**MEMORANDUM**

DATE: December 1, 2014

TO: Carbon Power Plan for Existing Power Plants; Docket Id: OAR–2013-0602

FROM: U.S. EPA Region 7

SUBJECT: September 10, 2014, Meeting Regarding Proposed Carbon Power Plan for Existing Power Plants

**SUMMARY**

* **Speaker -** Karl Brooks (8-10 minutes of remarks/5 minute Q&A)
* **Event Overview –** National-level discussion of GHG strategies and the Clean Power Plan.
* **Attendees –** No official count but more than 200 people **a**ttended including utilities, regional transmission organizations, environmental engineers, policy makers and top environmental engineering company leaders
* **Goals**
* The Clean Power Plan is designed to cut the harmful carbon pollution fueling climate change from power plants by seizing clean energy and energy efficiency opportunities. EPA’s Clean Power Plan reflects measured actions to confront climate change.
* Greenhouse Gas Strategies Forum attendees should continue the vigorous discussion as they dissect the Clean Power Plan and learn more about its intricacies.
* Our proposal doesn’t prescribe—it propels progress underway.
* Forward-thinking utilities have already invested local money to cut harmful air emissions.
* The state goals spring from smart and sensible opportunities that states and businesses are taking advantage of right now. From plant to plug.
* The good news is that our proposal follows the trails already blazed by cities and states around the country.
* Our plan doesn’t just give states more options—it gives entrepreneurs and investors more options, too, by unleashing the market forces that drive innovation and investment in cleaner power and low-carbon technologies.
  + New investment in energy efficiency means new jobs—both direct jobs and the indirect jobs in supporting industries.

**EPA ATTENDEES –**

* Karl Brooks, Regional Administrator, and Ward Burns, AWMD subject matter expert