



## Update: Developing Regulation of Greenhouse Gases

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In late July, shortly before the U.S. Congress went on recess, Rep. Marsha Blackburn (R-Tenn) filed a petition to bring the House of Representatives' floor her legislation (H.R. 391) that would block the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") from regulating greenhouse gases ("GHG") under the Clean Air Act ("CAA"). This is a revived effort to address the recent GHG monitoring rule proposed by EPA (74 Fed. Reg. 16448), and limit the entanglement of GHG regulation and the CAA. On June 26, 2009, the House passed the legislation (H.R. 2454) that would have the effect of repealing most of the Clean Air Act authority over GHGs from stationary source, and that would establish an economy-wide system to cap GHGs and impose an emission trading system to reduce emissions. The Senate will begin consideration of climate change legislation when Congress reconvenes in September. Currently, the GHG monitoring rule is being reviewed by the White House Office of Management and Budget. The EPA has indicated it intends to promulgate the GHG monitoring rule in October of this year.

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