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## **Obama Pushes “*Single Most Expensive Environmental Regulation*” in U.S. History**

- In 2008, the Bush Administration tightened ozone standards in the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) from 84 ppb to 75 ppb (parts per billion).
- Although the next ozone standard review isn’t due until 2013, the Obama EPA is moving forward with another rule to drastically lower the ozone standards.
- The Business Roundtable has called this new rule the “single most expensive environmental regulation ever imposed on the U.S. economy.”
- If communities aren’t able to meet these new standards, the EPA will have the ability to intervene and block any new construction, including new highways or factory expansions, if those activities contribute to ozone pollution.
- This will crush local investment, economic expansion and jobs.

### **Economic Impact:**

- It would “push 565 new U.S. counties into non-attainment status under the Clean Air Act.” – *National Mining Association*
- “Non-attainment status has a chilling effect on any new economic activity in a designated area.” – *Midwest Power Coalition*
- The President’s new ozone regulation “could cost nearly \$1 Trillion over ten years.” – *Business Roundtable*
- “Total U.S. job losses because of the new standard are estimated to rise to 7.3 million by 2020.” – *Manufacturers Alliance*
- “Pennsylvania businesses and individuals could incur control costs of up to \$3.2 billion and gross regional product could decline \$31.4 billion by 2020. The state could also see more than 330,000 jobs lost by that same year.” - *Gene Barr, Vice President, Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry*

**As White House Chief of Staff Bill Daley said about the Administration’s red tape:**

**“Sometimes you can’t defend the indefensible.”**