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Plug Into Safety and Politics!



Ken Schlingens
General Manager

May is known as electric safety month, and I would like to remind you to take a moment to reflect on the importance of safety in everything you do. We all depend on electricity to power our lives, but accidents do happen when we are not properly maintaining electrical equipment or being aware of our surroundings.

Central Electric is concerned for the safety of our employees, our members and all members of our community. We promote electric safety throughout the year by doing safety demonstrations in

our schools, educating everyone about power line safety, and delivering safety messages to our ag community.

We frequently provide electrical safety content in this newsletter. We encourage you to contact us when you find a downed power line or any other type of dangerous electrical situation. We strive every day to provide a safe and reliable source of electric power and to serve you as a trusted energy advisor.

We have made safety a top priority at your electric cooperative. In fact, Central Electric is a part of the Rural Electric Safety Achievement Program (RESAP) that establishes leading practices for our safety. All employees who work outside of the office are required to wear personal protective equipment that includes special fire resistant clothing, insulated rubber gloving and sleeves, hard hats, and safety glasses. We have an established a safety committee that regularly discusses important safety issues that affect all of our employees. Before any work project is started, our employees are required to have a "Tail Gate Session" to discuss the work flow of the project and to identify potential safety hazards so they can be avoided.

Some people believe safety rules are most important when they are working in some type of extreme condition. I would argue that safety is always important and should never be taken for granted. We are in the most danger when we get in a hurry to complete our work and assume conditions are safe.

Have you ever experienced a near miss? A time when you nearly had a bad accident. A time when you almost hit a power pole, or almost contacted an overhead power line when driving large machinery? Maybe you have some electrical equipment that throws sparks on occasion, an

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extension cord in poor condition, or an electric tool that gives you a "tingle or shock" when you operate it. These are warning signs telling you to take the appropriate action to protect yourself, your family, your friends, and your property. Electric energy needs to be respected as many times it does not give a second chance.

I would encourage you to take a moment and plug into safety. You should consider updating the electrical wiring in your home or farming operation. This is an investment in your safety and allows you to add conveniences like better lighting or to eliminate that extension cord and place outlets where you need them. Call our office and talk to Dwight, Cody, Kevin, Rodney, Daren or any of our electricians. They can help you make these improvements.

On March 28, President Trump signed an executive order to promote energy independence and to roll back the Clean Power Plan (CPP) Regulations. This requires the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to review the regulations and halt the implementation of the CPP. The CPP would have reduced the ability of Central Electric to provide reliable and affordable electricity.

The executive order allows all electric cooperatives to continue to reduce their carbon footprint while keeping traditional energy resources in the mix. As a member of Central Electric, nearly a third of your electric power comes from renewable resources like wind and hydro generation. Each year, the use of renewable energy increases as we continue to innovate and research how to best use these valuable resources as part of our future energy mix. The executive order gives us more time to evaluate our options while keeping your electric rates affordable.

We thank you for making your voice heard over the past few years when we have asked you to sign post cards or to contact legislators. You have helped give rural America a strong unified voice and earned us a seat at the table.

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**ELECTRIC CO-OPS
are committed to
keeping members
and employees SAFE.**

**May is National
Electrical Safety Month**

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Employee Years of Service

Curt Guindon
May 1 - 40 years

Cody Poppen
May 1 - 9 years

Rodney Weber
May 1 - 5 years

Courtney Deinert
May 1 - 3 years

Dusty Roskens
May 8 - 22 years

Wade Brozik
May 14 - 10 years

Teresa Sprinkel
May 15 - 11 years

Dustin Weier
May 16 - 10 years

Donn Koster
May 17 - 18 years

Paul Koch
May 21 - 16 years

Aaron Punt
May 24 - 7 years

*Thank you for all you do for the
cooperative and our members!*

**Our office will be closed
Monday, May 29th
in honor of Memorial Day.**



Keep Your Family Safe During a Flood

Heavy rains often cause flooding in lowland areas, homes and basements. Safe Electricity reminds everyone to be alert to electrical equipment that could be energized and in contact with water, along with other potential hazards that create a serious danger of electrocution. Cleaning up and using water-damaged appliances also carry safety risks.



As part of the “Teach Learn Care” TLC Campaign, Safe Electricity urges parents and other caregivers to make sure

children are aware of these hazards as well.

“The prospect of an electrical accident is probably not top of mind when you’re dealing with a flooded basement, room or even outdoors,” said Molly Hall, executive director of Safe Electricity. “But it’s the first thing you should think of before you step foot in the water.”

Safety measures to keep in mind include:

- Never drive into flooded waters.
- Never step into a flooded basement or other room if water may be in contact with electrical outlets, appliances or cords.
- Never attempt to turn off power at the breaker box if you must stand in water to do so. If you can’t reach your breaker box safely, call your electric utility to shut off power at the meter.
- Never use electric appliances or touch electric wires, switches or fuses when you’re wet or when you’re standing in water.
- Keep electric tools and equipment at least 10 feet away from wet surfaces. Do not use electric yard tools if it’s raining or the ground is wet.
- If an electrical appliance has been in contact with water, have a professional check it out before it is used. It may need to be repaired or replaced.

“A good safety measure is to have ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs) professionally installed on outlets,” Hall said. “These safety devices can cut off power instantly if there’s a problem.”

GFCIs are recommended for outdoor outlets and outlets near wet areas of the home such as kitchen, bath and laundry room.

Source: www.safelectricity.org

May is National Electrical Safety Month

 plug into safety



Never use electrical equipment near water and other liquids.



Never use electrical cords that are frayed or damaged.



Do not overload electrical outlets.



Never use light bulbs that exceed the recommended wattage for any lighting unit or fixture.



Kids’ Corner Safety Poster

“Don’t put electronics near water.”



Ryder Vrchota, 9 years old

Ryder is the son of Stacy and Judy Vrchota, Aberdeen, S.D. He attended Ipswich, S.D., based-FEM Electric Association’s annual meeting last June.

Kids, send your drawing with an electrical safety tip to your local electric cooperative (address found on Page 3). If your poster is published, you’ll receive a prize. All entries must include your name, age, mailing address and the names of your parents. Colored drawings are encouraged.

Comforting Casseroles



Ham and Pasta

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| 1 (16 oz.) pkg. elbow macaroni | 1/4 tsp. pepper |
| 4 cups fresh broccoli florets | 6 cups milk |
| 1/2 cup finely chopped onions | 1 (15 oz.) jar processed cheese sauce |
| 1/2 cup butter, cubed | 2 cups (8 oz.) shredded Cheddar cheese, divided |
| 1/2 cup flour | 4 cups cubed, fully cooked ham |
| 1 tsp. ground mustard | |
| 1 tsp. salt | |

Cook macaroni according to directions, adding broccoli during the last 3 to 4 minutes; drain. In a large Dutch oven, sauté onion in butter 2 minutes. Stir in flour, mustard, salt and pepper until blended. Gradually stir in milk. Bring to a boil; cook and stir for 2 minutes or until thickened. Stir in cheese sauce and 1 cup Cheddar cheese until blended; remove from heat. Stir in ham, macaroni and broccoli. Divide between a greased 9x13-inch pan and 8-inch square baking dish. Sprinkle with remaining cheese. Bake one and freeze the other. Cover and bake at 350°F. for 50 to 60 minutes or until bubbly. To use frozen casserole: Thaw in refrigerator overnight. Remove from refrigerator 30 minutes before baking.

Joane Beringer, Gettysburg

Green Bean Casserole

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| 3 T. melted butter | 1/4 tsp. pepper |
| 2 T. flour | 1 cup sour cream or light cream |
| 1 tsp. sugar | 3 cans cut green beans, drained |
| 1/2 tsp. grated onion or | 8 oz. grated Cheddar cheese |
| 1/3 tsp. onion powder | 1/2 cup crushed corn flakes |
| 1 tsp. salt | |

Combine 2 T. butter with flour; mix over low heat until smooth. Remove from heat; add seasonings and cream. Fold in beans. Place in greased 8x10-inch baking pan. Top with grated cheese. Mix remaining butter with corn flakes; sprinkle on top. Bake at 350°F. for 30 to 45 minutes.

Belle Kvale, Lemmon

Quick Casserole

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| 1 lb. ground beef | 1 can vegetable soup |
| Onion | 1 can SpaghettiOs |

Brown ground beef with onion; drain. Combine all ingredients. Bake at 350°F. for 45 to 60 minutes. Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese, if desired.

Shirley Dreher, Clark

Cheesy Mexican Cornbread Casserole

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| 1 lb. prepared cornbread, cut into 1/2-inch cubes | 1/2 tsp. McCormick® Chipotle Chili Pepper |
| 6 eggs | 1/2 tsp. salt |
| 1-1/2 cups milk | 2 cups (8 oz.) shredded Mexican blend cheese, divided |
| 1 cup sour cream | 1 can (14-1/2oz) petite diced tomatoes, drained |
| 1 T. McCormick® Chili Powder | 1 can (8-2/4 oz.) whole kernel corn, drained |
| 2 tsp. McCormick® Oregano Leaves | 1 can (4 oz.) chopped green chiles |
| 1/2 tsp. McCormick® Garlic Powder | |

Place cornbread in 9x13-inch baking dish sprayed with no stick cooking spray. Set aside. Beat eggs in large bowl with wire whisk. Add milk, sour cream and seasonings; mix well. Stir in 1-1/2 cups cheese, tomatoes, corn and chiles. Gently pour over cornbread. Sprinkle with remaining 1/2 cup cheese. Bake at 350°F. for 45 to 55 minutes or until center is set and edges are golden browned. Let stand 5 minutes before serving. Serve with additional sour cream, if desired. Makes 12 servings.

Nutritional Information Per Serving: Calories 275, Total Fat 15g, Sodium 653mg, Cholesterol 141mg, Carbohydrates 23g, Dietary Fiber 2g, Protein 12g

Pictured, Cooperative Connections

Jalapeno Popper Casserole

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| 2 lbs. tater tots | 1 lb. bacon, cooked and crumbled |
| 2 (8 oz.) pkgs. cream cheese | 6 green onions, thinly sliced |
| 1 cup sour cream | 6 jalapeno peppers, deseeded and diced |
| 2 cups Mexican shredded cheese | |

Place tater tots in a 9x13-inch pan. Bake at 425°F. for 15 minutes. Combine cream cheese, sour cream, 1-1/2 cups cheese, bacon, onions and jalapenos; spread over tater tots. Top with the remaining cheese. Sprinkle bacon and onions over top, if desired. Bake for 20 minutes. Note: Prepackaged bacon pieces may also be used.

Kim Jost, Agar

Chicken Spaghetti Casserole

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| 4 oz. spaghetti, broken into pieces | 1/4 cup pimento |
| 1 chicken, cooked and cut up | 1/4 cup minced green pepper |
| 1 can cream of chicken soup | 1 T. minced green onion |
| 1/2 cup milk | 1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese |

Cook spaghetti as directed on package. Combine with remaining ingredients. Place in greased casserole dish. Sprinkle with cheese, if desired. Bake at 350°F. for 35 minutes.

Mary Truman, Kimball

Please send your favorite dairy, dessert or salad recipes to your local electric cooperative (address found on Page 3). Each recipe printed will be entered into a drawing for a prize in June 2017. All entries must include your name, mailing address, telephone number and cooperative name.

Coops Bring Shocking Discovery to Schools

Bottom: Students were amazed during the electricity safety presentation.

Right: Students generated electricity on a bicycle to better understand how hard it is to create enough energy for household devices.

Below: A Van de Graaf generator demonstrated the movement of electrons with some hair-raising results.

WHAT DO SOCKS, LIGHT BULBS AND BICYCLES have in common? All these materials were used to teach nearly 600 fourth and fifth grade students about electricity.

Co-ops in the Classroom is a program offered by Central Electric's wholesale power provider, East River Electric Power Cooperative and Communications Coordinator Jenny Gross.

A variety of hands-on demonstrations engages the students. A Van de Graaff generator demonstrated the movement of electrons with some hair-raising results.

"That one is always a crowd-pleaser," said Gross. "Not only does it provide a visible and audible example of how electricity moves, students also get a kick out of seeing their hair stand up and shocking their friends. Sometimes we even get the teachers to join in."

Another device that invokes a lot of excitement is the Pedal Power bicycle generator. Students become power plants as they provide the energy to produce electricity for lights and small household devices.

"The Pedal Power turns the concept of electricity from something abstract into something tangible. By providing the energy needed to make a light bulb turn on, the students are able to quantify just how much more energy an incandescent light bulb requires than a CFL or LED," said Gross.

By the end of the presentation, students had developed a new understanding and appreciation for electricity.





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Planning, Communication Help to Avoid a Moving Violation

Brenda Kleinjan

ENCOUNTERING A LARGE, OVERSIZED LOAD ON THE highway can make one wonder what the load is and where it is going – and how long you may be following it as it winds its way to its destination.

But for your local electric cooperative, these loads can create some challenges, especially really tall loads.

“We see a lot of oversized loads any more,” said Brett Fosheim, operations manager at Butte Electric Cooperative in Newell, S.D., which lies on the northern edge of the Black Hills. U.S. Highway 85 runs north to south through the co-op, connecting Interstate 90 to the oil patch in western North Dakota. Additionally, U.S. Highway 212 cuts an east-west path through the cooperative.

“We didn’t really see a decrease in those moves

when things slowed down up north,” Fosheim said.

Fosheim noted that most of the oversized loads were large industrial equipment.

“Almost all of it is tanks moving up 85 from 212,” he said.

“Most of them we’ve been working with are doing a really good job of contacting us about their routes,” said Fosheim of the companies entrusted with transporting the large cargo.

That can be crucial as the often power lines need to be moved by utility crews as the load moves toward its destination.

“We probably have a better group of movers than we ever had in the past,” Fosheim said.

Before the larger industrial loads became more commonplace for Fosheim and his crews, the co-op





The types of large, oversized loads moving down the region's highways can be quite varied. Here, Murdo, S.D.-based West Central Electric crews lift a line for a historic train depot that returned to Fort Pierre after spending several decades as a ranch in western South Dakota. **Opposite page:** Large structure and equipment moves can often take multiple utility crews to safely lift lines.

would see “a fair amount” of house moves annually, “but those have really slowed down for us. Now it’s just equipment moving up to the oil patch.”

And with the change in type of oversized load comes increased frequency.

“Now, we’re averaging two or three large loads a month. I can’t remember the last time we had a house move,” Fosheim said.

Coordinating the moves can create challenges.

“Our territories are intermingled out here, especially in the Northern Hills,” Fosheim said, referring to how electric cooperative areas and investor-owned utilities areas can intertwine. Adding to the complexity is that multiple types of utilities may also have infrastructure affected by the moves.

“We have communications carriers attached to our facilities,” Fosheim said. “We advise the movers of all the carriers we know that are in the area.

Moving lines for the large loads can be very time-consuming, Fosheim said, especially with really, really large loads.

“Some of these tanks are really big with a lot of axles underneath them. We’ve seen them with two pusher trucks in addition to the pull trucker. There have been some big monstrosities coming through,” Fosheim said.

While the sheer size of the load makes for interesting conversation, it also creates logistical challenges.

“We run out of right-of-way to lift the line, so our crews may wind up to bottom of the ditch, another 10 feet lower than the roadway,” Fosheim said. And, once they lift the line, the size of the load may make it impossible for the crew to get around the load to the next crossing. This means that the co-op must plan for a multiple crews to assist with the move.

“It can be quite time-consuming and very hard to plan around,” Fosheim said, pointing that often the load can encounter delays before it gets to the

co-op’s area, pushing project from a morning timeline to afternoon.

“It just takes more personnel to move these bigger loads,” he said.

“We get just as many moves in winter as we do in spring or summer,” Fosheim said.

Problems can arise, however, when those moving large loads fail to contact the utilities about lines.

In the past, co-ops have found evidence of damage – sometimes downed lines – from someone simply ignoring basic safety.

“The ones that are contacting us are quite good,” said Fosheim, noting that state efforts in monitoring big moves and making sure utilities are notified has helped. “There are some that get by that we don’t see.”

Hire a professional for the moving and contact your electric cooperative.

“We haven’t had any mover damage for several years,” Fosheim said.

In northeast South Dakota, Webster-based Lake Region Electric Association has also seen a decrease in damage caused by large loads.

Operations Manager Jim Grimes notes that the large industrial loads have decreased in recent years and they see an occasional house move coming into the area.

At Lake Region Electric, they took steps to adjust their major highway crossings to accommodate most higher loads.

Grimes’ advice?

“Hire a professional for the moving and contact your electric cooperative. That’s what they are geared up for and set up for,” Grimes said. “The guys doing it on their own are the ones that tend to get into trouble.”

Central Electric's Delegation 2017 NRECA Youth Tour



Olivia Hanten attends White Lake High School and will represent Aurora County.



Hunter Gregory attends Kimball High School and will represent Brule County.



Madison Hetland attends Mitchell High School and will represent Davison County.

Each year, Central Electric sponsors up to eight high school junior students (one from each county/district) to participate in the Rural Electric Youth Tour. The Rural Electric Youth Tour consists of an educational week long trip to Washington D.C. to meet students from other states, meet congressional leaders, learn about cooperatives and to tour the historic sites. South Dakota's students will team up with more than 1,400 teens from around the country.

Past participants have described this as "a once-in-a-lifetime" experience. Why does Central Electric offer this experience to our area youth? Because we realize it is more vital than ever that today's young people understand and support the rural electrification program, for they are tomorrow's leaders and consumers.

The tour is funded by all the rural electric cooperatives that sponsor students in the weeklong event.

Among the sites that are part of the tour are the Lincoln Memorial, Washington National Cathedral, the White House, Air and Space Museum, Washington Monument, U.S. Capitol, Ford's Theater, the Kennedy Center, Arlington National Cemetery, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, the FDR Memorial, the Smithsonian, Iwo Jima Statue, Vietnam Veterans Memorial, the Korean War Memorial, Mount Vernon and the National Archives.

Students will also have the opportunity to ride the Metro – the city subway system – and take a boat cruise on the Potomac River.

This year, Central Electric received qualifying applications from students representing six out of eight county/districts.

The week long trip will be held on June 8-15, 2017.



Ashley Henglefeldt attends Hanson High School and will represent Hanson County.



Jessica Burghardt attends Howard High School and will represent Miner County.



Catherine Bechen attends Sanborn Central High School and will represent Sanborn County.

Scholarship Winners Selected



Bailey Moody of Letcher was selected as the recipient of the \$1,000 Basin Electric Power Cooperative Scholarship.

For the past 27 years, Central Electric has had the opportunity to select an area student to receive a \$1,000 academic scholarship. The scholarship is funded by our wholesale electric power supplier, Basin Electric Power Cooperative of Bismarck, ND.

To be eligible for the scholarship, the applicant must be the dependent of a Central Electric member and attend a four year university or a two year technical school in the 2017-2018 school year. The recipient is selected based upon the student's grade point average, SAT or ACT test scores, community service, and a short essay.

This year's recipient is Bailey Moody of Letcher, SD. Bailey is the daughter of Perry and Tracy Moody. Bailey is currently pursuing a degree in Elementary and Special Education with a minor in Reading at Dakota State University in Madison, SD.

"Bailey is incredibly motivated and a joy to have in class. She has developed a research project and garnered recognition for it. She consistently outperforms her peers scholastically and is a kind and generous person," says Dr. Patrick Videau of DSU.



Karley Litterick of Howard was selected as a recipient of a \$1,000 Jay Headley Memorial Scholarship.

Karley Litterick was selected as one of two recipients to receive a \$1,000 Jay Headley Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship is funded by the family of the late Jay Headley.

To be eligible for the scholarship, the applicant must be the dependent of a Central Electric member, attend a four year university or a two year technical school and pursue a degree in an agricultural related field.

Karley is a senior at Howard High School and is the daughter of Steven and Holly Litterick. Karley participates in FFA, 4-H, Miner Co. Junior Leaders, Minor Co. Shooting Sports, Teens for Christ, teaches Sunday school, and cheerleads for football and wrestling.

Karley plans to attend South Dakota State University for Agricultural Education, Communication & Leadership with an Ag Education specialization. Karley hopes to take an ag education instructor position in a South Dakota school with an FFA chapter.

"Karley is an active community member and helps adults and mentors youth. She will excel in any career choice she makes," says Maria Feldhaus, 4-H Program Advisor with SDSU Extension.



Aaron Linke of Woonsocket was selected as a recipient of a \$1,000 Jay Headley Memorial Scholarship.

This year marks the 16th year of the Jay Headley Memorial Scholarship. Originally, one scholarship was given annually with two scholarships being awarded since 2011.

Aaron Linke has also been selected as the recipient of a \$1,000 Jay Headley Memorial Scholarship. Aaron is the son of Henry and Paula Linke.

Aaron is a senior at Woonsocket High School. He participates in chorus, band, National Honor Society, serves as vice president of Student Council, vice president of his senior class, president of FFA and has earned numerous awards through FFA as well as held district offices beyond the local level.

Aaron plans to pursue Agronomy and Animal Science at South Dakota State University and hopes to participate in SDSU Livestock Judging or other ag-related activities while there. Following college, he'd like to return to the family farm someday.

Woonsocket English teacher and Senior Advisor Craig Lieber says, "Aaron Linke has risen as a valuable and important leader in every academic endeavor he has invested in."

Update on the CPP

BASIN ELECTRIC CEO AND GENERAL MANAGER Paul Sukut issued the following statement on President Trump's executive order on the Clean Power Plan (CPP):

"President Trump's announcement is a positive step forward in our efforts to seek time and flexibility when it comes to developing a carbon management plan, hopefully, in the context of a national energy policy.

"EPA's Clean Power Plan would have significant impacts on Basin Electric and our membership. Of the 13 states hit the hardest by this rule, eight are in Basin Electric's service territory. Financially, Basin Electric would have to spend billions of dollars to comply. These dollars would simply cover adding new generation and potentially impact the operations of our existing facilities. This does not even include the expense of additional electric, gas or transmission infrastructure to support the new generation required to meet the proposed mandates of the CPP. These costs would be

unfairly borne by our membership.

"Over the last decade, Basin Electric and our membership have taken a leadership role in the development of renewable generation. We've added more than 1,500 megawatts of wind generation to our system (which represents approximately 23 percent of our generation capacity), invested more than \$1 billion in natural gas generation resources and have invested more than \$1.6 billion in emissions control technology to make our already clean generation fleet even cleaner. Even more, our Dakota Gasification Company's Great Plains Synfuels Plant is home to North America's largest carbon capture and sequestration project – capturing more than 30 million tons of carbon dioxide (CO₂). Our most recent project to add urea production to the Synfuels Plant continues that tradition by capturing CO₂ to make urea and for sale as a food grade product.

It's important to note that the CPP, as proposed,

FAQ REGARDING THE CLEAN POWER PLAN (CPP)

What is the current status of the Clean Power Plan?

The rule hasn't been implemented and is still in legal limbo. The Clean Power Plan (CPP) rule didn't go into effect because the Supreme Court issued a "stay" of the rule in February 2016.

The full D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals heard oral arguments on the merits of the case against CPP. That was an unusual circumstance. Typically only a three-judge panel of the Circuit Court would hear a case, but because of the gravity of the CPP, the court decided to hear the case "en banc" which means all of the available judges heard the case. The D.C. Circuit Court ruling could come sometime this spring.

President Donald Trump signed an executive order that would start the process of rolling back the Clean Power Plan. The Department of Justice will ask the D.C. Circuit to hold the case until the EPA can analyze the Clean Power Plan. They will have to go through a full rulemaking process to undo the rule or propose a new, more friendly rule.

What can the administration do?

The Trump administration has some alternatives to consider, but it isn't as easy as just saying they don't want to implement the rule. Here are some of their options:

They could wait for the D.C. Circuit's decision, and if the CPP is upheld, they could choose not to defend the CPP in front of the Supreme Court.

Before the D.C. Circuit's decision, the Trump administration could request the D.C. Circuit Court to hold the case in "abeyance" and remand CPP back to the EPA for reconsideration. They could ask for the court to still have jurisdiction so that the CPP remains under the Supreme Court stay.

Can the administration get rid of the Clean Power Plan?

Before the Clean Power Plan can be changed or undone, the EPA will have to go

through a full rulemaking process which includes notice in the *Federal Register*, time for public comment, a response to public comment, etc.

The EPA could propose a "no action" rule or propose a scaled back version of 111(d) that is much more favorable to power plants and utilities. But they would still have to go through the rulemaking process.

What are the next steps?

In late 2017 or early 2018, the EPA will likely begin a new rulemaking process to replace the Clean Power Plan.

In late 2018, EPA will likely respond to public comments on the new rule. Depending on what the new rule may look like, there will likely be a legal challenge from those who wanted the Clean Power Plan. That will lead to another long legal fight that could bring us into 2020 before the old rule is gone and a new rule is finalized.

What else might impact the outcome?

- Neil Gorsuch's nomination to the Supreme Court vacancy.
- EPA budget cuts.
- Legal action against President Trump's Executive Order concerning the CPP.
- Other unknowns.

Where can I get more information about the Executive Order?

There will be many articles coming out on the executive order but this link from vox.com provides the quickest cleanest look at it so far.

<http://www.vox.com/energy-and-environment/2017/3/27/14922516/trump-executive-order-climate>

EPA CLEAN POWER PLAN TIMELINE

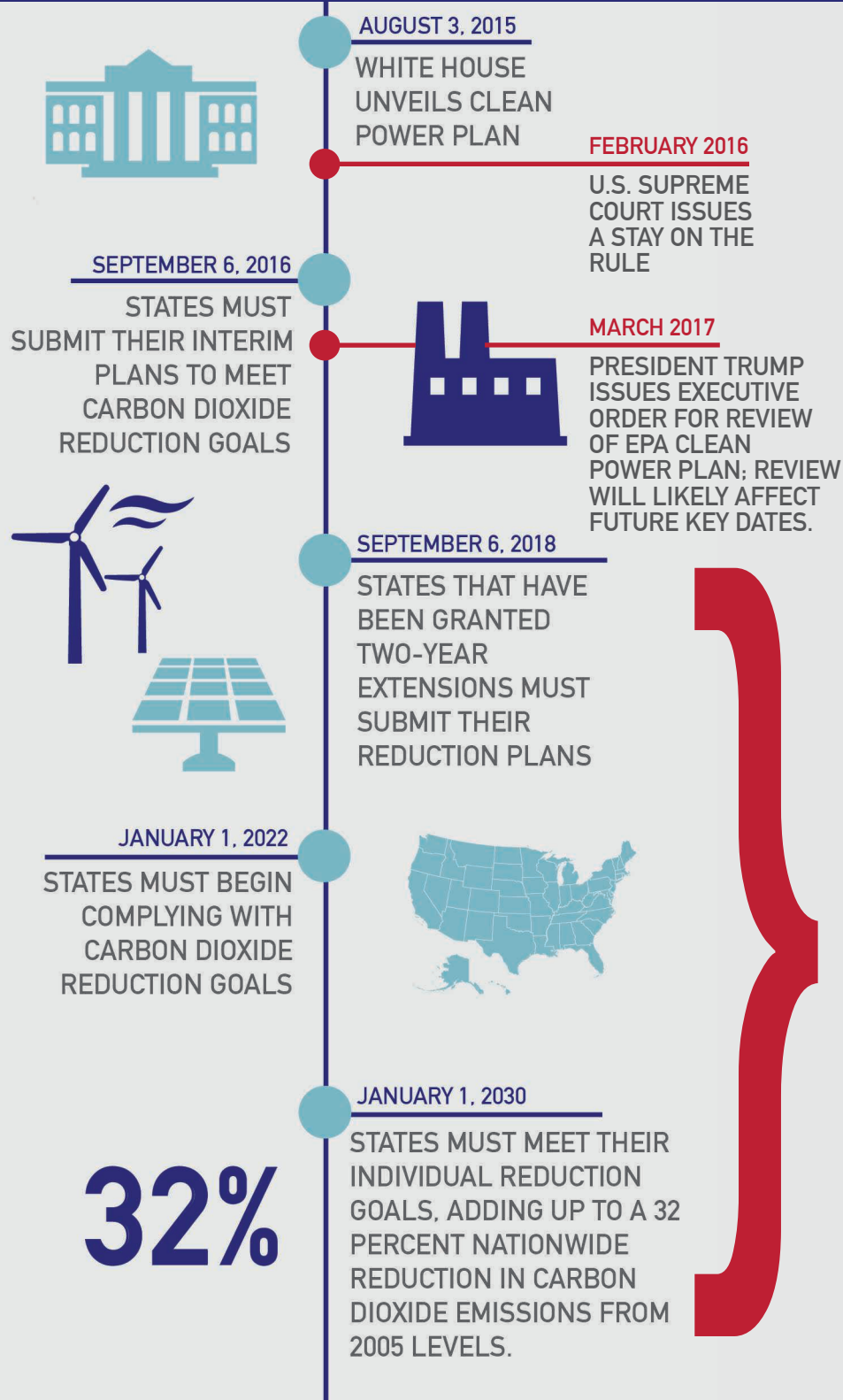
On Aug. 3, 2015, then President Obama announced the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean Power Plan to slow climate change by reducing carbon dioxide emissions 32 percent by 2030. Below are the key dates leading to the implementation of the plan (unless they are changed by lawsuits or congressional action.) Recent actions are included in red.

did not allow Basin Electric credit for our current investments in natural gas generation or renewables, nor our carbon sequestration efforts through Dakota Gas.

"President Trump's action does not, however, impact Basin Electric's efforts to seek a viable path forward in a carbon constrained future. We are actively seeking solutions that reduce our carbon footprint while keeping coal as part of our energy portfolio, preserving both the reliability and cost competitiveness of our members' energy supply.

In addition to our wind and natural gas investments, we are actively working to advance clean coal technology. Examples include hosting the Integrated Test Center at our Dry Fork Station in Gillette, Wyo., and our investments in research, most recently in the development of a high efficiency power generation technology that generates high quality CO₂ as a product stream, along with participation in DOE's CarbonSAFE program to further the science of CO₂ sequestration in saline aquifers."

In November 2015, utilities across the country, including Basin Electric, filed a Motion to Stay with the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals, which was denied. On Feb. 9, 2016, the U.S. Supreme Court granted Basin Electric and several other petitioners' Motion to Stay the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean Power Plan, giving the current administration time to review the rule and issue today's executive order.



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Patrick Soukup

Manager of Member Services and Marketing

I'm looking for people to join me on the 2017 Basin Electric Bus Tour! Want to know where your electricity really comes from? Heard about the games, prizes and movies while on a bus to North Dakota? Well, this three-day trip could be just the mini-vacation that you need.

This is a great opportunity to tour the Oahe Dam, Basin Electric and a working coal mine at Beulah, ND. It is open to members of Central Electric Cooperative for a

small fee. For just \$25 per person, you will receive round trip transportation, a two night stay in Bismarck, ND and meals.

Members who have never participated in Central Electric's bus tour will be given first priority to participate in 2017.

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Registrations for first-time participants will be accepted until June 1st or until the bus is filled. After June 1st, seats will be filled with members who previously participated in the bus tour. They will be selected based on how many years have passed since their participation.

Each member is limited to two seats on the bus tour and all participants must be at least 18 years of age.

If you are interested in participating in the tour, please give Patrick Soukup a call at 605-996-7516 or 1-800-477-2892 or find the application at www.centralec.coop. You will be asked to complete and return the application with your \$25 per person fee.



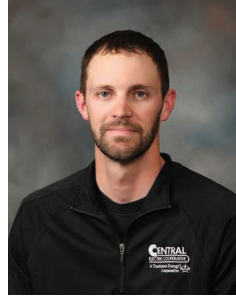
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Regional Dateline

April 22-23

Banff Mountain Film Festival
World Tour, Rapid City, SD
605-394-4101

April 26-29

Black Hills Film Festival
Hill City, SD, 605-574-9454

April 29-30, May 6-7

Pari-Mutuel Horse Racing
Fort Pierre, SD, 605-223-7603

May 5-7

Naja Shrine Circus
Rapid City, SD, 605-343-4076

May 6

Frühlingsfest and Spring
Market, Rapid City, SD
605-716-7979

May 12-14

Siouxpercon, Sioux Falls, SD
www.siouxpercon.com

May 14

1880 Train Mother's Day
Express, Hill City, SD
605-574-2222

May 19

Tesla Car Rally, Custer, SD
605-673-2244

May 19-20

Sioux Empire Film Festival
Sioux Falls, SD, 605-367-6000

May 19-21

State Parks Open House and
Free Fishing Weekend
Pierre, SD, 605-773-3391

May 20

Turkey Days, Huron, SD
605-352-0000



To have your event listed on this page, send complete information, including date, event, place and contact to your local electric cooperative. Include your name, address and daytime telephone number. Information must be submitted at least eight weeks prior to your event. Please call ahead to confirm date, time and location of event.

May 20-21, 28-29

Pari-Mutuel Horse Racing,
Aberdeen, SD, 605-715-9580

May 26-27

State Track Meet
Sioux Falls, SD, 605-224-9261

May 26-28

South Dakota Kayak Challenge
Yankton, SD, 605-864-9011

May 27-28

Annual SDRA Foothills Rodeo
Wessington Springs, SD
605-770-4370

May 30

26th Annual Kids Art Fest
Yankton, SD, 605-665-9754

June 2-3

Rockin' Ribfest, Yankton, SD
605-665-2263

June 2-3

Senior Games, Sioux Falls, SD
Contact Scott Junke at
605-367-8222

June 2-4

Fort Sisseton Historical Festival
Lake City, SD, 605-448-5474

June 2-4

Annual Black Hills Quilt Show
and Sale, Rapid City, SD
605-394-4115

June 2-4

Wheel Jam, Huron, SD
605-353-7340

June 2-4

Fish Days, Lake Andes, SD
pattironfeldt@hcinet.net

June 3

Dairy Fest, Brookings, SD
605-692-7539

June 9-10

Senior Games, Spearfish, SD
Contact Brett Rauterkus
at 605-722-1430

June 17-18

South Dakota Peach Festival
Sioux Falls, SD

Events of Special Note

June 2-3

Howard Headers Cruise Night
and Car Show, Cruise Night on
Friday at 6 p.m., Car Show on
Saturday, Registration 9:30 to
11 a.m., Show 11 a.m. to
4 p.m., Howard, SD
Contact Gary at 605-203-1086

June 17-18

Coin and Stamp Show
Sturgis, SD, 605-381-4625

June 23

148th Annual Midsummer
Festival, Dalesburg Lutheran
Church, Vermillion, SD
605-253-2575
www.dalesburg.org

June 23-24

Senior Games, Mitchell, SD
Contact Howard Bich at
605-275-6891 or email
sdsrgames@gmail.com

June 23-25

South Dakota Scavenger's
Journey, antiques, collectibles
flea markets and more
from Murdo to Plankinton
Vendor space available
www.scavengersjourney.com

July 7-8

Senior Games, Madison, SD
Bernie Schuurmans at
605-270-3327