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Two new [EPA](#) pollution regulations will slam the coal industry so hard that hundreds of thousands of [jobs](#) will be lost, and electric rates will skyrocket 11 percent to over 23 percent, according to a new study based on government data.

Overall, the rules aimed at making the air cleaner could cost the coal-fired power plant industry \$180 billion, warns a trade group.

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"Many of these severe impacts would hit families living in states already facing serious economic challenges," said Steve Miller, president of the American Coalition for Clean Coal Electricity. "Because of these impacts, EPA should make major changes to the proposed regulations before they are finalized," he said.

The EPA, however, tells Whispers that the hit the industry will suffer is worth the health benefits. "EPA has taken a number of sensible steps to protect public health, while also working with industry and other stakeholders to ensure that these important Clean Air Act standards—such as the first ever national Mercury and Air Toxics Standards for coal-fired power plants—are reasonable, common-sense, and achievable," said spokesman Brendan Gilfillan. [\[Read Rep. Darrell Issa: Obama's Bad Policy, Harmful Regulations Add to Gas Prices.\]](#)

What's more, officials said that just one of the rules to cut sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxide emissions will would yield up to \$290 billion in annual health and welfare benefits in 2014. They say that amounts to preventing up to 36,000 premature deaths, 26,000 hospital and emergency room visits, and 240,000 cases of aggravated asthma. "This far outweighs the estimated annual costs," says an official on background. [\[Check out political cartoons on the economy.\]](#)

Still, the EPA did note that the two new antipollution rules are "pending" and that the agency has "accepted and are considering feedback" from the industry.

The industry says the costs and potential to lose four jobs for every new clean energy job created isn't worth the rules, especially in a job-starved economy. [\[See a slide show of the best cities to find a job.\]](#)

Referring to the [analysis of the EPA regulations](#) from National Economic Research Associates, Miller said they would be the most expensive rules ever imposed on power plants.

Coal-fired energy plants currently fuel about half of the nation's energy supply.

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Energy Crisis carbon-selling scheme

DrDenan of CA: Obama IS Evil. There is no way to describe his actions against 300 million Americans and the constitution otherwise. Costs are rising not because of the environment, as you contend, but because of

- 1) the draconian continuous bailouts which emptied the U.S. Treasury into the hands of the Zionist banks (the rich get richer).
- 2) Bailouts to every foreign country imaginable
- 3) the Zionist Federal Reserve continuing to print money hand over fist, compounding the debt by using it to buy Treasuries for the past year at least. (Can you say QE1, QE2, QE3?)
- 4) Allowing the Corps of Engineers to blow 3 levees in Illinois deliberately flooding all the farmland along the Mississippi. It was KNOWN IN ADVANCE BY OBAMA & stooges that this would cause American food shortages.

The flooding also softened the ground for a Rockefeller-threatened New Madrid earthquake using Alaska's HAARP.

Make no mistake, all this malaise of our country was PRE-PLANNED by the Rockefellers/Rothschilds, Obama, Clintons/Bushes, AIPAC, most of Congress, and all the dual-citizen Israelis spread in top positions in all the U.S. government agencies. They and the Pentagon want perpetual war; that's why Lieberman/McCain is on every TV channel advocating attacking sovereign countries like Libya, Syria, Pakistan, Yemen (the PNAC plan for world domination was 7 countries in 5 years).

Kerry of NY @ Jun 09, 2011 14:23:54 PM

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@Mike of OR - It's actually far worse than what you describe...

It is not just our direct uses of energy that rising costs and lowered supplies will negatively impact, it is also the *indirect* effects we should be concerned about as well.

Essentially everything we eat, wear, live in, drive, use in our personal lives and careers is a function of human effort, time and materials. Rising energy costs not only raise your electric and gas bills, but increase the cost of goods and services you buy as well.

So, expect Obama and the Democrat's policies to increase the costs and decrease supplies of essentially everything in our lives.

It will cost more to grow, process and transport food as doing so requires a lot of electricity, natural gas, diesel and other fuels.

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