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## ENERGYBLOG

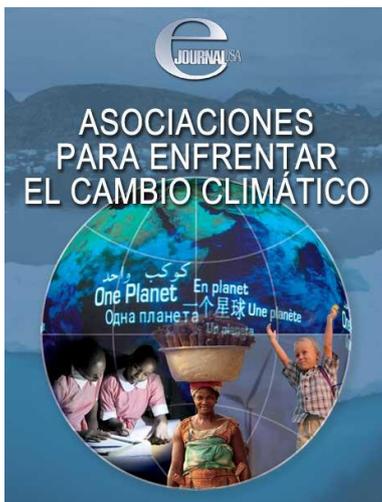
### Celebrating National Weatherization Day

Posted by Secretary Steven Chu on November 01, 2010 at 1:55 PM

This weekend, communities across the country celebrated National Weatherization Day, highlighting the important work happening nationwide to save money for America's homeowners by investing in energy efficiency. As a result of the Recovery Act weatherization program, more than 245,000 low-income families have had their homes upgraded, which means these families are paying lower energy bills every month. The program has also helped to put thousands of workers on the job every day, helping to grow America's clean energy economy while improving our energy independence and reducing pollution. To all those involved in the success of this program, congratulations and we look forward to your continued good work in the months and years ahead.

Watch the video below to get a firsthand look at the work happening in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania under the weatherization program.

<http://www.embusa.es/irc/rd.php?url=http://blog.energy.gov/blog/2010/11/01/celebrating-national-weatherization-day>



### Asociaciones para enfrentar el cambio climático

Periódico electrónico

Departamento de Estado de EE.UU.

Agosto de 2010

Este número del eJournalUSA describe una estructura ya comprobada, y otra propuesta, pertinentes a los problemas climáticos actuales. El modelo comprobado se concentra en su influencia en la conducta personal y en las prácticas empresariales para lograr ganancias a largo plazo; el otro, en cultivar un entorno creativo en el que los asociados puedan elaborar productos comerciales con beneficio inmediato. Seis estudios de casos ilustran los modelos en acción. Además, el presidente de una organización de inversiones explica cómo las prácticas empresariales ambientalmente adecuadas

no son ejercicios meramente altruistas sino iniciativas con un resultado final beneficioso.

<http://www.embusa.es/irc/rd.php?url=http://www.america.gov/esp/publications/ejournalusa/aug10.html>

## **100 Recovery Act Projects that are Changing America**

The White House

September 17, 2010

EPA Recovery Act Projects Spotlited in Vice President Biden's New Report on 100 Recovery Act Projects Changing America

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Lisa P. Jackson announced today that eight EPA projects were highlighted in a new report released by Vice President Joe Biden, "100 Recovery Act Projects that are Changing America." The report highlights some of the most innovative and effective Recovery Act projects across the country that are not only putting people back to work now, but helping transform our economy for years to come.

The EPA projects highlighted in the report include:

- Lead and Arsenic Cleanup - Evansville, Ind. - \$6.6 million
- Cleaning Up an Urban Tidal Estuary - New Bedford, Mass. - \$30 million
- Improvements to Wastewater Treatment Plant - Batesville, Ark. - \$10 million
- Acceleration of Hazardous Waste Cleanup - Waukegan, Ill. - \$18.5 million
- Creating Jobs, Saving Money and Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions - Johnson County, Kan. - \$18 million
- Large-Scale Clean Up of Radiologically Contaminated Soil - Camden, N.J. - \$28 million
- Welcoming Development in a Cleaned Up Industrial Park - South Plainfield, N.J. - \$30 million
- Cleaning up Contaminated Soil - Cherokee County, Kan. - \$14.6 million

<http://www.embusa.es/irc/rd.php?url=http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/100-Recovery-Act-Projects-Changing-America-Report.pdf>

## **Short-Term Energy and Winter Fuels Outlook**

Energy Information Administration

October 13, 2010

The Outlook projects average household expenditures for space-heating fuels will total \$986 this winter, October 1 to March 31, an increase of \$24, or 2.5 percent, from last winter. It projects higher expenditures in all fuels except electricity, where expenditures decline by 2 percent. The forecast reflects moderately higher prices for all the fuels, although slightly milder weather than last winter for much of the Nation should contribute to lower consumption in many areas.

[http://www.embusa.es/irc/rd.php?url=http://www.eia.gov/emeu/steo/pub/steo\\_full.pdf](http://www.embusa.es/irc/rd.php?url=http://www.eia.gov/emeu/steo/pub/steo_full.pdf)

## **The First Large-Scale Solar Energy Plants on Public Lands**

U.S. Department of Interior

Posted by Secretary Ken Salazar on October 05, 2010

These projects are milestones in our focused effort to rapidly and responsibly capture renewable energy resources on public lands," Salazar said in signing the final Records of Decision for the initiatives. "These projects advance the President's agenda for stimulating investment in cutting-edge technology, creating jobs for American workers, and promoting clean energy for American homes, businesses and industry."

<http://www.embusa.es/irc/rd.php?url=http://www.doi.gov/news/pressreleases/Salazar-Green-Lights-First-Ever-Solar-Energy-Projects-on-Public-Lands.cfm>

## **EPA Announces Winners of First National Building Competition to Save Energy**

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
October 26, 2010

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Energy Star program has announced that Morrison Residence Hall at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC) has won the first EPA National Building Competition. The competition, launched on April 27, 2010, challenged teams from 14 buildings across the country to measure their building's energy use and reduce waste with help from the Energy Star program. Morrison Residence Hall at UNC reduced its energy use by 35.7 percent in one year, saving more than \$250,000 on their energy bills and reducing more than 730 metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions, equivalent to the carbon dioxide emissions from the electricity use of nearly 90 homes for a year.

<http://www.embusa.es/irc/rd.php?url=http://www.energystar.gov/buildingcontest>

## **Obama Administration Announces Plans to Install New Solar Panels on the White House Residence**

October 5, 2010

U.S. Energy Secretary Steven Chu and Council of Environmental Quality (CEQ) Chair Nancy Sutley today announced plans to install solar panels and a solar hot water heater on the roof of the White House Residence.

"This project reflects President Obama's strong commitment to U.S. leadership in solar energy and the jobs it will create here at home," said Secretary Chu. "Deploying solar energy technologies across the country will help America lead the global economy for years to come."

<http://www.embusa.es/irc/rd.php?url=http://www.energy.gov/news/9641.htm>

## **The Challenges and Opportunities of Biotechnology**

Jose W. Fernandez, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Economic, Energy and Business Affairs  
The Indonesia Agricultural Technology and Investment Forum

Jakarta, Indonesia

October 6, 2010

<http://www.embusa.es/irc/rd.php?url=http://www.state.gov/e/eeb/rls/rm/2010/149589.htm>

## **Environmental Laws: Summaries of Major Statutes Administered by the Environmental Protection Agency**

CRS Report for Congress

October 8, 2010

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) was established in 1970 to consolidate numerous federal pollution control responsibilities that had been divided among several federal agencies. EPA's responsibilities grew over time as Congress enacted an increasing number of environmental statutes and major amendments to these statutes. EPA's primary responsibilities include the regulation of air quality, water quality, and chemicals in commerce; the development of regulatory criteria for the management and disposal of solid and hazardous wastes; and the cleanup of environmental contamination. EPA also provides financial assistance to states and local governments to aid them in administering pollution control programs and in complying with certain federal environmental requirements.

<http://www.embusa.es/irc/rd.php?url=http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/misc/RL30798.pdf>

## **Secretary Clinton on Global Alliance for Clean Cookstoves**

September 21, 2010

<http://www.embusa.es/irc/rd.php?url=http://www.state.gov/secretary/rm/2010/09/147500.htm>

## **Alternative Fuels and Advanced Technology Vehicles: Issues in Congress**

CRS Report for Congress  
September 22, 2010

Alternative fuels and advanced technology vehicles were addressed early in the 111th Congress, as both the House and Senate versions of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (H.R. 1) contained provisions supporting their development and deployment. While some of these provisions were removed in conference, the final version (P.L. 111-5) contains provisions for tax incentives, federal grants and loans, and other federal support for alternative fuels and advanced vehicles.

<http://www.embusa.es/irc/rd.php?url=http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/R40168.pdf>

### **THINK TANKS AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

## **Foreign Policy and the 2010 Midterms: Energy and Climate Policy**

Council on Foreign Relations  
October 8, 2010.

A possible transfer of political power in the congressional midterm elections could doom short-term chances for a comprehensive climate bill. But experts say climate issues could still be addressed through bills focused on clean energy.

[http://www.embusa.es/irc/rd.php?url=http://www.cfr.org/publication/23112/foreign\\_policy\\_and\\_the\\_2010\\_midterms.html](http://www.embusa.es/irc/rd.php?url=http://www.cfr.org/publication/23112/foreign_policy_and_the_2010_midterms.html)

## **Energy Predictions 2011**

Deloitte  
October 19, 2010

Even as the recession begins to subside, the energy sector is still likely to experience challenging conditions as we enter 2011. It should be remembered how very important a role energy plays in driving the global economy, according to the report. Serving as a simple yet global and unified measure of economic recovery, it is oil's price range and the strength and sustainability of the recovery which will impact the ways in which all forms of energy are produced and consumed.

[http://www.embusa.es/irc/rd.php?url=http://www.deloitte.com/assets/Dcom-Global/Local%20Assets/Documents/Energy\\_Resources/6810A\\_EnergyPredict10\\_sm5.pdf](http://www.embusa.es/irc/rd.php?url=http://www.deloitte.com/assets/Dcom-Global/Local%20Assets/Documents/Energy_Resources/6810A_EnergyPredict10_sm5.pdf)

## **Environment, Conflict and Peacebuilding at LISD: Addressing the Links among Environmental Change, Natural Resources and Security**

International Institute for Sustainable Development  
October 2010

The brief contends that a better understanding of the links between environmental change and human security is vital for effective conflict prevention, peacebuilding and post-conflict reconstruction. The connections between environmental issues and conflict are many and complex. There is a crucial need to understand these links and transmit them to policy-makers and practitioners.

[http://www.embusa.es/irc/rd.php?url=http://www.iisd.org/pdf/2010/brochure\\_environment\\_conflict\\_peacebuilding.pdf](http://www.embusa.es/irc/rd.php?url=http://www.iisd.org/pdf/2010/brochure_environment_conflict_peacebuilding.pdf)

## **Combating Climate Change through Quality Education**

Brookings Institution  
September 16, 2010

Climate change threatens to undo and even reverse the progress made toward meeting the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and poses one of the most serious challenges to reducing global poverty for the international community. However, the education sector offers a currently untapped opportunity to combat climate change. The brief reviews the current policies and actions on climate change and the barriers to engaging the education sector in the discussions on climate change mitigation and adaptation.

[http://www.embusa.es/irc/rd.php?url=http://www.brookings.edu/~media/Files/rc/papers/2010/09\\_climate\\_education/09\\_climate\\_education.pdf](http://www.embusa.es/irc/rd.php?url=http://www.brookings.edu/~media/Files/rc/papers/2010/09_climate_education/09_climate_education.pdf)

### **Modeling The Impact Of Climate Change On Global Hydrology And Water Availability**

The World Bank

September 2010

The technical report provides the background to the methodology used to model the impact of climate change on runoff for the global track of the Economic of Adaptation to Climate Change (EACC) project. It presents findings from computer modeling of the impacts of potential climate change on hydrology and water availability, that is, changes in runoff, basin yield, and flooding.

[http://www.embusa.es/irc/rd.php?url=http://www-wds.worldbank.org/external/default/WDSContentServer/WDSP/IB/2010/09/29/000334955\\_20100929032434/Rendered/PDF/568010NWP0D1CC10Box353732B01PUBLIC1.pdf](http://www.embusa.es/irc/rd.php?url=http://www-wds.worldbank.org/external/default/WDSContentServer/WDSP/IB/2010/09/29/000334955_20100929032434/Rendered/PDF/568010NWP0D1CC10Box353732B01PUBLIC1.pdf)

### **Monitoring Climate Change Impacts: Metrics at the Intersection of the Human and Earth Systems National Research Council**

October 8, 2010

The stresses associated with climate change are expected to be felt keenly as human population grows to a projected 9 billion by the middle of this century, increasing the demand for resources and supporting infrastructure. Therefore, information to assess vulnerabilities to climate change is needed to support policies and investments designed to increase resilience in human and Earth systems.

[http://www.embusa.es/irc/rd.php?url=http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record\\_id=12965](http://www.embusa.es/irc/rd.php?url=http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12965)

## POLLS

### **Wide Partisan Divide over Global Warming**

*Few Tea Party Republicans See Evidence*

October 27, 2010

<http://www.embusa.es/irc/rd.php?url=http://pewresearch.org/pubs/1780/poll-global-warming-scientists-energy-policies-offshore-drilling-tea-party>

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