Attorney General Frosh to Hold Public Hearing on Trump Administration’s Proposed Repeal of Clean Power Plan

Individuals Encouraged to Submit Comments for Official Inclusion to the EPA

BALTIMORE, MD (December 28, 2017) – Maryland Attorney General Brian E. Frosh, joined by Senate President Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., Speaker of the House Michael E. Busch and the Maryland General Assembly, announced today that Maryland will hold a hearing on the Trump Administration’s proposed repeal of the Clean Power Plan.

The Clean Power Plan established the first-ever nationwide limits on greenhouse gas emissions from existing fossil-fuel power plants. On March 28, 2017, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Scott Pruitt signed a notice indicating the EPA’s intent to review the Clean Power Plan. On October 16, the EPA proposed to repeal the Clean Power Plan, claiming that it is not consistent with the Clean Air Act. EPA is now taking comment on that proposal, but has scheduled no hearings on the East Coast. States across the country in addition to Maryland are holding their own public hearings and will submit comments directly to the EPA.

Maryland’s hearing will address the environmental and economic impact on the State of Maryland of the proposed repeal and will ensure Marylanders’ voices are heard on this important measure.

The hearing will take place on January 11, 2018 from 1:00 to 4:30 p.m. in the Joint Hearing Room of the Legislative Services Building in Annapolis.

Information about EPA’s proposed repeal of the Clean Power Plan can be found here: https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-announces-additional-public-listening-sessions-proposed-repeal-clean-power-plan