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**STATEMENT ON PRESIDENT OBAMA'S
WITHDRAWAL OF EPA'S OZONE PROPOSAL**
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President Obama has backed EPA on a number of tough rules, withstanding a great deal of industry pressure, but in the case of the ozone proposal, he is asking EPA to step back. EPA moved to reconsider these Bush-era rules because it felt that the science justified tighter standards. Industry pushed back very hard against a new smog standard, and this move by Obama may embolden attacks on EPA rulemakings in the pipeline. That is unfortunate because those rules will generate billions of public economic benefits in excess of compliance costs.

Ultimately, this move does little to reduce regulatory uncertainty, because in 2013 we will be back in exactly the same situation. And with each year of delay, that means additional costs imposed on the public, including lost productivity, hospital bills, more asthma cases, and untimely deaths.

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Links for more information on Policy Integrity's work on ozone:

- [The Fatal Flaw in Industry's Case Against Stricter Smog Rules](#), The New Republic