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Julia,

Would you share this with the SRES Committee?

Yesterday the EPA finalized the rules for coal and new gas power plants. NPR's news story on this is a 3 minute audio file.

This is in line with my testimony, but rather than *proposed* these are now *finalized EPA rules* to which Utilities and Plant Operators must adhere.

This links to the NPR article with a few more specifics:

<https://www.npr.org/2024/04/25/1236609039/epa-power-plant-climate>

Notably from NPR:

- Under the regulations, existing coal and new natural gas-fired power plants that run more than 40% of the time would have to eliminate 90% of their carbon dioxide emissions, the main driver of global warming.
- Existing coal power plants would have to meet that standard by 2032 if they plan to operate after 2039. The EPA is delaying a similar rule for existing natural gas-fired power plants, likely until after the November election, say environmentalists.
- In addition to the climate regulation, the agency issued rules to limit water pollution from coal plants, strengthen regulations on coal ash and limit mercury and other toxins from burning coal for electricity.

Let me know if any questions.

thanks and regards,

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