

GENON

EFFORTS BY UTILITY COMPANIES TO BLOCK OR DELAY EPA STANDARDS

LOBBYING EXPENDITURES

GenOn spent over \$1 million lobbying Congress in 2010-2012, including (but not limited to) advocacy to delay EPA from setting carbon pollution standards and advocacy to prohibit the EPA from setting carbon pollution standards under the Clean Air Act. In addition, GenOn lobbied on the MATS.¹

GOING TO COURT TO BLOCK CLEAN AIR STANDARDS

GenOn has sued EPA to overturn the agency's Cross-State Air Pollution Rule (CSAPR).² CSAPR is estimated to save as many as 34,000 lives per year and prevent hundreds of thousands of asthma attacks by reducing the amount of smog-forming and soot pollution from power plants that crosses state lines.³

Estimated Death and Disease Attributable to GenOn's 2011 Pollution				
State	Premature Deaths	Asthma Attacks and Exacerbation	ER and Hospital Admissions	Work Loss and Reduced Activity Days
Pennsylvania	84 – 215	1,058	100	58,171
New York	61 – 155	1,010	87	54,032
New Jersey	36 – 93	629	53	31,771
Ohio	34 – 87	508	58	26,322
Maryland	22 – 58	409	41	21,188
Virginia	20 – 52	398	40	21,155
Massachusetts	14 – 37	224	20	12,430
Connecticut	13 – 33	207	18	10,845
Michigan	11 – 27	186	20	9,407
North Carolina	8 – 21	145	15	7,375
West Virginia	6 – 16	78	9	4,567
Indiana	4 – 11	81	9	3,842
Illinois	4 – 11	85	9	4,221
Delaware	4 – 10	59	6	3,229
Total	352 – 904	5,543	534	294,341

Note: Estimates of premature deaths are presented as a range, reflecting two different risk factors employed by US EPA to estimate premature deaths. The lower estimates are based on Pope et al., 2002, and the higher estimates based on Laden et al. 2006. See the methodology for more information on the two approaches. Asthma exacerbation indicates coughs, shortness of breath and wheezing. ER and Hospital admissions include estimates of visits needed to treat respiratory and cardiopulmonary symptoms.

States with fewer than ten deaths are not included in this table, but health impacts in those states are included in the totals.

Estimated Health Costs Due to GenOn's 2011 Pollution (All costs reported in \$1,000s)				
State	Premature Deaths	Asthma Attacks and Exacerbation	ER and Hospital Admissions	Work Loss and Reduced Activity Days
Pennsylvania	\$612,000 – \$1,569,000	\$55	\$1,476	\$3,770
New York	\$442,000 – \$1,136,000	\$53	\$1,195	\$3,590
New Jersey	\$266,000 – \$682,000	\$33	\$713	\$2,168
Ohio	\$247,000 – \$634,000	\$26	\$546	\$1,706
Maryland	\$164,000 – \$421,000	\$21	\$401	\$1,421
Virginia	\$149,000 – \$382,000	\$21	\$384	\$1,412
Massachusetts	\$105,000 – \$270,000	\$12	\$282	\$834
Connecticut	\$95,000 – \$244,000	\$11	\$257	\$738
Michigan	\$77,000 – \$198,000	\$10	\$180	\$627
North Carolina	\$61,000 – \$156,000	\$8	\$142	\$470
West Virginia	\$45,000 – \$116,000	\$4	\$100	\$287
Indiana	\$32,000 – \$83,000	\$4	\$74	\$249
Illinois	\$32,000 – \$82,000	\$4	\$77	\$281
Delaware	\$28,000 – \$72,000	\$3	\$65	\$212
Total	\$2,575,000 – \$6,614,000	\$288	\$6,431	\$19,427

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1 U.S. Senate, Lobbying Disclosure Act Database. Queried by client name, filing year (2010, 2011 and 2012), and issue area (clean air and water, environment/superfund). Note that because disclosure requirements are limited, it isn't possible to determine exactly how much a company spent specifically on any given activity, and lobbying totals may include expenditures on activities other than opposing clean air standards. However, only expenditure reports which list activity relating to air standards and EPA authority were included in lobbying amounts reported here. Available at: <http://soprweb.senate.gov/index.cfm?event=selectfields> (Accessed May 3, 2012).

2 See Petition for Review filed by GenOn Energy Inc. in No. 11-1323 (D.C. Cir. Sept. 13, 2011) (Consolidated with *EME Homer City Generation, L.P. v. EPA*, No. 11-1302 (D.C. Cir. filed Aug. 23, 2011) on Sept. 14, 2011). See also http://www.eenews.net/assets/2012/02/09/document_pm_02.pdf.

3 US EPA, accessed 3/21/12, <http://www.epa.gov/airtransport/>.