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Local Leaders Discuss Energy Policy with Members of Congress

Public power leaders from across the country gathered in Washington, D.C. March 9-11 for the 2015 American Public Power Association (APPA) Legislative Rally. Stoughton Utilities Director Robert Kardasz participated in the event as an opportunity to learn more about legislative issues impacting the industry and to share their insights first-hand with federal lawmakers and staff.

Kardasz shared with elected leaders three key concerns about the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's proposed Clean Power Plan, which will regulate carbon dioxide emissions from power plants.

In all, 61 individuals from Wisconsin and Michigan's Upper Peninsula attended as members of the trade association Municipal Electric Utilities of Wisconsin (MEUW) and WPPI Energy, the regional power supplier for Stoughton Utilities.

Kardasz and the other participants emphasized to policy makers the need for the EPA to provide credit for carbon dioxide reductions made since 2005, rather than using 2012 as the baseline year. In addition, the plan sets interim state-by-state targets that would be very difficult to achieve by 2020, attendees said.

“We’re also concerned that the EPA plan lacks focus on broad, collaborative regional solutions,” Kardasz said.

Other priorities for leaders in communities with public power utilities are preserving the tax exemption for municipal bonds and maintaining a balanced approach to cybersecurity regulations for electric utilities.



Local officials and utility managers meet with Senator Tammy Baldwin during the 2015 APPA Legislative Rally in Washington, D.C.

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