

Clean Power Plan: Key choices for states in the months ahead

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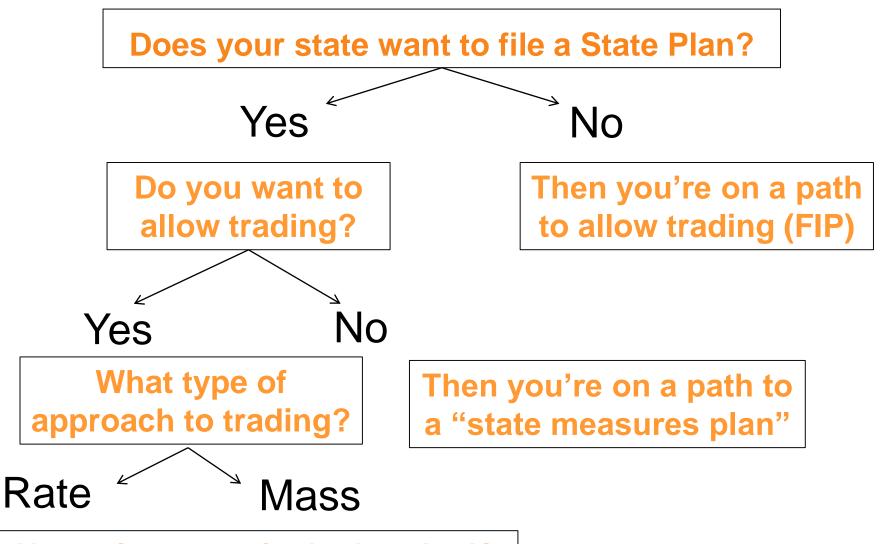
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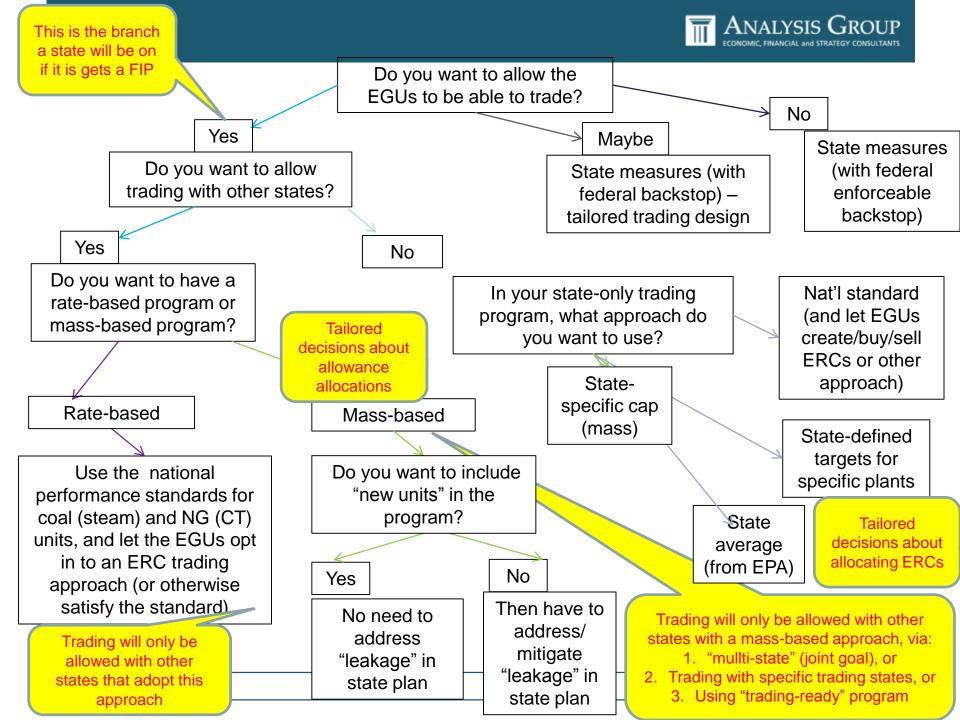
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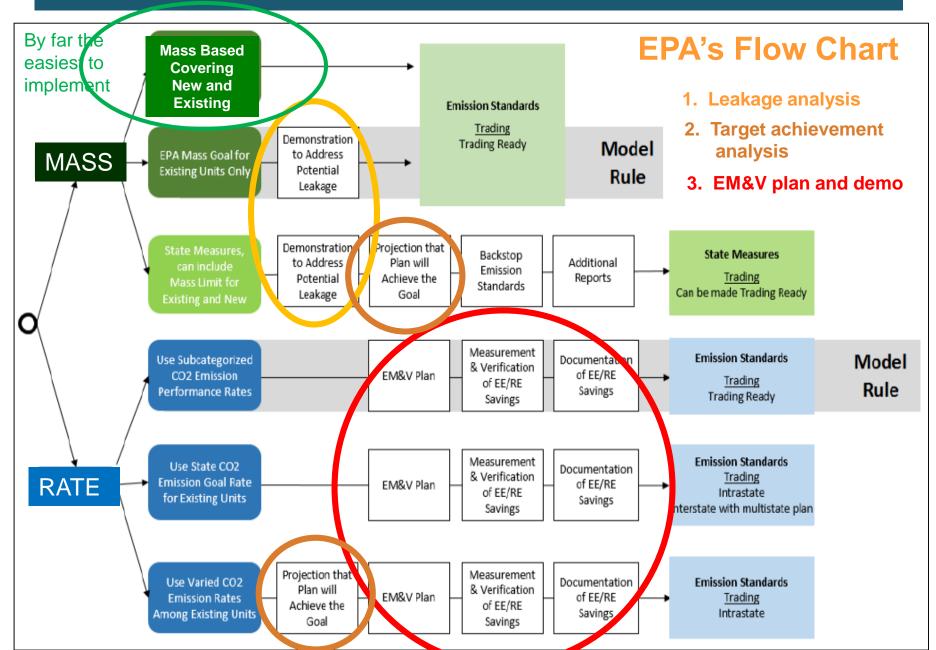




How will new units be handled?







http://www2.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2015-08/documents/flow_chart_vo_qug5.pdf

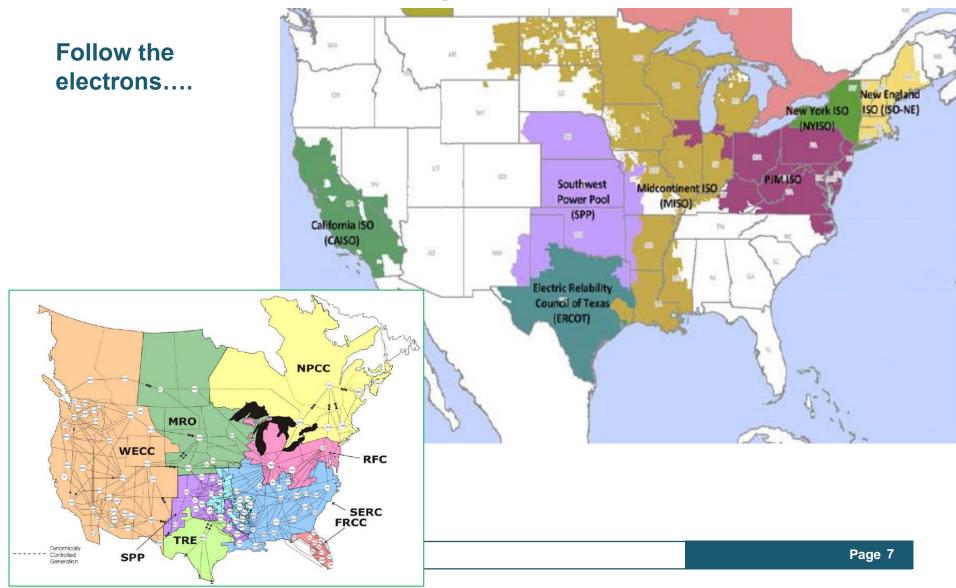


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Borders: RTOs, Balancing Authorities, States





Complementary policies

Any of these paths allow states to put in place measures that support various goals

- Renewable Portfolio Standards
- Clean Energy Standard (Low Carbon Portfolio Standard)
- Energy efficiency (Energy Efficiency Resource Standard; EE programs)
- Encouraging nuclear uprates
- Market-based policies to retain zero/low carbon supply
- Nuclear generation (new & capacity uprates)
- Water efficiency programs
- Electric transmission and gas-delivery infrastructure
- Building codes
- Low-income rate design and targeted programs



What is required in the filing by September 6, 2015?

States do not have to file a plan at all in September 2015

States electing to develop and submit their own state plans:

- States may submit a completed plan by September 2015.
- Any state may instead request a 2-year extension to submit a complete plan. To request an extension, a state's plan must include 3 things:
 - 1. Identify final plan approach(es) under consideration, and describe progress to date.
 - 2. Explain why the state needs more time
 - 3. Describe process for public comment and engagement (including vulnerable communities)
- If EPA does not inform the state within 90 days that it cannot grant the extension, the extension will be deemed automatically approved.



Other observations

- The more flexibility a state gives to the owners of its power plants, the more opportunities for innovative and lower-cost compliance, with greater opportunities for reliability
- Analyses to date suggest that trading (and mass-based trading) across wide geographic areas lowers the cost of compliance
- Mass-based trading approaches avoid measurement/verification required in other approaches (state measures; rate-based)
- Allowance allocation decisions affect who gets the benefit of allowance value
- An initial choice of one approach can be modified over time although with consequences for EGUs and other market participants
- Many institutions can be called upon to perform analyses over time (e.g., RTO, utilities, NGO institutions)



Questions.....

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