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Commissioner Buckingham Issues Letter to Biden's Environmental Protection Agency Over Proposed Rule That Will Crush Jobs and Public Education Funding

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AUSTIN — Commissioner Dawn Buckingham, M.D. sent a letter on behalf of the Texas General Land Office (GLO) to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) outlining grave concerns over a draft rule proposed on May 8, 2023, regarding carbon pollution standards for coal and natural gas-fired power plants.

Under the guise of fighting "climate change," the proposed rule would mandate that most coal and natural gas-fired power plants capture 90 percent of emissions by 2035. This rule will undoubtedly burden natural gas-fired plants with untenable restrictions that will ultimately compel their closures or conversion to a fuel source like green hydrogen.

"The implementation of this rule would be an all-out attack on the energy industry, the robust Texas economy, everyday taxpayers, and public education funding in the State of Texas, said Commissioner Buckingham. "The GLO is prepared to take Biden to court if this rule is allowed to move forward. Texas' school children should not suffer due to this administration's unfounded dedication to force green energy ideas on the masses – all while seeking to eliminate the domestic oil and gas industry."

To read the letter sent to EPA Administrator Michael S. Regan, click here.

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