

### Clean Energy Compliance Options for EGUs

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## Agenda

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Introduction of the rulemaking concept and potential applicability

## Rulemaking concept:

# Clean Energy Compliance Options for Existing EGUs

Allow the incorporation of zero or low emitting electric generation or storage into an existing EGU's total electric output

Lower the unit's average emission rate (lb./MWh)

Comply with emissions limit

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Potential clean energy technologies

**Grid Supply Solar** 

Behind The Meter Solar

RNG/Hydrogen

**Battery Storage** 

Fuel Cells

Other?

Why is the Department considering rulemaking to allow clean energy compliance options for existing EGUs?

- Comments received
- Reliability
- Leakage
- Investment and deployment of clean energy

### Control and Prohibition of CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions Rule

Applicability of potential clean energy options?	Compliance deadline for existing EGUs	Emission limit	# EGUs with emission rates that exceed the limit based on 2021 data
	June 1, 2024	1,700 lb CO <sub>2</sub> /MWh	9
		gross energy output	
	June 1, 2027	1,300 lb CO <sub>2</sub> /MWh	12
		gross energy output	
	June 1, 2035	1,000 lb CO <sub>2</sub> /MWh	32
		gross energy output	

## EGUs that emit between 1,300 lb/MWh and 1,700 lb/Mwh (based on 2021 data)

Facility Name	Unit ID	Operating Time (hours)	CO <sub>2</sub> Emission Rate (lb/MWh)
Sherman Avenue Energy Center	1	186	1,606
Forked River Power	2001	143	1,599
Linden Generating Station	8	119	1,563
Forked River Power	3001	157	1,560
Linden Generating Station	7	118	1,501
Linden Generating Station	6	107	1,388
Linden Generating Station	5	124	1,360
Gilbert Generating Station	9	131	1,337
Kearny Generating Station	132	448	1,335
Kearney Generating Station	133	618	1,312
Kearny Generating Station	131	521	1,306
Kearny Generating Station	134	635	1,301

# General discussion points

- If available, would you consider utilizing clean energy to meet your compliance obligations?
- Long-term vs. short-term?
- Are there specific challenges and obstacles for an owner/operator that would make a clean energy compliance option less/more desirable or feasible?

#### Discussion points: clean energy compliance options



Is the technology advanced enough to incorporate for the 2027 and 2035 compliance dates?

Is it economically feasible?

Are there operational, safety, or regulatory (federal or local level) matters to be considered?

Environmental impacts?

Lifespan of the technology (does it degrade/lose efficiency over time)?

Locational considerations?

Monitoring, recordkeeping, reporting challenges?

## Discussion points:

Emissions calculations and methodology

- O What emissions averaging methodology(ies) should the Department use?
- Are there other approaches besides averaging?
- How should peak versus non-peak emission rates be measured for battery storage?

# Compliance hypothetical using solar

The CO<sub>2</sub> limit for an EGU operating after June 1, 2027 is **1,300 lb/MW-hour.** 

An EGU with an average output of 100 MW is operating 500 hours per year, with a  $CO_2$  emission rate of **1,400 lb/MW-hour**.

The annual CO<sub>2</sub> emissions would be:

100 MW x 1,400 lb/MW-hr x 500 hours per year =

**70,000,000 lb CO**<sub>2</sub> per year

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Compliance hypothetical using solar (continued)

If the EGU has a qualifying solar capacity of **3.0 MW** operating with a **20%** capacity factor, the resulting CO<sub>2</sub> emission rate would be:

70,000,000 lb per year/((100 MW x 500 hours per year) + (0.2 x 3.0 MW x 8,760 hours per year))=

1,270 lb/MW-hr

The EGU would be in compliance with the CO<sub>2</sub> emission limit of **1,300 lb/MW-hr**.

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### Discussion

- General
- Clean energy options
- Emissions calculations and methodology
- Other?

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### **Next steps**

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## Thank you for attending