











House Bill 6 Ohio Clean Air Program

HB 6 will create the Ohio Clean Air Program to provide financial incentives to power plants that have zero or reduced carbon dioxide emissions.


What does the legislation do?

-  The bill imposes a monthly fee of \$0.50 in 2020 and \$2.50 per month after that on the electric bills of residential consumers.
-  The legislation will eliminate the charges, averaging \$4.39 per month, previously added to pay for mandatory energy efficiency and renewable energy programs.
-  **These charges will not apply to consumer-members of Ohio's electric cooperatives.**

How will the program work?

-  The monthly fees will generate about \$300 million per year by 2021.
-  Generating facilities will be eligible for a \$9 per megawatt hour credit for generating carbon-free electricity.
-  The Ohio Air Quality Development Authority will determine how the revenue is dispersed to generating companies based on criteria favoring nuclear power.
-  The largest recipient would be First Energy Solutions (FES), which owns the only nuclear plants in Ohio.
-  Generating facilities owned by Buckeye Power, including Cardinal Generating Facility, will not be eligible for funds created by the Ohio Clean Air Program.

Is this legislation necessary?

-  Opponents, including business and environmental groups, claim that HB 6 is simply a bailout of the state's financially struggling nuclear power plants.