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# Boehner: Obama's New EPA Regulations 'Nuts,' Will Cost Jobs

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House Speaker John Boehner blasted the new EPA regulations set out by President Barack Obama on Monday, which are designed to impose stringent reductions in greenhouse gas emissions by the country's power plants.

"The president's plan is nuts, there's really no more succinct way to describe it. Americans are still asking 'where are the jobs?' and here he is proposing rules to ship jobs overseas for years to come," Boehner said in a statement.

The executive order proposes a reduction in emissions by an average of 30 percent from 2005 levels by 2030 and is the centerpiece of Obama's climate change agenda.

**Critics**, including many lawmakers within the Democratic Party, insist the regulation could cost hundreds of thousands of jobs a year and force plants across the country to close, **Fox News** reported. Others insist it will drive up **electricity rates**.

"Americans are already paying more for everything, and here he is condemning them to higher bills and lower incomes long after he leaves office. In many ways, this national energy tax is actually worse than the scheme Americans rejected four years ago."

Boehner noted that the House passed legislation in March to prevent the rules from taking effect without the approval of both the House and the Senate, but Democrats in the Senate have so far blocked the measure from a floor vote.

"The question now is: Will Senate Democrats listen to the American people and stop this disaster, or will they back the president all the way?" Boehner said.

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