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League Praises EPA Plan to Limit Global Warming

Today, with the announcement of the United States Environmental Protection Agency's new plan to limit global warming, the Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League issued a statement praising the move as a giant step forward.

Charles Utley, Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League's Environmental Justice Campaign Coordinator, said, "This is great news coming from EPA chief Gina McCarthy that will ultimately affect all Americans. The EPA Administrator has made it the nation's policy to cut carbon pollution. This is great news not only for our people that live in harm's way of power plants, but for those who live in other parts of the country."

Utley pointed out that carbon dioxide from power plants is the largest source of pollution without regulatory limits, but that now there will be guidelines and restrictions. He said, "With this new policy must press for swift implementation to take hold throughout America and throughout the world. The ice caps melting and unprecedented fires and storms are warnings of climate change which cannot be ignored."

Utley praised the President's strategy, saying, "We realize that President Obama is trying to build economic stability. One of the best things about this proposal is that it does not slow down the economy but enhances it." He concluded, "With new innovative technology available to us, there is no need to have old dinosaur technology destroying our climate."

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Utley also spoke about the local impact of climate change, saying, "Americans regardless of where they live should not have to suffer from the adverse effect of carbon pollution; for example, the migration of seawater into rivers and streams destroying people's livelihood." He said that the EPA plan will limit the negative effects and the disproportionate impact that global warming has on the elderly, the sick and the young. He concluded, "My hat is off to the EPA for making this giant step to curtail carbon pollution from power plants in America."

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