



# Ohio Student Environmental Coalition

*An evolution from Kat and Mattie, 1.11.09*

Welcome to the NEW version of the OSEC Update! While it may look the same, it's now being co-edited by OSEC Newsletter Chair Kat Shaw from OU. We have some other plans for this as well, and are thinking about going Web 2.0 sometime soon, with a blog format.

“Switching just one percent of total electricity generating capacity per year from conventional to renewable sources would result in an additional 61,000 to 84,000 jobs for African Americans by 2030.”

*-Climate of Change, by Redefining Progress, 7/08-*

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## -- OSEC UPDATES --

### STEERING COMMITTEE RETREAT, JAN 16-18

The OSEC Steering Committee will be having our winter retreat at the Tree House at Ohio Wesleyan University this coming weekend. During the retreat, Steering will focus on collaborative campaign planning, our various committees, Power Shift 09, and much more. [Find out more about Steering](#) :: [Register for the retreat](#)

### HELP NAME THE NEW OSEC NEWSLETTER

As mentioned in the introduction, the OSEC Newsletter may soon become more of its own entity. Specifically, we are considering turning this into a blog, but we don't know what to call it! The only things we can come up with are The Lackluster, Mediocre News, and The Blahboring. Think you have a better idea? [Let us know!](#)

### POWER SHIFT 2009: OHIO REPRESENT!

400 Ohio students will attend [Power Shift 2009](#). Will you be one of them?

- OU: 150
- Oberlin: 50
- OSU: 50
- Miami: 20
- Denison: 15

- Muskingum: 15
- Bowling Green: 10
- Kent: 10
- Wright State: 4
- add your school to this list!

## -- ACTION --

### CAPITOL CLIMATE ACTION

On March 2<sup>nd</sup>, the last day of Power Shift 09, thousands of people will express the urgency of global warming through peaceful civil disobedience in DC.



After years of organizing and policy change, the action provides an opportunity for citizens to link together and demand change from the new administration and Congress. We're taking our action to the Capitol coal-fired Power Plant in Washington DC-a plant that is literally powering Congress with dirty energy. The [Capitol Climate Action](#) will be the largest act of civil disobedience for the climate in US history.

## **TELL CONGRESS TO GREEN THE STIMULUS PLAN**

Members of Congress are crafting a new economic stimulus and recovery plan. Make sure our voice is heard, and tell Congress that the stimulus must help build a green economy and include funding for the Green Jobs Act to create thousands of economically and environmentally sustainable jobs for American.

[Click here to write your rep!](#)

## **TAKE A STAND FOR SURVIVAL**

The UN Negotiations in Poland showed a promising future with youth from around the world demanding their countries' to commit to creating a climate treaty that will protect the survival of all countries and peoples.

[Click here to send a message to your Climate Delegate!](#)

## **ASK OBAMA TO ADOPT THE CLEAN STATE AGENDA**

There are four decisions the President-elect can make on Day One of his new administration, independently of Congress, that will have an immediate impact on cutting global warming pollution and spurring a clean energy economy.

We're calling these four the [Clean Slate Agenda](#) and we need your help to make these a priority by contacting President-Elect Obama today.

## **100 DAYS OF ACTION TO EXPOSE THE TRUE COST OF COAL, PLUG INTO NEW POWER**

Join dozens of groups across the United States between January 21st to April 30th for 100 Days of Action to Power Past Coal! From Appalachia to Arizona, from the Dakotas to Washington DC, we're united to share the stories from communities impacted by coal, and to begin working on a truly clean and just energy future.

<http://powerpastcoal.org/>



## **-- POLITICS --**

### **GOVERNOR STRICKLAND SAYS WIND POWER GROWING IN OHIO!**

Ohio's battered economy feels the winds of opportunity.

Gov. Ted Strickland told a crowd of 800 at the InterContinental Hotel in Cleveland that the wind industry "has a bright future" in Ohio because of its manufacturing capacity and the growing need for renewable power.

"Energy jobs will lead the way to invigorating Ohio's economy," Strickland told conference attendees, most of them manufacturers eager to supply some of the 8,000 parts that go into a wind turbine.

[Click here to read full article](#)

### **OBAMA CHOOSES ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORS**

President-elect Barack Obama has selected his top energy and environmental advisers, including a Nobel Prize-winning physicist and the former head of the EPA, presidential transition officials said Wednesday.

Collectively, they will have the task of carrying out Mr. Obama's stated intent to curb global warming emissions drastically while fashioning a more efficient national energy system. And they will be able to work with strong allies in Congress who are interested in developing climate-change legislation, despite fierce economic headwinds that will amplify objections from manufacturers and energy producers.

[Click here to read full article!](#)

Also see - [Steven Chu: 'Coal is my Worst Nightmare'](#)

## “THE TIME FOR DELAY IS OVER!”

President-elect Barack Obama sits down with former Vice President Al Gore to learn from Mr. Gore’s experience and expertise regarding climate change issues. Mr. Obama speaks about increasing efficiency and building the infrastructure that will be needed to create new green jobs and boost the economy.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CuiUZiUnr0U>



## OBAMA PICKS GREEN JOBS ADVOCATE REP HILDA SOLIS AS LABOR SECRETARY

California Representative Hilda Solis was the key sponsor of the **Green Jobs Act of 2007**, and she is a champion for immigrant rights and green jobs to help alleviate poverty.

[Click here to read full article including Obama’s other environment and technology experts.](#)

## -- NEWS --

### FIRST, THE GOOD

Dec 8: [Cleveland wants to be first to have offshore wind farm in Lake Erie](#)

Dec 9: [Wind industry conference opens in Cleveland](#)

Dec 11: [No New Coal – the calling card of the 'green Banksy' who breached fortress Kingsnorth](#)  
*Mattie says: this is amazing!*

Dec 12: [Survival is non-negotiable, youth action frames the debate at the UN in Poznan, Poland](#)

Dec 19: [FirstEnergy bills won't go up, PUCO rules](#)

Dec 20: [PUCO keeps AEP rate steady into '09](#)

Dec 20: [Impostor disrupts land bid](#) *Mattie says: this is also amazing!*

Dec 21: [Group asks Hudson to avoid plant](#)

Dec 23: [North Olmsted school district continues to pursue plans for wind turbine](#)

Dec 25: [Coal Hard Truths: Sacramento-born activist seeks justice in the mountains](#)

Dec 26: [Letter to the Editor - Clean Coal? No way](#) by Jenny Jacobs at Youngstown State

Jan 6: [To kick-off start of 111<sup>th</sup> Congress, Brown \(D-OH\) announces jobs and health care legislation](#)

Jan 10: [Cleveland: 'Flats Connections Plan' would add parks, trails on west bank site](#) (OSEC Steering Committee member and Oberlin alum Lora DiFranco worked on this!)

### THEN, THE BAD (and the mediocre)

Dec 10: [WSU, daytaOhio to help state find oil](#)

Dec 12: [Budget Cuts for Ohio](#)

*“laying off thousands of state employees will jeopardize the health and safety of every citizen in Ohio,”*

Dec 17: [Ohio in 100 years](#) "changes to virtually all aspects of Ohio due to global warming."

Dec 30: [The Best and Worst in 2008: Campus Highlights and Lessons for the New Year](#)

Jan 8: Niles, Ohio - [R&A Solutions pyrolysis system turns trash into gas](#)

Jan 9: [AMP signs contractor to build plant](#)



### AND FINALLY, THE WEIRD!

Jan 8: [Wind turbine destroyed after 'octopus UFO' seen in sky](#)

## -- OPPORTUNITIES --

### MOUNTAIN JUSTICE SPRING BREAK & MJSB ALTERNATIVE

MJSB 09, March 7-15 in East Tennessee, will bring you face to face with the devastating effects of mountain top removal and coal industry abuse, and give you the skills and knowledge you need to *fight back!* Through education, community service, speakers, hiking, music, poetry, direct action and more, we will join local communities in the struggle to maintain their land and culture. <http://mjsb.org>

If your spring break doesn't align with the Mountain Justice Spring break trip, DON'T WORRY we

will be arranging an alternative adventure on March 21-29. The trip will be relaxed, but include workshops and a community service project somewhere in Appalachia (TBA).

## THE CHANGING CLIMATE OF AGRICULTURE

On February 21-22 the [Ohio Ecological Food & Farm Association](#) (OEFFA) is throwing their annual conference, holding workshops about everything from Greenhouse building to Homemade Electricity to Organic Pest/Weed Control. This event is ideal for anyone interested in learning how to grow and use crops to sustain a community and environmentally friendly Earth.

*Kat says: I have heard through friends that this event is well worth the time and money and volunteers pay a fraction of the price for the retreat!*

## - - RESOURCES - -

### HOW TO FUND RENEWABLE ENERGY ON YOUR CAMPUS

This resource provides case examples of how universities like Evergreen State College, Middle Tennessee State University, and several universities throughout the US have created a mandatory student fee specifically for renewable energy and efficiency projects on and off their campuses. See how students have taken charge on their campuses! [Click here to learn more!](#)

### THE TRUTH ABOUT LIQUID COAL

[StopBaard.org](#) provides information about the facts and negative impacts of liquid coal on the environment, and our nation's economy and security.

Baard Energy has proposed a \$6 billion liquid coal plant in Wellsville, OH (near Youngstown) This plant will produce diesel fuel made from coal which will emit about twice as much CO<sub>2</sub> as normal diesel fuel. Come learn more about the Beard processing plant coming to be in our stomping grounds!



### HOME ENERGY TIPS

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A new 7-minute video from the people who brought you Kilowatt Ours on how to save on energy around the house

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a1GijpkvXNM>

### GO GREEN TUBE

O yea for the internet-we got a whole network of information connecting Earth conscious people in this world. [Go Green Tube](#) broadcasts videos of green news in the world from successful campaigns for sustainability at the University of Wisconsin to "Building Eco-friendly Solar Powered Water Supply"

## RFK JR. CONDEMNS BUSH ADMINISTRATIONS'S ENVIRONMENTAL TACTICS

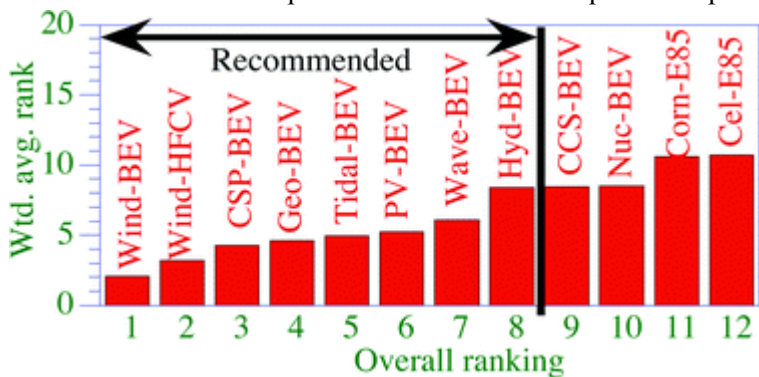
This video is a must see of RFK Jr. testifying and describing mountaintop removal mining in a very compelling testimony at a hearing with the House Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming.

Kennedy testified against Bush's 11<sup>th</sup> hour ruling-making that would repeal a 25-year old Stream Buffer Zone rule, which restricts the dumping of mountaintop removal waste into our streams.



## REVIEW OF SOLUTIONS TO GLOBAL WARMING, POLLUTION, ENERGY SECURITY

This paper reviews and ranks major proposed energy-related solutions to global warming, air pollution mortality, and energy security while considering other impacts of the proposed solutions, such as on water supply, land use, wildlife, resource availability, thermal pollution, water chemical pollution, nuclear proliferation, and undernutrition. Nine electric power sources and two liquid fuel options are considered.



<http://www.rsc.org/Publishing/Journals/EE/article.asp?doi=b809990c>

If you haven't seen the [OSEC Special Report on the TVA coal sludge disaster](#), check it out. That's all for now, see you in a couple weeks!