Feature Story

**EPA proposes CO2 emissions rule for new power plants**
EPA published a proposed rule limiting CO2 emissions from new power plants, and withdrew the April 2012 proposal it is replacing. EPA received 2.5 million comments on its April proposal, and has incorporated the changes into its new proposal, which was announced in September of last year. Read our analysis [here](#).

**Rulemaking**

**FDA withdraws controversial food safety rule**
After receiving input from the public, FDA announced that it will revisit its proposed food safety rule setting health standards for produce farms. FDA believes its proposal will require "significant changes" to achieve its stated objectives while minimizing undue burdens on small farms. Read our public comment [here](#).

**DOE denies petition for reconsideration on microwave rule**
DOE announced the denial of a petition to reconsider its final rule setting energy efficiency standards for microwaves. In the final rule, DOE used a different social cost of carbon than in the rule proposal, and petitioners argued that the resulting estimates should have been subject to public comment. Read our public comment [here](#).

**Fed adopts rule to ban federal assistance to swaps entities**
The Federal Reserve Board adopted a new rule to treat swaps entities that are uninsured U.S. branches of a foreign bank as "insured depository institutions" pursuant to the Dodd-Frank Act, thereby prohibiting federal assistance, including FDIC guarantees and credit advances from the Federal Reserve.

**CFPB’s 636-page rule integrates mortgage disclosure forms**
CFPB published a final rule integrating two separate consumer mortgage disclosure forms that are required by federal law. The forms are being integrated because the language is inconsistent and overlapping, which consumers find confusing.

**EPA rule: sequestered CO2 isn’t “hazardous waste”**
EPA published a final rule excluding geologically sequestered carbon dioxide streams from the definition of "hazardous waste" for the purpose of hazardous waste management.

**DOE extends comment period for furnace fan efficiency rule**
DOE announced that it is extending the comment period for its proposed energy efficiency standards for furnace fans by 30 days. The proposal would save 4.58 quads of energy over 30 years, and would increase the price of furnace fans by up to $183 per unit. Read our public comment [here](#).

**Agencies**

**DOE uses revised SCC to update energy efficiency benefits**
DOE announced the release of updated benefits expected to result from four proposed energy efficiency standards due to corrections in the value of the social cost of carbon (SCC). These rules, which relied on an SCC released in May 2013, were updated to reflect SCC revisions that were released by OMB in November 2013.

**DOJ seeks information on body-worn cameras for officers**
DOJ is seeking information about commercially available body-worn cameras for use by criminal justice and law enforcement agencies. These cameras, which are worn by officers, offer the advantages of keeping officers safe, enabling situational awareness, and improving community relations and accountability.

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