



## **Carbon Reducing Performance Standards Advance at EPA**

Washington, DC (December 23, 2010) - Today, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced a schedule for the setting of performance standards to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from power plants and oil refineries. The announcement is welcome news to the National Wildlife Federation.

Joe Mendelson, director of global warming policy said:

“EPA is rightly using its Clean Air Act authority to rein in air pollution and it is time for the agency to follow the directives of both Congress and the Supreme Court to start tackling global warming pollution. The EPA’s reasonable and thoughtful steps will set the U.S. on the path to reducing carbon pollution from some of our biggest emitters.

“Power plants and oil refineries represent two of our biggest sources of carbon pollution and these sources need to be held accountable for all of their pollution. Setting national limits for power plant and refinery air pollution will create regulatory certainty for industry, cut down on our energy waste, and provide significant steps toward tackling the climate crisis that affects us all.

“Actions and efforts to try and stop the EPA from moving forward with these standards represent nothing more than old and dirty politics as usual - polluters that want to hold hostage America’s clean energy future and our public health with bullying and unfounded threats of doom and gloom.”

Mr. Mendelson initiated and litigated the case of Massachusetts v. EPA that resulted in the Supreme Court ruling that the Clean Air Act provides EPA with authority to regulate greenhouse gas emissions.

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