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## News

### Obama unveils major climate change proposal

*Washington (CNN)* The Obama administration unveiled a major climate change plan on Sunday aimed at a large reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from the nation's coal-burning power plants. On Monday, President Barack Obama started selling it to the public at a White House event. "Today after working with states and cities and power companies, the EPA is setting the first ever nationwide standards to end the limitless dumping of carbon pollution from power plants," Obama said Monday from the White House, adding shortly thereafter "Washington is starting to catch up with the vision of the rest of the country. "The "Clean Power Plan" is the final version of regulations by the Environmental Protection Agency, which President Barack Obama called "the biggest most important step we've ever taken to combat climate change," in a video released by the White House on social media Saturday night. [Readmore...](#)

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### Cleaning Up a Legacy of Pollution on an Alaskan Island

ST. LAWRENCE ISLAND, Alaska — America's Far North cherishes its image of wild purity in a landscape so vast it can sometimes seem barely touched by people. But the roughly 600 military installations across Alaska — some dating from World War II, others built during the Cold War — tell a different story, in polluted sites that were never fully cleaned up, and in the related health problems that have lingered and festered. Bases and listening posts scattered from the far northern tundra to the remotest atolls of the Aleutian Islands used or stockpiled cleaning solvents and pesticides, chemical warfare agents and unexploded ordnance. [Readmore...](#)

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### Hogan smog plan clears hurdle after being tweaked to help power plants

The Hogan administration's plan for curbing smog-forming pollution from coal-burning power plants cleared its first hurdle Wednesday, winning approval from the state's air-quality advisory council despite complaints from environmentalists and some lawmakers that public health safeguards were weakened at the behest of one energy company. The 14-member panel, which reviews all proposed air regulations, endorsed the plan after a top state regulator insisted it still would protect the public from harmful pollution even if it had been changed to give power plants more flexibility to comply. "Personally, I feel it's the toughest [power-plant pollution] cap on the East Coast," said George S. "Tad" Aburn Jr., air management director of the Maryland Department of the Environment [Read more..](#)

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### New pollution-monitoring norms to be finalized in 2-3 months

The Union environment ministry has proposed new pollution monitoring standards for industries in at least 22 sectors over the past few months in an attempt to regulate these sectors better. Some of these standards have been put online for suggestions and comments from various stakeholders. "These would be finalized and notified within the next two to three months. These proposed standards will immensely strengthen the ministry's overall regulation of the polluting industries," said a senior environment ministry official, who did not want to be identified. The 22 sectors include industries such as paint, fertilizers, cement and co-processing, pulp and paper, sugar, thermal power plants, textiles, slaughterhouses, brick kilns, coffee, common effluent treatment plants, sewage treatment plants, fermentation (distilleries, maltries and breweries) and diesel generator sets. [Read more...](#)

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### Gold mine's toxic plume extends to Utah

FARMINGTON, N.M. — The plume of heavy metals released last week into the Animas River from the Gold King Mine near Silverton, Colo., reached Utah on Monday. As of Monday evening, officials said the plume of contamination was southeast of Montezuma Creek, Utah, and was headed for Lake Powell. Environmental Protection Agency officials say the pollutants in the plume include arsenic, lead, copper, aluminum and cadmium, but have not released any detailed information on the spill that started Wednesday morning and has since been contained. The Gold King Mine's discharge raises the possibility of long-term damage from the toxic metals falling out of suspension as the plume slowly moves along the river. "Sediment does settle," said Shaun McGrath, administrator of EPA's Region 8. [Read more...](#)

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### NGT criticises incomplete pollution control boards' inspection reports, warn heavy fines

**New Delhi:** Inspectors of central and state pollution control boards are filing ambiguous and incomplete inspection reports, with grave consequences for the environment, the National Green Tribunal (NGT) has said, warning of heavy fines. This is not the first time the tribunal has criticised inspection reports but the warning, issued in an order last week, effectively serves as the last chance for pollution control boards to clean up their act. The green tribunal was hearing a case related to pollution from a unit of Bareilly (Uttar Pradesh)-based Ramaa Shyama Papers Ltd. "We have repeatedly informed the officers of the boards (Central Pollution Control Board and State Pollution Control Boards) that when a joint inspection report is made, the recommendations are to be clear and unambiguous. It is unfortunate that despite specific directions, the reports are non-specific and lack clarity," noted a bench headed by NGT chairperson Swatanter Kumar. Joint inspection is carried out by team of officers from the Central Pollution Control Board and officers of the respective State Pollution Control Boards (SPCB). "If in future such ambiguous reports are submitted to the tribunal, we will be compelled to impose heavy costs on the officers who have conducted the inspection," Kumar said. [Read more...](#)

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