

Awards

CHARLES H. PERCY AWARD FOR PUBLIC SERVICE

GINA MCCARTHY

EPA Administrator

The 2014 Charles H. Percy Award for Public Service is bestowed upon U.S. EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy. Administrator McCarthy is credited with the recent announcement of the proposed Clean Power Plan which has the potential to transform the energy efficiency market.

Throughout Administrator McCarthy's impressive career in public service she has remained dedicated to promoting energy efficiency and cutting carbon emissions while maintaining a growing economy.

With the EPA's Clean Power Plan, McCarthy is driving energy efficiency as a key factor in lowering carbon emissions. The new proposal seeks to cut carbon pollution from power plants and the electricity sector by 30 percent from 2005 levels. These cuts will lead to climate and health benefits worth an estimated \$55 billion to \$93 billion by 2030. The Clean Power Plan gives state and local governments the power to choose their own goals to enact leading to a stronger engagement by state and local governments to create a cleaner, more efficient environment. With the ability to make these decisions, many states, cities, and businesses are already putting the Clean Power Plan to action.

