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Organization	EPA rule	
Defenders of Wildlife	<p>“The EPA’s rules will help reduce the carbon pollution that causes global warming and it sends a message to the rest of the world that the United States takes the challenge of addressing climate change seriously. The Obama administration is to be commended for taking this courageous and important step.”</p>	http://www.defenders.org/press-release/obama-administration-announces-new-emissions-regulation-power-plants
Environment America	<p>“Environment America enthusiastically applauded the proposed limits...’This announcement is exactly what we’ve been waiting for,’ said Margie Alt, executive director of Environment America. “This is America’s chance to lead and our best chance to give our children a legacy we can be proud of.”</p>	http://www.environmentamerica.org/news/ame/epa-proposes-first-ever-federal-limits-carbon-pollution-power-plants
Environmental Defense Fund	<p>“The proposed standards represent a major step in fulfilling the U.S. Climate Action Plan and build upon standards EPA proposed last year—pollution limits on future power plants. With both sets of standards in place, the scale of progress is momentous.”</p>	http://www.edf.org/climate/act-now-key-opportunity-support-carbon-limits
Friends of the Earth (US)	<p>“President Obama has taken the most significant step by any American president to combat climate disruption. While a step forward, this rule simply doesn’t go far enough to put us on the right path. The science on climate change has become clearer and more dire, requiring more aggressive action from the president.”</p>	http://www.foe.org/news/news-releases/2014-06-friends-of-the-earth-statement-on-epas-clean-air-act
Greenpeace USA	<p>“The new rule shows that the Obama administration is serious about taking action on climate change, but the Administration could and should strengthen it considerably.”</p>	http://www.greenpeace.org/usa/en/media-center/news-releases/Greenpeace-Obama-climate-rules-send-signal-to-utilities-to-clean-up-now/
League of Conservation Voters	<p>“This is the biggest step we’ve ever taken for the biggest challenge we’ve ever faced. It helps meet our moral obligation to future generations to act on climate change at a time when we’re seeing impacts on our health and our communities nationwide.”</p>	http://www.lcv.org/media/press-releases/LCV-Statement-on-EPA-s-Proposed-Standards-for-Existing-Power-Plants.html
National Audubon Society	<p>“Cutting carbon pollution is the single most important thing we can do to protect birds – and ourselves – in a changing world,” said Audubon President and CEO David Yarnold (@david_yarnold). “The science is clear: Carbon pollution is profoundly damaging to our air, water, natural spaces, and wildlife, and failure to tackle the problem is no longer an option.</p>	http://www.audubon.org/newsroom/press-releases/2014/audubon-comments-epa-carbon-pollution-announcement
NRDC	<p>“The EPA’s proposal to limit carbon pollution from power plants for the first time ever is a giant leap forward in protecting the health of all Americans and future generations.”</p>	http://www.nrdc.org/media/2014/140602.asp

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National Wildlife Federation	“Today is a momentous day for the future of the planet. For the first time, rules have been proposed to put meaningful limits on the largest source of carbon pollution: our power sector, which accounts for about 40 percent of all U.S. carbon emissions .”	http://blog.nwf.org/2014/06/landmark-epa-rule-promises-to-spur-renewable-energy-for-wildlife/?s_subsrc=Web_Biggie_Home_CarbonPolarBear
Nature Conservancy	none	
Oceana	none	
Pew Environment Group	none	
Rainforest Action Network	“The proposed rule is not yet enough to slow global warming and not yet enough to inspire the world to make the necessary deep cuts in climate pollution. That is why we will be working hard the next year to include much deeper cuts in the final rule.”	http://ran.org/ran-responds-proposed-federal-carbon-pollution-standards
Sierra Club	“Today, the president made good on his promise to American families that his administration would tackle the climate crisis, and clean up and modernize the way we power our country.”	http://content.sierraclub.org/press-releases/2014/06/sierra-club-applauds-new-protections-climate-pollution
The Wilderness Society	“Today’s carbon rule is a much-needed step from the federal government to rein in climate-change causing greenhouse gas pollution. This rule will lead to cleaner air, cleaner water, and help cut down on the rampant carbon pollution that is threatening American wilderness.”	http://wilderness.org/press-release/new-carbon-rule-helps-american-wilderness
Union Concerned Scientists	“The standard EPA announced today signals to the world that the United States is serious about cutting dangerous heat trapping carbon dioxide from its power plants... While the power plant carbon standard is a tremendous step forward, ultimately we will need to make much deeper cuts in emissions to help limit worsening climate impacts, something the administration cannot do alone...”	http://www.ucsusa.org/news/press_release/epa-power-plant-standard-0419.html

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World Wildlife Fund	"President Obama is sending the strongest signal yet to the rest of the world that the United States is getting serious about combating climate change.... These standards should be strengthened and finalized to ensure that the US can successfully meet existing and future targets for transitioning our nation to a renewable energy future."	http://www.worldwildlife.org/press-releases/presidential-action-signals-us-getting-serious-about-climate-change
Center for Biological Diversity	"New rules unveiled today by President Barack Obama don't do enough to cut planet-warming pollution from America's power plants. "	http://www.biologicaldiversity.org/news/press_releases/2014/power-plants-06-02-2014.html
350.org	"This is good--these rules will help advance the obvious tasks of moving America off coal. It's one of the many things that simply have to happen if we have a chance of catching up with the physics of climate change"	http://350.org/about/media/
IPS & Food and Water Watch	"... the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) decision to incorporate emissions trading and offsetting in their new carbon dioxide rule undermines its ability to deliver the real reductions in carbon emissions so urgently needed."	https://www.commondreams.org/view/2014/06/02-5