



TIMELINE



Waiting on the EPA

Select Committee efforts to make critical Global Warming documents available to the American people

January 15, 2008: Chairman Edward J Markey sends **written request** to EPA Administrator Stephen Johnson to appear before the Select Committee. Additionally, asks EPA to provide copy of proposed greenhouse gas (GHG) regulations for motor vehicles prior to the hearing.

March 6, 2008: EPA staff informs Select Committee staff that EPA did **not plan to provide documents** despite previous discussions and agreement.

March 7, 2008: Chairman Markey sends Administrator Johnson a letter **reiterating request** for copies of endangerment finding and GHG regulations.

January 28, 2008: Chairman Markey **reiterates request** for proposed GHG regulations during telephone conversation with Administrator Johnson. **Also requests** copy of proposed endangerment finding prepared in response to Massachusetts v. EPA.

March 7, 2008: Associate EPA Administrator Chris Bliley sends letter to Chairman Markey stating "Disclosure of pre-decisional information could...result in **needless public confusion** about the status of EPA's efforts on this issue"

March 11, 2008: Administrator Johnson sends letter to Chairman Markey indicating documents will **not be released** because they are **in draft form**.

March 13, 2008: Select Committee holds hearing titled "Massachusetts v EPA Part II: Implications of the Supreme Court Decision". Administrator Johnson appears as a witness and refuses to provide copies. States he is **not asserting executive privilege** in withholding the documents.

April 2, 2008: Select Committee holds business meeting and votes **12-0** to approve Resolution directing Chairman Markey to issue a subpoena to Administrator Johnson for the documents in question.

April 11, 2008: EPA Associate Administrator Chris Bliley sends letter to Chairman Markey **requesting additional time** in which to consider a response to the subpoena. **Request is granted** by the Select Committee.

April 23, 2008: Chairman Markey writes letter to Administrator Johnson **proposing accommodation:** EPA submits copies of requested documents immediately, with commitment that Select Committee will keep confidential until either June 21 or the date the ANPR was issued. Subpoena only would be withdrawn after documents were submitted.

In the last two weeks: Bipartisan discussions with high-level White House Officials occur to reach acceptable accommodation.

March 27, 2008: Administrator Johnson sends letter to Chairman Markey and Ranking Member James Sensenbrenner (R-WI) informing them that EPA decided to issue an Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPR) later in the spring.

April 3, 2008: **Subpoena** for initially requested documents served on EPA.

April 16, 2008: EPA Associate Administrator Bliley sends a letter to Chairman Markey stating that documents would be made available for review on the earlier date of June 21, 2008 or when the ANPR would be issued. Offer was conditional on the Select Committee withdrawing its subpoena.

April 25, 2008: EPA Associate Administrator Bliley sends letter to Chairman Markey **declining proposal set forth in April 23 letter.**

May 22, 2008: A vote of contempt was postponed - pending completion of an agreement with White House to provide Select Committee with access to requested documents.



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