



Letter to the Editor

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Governor Christie is right to question EPA's overreaching regulations

Dear Editor:

Regarding your November 4, 2011 Editorial ("Gov. Chris Christie must support EPA-ordered coal plant cleanup, not partisan politics), please take note that the governor's inclination to stay out of the fight is one that promotes New Jersey's best interests.

A simple Google search will yield hundreds of examples of how EPA's onerous regulations are killing manufacturing in this country.

Chemistry Council members list regulatory compliance and high electricity rates as the top two issues negatively impacting their operations.

Governor Christie recognizes that a balanced approach, which addresses both the needs of environmental protection and the financial realities facing our country, is necessary. While it may not be immediately clear to all, regulations impacting power plants outside of the state can have a significant negative effect in New Jersey.

Notwithstanding emissions, New Jersey relies on conventional generation from out of state sources. Such plants help to keep electricity costs from skyrocketing even higher – industrial electricity rates in this state are 70 percent above the national average.

EPA's regulations could lead to less availability of cheaper energy flowing into New Jersey, which will only serve to increase energy rates and further hinder our state's economic recovery.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Hal Bozarth". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent 'H' and 'B'.

Hal Bozarth
Executive Director

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