

## ATS Opposes EPA's Final Cost Benefit Rule

Dec. 9, 2020 - Today the [American Thoracic Society](#) voiced its opposition to the EPA's final regulation "Increasing Consistency and Transparency in Considering Benefits and Costs in the Clean Air Act Rulemaking Process."

"The final rule issued by the EPA is anti-science and anti-health. We know clean air improves people's health and it saves lives. But with this final rule, the EPA has inverted its view of the world where the agency now explicitly ignores the health benefits of co-pollutant reductions, while emphasizing indirect regulatory costs," said Mary B. Rice, MD, chair of the ATS Environmental Health Policy Committee.

"The announcement by the EPA to revise their approach to cost benefit analysis, including their proposal to not consider reductions in co-pollutants in calculating benefits of agency actions, remind us how far the agency has strayed from its original mission and organizing principles when it was established 50 years ago," said Kevin Cromar, PhD, co-chair of the ATS environmental Health Policy Committee.

The ATS calls upon the incoming Biden Administration to overturn this ill-conceived regulation.

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