

EPA releases finding that emissions endanger public

April 17 -- The U.S. EPA today released a proposed finding that greenhouse gas emissions endanger the public health and welfare, according congressional and environmental sources.

Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., chairwoman of the Senate environment committee, released a statement commending the Obama administration's decision.

The proposed finding allows the U.S. EPA to begin regulating greenhouse gas emissions under the Clean Air Act. However, Congress would continue working to pass legislation creating a market-based cap-and-trade program for reducing greenhouse gas emissions, Boxer said.

Boxer, most environmental groups and EPA officials have said they believe creation of a cap-and-trade program would be the best means of tackling emissions.

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