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Boulder Renewable Energy & Energy Efficiency Working Group

<http://boulderenergy.org>

8/30/05

"If coal plants release mercury - and mercury is a neurotoxin that damages children's brains - then reducing the amount of mercury in emissions doesn't stop that. It just says, 'We'll tell you at what rate you can dispense death.' Being less bad is not being good."
-- William McDonough in Newsweek 5/16/2005

Hot Picks

CU Solar Decathlon House

Making progress, but they need support. Consider a donation

<http://solar.colorado.edu/sponsors/donations.shtml>

or attending a reception (\$5) 8/30, 7 - 10 PM at the Design Within Reach furniture store, Spruce and Broadway, Boulder.

Information: Jon Previtali jonp@oddpst.com

In Depth Analysis of World PV Market & Solar Investment Opportunities

Minimal price increases for 2 years. Includes a detailed analysis of silicon shortage, etc.

http://www.photon-magazine.com/news/news_2005-08_ww_med_feat_Sunscreen.htm

Full report at:

<http://www.photon-magazine.com/news/PI%202005-08%20ww%20med%20feat%20SunScreen%20Study.pdf>

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From Boulder & Colorado:

Boulder Windpower 500 Challenge

A challenge to get 500 new wind subscribers in Boulder by 10/31. From Western Resource Advocates, the City of Boulder,

<http://www.cogreenpower.org/Challenge.htm>

A Response to the Denver Post Editorial on the Fight Against Comanche 3

"While we agree that negotiation is preferable to protracted litigation, we believe that the prerequisite for any negotiations is adherence to Colorado's consumer and environmental protection laws."

http://www.coloradocleanenergy.org/html/response_den_ed.html

From Lili Franklyn.

BGBG: Certified Wood Now Available in Boulder

From Boulder Lumber and Lafayette Lumber Company. Forest Stewardship Council certified.
http://www.bgbg.org/members_sponsorpages_sterling.php

FSC information
<http://www.fscus.org/>

From David Rose.

Pueblo Council Approves Aquilla Ballot Issue

The question of "should Pueblo buy its electric utility" will be put to the people in November.
<http://www.chieftain.com/metro/1124820241/1>

Discussion prior to this decision:
<http://www.chieftain.com/metro/1124461978/1>

From Ross Vincent.

Post: Farmers Dig Renewables

"The same legislation also handed big government giveaways to the crude oil and coal industries. It makes little sense for Washington to subsidize the old energy industries. It does, however, make sense for the government to jump-start promising new technologies that could create sustainable, environmentally friendly energy supplies.

Meanwhile, farmers and ranchers should be prepared to make their own investments. Rural Electric Associations promote wind turbines and solar panels as a way farmers and ranchers

can make money. Yet the REAs' own commitment to green energy is lax. ...If REAs want to sell renewable energy, they should also use it."

http://www.denverpost.com/editorials/ci_2954206

From Ross Vincent.

Post: State Leaders Should Embrace '25 by 25'

Editorial in favor of campaign to get 25% of our energy from farms by 2025.

http://www.denverpost.com/search/ci_2981411

From Michael Bowman.

8 MW Cattle Feedlot Digester in Ft. Morgan

<http://www.wapa.gov/es/pubs/esb/2005/august/aug056.htm>

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10/14 - 15. Boulder. Bioneers Conference

<http://ecenter.colorado.edu/bioneers/index.html>

11/2 - 4. Denver. Brownfields Conference (Free)

Keynote speaker (one of Ken's favorites!) William McDonough.

<http://www.brownfields2005.org/en/Article.aspx?id=23>

Sustainability track.

<http://www.brownfields2005.org/en/Sessions.Browser.aspx>

(click on the "Track" tab, then select sustainability from the pop-up menu).

11/10 - 11. Denver. Peak Oil Conference

An array of international experts.

<http://www.aspo-usa.com/fall2005/index.cfm>

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From Elsewhere:

One-liners:

5 cities bid to buy Montana Electric Utility for \$2 Billion.

<http://www.greatfallsribune.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20050819/NEWS01/508190303/1002>

"The world could run out of time to develop cleaner alternatives to oil and other fossil fuels before depletion drives prices through the roof, a leading Dutch energy researcher said on Thursday."

http://www.breitbart.com/news/2005/08/18/MTFH69017_2005-08-18_13-53-52_SCH850008.html

Newsweek: How to Escape the Oil Trap. Efficiency, rebates for hybrids, and raise gas tax for energy security.

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/9024768/site/newsweek/>

Massive advertising campaign by nuclear industry to sway public opinion on waste disposal at Yucca Mountain.

<http://www.prwatch.org/node/3902>

Global Warming: Will You Listen Now America?

http://www.truthout.org/docs_2005/081905R.shtml

Making china green by Denis Hayes (former Director of the then Solar Energy Research Institute, now the National Renewable Energy Laboratory in Golden.

http://seattlepi.nwsourc.com/opinion/237317_focusmain21.html

Fort Collins' Trees, Water, and People wins award for improved cooking stoves in Honduras.

http://treeswaterpeople.org/about_twp/ashden.htm

California to Save \$6 Billion Net of Rebates From Million (California) Solar Roofs

<http://www.renewableenergyaccess.com/rea/market/business/viewstory.jsessionid=ag8sAdpwB8w8?id=35767>

From Michael Bowman, Ross Vincent, and others.

Climate Change = No More Beach Sand?

Remember playing in beach sand as a kid? Your kids' kids may have no such memories.

<http://www.smh.com.au/news/science/sands-of-time-threaten-beaches/2005/08/21/1124562735774.html?oneclick=true>

From Ross Vincent

Italy Approves Solar Feed-in Tariff at 0.445 Euros per kWh

(0.445 is the number I get, but I didn't completely understand the press release. Could be 0.60 Euros (0.74 US \$) after net metering savings is included for systems under 20 kW. A similar German feed-in tariff has generated huge demand for solar in Germany. - Ken).

<http://prorinnovabili.blogspot.com/archive/2005/08/25/italy-feed-in-tariff-approved.html>

Combined Heat & Power (CHP) Catches On in US

NPR report on a CHP 5 MW electricity and steam generator at Biogen Idec. Cost \$9 million. Savings \$3 million per year.

<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=4809012>

Geoengineering: Large Scale Manipulation of Earth's Environment to Fight Climate Change

(While I find the scale, costs, and risks of these options to be extreme, particularly when compared to efficiency and renewables, I think we must evaluate and study all options to combat climate change - Ken)

<http://www.ucalgary.ca/~keith/papers/44.Keith.2002.GeoengOxfordEncy.f.pdf>

From Sol Shapiro.

NYT: 9 States in Plan to Cut Greenhouse Gas Emissions

"Officials in New York and eight other Northeastern states have come to a preliminary agreement to freeze power plant emissions at their current levels and then reduce them by 10 percent by 2020, according to a confidential draft proposal."

http://www.truthout.org/docs_2005/082405J.shtml

Oregon Working Towards Adopting California Clean Cars Standards

"In three years, new car buyers in Oregon could see more vehicles with cleaner engines and better gas mileage -- and higher prices -- if Gov. Ted Kulongoski succeeds in adopting California's tougher tailpipe emission standards."

http://www.oregonlive.com/news/oregonian/index.ssf?/base/front_page/1124967763177440.xml&coll=7

And an editorial - Lead, Follow, or Get Out of the Way:

<http://www.oregonlive.com/editorials/oregonian/index.ssf?/base/editorial/112505413326650.xml&coll=7>

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