



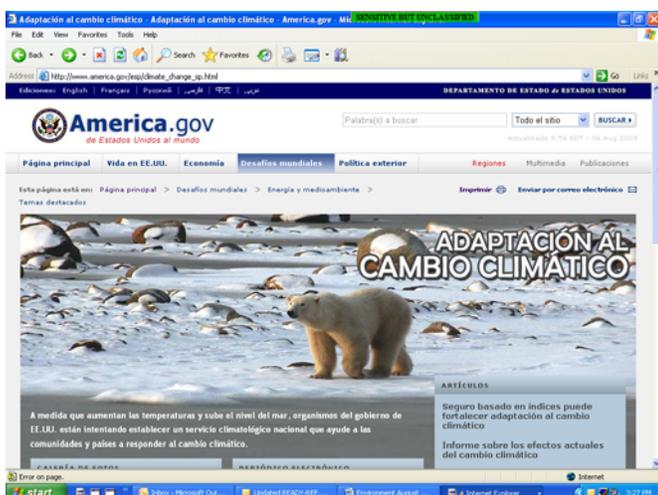
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### GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS

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Web oficial del Departamento de Estado de EE.UU. sobre asuntos relacionados con el medio ambiente con textos en español.

[http://www.america.gov/esp/climate\\_change\\_sp.html](http://www.america.gov/esp/climate_change_sp.html)

### North American Leaders' Declaration on Climate Change and Clean Energy

The White House

August 10, 2009

Energy and climate change were an important element of the trilateral discussions at the North American Leaders Summit, held in Guadalajara, Mexico, on August 9-10, 2009.

[http://www.whitehouse.gov/the\\_press\\_office/North-American-Leaders-Declaration-on-Climate-Change-and-Clean-Energy/](http://www.whitehouse.gov/the_press_office/North-American-Leaders-Declaration-on-Climate-Change-and-Clean-Energy/)



### Laws, Regulations, Guidance and Dockets

United States Environmental Protection Agency

<http://www.epa.gov/lawsregs/>

## **Federal Pollution Control Laws: How Are They Enforced?**

Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress  
August 18, 2009

This report provides an overview of the statutory framework, key players, infrastructure, resources, tools, and operations associated with enforcement and compliance of the major pollution control laws and regulations administered by EPA. It also outlines the roles of federal (including regional offices) and state regulators, as well as the regulated community. Understanding the many facets of how all federal pollution control laws are enforced, and the responsible parties involved, can be challenging. Enforcement of the considerable body of these laws involves a complex framework and organizational setting.

[http://crs.gallerywatch.com/PHP\\_articledetails.gw?articleid=PHP:US:CRS:RL34384&type=CRS](http://crs.gallerywatch.com/PHP_articledetails.gw?articleid=PHP:US:CRS:RL34384&type=CRS)

## **EPA Meets Day 200 Recovery Act Commitment, Promoting Green Jobs and Healthier Communities / Agency announces it has accelerated or begun cleanup on 20 contaminated U.S. sites**

United States Environmental Protection Agency  
September 3, 2009

“Two-hundred days after Congress passed the recovery act, EPA projects are up and running and creating jobs across the country. We’re providing real solutions for struggling communities and steadily working to pull our country out of the worst economic downturn in a generation,” said Administrator Jackson. “This is how we build a new foundation for prosperity – by making our communities cleaner, safer places to live, work and grow a business.”

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/0/c9763cadd53885f6852576260071653d?OpenDocument>

## **Memorandum of Understanding to Enhance Cooperation on Climate Change, Energy and Environment Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the People’s Republic Of China**

U.S. Department of State  
July 28, 2009

The first round of the U.S.-China Strategic and Economic Dialogue was held in Washington, DC, from 27 to 28 July, 2009. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton and Secretary of the Treasury Timothy F. Geithner, as special representatives of President Barack Obama, and Vice Premier Wang Qishan and State Councilor Dai Bingguo, as special representatives of Chinese President Hu Jintao, co-chaired the Dialogue, which included Strategic and Economic tracks under this framework. The Dialogue is a reflection of the progress in the U.S.-China relationship over the course of the last thirty years and represents the two sides’ shared commitment to build a positive, cooperative and comprehensive relationship for the 21st century.

<http://www.state.gov/documents/organization/126802.pdf>

## **Greenhouse Gas Legislation: Summary and Analysis of H.R. 2454 as Passed by the House of Representatives**

Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress. Mark Holt and Gene Whitney  
July 27, 2009

Among other items, the bill provides for smart grid technologies, including products that can be equipped with smart grid capability, requirements for electric power retailers to reduce their peak loads using smart grid and other energy efficient technologies, and requirements that power suppliers ensure that utility smart grid systems will be compatible with plug-in electric drive vehicles

[http://assets.opencrs.com/rpts/R40643\\_20090727.pdf](http://assets.opencrs.com/rpts/R40643_20090727.pdf)

<http://www.govtrack.us/congress/bill.xpd?bill=h111-2454>

### **Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Refrigerated Bottled or Canned Beverage Vending Machines**

U.S. Department of Energy

August 31, 2009

The average energy use of the most common new cold beverage vending machines would be cut by about 42% according to the new national minimum standards. The move fulfills President Obama's February 5th pledge to complete five new efficiency standards by August. Energy efficiency and environmental groups lauded the new standards and DOE's prompt fulfillment of the President's commitment while lamenting the lack of energy-saving smart controls for vending machines that could have achieved even larger savings.

[http://www1.eere.energy.gov/buildings/appliance\\_standards/commercial/pdfs/bvm\\_final\\_rule\\_notice.pdf](http://www1.eere.energy.gov/buildings/appliance_standards/commercial/pdfs/bvm_final_rule_notice.pdf)

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## **THINK TANKS AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

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### **Unlocking Energy Efficiency in the U.S. Economy**

McKinsey & Company

July 2009

In this report, McKinsey & Company offers a detailed analysis of the magnitude of the efficiency potential in non-transportation uses of energy, a thorough assessment of the barriers that impede the capture of greater efficiency, and an outline of the practical solutions available to unlock the potential.

[http://www.mckinsey.com/client/service/electricpowernaturalgas/US\\_energy\\_efficiency/](http://www.mckinsey.com/client/service/electricpowernaturalgas/US_energy_efficiency/)

### **Securing America's Future: Enhancing Our National Security by Reducing Oil Dependence and Environmental Damage**

Center for American Progress

August 25, 2009

The United States has an historic opportunity to enhance its national security by reducing its dependence on oil. Policies to accomplish this goal, including more efficient fuel economy standards, investments in hybrid and electric vehicles, development of natural gas-fueled heavy duty vehicles, and production of advanced biofuels would also create jobs and reduce global warming pollution.

[http://www.americanprogress.org/issues/2009/08/pdf/energy\\_security.pdf](http://www.americanprogress.org/issues/2009/08/pdf/energy_security.pdf)

### **Climate Change & National Wildlife: a Survival Guide for a Warming World**

National Parks Conservation Association

August 2009

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Wildlife and public lands need help surviving the conditions caused by climate change, such as droughts, warmer temperatures, and loss of habitat. The report recommends strategies to help wildlife adapt, including providing land corridors and reducing stress from pollution and invasive species.

[http://www.npca.org/climatechange/wildlife\\_survival/pdfs/00-NPCA-Wildlife.pdf](http://www.npca.org/climatechange/wildlife_survival/pdfs/00-NPCA-Wildlife.pdf)

## ARTICLES

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### **Seeds for Change. Rural electric co-ops have lagged**

The Wall Street Journal  
September 8, 2009

Environmentalists aren't ready to hand out gold stars yet; they say rural co-ops remain far too reliant on old-style, coal-fired power plants. Still, some see clear signs of progress. "These are all good developments," says Bruce Driver, an energy consultant to the environmental group Western Resource Advocates, which is based in Boulder, Colo. Co-ops, he says, "are starting to think differently than they were even two or three years ago."

<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052970204619004574320094291018298.html>

### **Lighting the Way for Colleges. Campus Hopes Solar Farm Will Be Model for Other Schools**

The Washington Post  
August 9, 2009

On one of the fields where students learn about agriculture, the University of Maryland Eastern Shore will soon be planting a new kind of crop with a constantly renewable yield: 20 acres' worth of photovoltaic panels, the largest solar farm in the state.

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/08/08/AR2009080802448.html>

### **World Climate Conference Launches Global Climate Services Effort.**

Adapting to a changing planet is focus of scientists, international leaders  
America.gov  
September 4, 2009

<http://www.america.gov/st/energy-english/2009/September/20090904191340ihecuor0.9898144.html&distid=ucs#ixzz0QV0dCiIN>

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