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**NASEO Launches Online Clean Power Plan
Q&A Forum – ASQ – for State Officials**

Arlington, VA - Today, the National Association of State Energy Officials (NASEO) announced the launch of “Answers to State Questions” (ASQ), an online forum for state officials to submit questions that arise as a result of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) Clean Power Plan (CPP). ASQ is a service that allows state officials to submit CPP questions – across a range of areas – and draw upon the knowledge of energy and environmental experts from NASEO, the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy (ACEEE), E4theFuture, the Regulatory Assistance Project (RAP), and others.

Many states that choose to respond to the CPP share similar questions, and the new NASEO ASQ service will elevate those questions, in an unattributed format, to EPA for a response. Where possible, responses will cite rules or guidance provided by EPA. Questions that EPA does not answer in a timely manner will be responded to – to the extent practical – by the experts assembled by NASEO. This process is intended to bring greater clarity on EPA’s positions, state options, and barriers. All answers provided by EPA and NASEO experts will be shared broadly with the states.

While NASEO has not taken a position on the appropriateness of EPA’s actions on the CPP, we are assisting states that choose to develop compliance approaches by working with other state organizations to ensure EPA provides maximum flexibility in incorporating energy efficiency options and other strategies that would reduce compliance costs and enhance electricity system reliability. In support of this goal, NASEO has worked with the National Association of Clean Air Agencies (NACAA) and the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) – the “3Ns” – and other state-focused organizations in addressing CPP issues since 2014, and will conduct a “3N” CPP workshop in Washington, DC on February 9-10, 2016.

The NASEO ASQ forum is a part of a suite of online tools, resources, and information presented on the joint NASEO-ACEEE Clean Power Plan Resource Hub. Please visit <http://cpp.naseo.org/asq> for more information about ASQ and the Clean Power Plan Resource Hub.