Washington, DC - U.S. Congressman Mike Pence released the following statement today in response to the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) release of new regulations which amount to a backdoor national energy tax:

"The Obama Administration seems determined to crush middle America’s hope for an economic recovery. These new regulations will kill jobs and drive up energy costs for all Americans.

"With the unemployment rate near 10 percent Washington should lower taxes and make it easier for businesses to create jobs. Instead, EPA bureaucrats are overstepping their bounds and breeding the kind of uncertainty that forces companies to scrap their plans for expansion and hiring.

"These regulations are a down payment on the administration’s radical job-killing environmental agenda that will cap growth and trade away American jobs. Unless this agenda is opposed, we can expect the EPA to continue choking out the private sector’s efforts to restart the American economy."