

Comments submitted to MASS DOER
about Clean Peak Energy Standards
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As a member of a group which has researched alternatives to greenhouse gases-producing energy sources, I have learned that combustion-based technologies are neither green nor clean. I write particularly about wood-burning technologies, since the group did not study waste-to-energy garbage incinerators. Studies have demonstrated that large quantities of air pollutants are produced by biomass power plants. On a personal level, anyone who lives where many people heat with wood stoves, as I do, can attest to the pollutants that aggravate such health problems as asthma and allergies. I consider it unlikely that incinerating waste does not also produce air pollutants. If clean energy sources do little if any harm to human health, they do not include combustion-based technologies.

I understand that the *Guideline on Clean Peak Resource Eligibility* referred to in the draft regulations is but one of several guidelines which have not yet been published. How can the public comment on guidelines which have not been published?

The public needs ample opportunity to read and comment on the COMPLETE draft regulations; that is, a text which contains all the guidelines mentioned. Sixty days after the complete text of the draft regulations has been published would seem a fair period for public comment.