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Here's what I'm hearing about a revised 316(b) Rule...

EPA believes that it would be technically infeasible to require retrofiting of close-cycle cooling everywhere ... the Agency expressed a greater appreciation of space constraints and permitting issues, as well as cost.

For purposes of selecting BTA, EPA is focusing on the factors that the statute specifies the Agency must consider in setting effluent guidelines, such as feasibility, cost, performance, age of the facility, and energy and non-water quality impacts.

EPA's senior management and OMB recently have reiterated their strong desire to get a proposed rule signed and out to the Federal Register by December 31, 2008.

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