

Environmental Insights Webinar: Stuart Spencer (Mitchell Williams Law Firm) Affordable Clean Energy Rule Presentation



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Stuart Spencer of the Mitchell Williams Law Firm's Little Rock, Arkansas office presented a one-hour Environmental Insights webinar on the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") Clean Air Act Affordable Clean Energy ("ACE") rule on January 29th.

The title of the presentation was:

So Long Clean Power Plan, Hello Affordable Clean Energy Rule! ("Presentation")

EPA previously issued the ACE rule to replace the 2015 Clean Power Plan issued during the Obama Administration.

Stuart's discussion of the ACE rule addressed:

- Primary components
- Update on federal litigation challenging the rule
- Legal arguments addressed in the litigation
- Overview of Arkansas ACE planning efforts

The *Presentation* also addressed:

- Does the ACE rule explicitly address climate change?
- How will the ACE rule achieve reductions in carbon dioxide emissions?
- Will the rule influence the U.S. energy fleet make-up?
- Is there an expected electricity rate impact?
- Is EPA telegraphing a broader strategy of "locking in" regulatory schemes via its ACE rule litigation defense?
- Will the ACE rule trigger New Source Review permitting requirements?

A link to the 55-slides included in the *Presentation* can be downloaded [here](#).

The next Environmental Insights webinar will address the recent promulgation of the final Clean Water Act Waters of the United States ("WOTUS") rule, which was recently addressed in this post (see previous post [here](#)).