sub>)



## Rate-Based Goals

- EPA applied the subcategory-specific emission rates to each states' baseline generation levels.

### Example: Arkansas

$FS_{\text{Baseline}} = 32,154,992 \text{ MWh}$

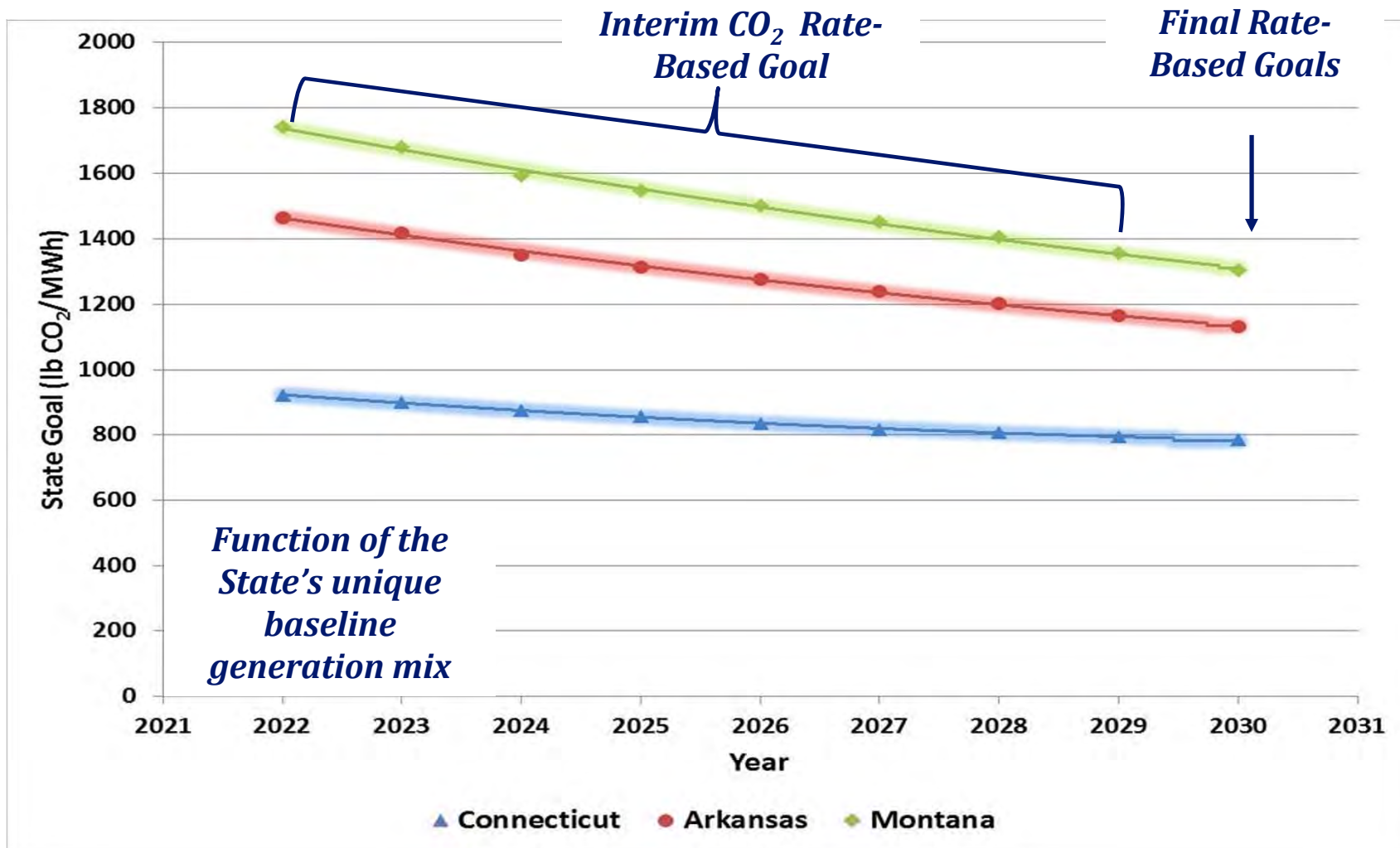
$NGCC_{\text{Baseline}} = 15,615,185$

Arkansas Generation Mix: 67% FS and 33% NGCC

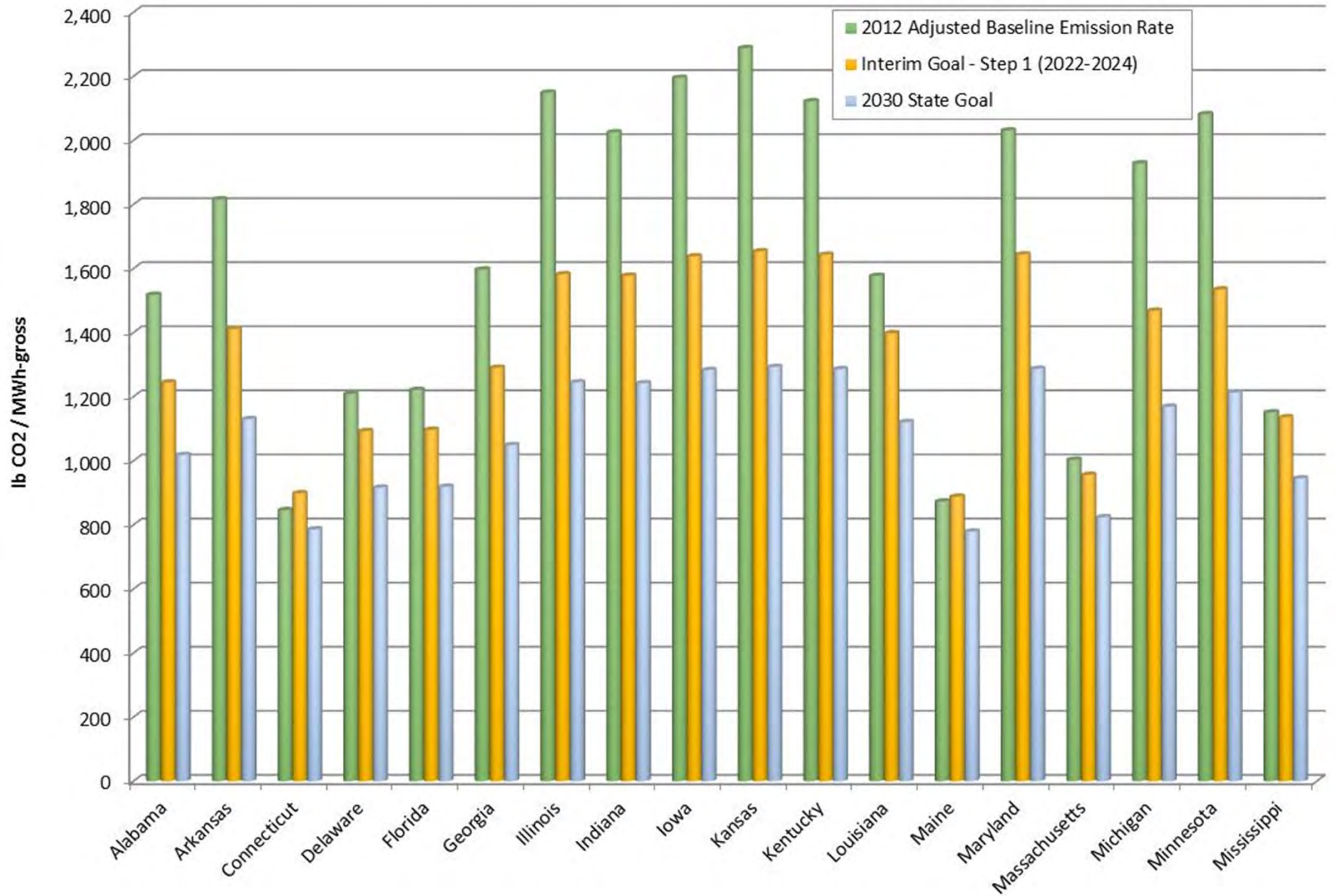
2030 Rate-Based Goal:

$$(1,305 \text{ lb/MWh} \times 0.67) + (771 \text{ lb/MWh} \times 0.33) = 1,131 \text{ lb/MWh}$$

## State-Specific Rate-Based Goals:



## 2012 Emission Rates vs State Goals - Eastern States



## Mass-Based Goals

- EPA applied the subcategory-specific rates to each states' baseline generation levels; and
- added back a portion of Building Block 3 that was not needed for compliance in the Western & Texas interconnections.

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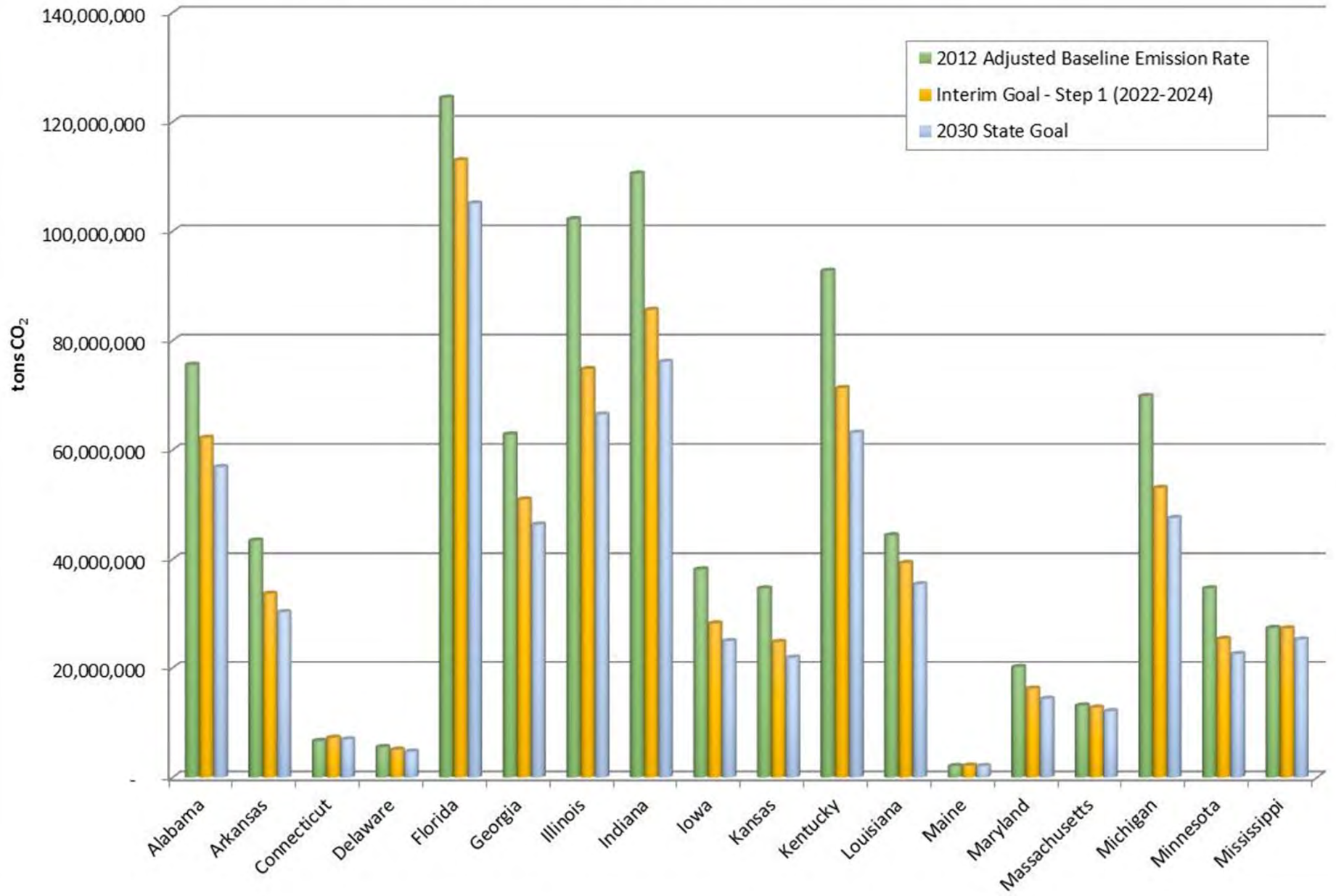
$$(FS_{\text{Baseline}} \times FS_{\text{Rate}}) + (NGCC_{\text{Baseline}} \times NGCC_{\text{Rate}}) + \text{BB3 Adj}$$

**Baseline Mass Emissions: 47,806,056 tons**

**1<sup>st</sup> Interim Period Mass-Based Goal: 35,189,232 tons**

**Final Mass-Based Goal: 30,170,750 tons**

## 2012 Emission Rates vs State Goals - Eastern States



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## Implementation

**1. The Clean Power Plan will be implemented through State Implementation Plans (SIPs)**

**2. SIPs must:**

*“Include emission standards for each affected EGU to ensure that the power plants – either individually, together, or in combination with other measures – achieve the interim CO<sub>2</sub> emission performance rates over the period of 2022 – 2029 and the final CO<sub>2</sub> performance rates, rate-based goals, or mass-based goals by 2030.”*

## Implementation - Timeline

<b>Fall 2015</b>	<b>August 3: EPA Signed Clean Power Plan for Publication</b>
<b>Sept. 6 2016</b>	<b>States make initial SIP submittal with extension request or submit Final Plan</b>
<b>Sept. 6 2018</b>	<b>States with an extension submit Final Plan FIP for states that fail to submit an approvable plan</b>
<b>Jan. 1 2022</b>	<b>First Compliance Period begins</b>
<b>Jan. 1 2030</b>	<b>Final CO<sub>2</sub> Emission Goals</b>

## Implementation – Proposed FIP

**August 3, 2015, EPA also signed for publication:**

*Federal Plan Requirements for Greenhouse Gas Emissions  
from Electric Utility Generating Units Constructed on or  
Before January 8, 2014:  
Model Trading Rule*



## Implementation – Proposed FIP

- EPA's proposed FIP includes two alternative compliance programs based on emissions trading:
  - Rate-based trading program
    - Affected EGUs purchase emission reduction credits (ERCs) from units that emit below a specified emission rate.
  - Mass-based trading program
    - Affected EGUs can purchase emission allowances (tons) from units that emit below their allowance allocation.

## Implementation EPA's Proposed Rate-Based Trading



## Proposed Rate-Based Program:



↑  
State-Specific  
Rate-Based Goal

- Existing units are required to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions or purchase ERCs from units that emit below a specified emission rate.
- ERCs would be issued for:
  - Measures that provide substitute generation, and
  - Measures that avoid the need for generation.

## Proposed Rate-Based Program:

### Potential measures to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions (lb/MWh):

- Heat Rate Improvements
- Natural Gas Co-firing;
- Natural Gas Conversion
- Qualified Biomass Co-firing
- Partial Carbon Capture
- Carbon Capture & Sequestration...



# Proposed Rate-Based Program

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## Measures to Reduce CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions (lb/MWh)

- Heat Rate Improvements:

**Assume 4.5% heat rate improvement**

Facility	Coal 1	Coal 2	Total
Capacity(MW)	580	720	1,300
Generation (MWh)	3,971,000	4,366,500	8,157,500
CO <sub>2</sub> Emissions (tons)	<b>3,964,300</b>	<b>4,722,500</b>	<b>8,686,800</b>
CO <sub>2</sub> Rate (lb/MWh)	<b>2,091</b>	<b>2,163</b>	<b>2,130</b>

**408,250 ton/year reduction in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.**

**1<sup>st</sup> Interim State Goal = 1,411 lb/MWh**

**Final State Goal = 1,130 lb/MWh**

# Proposed Rate-Based Program

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## Measures to Reduce CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions (lb/MWh)

- Natural Gas Conversion:  
**Unit 1: 100% NG Conversion**

Facility	Unit 1	Unit 2	Total
Capacity(MW)	580	720	1,300
Generation (MWh)	3,971,000	4,366,500	8,157,500
CO <sub>2</sub> Emissions (tons)	<b>2,407,200</b>	4,722,500	<b>7,129,700</b>
CO <sub>2</sub> Rate (lb/MWh)	<b>1,270</b>	2,163	<b>1,748</b>

**2,561,605 ton/year reduction in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions (from baseline).**

**1<sup>st</sup> Interim State Goal = 1,411 lb/MWh**

**Final State Goal = 1,130 lb/MWh**

## Measures that provide substitute generation:

- **Incremental NGCC Generation**
  - **Increased generation (MWh) from existing NGCC units above 2012 baseline (“Gas Shift”)**
- **New RE generation**
  - **Wind, solar, geothermal, hydropower, biomass, wave and tidal power**
- **New Nuclear Generation**
- **Existing RE or nuclear uprates (added after 2012)**
- **Combined Heat & Power Projects**
- **International RE imports**

## Emission Reduction Credits

- **Gas-Shift ERCs (GS-ERCs)**
  - Credited to existing NGCC Units
  - Calculated to represent CO<sub>2</sub> emission reductions from incremental NGCC generation.
  
- **Renewable Energy ERCs (RE-ERCs)**
  - Credited to eligible Renewable Energy resources



# Proposed Rate-Based Program

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## Gas-Shift ERCs (GS-ERCs)

$$\text{GS-ERC} = \text{NGCC}_{\text{MWh}} \times \text{Incremental Generation Factor} \times \text{GS-ERC Emission Factor}$$

$$\text{Incremental Generation Factor} = \frac{\text{Baseline NGCC}_{\text{MWh}}}{\text{NGCC}_{\text{MWh}} @ 75\% \text{ CF}} \rightarrow 0.22 \text{ in first compliance period}$$

$$\text{GS-ERC Emission Factor} = 1 - \frac{\text{NGCC}_{\text{Rate}}}{\text{FS}_{\text{Standard}}} \rightarrow \text{approximately } 0.45$$

**E.g., 1,000,000 MWh x 0.22 x 0.45 = 99,000 ERCs**

# Proposed Rate-Based Program

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## Rate-Based Example:

	Unit 1	Unit 2	Total
Baseline Generation (MWh)	3,791,000	4,366,500	8,157,500
Baseline Emissions (tons)	3,964,157	4,721,616	8,685,733
Baseline Rate (lb/MWh)	2,091	2,163	2,130
$\Delta$ NGCC Generation (MWh)	<b>1,000,000</b>	<b>1,000,000</b>	<b>2,000,000</b>
Remaining Coal (MWh)	<b>2,791,000</b>	<b>3,366,500</b>	<b>6,167,500</b>
CO <sub>2</sub> Emissions (tons)	<b>2,918,481</b>	<b>3,640,288</b>	<b>6,558,770</b>
GS-ERCs (tons)	<b>99,000</b>	<b>99,000</b>	<b>198,000</b>
New Rate (lb/MWh)	<b>2,020</b>	<b>2,101</b>	<b>2,060</b>

- **CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions = Remaining Coal x Baseline Rate**
- **GS-ERC = 2,000,000 x 0.22 x 0.45 = 198,000 allowances**
- **New Rate = Emissions / MWh + ERC**

## Renewable Energy ERCs (RE-ERCs)

- RE-ERCs will be credited to eligible RE resources
- Eligible RE resources include new wind, solar, geothermal, hydropower, biomass, wave and tidal power...
- 1 ERC / zero CO<sub>2</sub>-emitting MWh

### Example:

6,558,770 tons

= 1,045 lb/MWh

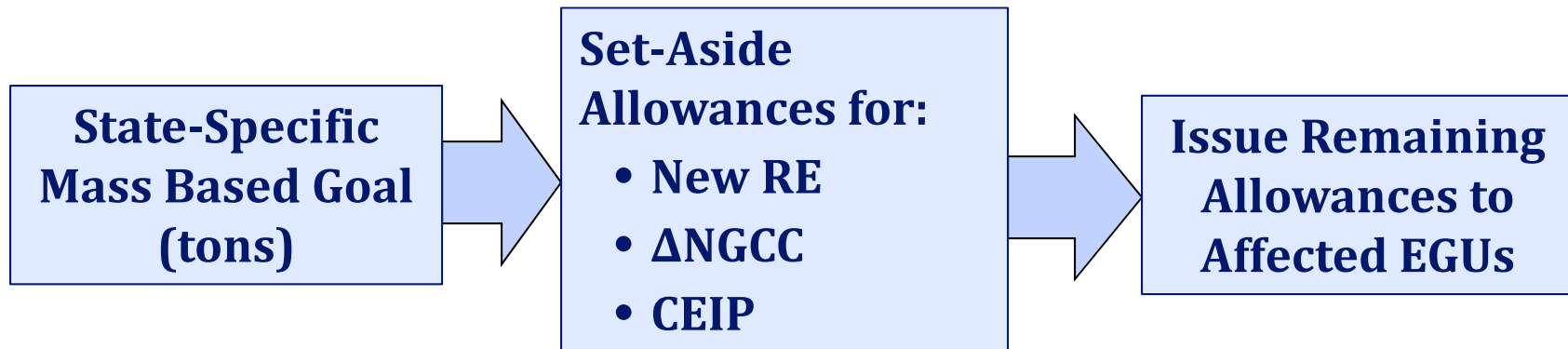
6,167,500 MWh + 198,000 GS-ERCs + RE-ERCs

RE-ERCs = 6,187,000 MWh

## Implementation EPA's Proposed Mass-Based Trading



## Proposed FIP Mass-Based Program:



## Renewable Energy (RE) Set-Aside:

- Reserve a percentage of each states' allowances in a RE set-aside
- EPA proposed the following specific RE measures for eligibility:
  - on-shore wind,
  - solar,
  - geothermal power, and
  - hydropower
- New nuclear units and capacity uprates at exiting nuclear units are not proposed to be eligible to receive set-aside allowances.





## Renewable Energy (RE) Set-Aside:

- Only RE measures installed, or capacity increases, after 2012 are eligible for set-aside allowances.
- EPA proposed 5% of each states' allowances will be reserved for the RE set-aside.
- EPA proposed to issue RE set-aside allowances based on projected generation (MWh) from eligible RE capacity.
- EPA requested comment on inclusion of other RE measures



## Output-Based Set-Aside ( $\Delta$ NGCC Set-Aside):

- Set-aside for increased generation from existing NGCC Units
- Set-aside calculated for each state as:

State's NGCC capacity (MW) x 10% Capacity Factor

- Allowances will be allocated to existing NGCC units based on their level of electricity generation in the previous compliance period
- Allocation rate will be calculated as:

$\text{NGCC}_{\text{Capacity}} \text{ (MW)} \times (\text{CF} - 0.5) \times 8,760 \times 1,030 / 2,000$

Capacity Factor  
above 50%

§111(b) NSPS  
(lb/MWh)

# Proposed Mass-Based Program

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## Mass-Based Example (State Allowance Pool):

	1 <sup>st</sup> Interim Period	2 <sup>nd</sup> Interim Period	Final
Total Allowances	35,189,232	32,953,521	30,170,750
RE Set-Aside	1,801,634	1,647,676	1,516,132
CEIP Set-Aside	2,187,230	-	-
ΔNGCC Set-Aside	-	2,102,538	2,102,538
Remainder	31,200,368	29,203,307	26,552,080

- RE Set-Aside calculated at 5% of state budget
- Clean Energy Incentive Program in first compliance period.
- OB Set-Aside calculated at 10% of state's NGCC capacity

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## Mass-Based Example (Coal-Fired EGU):

	Coal 1	Coal 2
Baseline Generation (MWh)	3,791,000	4,366,500
Baseline CO <sub>2</sub> Emissions (tons)	4,150,950	4,944,100
% of Total State Generation	<b>7.93%</b>	<b>9.13%</b>
2030 Allowances	<b>2,105,569</b>	<b>2,425,209</b>
Surplus / (Deficit)	<b>(2,045,381)</b>	<b>(2,518,891)</b>
% of Allowances Needed	<b>51%</b>	<b>49%</b>

- Total Baseline State Generation: 47,806,056 MWh
- 2030 Allowance Pool (after set-asides): 26,552,080
- **Need to acquire additional compliance allowances**

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## Mass-Based Example (NGCC Units):

NGCC Example:	NGCC 1	NGCC 2	NGCC 3
Capacity (summer) MW	47	145	170
Baseline Generation (MWh)	30,316	718,446	142,924
Baseline CO <sub>2</sub> Emissions (tons)	15,348	311,844	62,930
CO <sub>2</sub> Emission Rate (lb/MWh)	1,013	868	881
Baseline Capacity Factor	7%	56%	10%
% of State Generation	<b>0.063%</b>	<b>1.5%</b>	<b>0.30%</b>
Allowance Pool Allocation	<b>16,838</b>	<b>399,034</b>	<b>79,282</b>

- Total Baseline State Generation: 47,806,056 MWh
- 2030 Allowance Pool (after set-asides): 26,552,080
- **NGCC Units will require allowances for increased generation**

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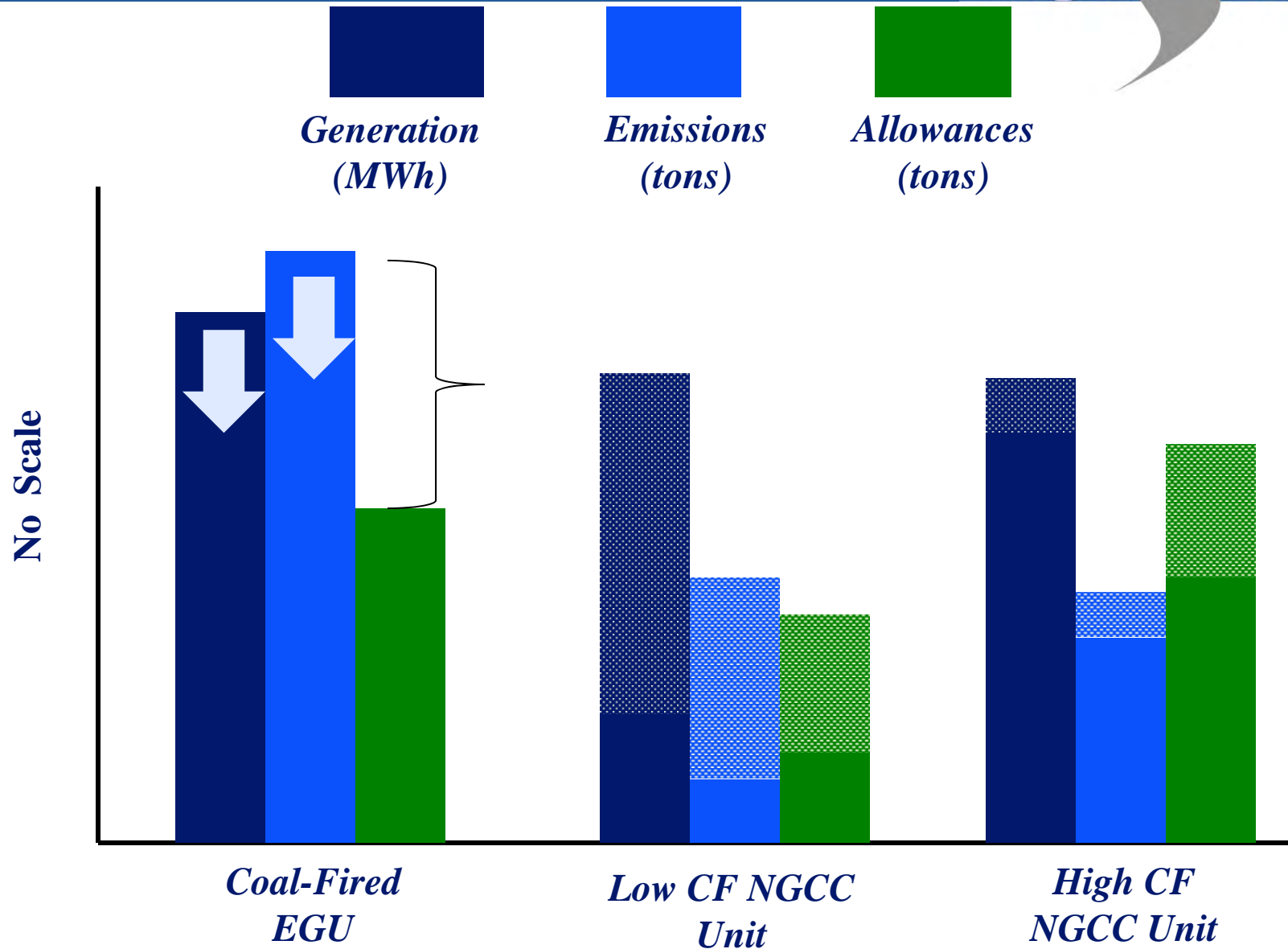
## Mass-Based Example (NGCC Units):

NGCC Example:	NGCC 1	NGCC 2	NGCC 3
Capacity (summer) MW	47	145	170
Generation @ 70% CF (MWh)	308,790	952,650	1,116,900
CO <sub>2</sub> Emissions @ 70% (tons)	156,329	413,500	491,770
Allowance Pool Allocation	16,838	399,034	79,382
ΔNGCC Set-Aside Allowances	<b>42,407</b>	<b>130,831</b>	<b>153,388</b>
Surplus / (Deficit)	<b>(97,084)</b>	<b>116,365</b>	<b>(259,005)</b>

- **OB Allowances =  $MW_{Cap} \times (0.7 - 0.5) \times 8,760 \times 1,030 / 2,000$**
- **Assumes that OB Allowances are available**
- **NGCC Units with low baseline capacity factors will need to acquire additional compliance allowances**

# Proposed Mass-Based Program

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## General Conclusions:

- 1. Heat Rate improvements will play only a minor role in compliance at existing coal-fired EGUs under either a rate-based or mass-based program.**
- 2. Other CO<sub>2</sub> emission reduction measures, including natural gas co-firing and natural gas conversion, could provide significant CO<sub>2</sub> emission reductions for existing coal-fired EGUs and should be evaluated as a part of either program.**
- 3. Renewable Energy will play a significant role in overall compliance with either a rate-based program (RE-ERCs) or mass-based program (RE Set-Aside Allowances)**

## General Conclusions:

### Rate-Based ERCs

1. GS-ERCs may be limited based on the methodology used to calculate the ERCs.
2. GS-ERCs cannot be used by NGCC units for compliance with a rate-based program.
3. RE-ERCs will likely be needed by coal-fired units and NGCC units for compliance.

### Mass-Based Allowances

1. Output Based ( $\Delta$ NGCC) set-aside allowances may be needed to offset increased CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from NGCC units, especially units with low baseline capacity factors.
2. RE set-aside allowances will likely be needed by coal-fired EGUs and low capacity factor NGCC units for compliance.

## Planning for Compliance:

### Building Block 1

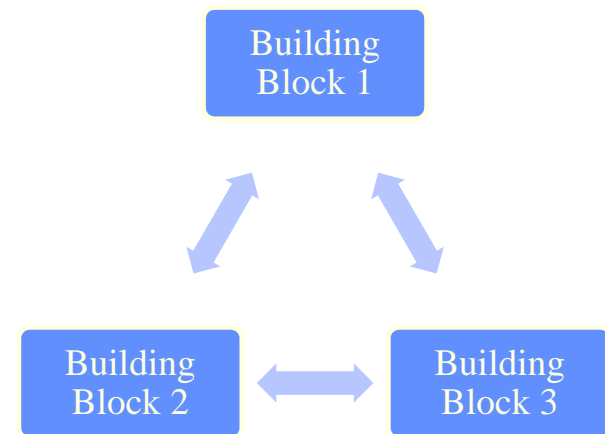
- Identify potential CO<sub>2</sub> emission reduction opportunities: heat Rate improvements, fuel co-firing, natural gas-conversion, carbon capture.

### Building Block 2

- Identify opportunities to increase NGCC generation and generate GS-ERCs or OB Set-Aside Allowances

### Building Block 3

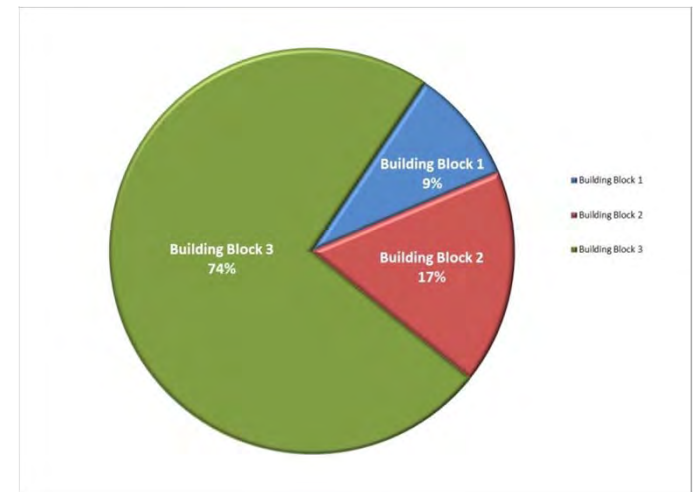
- Evaluate potential NEW RE capacity and generating opportunities



## Planning for Compliance

### RE Generation - General Eligibility Requirements:

- Only RE measures installed after 2012 are eligible for adjusting CO<sub>2</sub> emission rates or generating CO<sub>2</sub> allowances.
- Only the quantifiable and verifiable MWh of RE generation produced in 2022 and future years may be applied to adjusting CO<sub>2</sub> emission rates or generating allowances.



## Planning for Compliance:

### Compliance Plans Need to Integrate an Evaluation of:

- Overall impacts on generation:
  - Unit Retirements
  - Meeting Demand
  - Meeting Peak Demand
- Unit Dispatch
- Reliability and Grid Stability
- Operations
  - Operating baseload unit as cycling unit
  - Responding to fluctuation in RE generation
- Cost of Electricity



## Planning for Compliance:

### Preliminary Evaluations

- **Review existing generating portfolio: Affected Units, NGCC capacity and capacity factors, baseline emissions & emission rates**
- **Review and understand the proposed FIP Rate-Based and Mass-Based trading programs**
- **Evaluate pros / cons of the Rate-Based and Mass-Based trading options, as well as other alternatives**
- **Participate in stakeholder meetings and closely follow development of your State's SIP**
- **Work with your state to develop SIP requirements that are most advantageous**

## Questions/Answers

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