

Pending Legislation and Rules for Wood Biomass Energy

- **Federal Clean Power Plan**
 - EPA has requested comments specific to biomass (Due Jan. 21, 2016)
 - Include as a qualified renewable energy option?
 - What should be considered “qualified” feedstock?
 - Include CHP?
- **Montana State Implementation Plan (Due Sept 2016)**
 - Opps for forests/biomass:
 - Co-firing w/coal
 - CHP at mills
 - Forest-based emission offsets

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- Biomass Thermal Utilization Act of 2015 (BTU Act of 2015) (Sen. King)
 - Would add biomass thermal (heating) technologies to list of renewables eligible for energy tax credits for residential, commercial/industrial installations
- Bioenergy Act of 2015 (Sen. Wyden)
 - Would establish DOE/USDA biomass working group known as the Bioheat and Biopower Initiative to: develop grant/loan program, provide technical assistance, establish research program.