



Rep. Tom Emmer on Emmer Questions EPA Mandates

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****PRESIDING OFFICER:**

** The gentleman from Minnesota is recognized.

****REP. TOM EMMER:**

** Mr. Speaker, I rise today to raise awareness about the questionable requirements the state of Minnesota has been given by the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean Power Plan. The Clean Power Plan mandates that Minnesota reduce carbon emissions from power plants by 41 percent by the year 2030, while requiring lower reductions in other states. The EPA has failed to recognize and credit Minnesota for already decreasing its emissions by 13 percent between 2005 and 2011. Not only is this plan patently unfair to Minnesotans, but it will hurt consumers across our nation. Electricity prices will increase for many businesses and families, disproportionately impacting those who are already struggling to make ends meet. Additionally, according to the Cato Institute, the plan will only reduce the average worldwide temperature by about two hundredths of a degree Celsius, and this will take almost 100 years. I encourage the EPA to reconsider the Clean Power Plan while keeping in mind the work many states have already done on their own to reduce emissions. And with that, Mr. Speaker, I yield back.

****PRESIDING OFFICER:**

** The gentleman yields back his time.

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