

OPPOSE HB2780

Topic: Natural Gas and Carbon Sequestration

Bill Patron: Del. O'Quinn

OVERVIEW:

- Defines “Emissions-positive generating units” as facilities that result in net greenhouse gas emissions reductions achieved through either greenhouse gas capture or collection for generation.
- It then exempts these “emissions-positive generating units” from the 2045 retirement date for fossil-fueled generators
- Exempts natural gas power plants from the 2045 retirement date for fossil-fueled generators.

REASONS TO OPPOSE:

- Exempting natural gas from 2045 retirement date completely undermines the carbon-free goals of the Virginia Clean Economy Act.
- The definition of “Emissions-positive generating units” has no requirements for how much GHG is removed beyond the baseline.
- This bill would allow any facility that can claim even a minimal amount of GHG reduction to be exempt from the 2045 retirement date.



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