



**To:** Members of the House Environmental Resources & Energy Committee  
**From:** Stephanie Catarino Wissman, Director-Government Affairs  
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On behalf of its membership comprising thousands of businesses of all sizes and across all industry sectors, the Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry offers its support of House Resolution 879, memorializing the United States Environmental Protection Agency to revise the proposed Boiler Maximum Achievable Control Technology (Boiler MACT) rule to incorporate sustainable approaches that protect the environment and public health while fostering economic recovery and jobs within the bounds of the law. HR 879 is scheduled for committee vote on September 21.


The proposed rules regarding Boiler MACT are very broad, affecting many industries. All non-exempt industrial, commercial or institutional boilers, new or existing, that are used to produce steam, hot water or electricity, would be subject to either the major source MACT rule, the area source MACT rule, or possibly even the more stringent rule for solid waste incinerators. The proposed rule would require installation of air pollution control devices that will conflict with other existing control requirements. Due to the methodology EPA is using, the Boiler MACT emission limits would be extremely burdensome, often approaching undetectable levels.

The question is whether or not these onerous requirements, that will cost industry billions of dollars to comply, will realize any real environmental benefit? The economic impact on industries that have already been hit with hard economic times will be devastating.

For these reasons, we respectfully request a favorable vote on HR 879.

Thank you for your consideration.

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