

20-20 Energy Vision -- for Now, and the Future

The undersigned organizations of the Illinois environmental community reject the priorities of the Bush/Cheney National Energy Strategy and call for a real energy strategy with the following priorities that will provide safe, cleaner, reliable and affordable energy.

For the Nation:

- 1.) A "20-20" plan, which would result in 20% of all electricity generation from truly renewable energy resources (wind, solar, select forms of biomass) by the year 2020, to be accomplished by adoption of a national Renewables Portfolio Standard (RPS)
- 2.) A doubling of federal support for energy efficiency and conservation;
- 3.) No new subsidies for fossil fuel and nuclear power, and a phase out of existing subsidies by the year 2020;
- 4.) Actual U.S. CO2 greenhouse gas reductions of 7% from 1990 levels should be achieved by 2010
- 5.) Emission reductions and caps on the 4 major fossil fuel pollutants: NOx, SO2, mercury, and CO2 by 2007; and retrofit or closure of "grandfathered" coal plants that fail to meet modern emission standards by the year 2007;
- 6.) No new nuclear plant construction;
- 7.) Increasing vehicle fleet mileage for cars and light trucks to 40 mpg by 2010, and 65 mpg by 2020;
- 8.) No drilling for oil or natural gas on sensitive public lands such as Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, and on or under the Great Lakes;
- 9.) No renewal of current operating licenses for nuclear plants prior to the year 2020.

For the State of Illinois:

- 1.) A "20-20" plan, which would result in 20% of all electricity generation from truly renewable energy resources (wind, solar, select forms of biomass) by the year 2020, to be accomplished by adoption of a Renewables Portfolio Standard (RPS);
- 2.) A doubling of State support for energy efficiency and conservation;
- 3.) No new subsidies for fossil fuel and nuclear power, and a phase out of existing subsidies by the year 2020;
- 4.) Actual U.S. CO2 greenhouse gas reductions of 7% from 1990 levels should be achieved by 2010;
- 5.) Emission reductions and caps on the 4 major fossil fuel pollutants: NOx, SO2, mercury, and CO2 by 2007; and retrofit or closure of "grandfathered" coal plants that fail to meet modern emission standards by the year 2007;
- 6.) No new nuclear plant construction;
- 7.) Increasing State vehicle fleet mileage for cars and light trucks to 40 mpg by 2010, and 65 mpg by 2020;
- 8.) No drilling for oil or natural gas on, in or under Lake Michigan