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January 24, 2000

MEMORANDUM TO CABINET SECRETARIES

CC: THURGOOD MARSHALL, JR.

FROM: JOHN PODESTA

SUBJECT: EARTH DAY 2000

Earth Day 2000 on April 22nd will mark the 30th anniversary of Earth Day, as well as the first Earth Day of the new century. The health and well-being of our people, our natural resources and of the planet as a whole will certainly be one of the greatest challenges of the new Millennium; there will be unprecedented focus on these issues in conjunction with Earth Day.

Earth Day 2000 represents a major opportunity to highlight Clinton-Gore environmental accomplishments and to launch significant new initiatives. To build on the President's priorities, we are likely to highlight two themes: combating global climate change and protecting precious lands.

The President and the Vice President have been very clear about their personal commitment to environmental issues. Given the importance of Earth Day, I encourage you to make this a high priority for your agency in the next several months. I have asked George Frampton of the Council on Environmental Quality to coordinate the Administration's plan for Earth Day. In addition, I plan to convene a meeting with Cabinet and agency representatives in the near future to begin planning the Administration's Earth Day strategy. Details of the meeting will follow.

Thank you.

Sample success stories

THE RETURN OF THE ATLANTIC STRIPED BASS

In 1993, record numbers of striped bass, or rockfish, were hatched in the Chesapeake Bay, astounding scientists and creating a resurgence of one of the most important commercial and recreational fisheries on the East Coast. Striped bass migrate all along the Atlantic Coast, and most spawn in the tidal waters of the Chesapeake Bay, the nation's largest estuary.

Today's optimism stands in sharp contrast to the devastating conditions facing the Atlantic striped bass a decade ago. At that time, overharvesting and pollution led to a near collapse of the fishery and forced federal and state lawmakers to impose fishing restrictions. Notably, in 1984, Congress passed the Atlantic Striped Bass Conservation Act which allowed the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission to develop a coastwide management plan to restore the striped bass. The plan called for severely restricted harvesting of the fish all along the Atlantic Coast, from Maine to North Carolina. Maryland took action within its fishing waters, imposing a five-year moratorium on harvesting striped bass beginning in 1985. Virginia followed suit in 1989. By 1990, promising signs of rebounding hatches allowed both states to lift their moratoria and the commission to ease its restrictions. Three years later, the number of young striped bass was the largest ever recorded. By 1994, the striped bass was declared a recovered resource, although special regulations are still in effect to ensure the fishery's long-term health.

The plan's success rested on the cooperation among commercial and recreational fishermen along the Atlantic seaboard, states and the federal government, and agencies within the federal government. The interagency, interstate cooperative approach taken is now considered a model for other fishery management plans. Says Bill Matuszeski, director of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Chesapeake Bay Program Office, "It is a great example of how coordinated fisheries management, increased habitat, and improved water quality can bring an important fish species back from the precipice to an economically and ecologically restored state."

PATTONSBURG: A TOWN RENEWAL

In Pattonsburg, Missouri, a small community of 250 that was nearly destroyed by the Midwest floods of 1993, a federally supported design team is working with residents to move the town — literally — to higher ground.

The community seized this opportunity to incorporate concepts and technologies for sustainability at all levels of their relocation scheme, from the physical structure of the new town to economic strategies for redevelopment.

Pattonsburg adopted a Charter of Sustainability — a set of principles to guide the town's development — as well as building codes to ensure energy and resource efficiency while preserving the community's character. It also created a privately funded Sustainable Economic Development Council to spearhead the expansion of environmentally responsible industry in the town.

Plans for the new town include use of the latest environmentally sensitive technology and eco-efficient design to meet the community's social and physical needs. The street layout is designed to be pedestrian-oriented and to maximize southern exposure to each home, giving residents the best opportunity to use passive solar heating to lower energy needs. A system of artificial wetlands will use the natural contours of the land to capture and treat polluted urban runoff, thereby saving money on sewer construction. A methane recovery system will help nearby swine farms convert an odor and pollution problem into energy.

Pattonsburg is an example of collaboration among local, county, state, and federal governments. It is also a noteworthy public-private sector partnership. Most importantly, it is grounded in broad-based community involvement and support. It shows how a rural community can turn tragedy into an extraordinary opportunity to shape a sustainable future.

REVITALIZING BROWNFIELD SITES

To make Cleveland, Ohio, the comeback city envisioned by civic leaders, urban revitalization has to overcome the barriers posed by brownfields — the contaminated and/or abandoned industrial sites found in many central cities. Cleaning up brownfields entails investments and risks that make the uncontaminated greenfields in outlying areas much more attractive sites for industry and other businesses. But unless brownfields are successfully redeveloped, there is little hope for a renewed and vibrant metropolitan core.

In the Cleveland metropolitan region, a coalition of businesses, community development corporations, Cuyahoga County officials, neighborhood groups, and other citizens is working to develop brownfield sites in the city. The number of vacant parcels of land in Cleveland increased from 9.8 percent in 1977 to 12.5 percent in 1987, according to the Center for Urban Poverty and Social Change. Filling up some of these parcels and redeveloping others in the face of such problems as increased and uncertain costs, liability, cleanup standards, and regulatory burdens has presented Cleveland with a strategic challenge.

The Cuyahoga County Planning Commission convened a symposium in October 1992 to discuss brownfield redevelopment strategies as part of an effort to counteract sprawl in the metropolitan region. Following up on the symposium, a multistakeholder Brownfields Working Group analyzed the problem of brownfields and made recommendations to the planning commission in July 1993. Since then, a voluntary cleanup law has been enacted in Ohio, and Cleveland has received funding from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for two demonstration projects. The planning commission is using a \$198,000 grant from the agency to streamline remediation and redevelopment of at least three brownfield sites. As part of the project, the commission is to identify financial and regulatory barriers and recommend ways to remedy them. The project is expected to help cities across the nation resolve their own brownfield problems.

EXAMPLES OF MEASURES OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRESS

Cleanest in a Generation

Number of days of unhealthy air quality (1,333 cities)

1988	1,987
1992	712
1996	480

Population in areas with air quality exceeding federal standards

1988	121.0 million
1996	46.6 million

Toxic releases to land, water and air (Toxic Release Inventory) down 46% from 1988 to 1996

1988	3.35 billion pounds
1996	1.82 billion pounds

Safer drinking water:

Since 1993, 10 million more Americans receive drinking water that meets all federal health standards. Eighty-six percent of America's tapwater meets all federal standards.

Accelerated toxic cleanup:

Of 1258 priority Superfund sites, 155 were cleaned up as of 12/92 (under the two prior Administrations), and another 430 (nearly three times as many) have been cleaned up since.

A Growth Industry

Environmental industries:

Employment:	1980	462,500
	1996	1,300,000
Revenues:	1980	\$52 billion
	1996	\$184 billion

PRESIDENT CLINTON AND VICE PRESIDENT GORE:
Protecting our Environment and Public Health
A Record of Accomplishment

"From our inner cities to our pristine wild lands, we have worked hard to ensure that every American has a clean and healthy environment. We've rid hundreds of neighborhoods of toxic waste dumps, (and) taken the most dramatic steps in a generation to clean the air we breathe.... We have made record investments in science and technology to protect future generations from the threat of global warming. We've worked to protect and restore our most glorious natural resources, from the Florida Everglades to California's redwoods...to Yellowstone. And we have, I hope, finally put to rest the false choice between the economy and the environment, for we have the strongest economy perhaps in our history, with a cleaner environment."

-- President Clinton
January 11, 2000

Protecting America's Natural Treasures

- ***Preserving our Lands Legacy.*** Seeking permanent funding of \$1.4 billion a year through the Lands Legacy initiative to expand federal efforts to save America's natural treasures and provide significant new resources to states and communities to protect local green spaces and protect ocean and coastal resources. Won \$652 million for Lands Legacy in the FY 2000 budget, a 42 percent increase.
- ***Protecting America's Forests.*** Launched effort to protect over 40 million acres of "roadless areas," which include some of America's last wild places. Dramatically improved management of our national forests with an ambitious new science-based agenda that places greater emphasis on recreation, wildlife and water quality, while reforming logging practices to ensure steady, sustainable supplies of timber and jobs. Balanced the preservation of old-growth stands with the economic needs of timber-dependent communities through the Pacific Northwest Forest Plan.
- ***Creating New National Monuments.***
 - ***Protecting Utah's Red Rock Canyon.*** Created the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument in Utah, protecting 1.7 million acres of spectacular red rock canyonlands, artifacts from three ancient cultures, and the most remote site in the lower 48 states.
 - ***Protecting the North Rim of the Grand Canyon.*** Designated the new Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument in Arizona to protect just over 1 million acres of deep canyons, mountains, and buttes on the north rim of the Grand Canyon.
 - ***Saving Prehistoric Treasures.*** Created the Agua Fria National Monument 40 miles north of Phoenix, which features some of the most extensive prehistoric ruins in the Southwest, including spectacular petroglyphs, terraced agricultural areas, and rock pueblos.

- ***Preserving Coastal Riches.*** Created the California Coastal National Monument encompassing thousands of federally owned islands, rocks, and reefs off the California Coast providing critical feeding and nesting grounds for seabirds.
- ***Expanding a 92-Year-Old National Treasure.*** Expanded California's Pinnacles National Monument, created by President Roosevelt in 1908, to preserve the monument's unique geologic resources.
- ***Defending the World's First National Park.*** Reached an historic agreement to halt the massive New World mine three miles outside Yellowstone National Park, protecting the area from toxic runoff and other threats. Protected 9,300 acres in the Royal Teton Ranch adjoining Yellowstone National Park, a critical step to preserve the famed bison and geysers of America's first national park.
- ***Restoring the Florida Everglades.*** Secured nearly \$1.2 billion for Everglades restoration over the past five years. Proposed a \$7.8 billion plan to nearly double the amount of fresh water available in South Florida, ensuring clean, plentiful flows for the Everglades, and adequate supplies for the region's cities and farms. Worked in close partnership with interested parties to acquire and protect critical lands, accelerate scientific research and strengthen water quality programs targeted at restoring the Everglades. Added nearly 70,000 acres to Everglades National Park.
- ***Saving California's Ancient Redwoods.*** Forged an agreement and secured \$250 million in federal funds to preserve the Headwaters ancient redwood forest in Northern California, saving trees up to 2,000 years old and protecting critical habitat for threatened and endangered species.
- ***Restoring the California Bay-Delta Ecosystem.*** Secured \$190 million to help restore the California Bay-Delta ecosystem through CALFED -- a joint Federal-state initiative to develop a long-term strategy to ensure adequate water supplies to meet the state's urban, agricultural, and environmental needs -- plus \$30 million for Bay-Delta water management activities supporting CALFED's long-term objectives.
- ***Improving Our National Parks.*** Issued new standards to clear the haze and restore pristine skies to our national parks. Signed Omnibus Parks legislation that creates or improves over 100 national parks, trails, rivers, and historical sites. Created Death Valley National Park, the largest park in the lower 48 states, and Mojave Desert National Preserve in the California Desert. Blocked attempts in Congress to close some national parks and expand road building in others.
- ***Protecting Natural and Historic Sites.*** Protected scores of natural and historic sites around the country by securing over \$2.5 billion over the past seven years through the Land and Water Conservation Fund for acquisition of threatened lands. Projects include completing the Appalachian Trail, protecting Civil War battlefields, and preserving New Mexico's majestic Baca Ranch.
- ***Safeguarding the Arctic Refuge.*** Turned back attempts by Congress to open the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil and gas drilling.

- ***Forging Conservation Partnerships with Farmers.*** Provided farmers with new conservation tools by proposing and signing a Farm Bill that authorized \$2.2 billion in additional funding for conservation programs such as the Conservation Reserve and Wetlands Reserve. Created new federal-state partnerships that targeted over \$1 billion -- in Illinois, Maryland, Minnesota, New York, Oregon, and Washington -- for farmers and ranchers to voluntarily remove lands from production to improve water quality and wildlife habitat.

Ensuring Public Health

- ***Cleaning Up Auto Emissions.*** Adopted a uniform tailpipe standard to passenger cars, SUVs and other light-duty trucks, producing cars that are 77 percent cleaner -- and light-duty trucks up to 95 percent cleaner -- than those on the road today. Set new standard to reduce average sulfur levels in gasoline by up to 90 percent. Once fully implemented in 2030, these measures will prevent 43,000 premature deaths and 173,000 cases of childhood respiratory illness each year, and reduce emissions by the equivalent to removing 164 million cars from the road.
- ***Strengthening Clean Air Protections.*** Approved strong new clean air standards for soot and smog that could prevent up to 15,000 premature deaths a year and improve the lives of millions of Americans who suffer from respiratory illnesses. Defending the standards against legal assaults by polluters.
- ***Accelerating Toxic Waste Cleanups.*** Completed cleanup at 515 Superfund sites, more than three times as many as the previous two administrations, with cleanup of more than 90 percent of all sites either completed or in progress. Secured \$1.4 billion in FY 2000 to continue progress toward cleaning up 900 Superfund sites by 2002.
- ***Providing Safe Drinking Water:*** Proposed and signed legislation to strengthen the Safe Drinking Water Act and ensure that our families have healthy clean tap water. Required America's 55,000 water utility companies to provide regular reports to their customers on the quality of their drinking water.
 - Established EPA's Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) that provides grants to States to finance priority drinking water projects that meet Clean Water Act mandates. To date, the DWSRFs have provided \$1.9 billion in loans to communities.
 - Awarded nearly \$200 million in Department of Agriculture (USDA) loans and grants for over 100 safe drinking water projects in rural areas of 40 states. USDA grants and loans target rural communities plagued by some of the nation's worst water quality and dependability problems.
- ***Ensuring Clean Water.*** Launched the Clean Water Action Plan to help clean up the 40 percent of America's surveyed waterways still too polluted for fishing and swimming. Secured \$3.9 billion since 1998, a 16 percent increase, to help states, communities and landowners in reducing polluted runoff, enhancing natural resource stewardship, improving citizens' right to know, and protecting public health.

- ***Strengthening Communities' Right to Know.*** Strengthened the public's right to know about chemicals released into their air and water by partnering with the chemical industry and the environmental community in an effort to provide complete data on the potential health risks of the 2,800 most widely used chemicals. Nearly doubled the number of chemicals that industry must report to communities, while expanding the number of facilities that must report by 30 percent.
 - Expanded the community right to know about releases of 27 persistent bio-accumulative toxins (including mercury, dioxin, and PCBs). These highly toxic chemicals are especially risky because they do not break down easily and are known to accumulate in the human body.
- ***Making Children's Health a Priority.*** Signed an Executive Order to reduce environmental health and safety risks to children. Requires federal agencies to coordinate their research priorities on children's health and to ensure that their standards take into account special risks to children.
- ***Improving Food Safety Standards.*** Streamlined the regulation of pesticides and put important new public-health protections in place, especially for children, by signing the Food Quality Safety Act.

Protecting Wildlife

- ***Restoring a National Symbol.*** Initiated action to remove the American Bald Eagle from the endangered species list. There are now nearly 6,000 pairs of bald eagles in the lower 48 states, compared to just 3,300 pairs in 1992.
- ***Saving Pacific Salmon.*** Secured \$83 million in FY 2000 for two major new efforts to restore salmon in the Pacific Northwest: \$58 million for the Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund, which provides resources for states and tribes to protect and rebuild salmon stocks; and \$25 million to implement the historic Pacific Salmon Treaty with Canada, which established two regional funds to improve fisheries management and enhance bilateral scientific cooperation between the two countries and provides funding to buy back fishing permits in Washington.
- ***Expanding Wildlife Refuges.*** Added 57,000 acres, including lands along the last free-flowing section of the Columbia River, to the Saddle Mountain National Wildlife Refuge to protect salmon habitat in Washington.
- ***Forging Partnerships to Protect Habitat.*** Completed 255 major Habitat Conservation Plans (HCPs), compared to 14 before the Administration took office, to protect more than 20 million acres of private land and over 170 threatened and endangered species. These voluntary agreements protect habitat while providing landowners the certainty they need to effectively manage their lands.

- ***Strengthening Protections for Wildlife.*** Signed legislation that strengthens protections for wildlife by mandating that the most important use of our nation's wildlife refuges is giving refuge to migratory birds and other animals reliant on this rich system of natural habitat.

Protecting our Oceans and Coasts

- ***Blocking Offshore Oil Drilling.*** Extended the moratorium on new oil leasing off most of the U.S. coast through 2012, and permanently barred new leasing in national marine sanctuaries.
- ***Creating Comprehensive Oceans Policy.*** Directed the development of key recommendations for strengthening federal oceans policy for the 21st century and appointed a high-level task force to oversee the implementation of those recommendations. Convened a National Ocean Conference in June 1998 that brought together government experts, business executives, scientists, environmentalists, elected officials and the public to examine opportunities and challenges in restoring and protecting our ocean resources.
- ***Strengthening Our National Marine Sanctuaries.*** Secured a funding increase of over 100% to better support national marine sanctuaries -- homes to coral reefs, kelp forests, humpback whales, and loggerhead turtles. Supporting the five-year Sustainable Seas Expeditions to explore, study and document ways to better protect underwater resources.
- ***Preserving Coral Reefs.*** Issued an Executive Order to expand protection of coral reefs and their ecosystems to address issues of coral reef management, expansion of marine protected areas and increased protections for coral reef species.
- ***Protecting Marine Mammals.*** Led negotiations resulting in a multilateral agreement to protect dolphins in the eastern tropical Pacific Ocean. Issued new standards to protect the endangered northern right whale from injuries from ships by instituting a first-ever ship reporting requirement in two areas of right whale critical habitat. Fought for creation of the Southern Ocean Whale Sanctuary, an area of more than 12 million square miles off the coast of Antarctica.
- ***Banning Ocean Dumping of Toxic Waste.*** Led the world in calling for a global ban on ocean dumping of low-level radioactive waste. The U.S. was the first nuclear power to advocate the ban.

Building Sustainable Communities

- ***Encouraging Smart Growth.*** Launched a nationwide Livable Communities initiative -- spearheaded by Vice President Gore -- to help communities across America grow in ways that ensure a high quality of life and strong, sustainable economic growth. The initiative provides communities with new tools and resources to preserve green space, ease traffic congestion, and pursue regional "smart growth" strategies.
 - Introduced "Better America Bonds" to generate \$10.75 billion in bond authority over five years to preserve open space, improve water quality and clean up abandoned and

contaminated properties known as brownfields. Local communities can work together in partnerships with land trust groups, environmentalists, business leaders and others to develop innovative solutions to their community's development challenges.

- Won \$8.2 billion in FY 2000, a 10 percent increase, for public transit and other programs that reduce air pollution while easing traffic congestion.
- ***Revitalizing Communities.*** Accelerated the cleanup of brownfields, clearing the way for local redevelopment while protecting green areas outside our cities. Leveraged over \$1.6 billion in private sector investment for brownfields redevelopment. Secured a tax incentive that allows businesses to fully deduct certain brownfields cleanup costs in targeted areas through 2001.
- ***American Heritage Rivers.*** Designated fourteen American Heritage Rivers to recognize and reward outstanding community-based efforts to restore and protect the environmental, economic, cultural and historic values of our rivers. Appointed a "river navigator" for each designated river to help communities identify federal programs and resources to help implement their restoration plans.
- ***Environmental Justice and Redevelopment.*** Issued an Executive Order on Environmental Justice to ensure that low-income citizens and minorities do not suffer a disproportionate burden of industrial pollution. Launched pilot projects in low-income communities across the country to redevelop contaminated sites into useable space, create jobs and enhance community development.

Taking Action on Climate Change
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- ***Forging International Agreement.*** Provided leadership critical to successful negotiation of the Kyoto Protocol, which sets strong, realistic targets for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and establishes flexible, market-based mechanisms to achieve them as cost-effectively as possible.
- ***Investing in Clean Energy Research.*** Won more than \$1 billion in FY 1999 and in FY 2000 for the Climate Change Technology Initiative, a program of clean energy research and development that will save energy and consumers money. Extended the tax credits for wind and biomass energy production through 2001, reducing emissions and reliance on imported oil.
- ***Growing Clean Energy Technologies.*** Issued an Executive Order to coordinate federal efforts to spur the development and use of bio-based technologies, which can convert crops, trees and other "biomass" into a vast array of fuels and materials. Set a goal of tripling our use of bioenergy and bioproducts by 2010 to reduce annual greenhouse gas emissions by up to 100 million tons a year -- the equivalent of taking 70 million cars off the road.
- ***Improving Scientific Understanding.*** Increased funding for the United States Global Change Research Program to more than \$1.7 billion in FY 2000 to provide a sound scientific understanding of both the human and natural forces that influence the Earth's climate system. This record research budget continues strong support for the "Carbon Cycle Initiative" begun

last year to improve our understanding of the role of farms, forests, and other natural or managed lands in capturing carbon.

- ***Energy Efficiency Standards for Appliances.*** Issued new energy efficiency standards for refrigerators, refrigerator-freezers, freezers and room air conditioners that will save consumers money and reduce emissions of greenhouse gases and dependence on foreign oil. The new standards will cut the average appliance's energy usage by 30 percent and save more than seven quadrillion BTUs of energy over the next 30 years, more than seven times the annual energy consumption of the entire state of Arkansas.
- ***Promoting federal Energy Efficiency.*** Issued an Executive Order directing federal agencies to reduce energy use in buildings 35 percent by 2010, reducing annual greenhouse gas emissions by the equivalent of taking 1.7 million cars off the road and saving taxpayers over \$750 million a year. Forged new partnerships with industry to develop and promote energy-saving cars, homes and consumer products with the potential to save Americans hundreds of millions of dollars in energy bills and significantly curb greenhouse gas pollution.

Protecting the Global Environment

- ***Phasing Out Persistent Pollutants.*** Leading global negotiations to phase out 12 of the most dangerous, persistent organic pollutants such as PCBs and DDT that threaten health and safety around the world.
- ***Healing the Ozone Layer.*** Successfully phased out CFCs (chloroflourocarbons) by 1996 and other major ozone-depleting substances by 1994. Approved the introduction of more than 300 alternatives to ozone-depleting substances. Invested more than \$300 million a year in research on atmospheric chemistry and stratospheric ozone depletion. Strengthened international efforts to protect the ozone layer through leading successful negotiations to reduce Chinese production of halons and CFCs faster than required by the Montreal Protocol and securing an accelerated international schedule for the phase-out of methyl bromide, a leading ozone depleter.
- ***Promoting Environmentally Responsible Trade.*** Ensuring that U.S. efforts to expand trade reflect a strong commitment to promoting environmental protection worldwide. Signed an Executive Order requiring careful assessment and written review of the potential environmental impacts of major trade agreements so environmental considerations can guide the development of U.S. positions in trade negotiations. Issued a declaration of principles on trade and environment instructing negotiators at the World Trade Organization negotiations to ensure that trade rules continue to be supportive of environmental protections at home and abroad.

Greening the Government

- ***Expanding Recycling.*** Issued an Executive Order requiring federal agencies to buy and use only recycled printing paper and increase efforts to buy environmentally preferable products. The order harnesses the federal government's \$200 billion purchasing power to help create and sustain markets for recycled materials. Americans recycle 22 million tons more material than in 1992 -- thanks to that effort, the United States will discard less waste in 2000 than in 1992.

- ***Greening of the White House.*** Employed energy-saving measures and other environmentally-friendly steps at the White House complex, reducing annual greenhouse gas emissions by 845 tons per year, significantly reducing use of water and fertilizer, and saving taxpayers nearly \$1.4 million since 1993.

Defending Our Environment Against Stealth Attacks
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- ***Guarding Landmark Protections.*** Blocked attempts by Congress to roll back landmark environmental laws like the Clean Water Act, the Clean Air Act, and the Endangered Species Act. Thwarted congressional actions to “reform” the regulatory system by requiring taxpayers to pay polluters not to pollute and weakening our nation’s food safety laws.
- ***Blocking Special Interest Loopholes and Giveaways.*** Defeated congressional efforts to attach dozens of anti-environmental riders to budget bills. These riders would have rolled back hard-won environmental safeguards and given special deals to special interests by: allowing overcutting of our national forests and jeopardizing the President’s plan to protect more than 40 million acres of roadless areas; allowing mining companies to dump more toxic waste on public lands and delaying critical mining reforms; letting major oil companies continue paying below-market royalties on oil developed on federal lands; crippling critical protections for wetlands and wildlife; and attempting to block common-sense actions to reduce greenhouse gas pollution.



April 14, 2000

TO: **Earth Day Special Guests**
From: **Kelly Evans, Executive Director**
RE: **Credential and Transportation Information for Earth Day 2000**

Credential Pick up

Rhode Island Room
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Credential pick up will be on April 21st, 8:30 am to 7:00 PM, April 22nd, 8:30 am to 12:00 pm, and April 22nd at the Special Guest entrance, 3rd & Jefferson, 11:30 am to 2:30 pm. You must have credentials to enter the back stage area.

Planet Hollywood Reception

Friday, April 21st, 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm
1101 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
7:00 PM – 10:00pm

Planet Hollywood has graciously offered to host an Earth Day Eve reception in our honor Friday evening. We will have a shuttle service to the restaurant leaving every 15 minutes from the Mayflower hotel, and taxis are readily available. The dress is casual.

One World Live Breakfast

Saturday, April 22nd 10:00 am – 11:00 am

One World Live is hosting a breakfast at the Mayflower Hotel for the Earth Day speakers, celebrities and other special Earth Day guests. Denis Hayes and several other environmentalists and activists will address the audience.

Transportation to the Mall

Saturday, April 22nd 9:00 am – 6:00pm

- **Shuttle buses** will be in operation leaving the Mayflower Hotel for the Mall every 15 minutes starting at 9:00 am on Saturday, April 22nd.
- **The Metro to the Smithsonian** stop is a short walk to the VIP entrance. **Farragut North or Farragut West is the closest stops to the Mayflower.**
- **Drops off** are possible at the 3rd Street entrance, but there is no assigned parking.

Rally on the Mall

Saturday, April 22nd 12:00pm – 4:00pm
Back stage, 3rd St., between Madison & Jefferson

There will be a buffet lunch provided for you in our Special Guests tent.

Please contact Catherine Hand at (202) 408-3325x222, if you have any questions.

We look forward to spending this day with you!

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 - Appliance Standards?

COP6 Strategy and Message

**A Declaration of Intent
Twenty-First Century Trucks
Final Version – 22 March 2000**

SUMMARY

The United States trucking and supporting industries, are pleased to join with the President on behalf of the Federal government and the Departments of Defense, Energy, and Transportation, and the Environmental Protection Agency in this Declaration of Intent to form a research and development partnership. This partnership will seek to develop and demonstrate commercially viable truck and propulsion systems technology that will dramatically cut the fuel use and emissions of medium and heavy trucks and buses, while enhancing their safety and affordability and maintaining or enhancing performance. These innovations will ensure safe and affordable freight and bus transportation for the nation's economy, ensure the competitiveness of U.S. truck and bus manufacturing facilities, improve our nation's air quality, and reduce U.S. dependence on petroleum fuel.

SHARED VISION

A productive, innovative U.S. trucking and supporting industry is essential for the economic prosperity of every American business. Innovation is also needed to ensure trucking manufacturers and suppliers located in the U.S. remain competitive in world markets and continue to provide rewarding employment opportunities for large numbers of Americans. U.S. manufacturing facilities face stiff worldwide competition. New truck and bus technologies will help truck owners and operators and their customers cut fuel and other operating costs, and increase safety. The Department of Defense, a major owner and operator of trucks, would share these gains and also benefit from reduced logistics costs associated with transporting fuel during operations. The trucking and supporting industries face a range of new challenges: increasingly stringent emissions standards, new concerns about the threat of global warming, concerns about U.S. fuel supplies, increased expectations about safety, and more. The trucking industry's future depends on its ability to produce affordable, high-quality, safe, environmentally sensitive products.

The new challenges can be best met if government, industry, and universities work together to develop an improved generation of commercial trucks for our nation's commercial and military truck fleet. Given adequate support, major advances can be expected in advanced engine designs, stronger, lighter-weight materials, regenerative braking, more efficient power transmission, and alternative fuels.

By this document, the trucking industry and the Federal government declare their separate, but coordinated plans toward the achievement of specific goals to meet the nation's need and desire for tomorrow's cleaner, safer, and more efficient trucks.

PROGRAM GOALS

The program strategy creates a balanced portfolio of research and development to pursue a number of goals simultaneously, while avoiding duplication. The program will develop and demonstrate commercially viable technologies to:

- Improve fuel efficiency,
- Reduce emissions,
- Enhance safety,
- Reduce total owning and operating costs, and
- Maintain or enhance performance.

Making progress in each of these goals simultaneously is a major challenge. The Federal government and the trucking and supporting industries will work actively together to develop a balanced portfolio of research aimed at achieving all of these goals, coordinate their research activities as appropriate, and make effective use of the nation's research universities and national laboratories. Proprietary research agreements between individual companies and federal agencies, which cannot be shared with industrial competitors, will continue to be appropriately funded.

The Federal agencies will build on existing research and assign a high priority to major new research in this area and seek increased funding commensurate with the research required to meet the aggressive goals of the Initiative. Industry will move research achievements into production vehicles rapidly when their commercial viability has been demonstrated. The partnership will work closely with fuel producers to accelerate the development and production of any new fuels required by new engine designs to meet the program goals.

RESEARCH OBJECTIVES

This research partnership will support research aimed at developing production prototype vehicles that achieve all of the following objectives:

(a) Improve Fuel Efficiency of Heavy-Duty Trucks and Buses, specifically:

- Double the Class 8 line haul truck fuel efficiency by 2010 on a ton/miles per gallon basis.
- Triple the Class 2b and 6 truck (delivery van) fuel efficiency by 2010 on a ton/miles per gallon basis.
- Triple the Class 8 transit bus fuel efficiency by 2010 on a ton (passenger)/miles per gallon basis.

(b) Reduce Emissions:

- Exceed standards for oxides of nitrogen, particulate matter, carbon monoxide and hydrocarbons for the year 2010.

(c) Enhance Safety:

- Meet or exceed the motor carrier safety goal of reducing fatalities by half in ten years.
- Improve the crash friendliness of trucks for other road users
- Conduct operation road tests of truck safety improvement components
- Ensure linkages to the Intelligent Vehicle Initiative and the Intelligent Highway System and Infrastructure.

(d) Enhance affordability, Maintain or Enhance performance.

A central goal of this initiative is to develop cost-effective, heavy-duty vehicles for truck operators that are fully competitive in prevailing markets. The program will document vehicle life-cycle-costs through extensive on-road testing and surveys of user responses. Costs considered will include initial vehicle cost, as well as all operating and maintenance expenses – including fuel costs and the value of high reliability.

These program goals and research objectives are aggressive and there is no certainty that they can be achieved. Achieving the goal may also depend on successful introduction of a new fuel and fuel delivery infrastructure compatible with improved truck and bus designs. Fully aware of the magnitude of the challenge and the importance of meeting the partnership's objectives, the parties commit their best efforts to the achievement of the goals of this Declaration of Intent. Industry also commits to the rapid introduction of commercially viable technology developed under the program.

Government and industry will coordinate research and development efforts and share the costs. Federal agencies are likely to cover a larger fraction of research expenses when the work involves longer-term, high-risk research, while the share of industry funding will be greater for research likely to be converted relatively quickly to commercial products.

The Federal government will promote the introduction of innovative truck technologies developed in the initiative through its own purchases of these trucks and buses, and encourage state government and other purchasers to take similar actions.

NEXT STEPS

Within 30 days, a Partnership Coordinating Committee will be formed which will be responsible for coordinating the Partnership's work. It will include senior representatives of the participating industries, and the Departments of Defense, Energy, Transportation, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Office of Science and Technology Policy, the Council on Environmental Quality, the National Partnership for Reinventing Government, and the Office of Management and Budget. Within 120 days, this Committee will:

1. Develop a strategic research and development plan detailing specific program goals and timetables for the ten-year duration of the Initiative.
2. Coordinate and support research and development teams organized around specific research objectives needed to achieve the programs' goals (such as technologies for improving power-trains, reducing aerodynamic and rolling resistance losses, and reducing vehicle weight). Each team will include both government and industry partners. University participation is encouraged. Competing teams championing different technical approaches to the same program objective will be encouraged when they are appropriate. As technologies move to commercial readiness, some of these partnerships will become research partnerships between individual participating industries and agencies that are not able to share research results with all participants. Provisions will be made to add or remove research projects as needed.

3. Create an overall Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA) for the partnership and guidelines that will facilitate development and use of CRADAs and other procurement mechanisms such as other transaction agreements involving individual federal agencies and their laboratories.
4. Create an External Advisory Board, acceptable to both industry and the government, consisting of individuals with appropriate expertise in industry, universities, state and local governments, and public interest groups.
5. Establish a peer review process, acceptable to both industry and the government, that assesses technical and program progress.

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1999 Continues Warming Trend Around Globe

By WILLIAM K. STEVENS

At the New York Botanical Garden in the Bronx, fragrant white blooms with a pink blush are breaking out on specimens of a popular landscaping shrub called the Koreanspice viburnum — four to five months early. Snowdrops, among the earliest bulbs to send up shoots when winter ends, have already poked up their noses. In some New York suburbs, yellow forsythia blossoms have brought a premature touch of spring to December. "There's a little confusion out

there," said Wayne Cahilly, an arborist at the botanical garden, and he expressed no doubt as to the reason: abnormal warmth. Or is it so unusual? "I think this warm weather is becoming normal," Mr. Cahilly said.

Certainly it seems that way of late. Last month was the warmest November in 105 years of record-keeping in the contiguous 48 states, and the fourth-warmest in the Northeast. The trend continued into December in most of the country; as of Friday, the average temperature for the month in New York, for instance, was 5.7 degrees Fahrenheit above normal.

But that is almost the least of it. Federal scientists reported last week that in the contiguous 48 states and on other global land masses, including Europe and Asia, 1999 is certain to join 1998 as one of the two warmest years on record, continuing a

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“Global Warming Facts Ignored at Our Peril”

Other Media Coverage

- *CBS News* aired six separate global warming stories over three nights the week of January 10-16 featuring clips from President Clinton’s January 11th statement at the Grand Canyon, two interviews with Dr. James Baker of NOAA, and an interview with White House Chief of Staff John Podesta. All the stories emphasized that global warming science is becoming conclusive, and included impacts as diverse as farming problems in the Central Valley of California and increased incidence of jellyfish blooms worldwide. On Wednesday, January 12, Dan Rather began the CBS lead story with this statement: “A CBS News Exclusive: a new study finds global warming is real and getting worse as the White House plans to unveil an ambitious new program to fight it.”
- *NBC Nightly News*, devoted an “In-Depth” segment on January 4, 2000 to the latest global warming data, indicating that since the mid-1970’s global temperatures have risen .35 degrees Fahrenheit a decade. The following week, NBC ran two additional stories emphasizing the increasing certainty in the science of global warming.

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Kyoto climate treaty. This leaves GM as the only American carmaker still in the GCC. BP/Amoco, Sunoco and Shell all left the GCC within the last two years.

- In first week of January, a coalition of 42 religious and environmental organizations in 17 states unveiled "Campaign ExxonMobil" (CEM), an effort aimed at pressuring ExxonMobil to reform corporate practices that contribute to global warming, to acknowledge that human activity is causing global warming, and to quit anti-Kyoto lobbying groups such as the Global Climate Coalition. The religious and environmental groups' primary tactic is shareholder resolutions. In addition to ExxonMobil, they are also targeting GM, Cinergy, Goodyear, Duke Power, CSX, Southern Co., Chevron, Texaco, and Allegheny Energy.
- At the Detroit Auto Show the first week of January 2000, virtually every major manufacturer unveiled prototype hybrid cars that get better than 70 mpg. Ford's entry, the Prodigy, is "a family car that gets nearly 80 mpg without sacrificing performance or functionality," according to company documents. GM's Precept has similar qualities. Both were developed under the Partnership for a New Generation of Vehicles program. Chrysler is slated to display their entry later this year.
- A new hybrid gas and electric car which gets more than 60 mpg arrived at Honda dealers in the U.S. in December, 1999, the first such vehicle priced under \$20,000 to be available to American consumers. Drivers fill it with unleaded gas and an electric motor is charged by the car's brakes so it never needs to be plugged in—one of the big drawbacks to cars that are entirely electric. Toyota will release a similar vehicle in 2000, selling for \$17,000 and getting 66 mpg.
- Cargill Inc. and Dow Chemical announced in mid-January a \$300 million program for full-scale commercial production of a new kind of plastic made from plants instead of petroleum. The new product is being called "Natural Plastic."

International Developments

- The World Bank in mid-January announced the creation of a fund to finance a market for greenhouse gas emissions. Four governments—Finland, Norway, Sweden and the Netherlands—and nine companies have committed \$85 million so far to the fund, which will begin operating in April 2000. Reports in the *Washington Post* and *Wall Street Journal* speculated that the initiative reflects the World Bank's concern about the vulnerability of poor, low lying nations to coastal flooding as a result of global warming.
- France unveiled a program to fight global warming containing 96 measures, including an energy consumption tax on industries due to take effect in 2001, proposals to encourage vehicles to economize on fuel, the development of new public transport, reduction of energy consumption in buildings, and the promotion of research into renewable energy sources. The proposal, announced the week of January 17 also includes a domestic emissions trading system, despite the European Union's strong criticism of trading systems.

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Climate Update

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Science News

- The National Climatic Data Center released data near the end of 1999 showing that in the last quarter-century, the rate of warming has been more than double that of the 20th century average, and since the mid-1970's, the global temperature has risen at a rate of about 0.35 degrees per decade, or 3.5 degrees per century. (Complete text of a front page *New York Times* story about the findings is attached.)
- The National Academy of Sciences released a major new study on January 13, which was reported on by *the Washington Post*, *LA Times*, *CNN*, *CBS* and other outlets. The study found that the warming trend over the past two decades "...is undoubtedly real and is substantially greater than the average rate of warming during the 20th century." The report also downplayed a long-standing dispute over temperature data (while ground monitors have shown a sharp increase in Earth's temperatures, satellite and weather balloon observations have shown little or no warming), noting that while this discrepancy cannot yet fully be explained, it "in no way invalidates the conclusion that the Earth's temperature has been rising."
- 1999 will be the fifth warmest year on record, according to a British Meteorological Office study released December 15, 1999. Seven of the 10 hottest years on record occurred in the 1990's, which was the hottest decade of the millennium, the report said. Furthermore, the report suggested a "high probability" of 2000 being even warmer, as the cold Pacific (La Nina) warms again naturally.
- New satellite data released by NASA January 19, 2000 shows that part of the Pacific Ocean may be undergoing a cooling which could influence U.S. weather patterns over the next years and even decades. This newly identified climate pattern, known as Pacific-Decadal Oscillation (PDO), is a natural oscillation of northern hemisphere Pacific Ocean temperatures that occurs over decades, similar to the international El Nino-La Nina cycle in the tropical Pacific. The research suggests that the U.S. entered the "cool" phase of the PDO (similar to the La Nina phase) about 2 years ago. The tendency of this phase is to cool some regions of the earth, and while this could serve to "mask" or "dampen" global warming signals, it is not evidence that global warming is not occurring. For example, 1998 and 1999 set records as the warmest and 5th warmest years this century during the same period that scientists believe a "cool" PDO phase may have been starting.

Industry and Technology Update

- Following the lead of Ford in December 1999, DaimlerChrysler Corp. this January withdrew from the Global Climate Coalition (GCC), the major business lobbying group opposed to the

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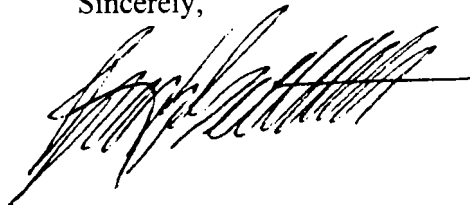
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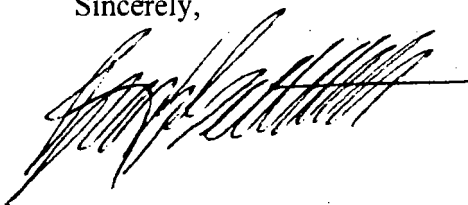
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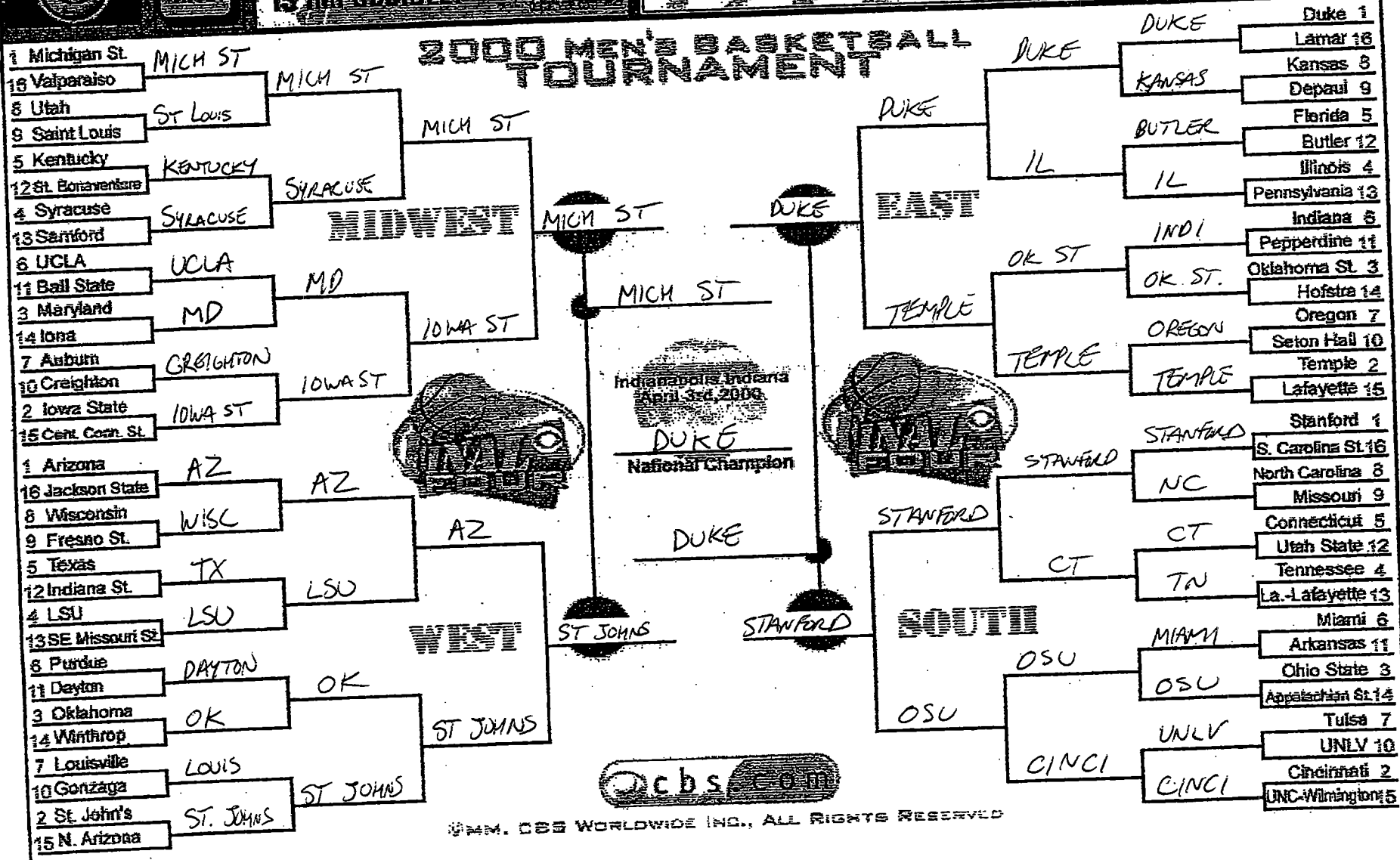
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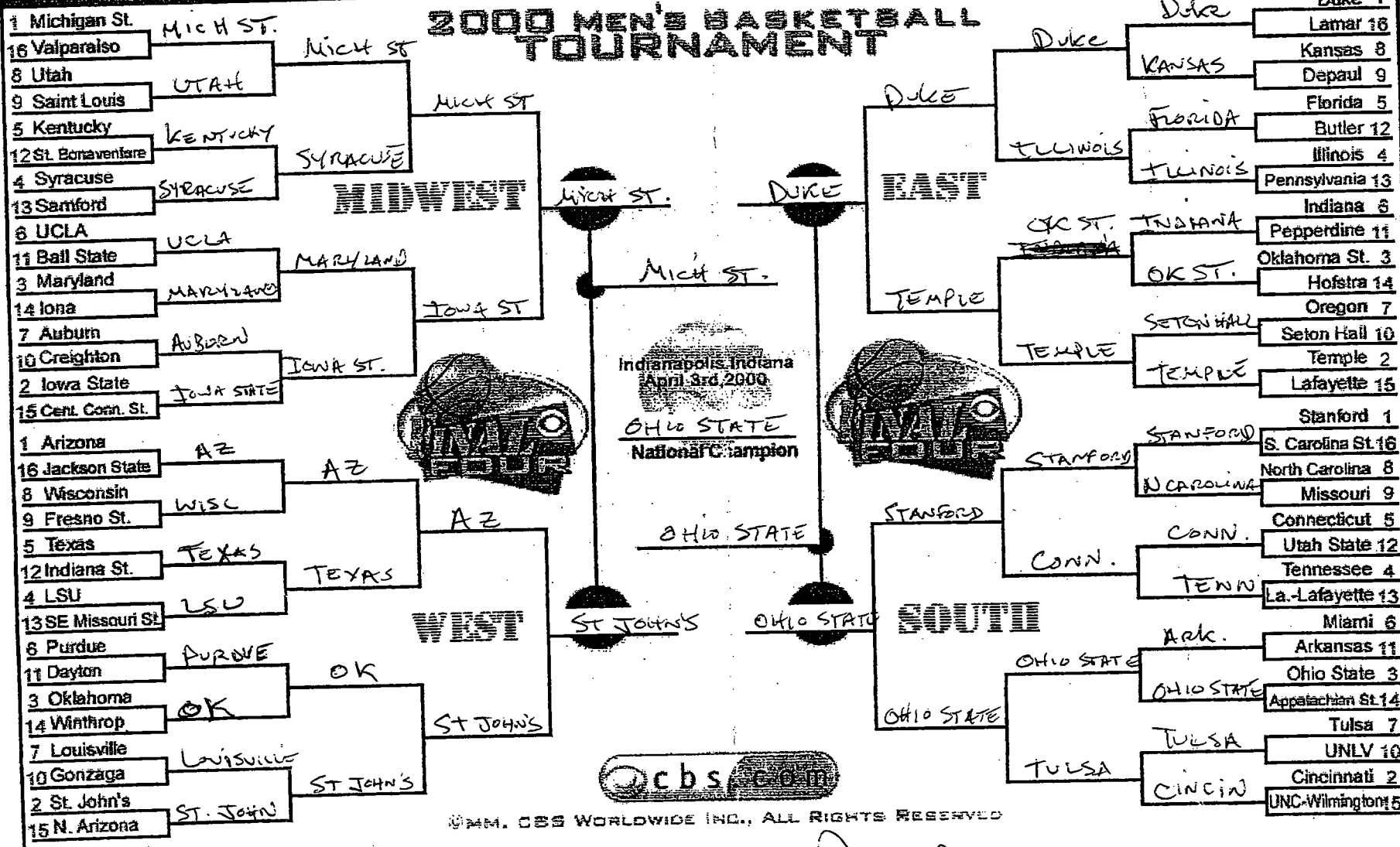
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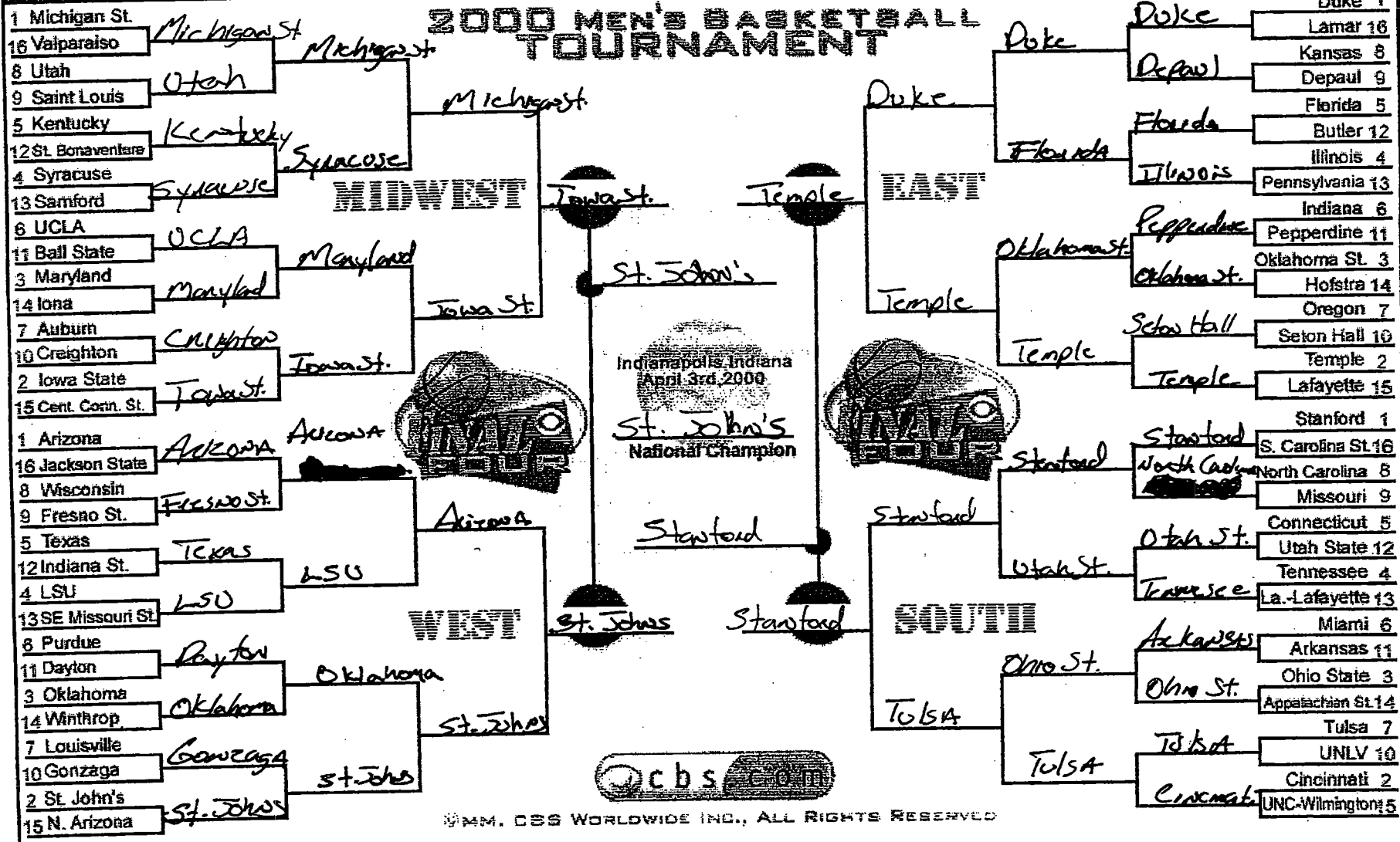
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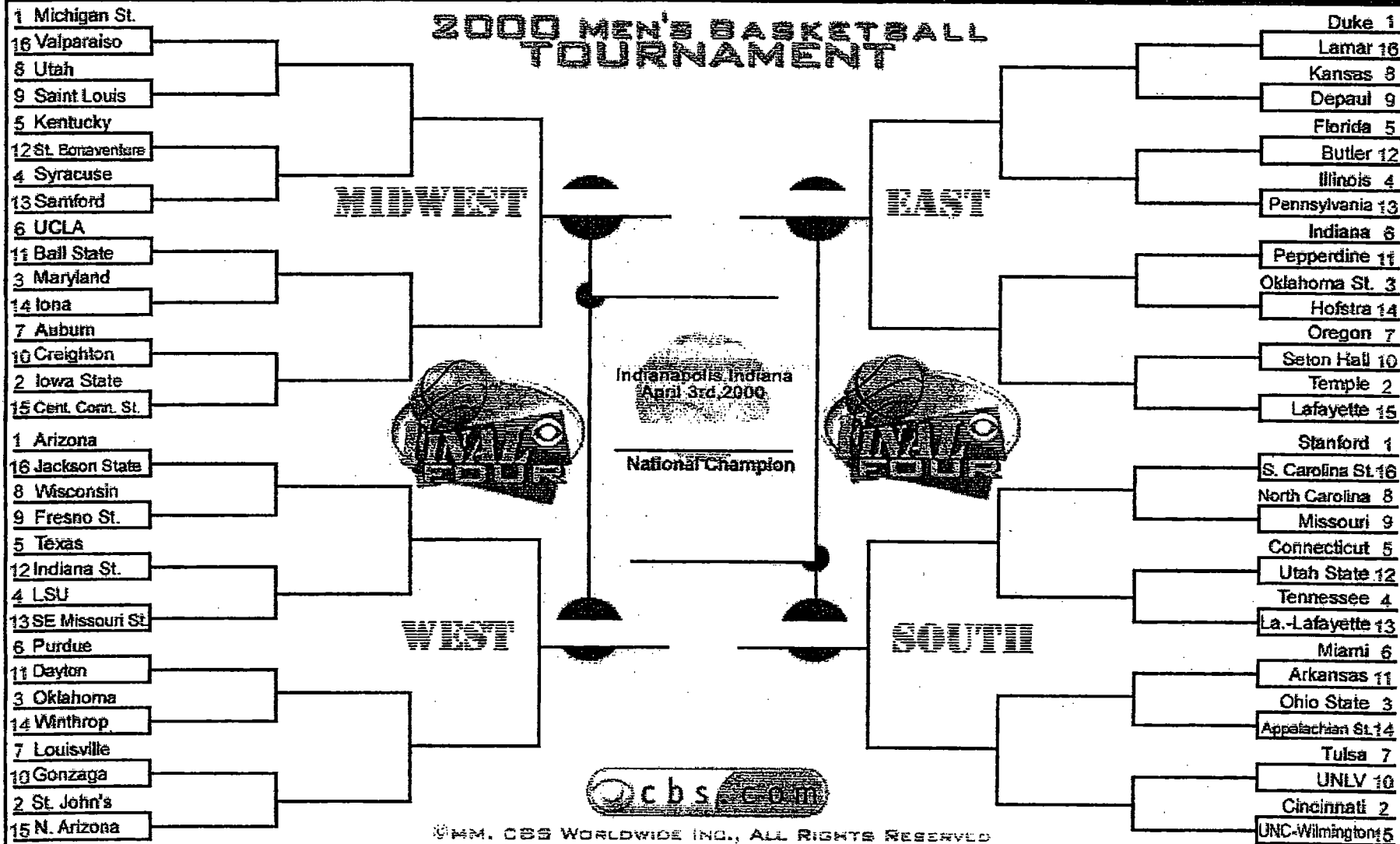
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Earth Day has always been a recognition of our most powerful common link: the air, the water, and the planet we share. And for 30 years now, strand by strand, we have strengthened that link.

In the beginning, on that first Earth Day, many still believed that pollution was the inescapable price of prosperity. They were wrong.

Back then, if you believed in global warming, people thought you were part of the flat-earth society. But now we know that those who deny global warming are flat-out wrong.

Back then, we could never have imagined the day when leaders of industry, leaders of the labor movement, and lifelong environmentalists could stand together and work together as they are now, for a cleaner, stronger America.

We have miles to go, but in these 30 years we have traveled far on this journey. We now have the cleanest air and water in a generation – in the midst of the single longest economic expansion in American history.

Some of you may remember the fierce criticism I received when I wrote “Earth in the Balance” almost a decade ago. I certainly remember the criticism. Well, let me tell you: I expected that criticism then, and I wear it as a badge of honor to this day.

When I wrote that book, I was relentlessly attacked for suggesting that America could end its reliance on the internal combustion engine.

Today, that’s conventional wisdom not just at Earth Day celebrations, but in the heart of our auto industry. The big three auto makers are working on concept cars that run on water – with no greenhouse gas emissions at all.

They know that it’s not extreme, but mainstream to champion cleaner fuels. And they know that protecting the environment is the right thing to do. It will create jobs, not destroy jobs. And it can save the Earth as we know it.

When it comes to our air, our water, and the Earth itself, we all have a responsibility to look not just to ourselves, not just to the politics or profit of the moment, but to future generations.

We have to make the next ten years the Environment Decade, in America and around the world. We have to stand against the apologists for pollution – those who believe in the old politics of environmental irresponsibility.

In the Environment Decade, we have to protect our forests, our rivers, and our public lands – so that families have places where they can hike and climb, and reach out toward the stars.

In the Environment Decade, we have to encourage smarter growth, and more livable neighborhoods – so every community can grow according to its own values, in a way that preserves its own precious character.

In the Environment Decade, we have to invest more in conservation, in renewable energy, and in fast-growing technologies that combat pollution.

In the Environment Decade, we must take decisive steps – not just in this country, but everywhere in the world – to reverse the rise in global warming.

As with the new generation of fuel-efficient vehicles, we can combat global warming in ways that create jobs – by pursuing a global market for new energy technology that is expected to reach \$10 trillion in the next two decades.

In the Environment Decade, we need to enforce tough, realistic, achievable air quality standards -- to protect our children's health.

We are fighting for tough new standards to reduce smog and soot – because we will no longer accept an America where child asthma is on the rise.

But other dangerous toxins and pollutants still cloud our air – seeding the acid rain that threatens our forests and waters. Adding to global warming. And threatening human health. There are many sources of this pollution – including the nation's power-generating plants.

We can and we must work with the power industry to solve this problem – through a new and comprehensive approach. We don't want to micro-manage businesses. We have to set clear, enforceable performance goals, but we have to give industry the flexibility to meet them. We have to rely on market-based approaches like emissions trading – to make the free market a friend of clean air, not its enemy. And when utility companies improve their efficiency; when they use new, clean technology – we have to encourage them, not put barriers in their way. Because that is the way to cleaner air – while saving money and creating new jobs.

On this Earth Day, we welcome the bipartisan talks that are now taking place on Capitol Hill, and among environmental and industry leaders. The challenge is real and the solutions are not easy.

But together we can and will do what's right for our environment, because it is right for our children and America's future.

The issue involves all our lives – from the simple security of knowing that our drinking water is safe, to the more ominous change in our global climate.

One hundred years from now, when our great grandchildren gather to mark the first Earth Day of the next century, I want them to know that we were thinking of their time with the same vision, the same dedication, and the same commitment that we see here today on the Mall.

The earth is in the balance. Save it we can, and save it we must – for this is the great responsibility of our generation. Together, let's resolve to finish the journey. Thank you.

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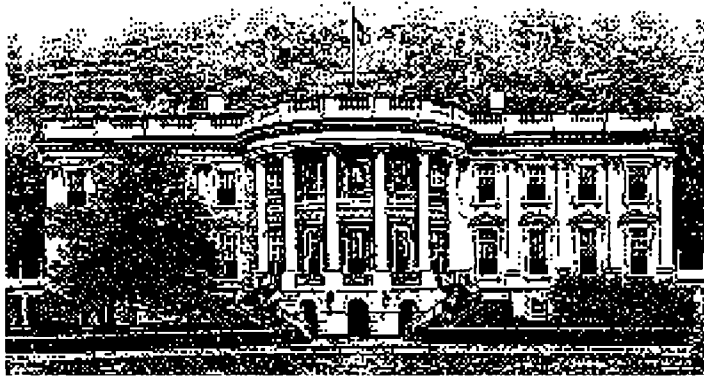
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Neither bill adequately balances the emphasis on long-term research and development with the opportunities and the need to act in the short term. In the near term, new buildings, new appliances, new equipment, new vehicles and other technologies will be deployed. We need to act now to help develop and deploy -- in the short term -- technologies and practices to give American consumers and businesses the clean and efficient products they deserve.

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REQUEST: ABC News will be broadcasting an hour-long prime-time special about global warming on Earth Day, April 22, 2000. They have requested an interview with the President at The White House to discuss the Administration's global climate change program and the "Greening of the White House."

ABC wants Leonardo DiCaprio, co-host of the program and Earth Day 2000 Chairman, to be part of the interviewing of the President, but ABC states that the interview would have to take place between March 30 and April 2 for DiCaprio to participate. They hoped the President could take a very short walk around some part of the West Wing, discuss the energy efficiency upgrades made at the White House, then sit down in the Oval and talk more broadly about climate change and the Administration's programs to fight it.

PURPOSE: To highlight the President's climate change initiatives and to reach out to a large and young audience regarding the challenges of global warming.

BACKGROUND: Global warming is the official theme of the 30th Anniversary of Earth Day, and much of the press attention in the days around April 22 will focus on climate change issues. The overall ABC program format will involve DiCaprio and Chris Cuomo travelling the country and visiting spots that are being or will be impacted by global climate change and meeting people working to prevent it. Sites include: Florida Keys (Reefs), Glacier National Park and

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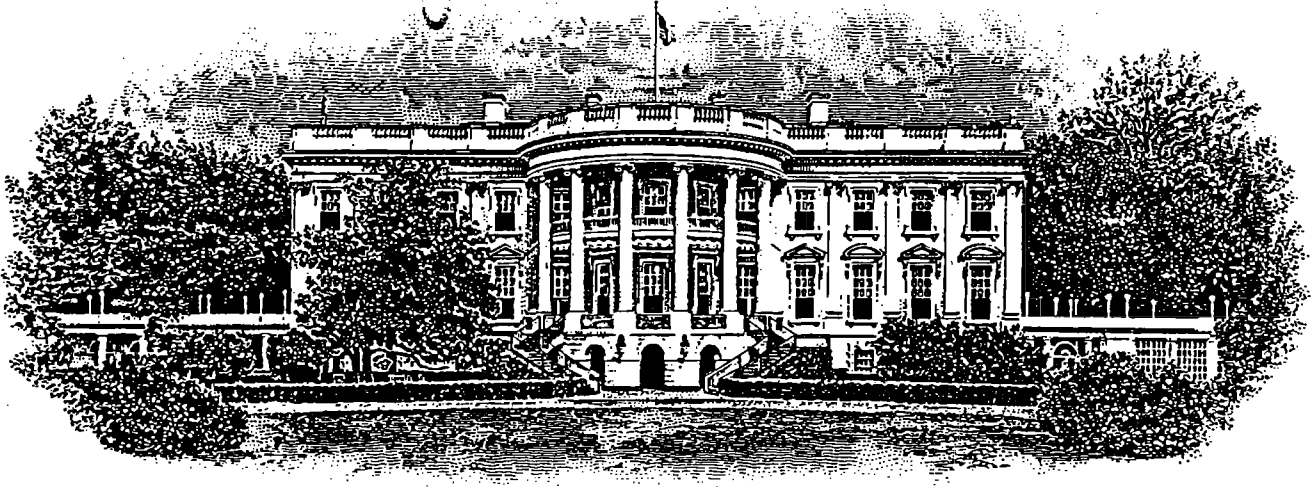
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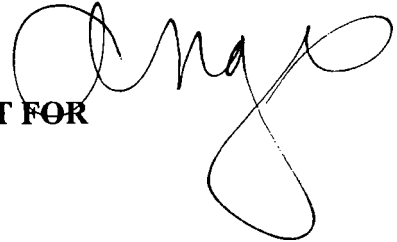
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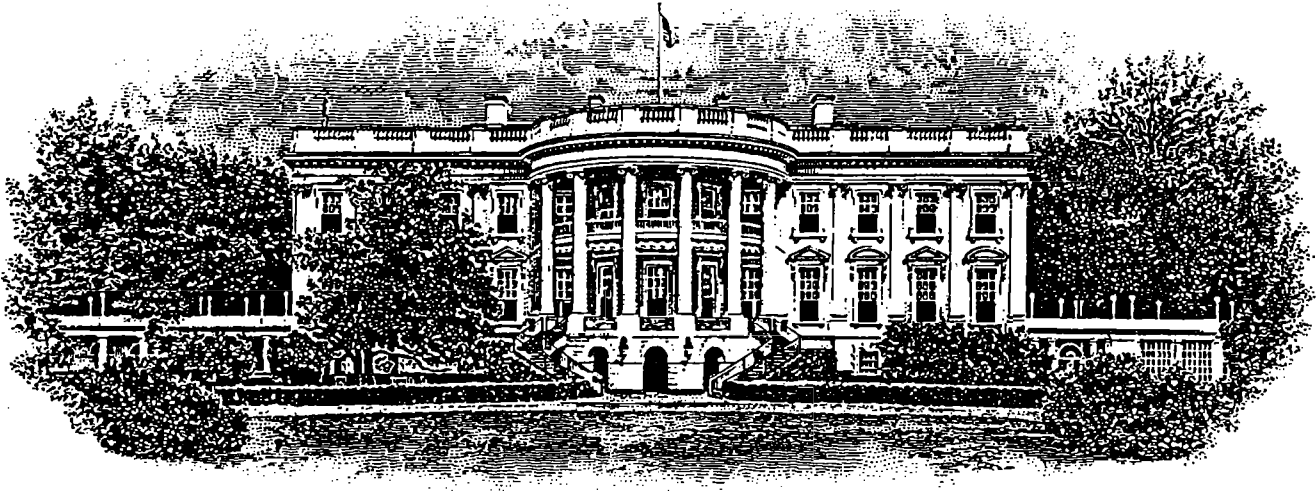
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Bob Herbert deserves real credit for his recent columns dealing with the dangers of global warming, and especially for his call for greater political leadership. ((In point of fact)), Since 1993, President Clinton and Vice President Gore have proposed and implemented a series of common sense programs -- scientific research, clean energy technology, partnerships with industry -- to help reduce the likelihood of catastrophic global climate changes.

Unfortunately, the US Congress has not the shown the type of leadership Herbert -- and the American people -- are rightly calling for. Congress has consistently underfunded Administration effort to fight global warming. *this*

Perhaps even more disturbing, Republicans in Congress have attached riders to numerous pending appropriations bills which ~~seek to block efforts at finding solutions that would be good for the environment as well as create new jobs. These riders actually aim to forestall almost any progress in fighting the very real threats to our public health, safety and economic well-being which global warming presents.~~

As we close out the 1990's -- a decade that saw 7 of the ten hottest years on record -- our hope is that Congress will heed the call for leadership and work with the Administration to fight this serious problem.

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Sulfur Dioxide (SO₂)	1990: 15.9 m 1997: 13.1 m (9.0 m by 2010 under phase II, Title IV)	4.5 m tons 50% reduction below Title IV cap (reduces allocation in 2005)	3.58 m tons by 2005	4.0 m tons by 2004	3.58 m tons 77% reduction from 1990 baseline by 2005.	3.12 m tons** 75% reduction from 1997 baseline by 2005.	2.9 m tons By 2005, emit not more than 3.0 lbs NOx/Mwe, with annual emission less than 3.0 lbs/Mwe times average Mw using 1996-'98.	2.9 m tons By 10 years after enactment, reduction, and not more than lbs/mmBtu
Nitrogen Oxides (NOx)	1990: 6.7 m 1997: 6.2 m (5.2 m by 2000 under phase II, Title IV limits)	2.2 m tons 67% reduction from 1990 baseline by 2005. 3.7 m tons between 2002-04.	1.66 m tons by 2005	1.66 m tons 79% reduction from 1990 baseline by 2005. (0.54 m tons/season (May - Sept) 2003-'04 - for 22 State SIP call region)	1.66 m tons 79% reduction from 1990 baseline by 2005.	1.4 m tons 75% reduction from 1997 baseline by 2005.	1.4 m tons By 2005, emit not more than 1.5 lbs NOx/Mwe, with annual emission less than 1.5 lbs/Mwe times average Mw using 1996-'98.	1.4 m tons By 10 years after enactment, reduction, and not more than lbs/mmBtu
Carbon Dioxide (CO₂)	1990: 1.914 bn 1997: 2.142 bn	Not covered	1.914 bn tons Reduction to 1990 levels by 2005.	1.914 bn tons Reduction to 1990 levels by 2005.	1.710 bn tons 10% reduction from 1990 baseline by 2005, with further reductions to 1.440 bn tons by 2010	1.914 bn tons Reduction to 1990 levels by 2005.	1.914 bn tons Reduction to 1990 levels by 2005.	1 - 1.35 bn tons By 10 years after enactment
Mercury (Hg)	1990: 52 tons	Study, but no target specified.	5 tons by 2005	50% reduction from 1990 levels by 2005, followed by 90% reduction by 2010.	0 tons Elimination by 2010	5 tons 90% reduction from 1997 baseline by 2005.	15 tons 70% reduction from 1997 baseline	5 tons By 10 years after enactment, reduction from 1997 baseline

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On the House side, **Commerce ranking member John Dingell**, D-Mich., said, "It's unlikely that we'll see significant legislation" on Superfund, but added that a stand-alone brownfields bill could pass.

A Democratic committee staffer said an overwhelming number of House Democrats want to move a stand-alone bill, but it is entirely in the hands of the GOP majority.

A Commerce panel spokesman said the committee "continues to move forward" and is active on Superfund and brownfields legislation. However, the Democratic source said there is no sign that the majority is doing anything.

On Endangered Species Act reform, a bill, H.R.3160, sponsored by **House Resources Chairman Young** is a priority for his committee, a spokesman said.

He added: "Species protection has grown through regulations. The effort is to take an act over a quarter century old and improve it."

Hearings have been held on the measure, which would establish guidelines for agencies to work with landowners on cooperative agreements before designating land as a critical habitat for species and to improve the science used in determining whether a species should be designated for protection.

When asked if Democrats would fight the legislation, the Resources panel spokesman said: "It really depends. While ESA is a hot issue, a lot of members have serious issues in their districts."

But Minority Staff Director John Lawrence said that while the bill could move out of committee, it would be defeated on the House floor because it is "extremely divisive."

On the Senate side, there is a Republican hold on a critical habitat measure, S.1100, which passed the Environment and Public Works Committee in July.

The bill has the support of the Clin-

ton administration, environmentalists and property rights groups. A Democratic staffer on the Environment and Public Works panel said, "If we could move that, then maybe we could move others."

Strike Three On Nuke Waste?

■ ALTHOUGH THE SENATE FAILED for the third time in three sessions to pass a nuclear waste bill with a veto-proof majority, **Senate Energy and Natural Resources Chairman Murkowski** wants the House to consider the Senate bill and make changes that might bring some senators back on board, a committee spokeswoman said.

Senate Majority Leader Lott was expected to speak with **House Speaker Hastert** on the issue, but with the House and Senate taking separate weeks for the Presidents' Day recess it was unclear if the two had spoken yet.

Meanwhile, **House Commerce Energy and Power Subcommittee Chairman Joe Barton**, R-Texas, told an energy conference Feb. 15 he would recommend to **Commerce Chairman Bliley** that the House move the full committee's legislation to the floor this spring and then negotiate a compromise bill with the Senate.

Bliley favors this approach. But leadership had an expectation that if the Senate passed a bill it would be taken up on the House floor, according to a House leadership aide. Hastert has spoken to Bliley, but no decision has been made about which bill to move.

A Democratic Commerce committee source, commenting on the prospects of moving either bill, said, "Why they want to do that is beyond understanding."

He noted since the Senate has not approved a veto proof bill, the House effort would be "completely fruitless."

One issue that has the potential to pass both the House and Senate is the bipartisan Conservation and Reinvestment Act, which would pour \$45 billion over 15 years from offshore oil and gas production into a fund for wildlife and conservation.

"Clearly it is the number one environmental objective of the year," said

a House Resources panel Democratic staffer.

But despite 294 cosponsors on the House bill, opposition from members from Western states in both chambers and private property rights advocates, as well as **House Majority Whip Delahunt**, could be a problem.

The bill also has drawn bipartisan criticism from appropriators and budget writers who oppose provisions that would take the Land and Water Conservation Fund off budget.

While the House Resources Committee has reported the bill, H.R.701, sponsored by Young and **ranking member George Miller**, D-Calif., the Senate's greatest problem is moving its measure, S.25, introduced by Murkowski and **Sen. Mary Landrieu**, D-La., out of the Energy and Natural Resources Committee, a panel spokeswoman said.

Another issue that could see action is the effort to allow states to opt out of the Clean Air Act's 2 percent oxygenate mandate.

The issue stems from methyl tertiary butyl ether, known as MTBE — a gasoline additive that reduces harmful air emissions, but has contaminated groundwater in several states.

Smith would like to move a bill, S.1886, which he sponsored with **Sens. Dianne Feinstein**, D-Calif., and **James Inhofe**, R-Okla., as early as possible.

Smith's spokesman added that, while he has not polled the committee, there is a consensus that legislation on this issue should move. He also noted there has been pressure from farm states that would like ethanol to be used in place of MTBE.

Dingell was pessimistic about an MTBE bill moving in the House. But Bliley and **Commerce Health and Environment Subcommittee Chairman Michael Bilirakis**, R-Fla., sent a letter to EPA Administrator Browner Feb. 16 expressing their concern over the time it has taken the agency to review California's request to waive the requirement and the slow EPA response in providing the committee with information on the issue.

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nage reports," Mr. Miller says. Waste Management had them, but on paper.

What Mr. Miller and his colleagues were slow to grasp was that tonnage reports had become far less important to many trash executives than stock-price quotes. Since the early 1970s, the formula at publicly traded garbage companies has been to use stock to buy up smaller, privately held haulers. Add profits. Boost the stock. Fund more deals.

Actually integrating the operations and running the company efficiently became a secondary consideration. Industry consolidation pushed up acquisition prices, making it ever harder to boost profits through deals, without using some aggressive accounting. At some point, nearly all of the big players stretched too far to do deals, then ran into earnings shortfalls or other problems that savaged their stocks. And the pioneers of the practice, including Mr. Drury, Mr. Buntrock and Mr. Shirvanian, proved not much better at figuring out when to run for cover than the average investor.

Mr. Shirvanian, the USA Waste director who bought the G-IV, built a California waste empire from scratch that he later sold to USA Waste. But he hung on to his shares in the new Waste Management. Once valued at \$500 million, they have since plunged by about 75%. (Waste Management's woes have carved \$27 billion from its market capitalization since May 1999.) Mr. Shirvanian's G-IV was finally delivered a few weeks ago. "Financially, I don't know if I can afford it," he says. "I'm looking for a partner."

Mr. Buntrock, too, despite his warnings about the merger, kept about a third of his two million shares. In August, Mr. Buntrock, 68, flew down to Houston in August to have breakfast with Messrs. Whitworth and Miller. "A lot of it was to tell Miller, 'I

told you so,'" Mr. Whitworth says. To their surprise, Mr. Buntrock urged the two executives to rehire much of the old Waste Management executive team that had been purged.

Daily Meetings

No thanks, they told him. In mid-August, Mr. Whitworth began holding daily meetings to try to sort out the books. Each Waste Management operating location, a hauling yard or a dump, has its own controller. Mr. Whitworth asked how many controllers there were. First he was told between 350 and 400. A few days later, it was 500. Ultimately, 600.

He asked the controllers how long it would take to bring their books up to date. Some said as many as 400 hours.

That's when Waste Management decided to bring in 1,160 outside auditors from Arthur Andersen LLP and from the company's internal audit contractor, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP. To avoid having rookies assigned to the case, Mr. Whitworth says he made both firms "give me the name, experience level and qualifications of everyone they assigned."

But with business booming, where were the firms going to find 1,160 available auditors? The 43rd floor of the office building housing Waste Management was turned into a giant bullpen for consultants and contractors. One day, Mr. Whitworth rode the elevator up to 43 and, he says, spotted a sign: "Arthur Andersen New Hires." And "it showed an arrow," he recalls. "They were out on the street hiring people and sending them to Waste Management." The tab for the 1,160 workers was about \$3 million a day, Mr. Hills says.

An Arthur Andersen spokesman, Matt Goring, says fewer than 100 of the 550 people the firm assigned to the job were new hires. He says the sign read: "New People This Way." PricewaterhouseCoopers says it hasn't received any complaints from Waste Management.

As the numbers came in—\$211 million in uncollectible bills; \$305 million in unrecorded expenses; \$226 million for "hundreds of little things," Mr. Whitworth says—the charge the company would eventually take in its third quarter for accounting irregularities and other problems rose to \$1.76 billion, pretax.

It was time to hire another full-time CEO. The job wasn't getting any more attractive. One candidate, David Core, then head of General Electric Co.'s appliance unit, wanted assurances he could move the company out of Houston. So Messrs. Whitworth and Miller offered the job to the other contender, A. Maurice Myers, CEO of trucking company Yellow Corp. Perhaps he could make the trash trucks run on time.

The three directors think they have Waste Management in the right hands now, although Wall Street, burned so badly the last time it heard that, remains wary. Yesterday, the company's shares fell 25 cents to \$15 in 4 p.m. New York Stock Exchange composite trading. Mr. Hills has added a new mountain of litigation, and a related SEC investigation, to the stuff he was already handling. One new lawsuit is Mr. Buntrock's: On Feb. 22, he sued the company, Mr. Hills and Mr. Miller. He blamed the two directors for mismanaging the company and demanded about \$12 million he says he is owed in pension money.

Mr. Whitworth is busy trying to sell Waste Management's international operations and some other assets. He is hoping people remember that the three directors didn't run from trouble. As for Mr. Miller, though he is still consulted at times by the others, he has taken another corporate fix-it job with Reliance Group Holdings. He arrived at the New York insurer after trouble hit, so he says he has no emotional investment there.

"That I regard as my great strength," Mr. Miller says. "The distinguishing characteristic of Waste Management is that I believed in it and promoted it."



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Athens makes gains but trades old toxins for new

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ATHENS — If numbers are to be trusted, Athenians should be able to take a deep breath.

The notorious air pollution they call Nefos, which has hovered over the Greek capital for decades, choking people and ruining the city's classical monuments, appears to be receding.

"We have had a steady decline in classic pollutants ranging from 10 to 40 percent in the last 10 years, despite the fact that cars have doubled in numbers," said John Vournas, director general at the Environment Ministry.

For the third summer in a row, the ministry did not need to take emergency measures because none of the key pollutants reached alarm levels, he said.

But is the Athens pollution problem under control and will Olympic athletes competing in the city in 2004 be spared the coughing seizures that often grip Greeks merely taking a stroll down the city's streets?

Not quite, say environmentalists.

"Athens continues to be the ozone capital of Europe. Maybe in some of the traditional pollutants

"Not taking special measures had more to do with the ministry's effort to show that all goes well ahead of the 2004 Games."

—Stelios Psomas, director, Greenpeace Greece

there has been a decline, but there are very high levels of new pollutants like benzene," said Stelios Psomas, director of Greenpeace Greece.

In measurements conducted by Greenpeace in the summer of 1998, some classic pollutants shot up for days but no emergency measures were taken, while some of the most lethal pollutants, not even measured by the state, were alarming, he said.

"Not taking special measures had more to do with the ministry's effort to show that all goes well ahead of the 2004 Games," Mr. Psomas said. "What matters is how people feel, and they don't feel good."

On especially bad smog days, the state orders all cars from the city center and industries around Athens to limit operations. It last took such measures in July 1996.

"Figures don't lie. Maybe there was a day last year when the levels

shot up, but only for a few hours, so there was no need to take measures," Mr. Vournas said.

The noxious cocktail of lethal gases that often has turned Athens' bright blue skies to a dull gray appeared in the 1970s.

Coupled with heat, the smog reportedly has sent hundreds to the hospital with respiratory problems. Coupled with rain, it turns into an acid liquid that causes ancient marble monuments to crumble like sugary powder.

In its early days, the Nefos was usually the result of industrial pollution and fumes from burning crude oil for heating.

Changing industrial and heating fuel to diesel, and upgrading infrastructure in the 1970s and '80s, reduced black smoke and sulphur dioxide, Mr. Vournas said.

But the onslaught of private vehicles in a city of 4 million people spurning chaotic public transport has gradually made the Athens

Nefos like the complex and dangerous photochemical air pollution of Los Angeles.

"We used to have Third World smog. Now we have the smog of developed countries, and this is the hardest one to fight," Mr. Vournas said.

The number of cars circulating in the capital has more than doubled in the last decade to about 2 million, clogging the streets and spewing fumes.

In the early 1980s, the government ordered half the cars out of the city center on each working day based on a system of even or odd license plate numbers.

It also subsidized drivers in one of Europe's most expensive countries to replace old vehicles with new ones equipped with catalytic converters.

"Modernizing the car fleet surely helped improve pollution levels, but the cost was enormous," Mr. Vournas said.

Although this was successful in reducing carbon monoxide and nitrogen oxides, ozone levels remain high and the ministry has yet to begin measuring benzene and microparticulates.

The government and the environmentalists agree that the only way to fight the Nefos is to improve public transport.

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Additional Contents		Penalty provisions for excess emissions. Requirement for Hg emissions monitoring and reporting from units > 250 mmBtu's per hour.	Penalty provisions for excess emissions.	Penalty provisions for excess emissions.	Bill primarily provides for the restructuring of the electric power industry.	On the later of the date that is 30 years after the power plant commenced operation or 5 years after the enactment of this bill, every outdated power plant shall comply with the most recent NSPS promulgated under section 111	Replacement of old generating units by new generating units, or replacement of with renewable power, will be credited in any climate change implementation program enacted by Congress.	Mandates that all fossil fuel-fired generating units, regardless of date of construction or commencement of operation, will be subject to NSR. New tax code depreciation treatment for efficient combustion technologies Replacement of old generating units by new generating units or replacement of with renewable power, will be credited in any climate change implementation program enacted by Congress.

Notes: ** Numbers appearing in italics were taken from a summary produced by Senator Leahy's office, and do not appear in the bills.

- Generation Performance Standards (GPS), which appear in S.1369, H.R.2569, and H.R.2645, and H.R.2980, are incompatible with existing Clean Air Act Title IV SO₂ market system.
- 1990 carbon dioxide baseline of 1.914 bn tons.
- Bills are listed chronologically by date of introduction.
- Additional utility emissions control bills, which do not appear in the table, include the following:
 - S.1047 and H.R.1828 (The Comprehensive Electricity Competition Act) are identical bills, introduced on behalf of the Administration by Murkowski/Bliley. The bill mirrors the NO_x SIP call.
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Funding Mechanisms		Grant program to fund research related to the effects of nitrogen deposition on watersheds and coastal estuaries in the Eastern US.	-	-	-	-	\$15,000,000 to conduct research in support of development of a carbon sequestration strategy that is designed to offset all growth in carbon dioxide emissions in the United States after 2010.	Clean Air Trust Fund: funding for renewable and energy-efficient projects.

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Trading Program		Cap-and-trade SO ₂ : same as Title IV NO _x : cap and trade with 2:1 summer:winter ratio	Generation Performance Standard (GPS) For NO _x , SO ₂ , CO ₂	GPS For NO _x , SO ₂ , CO ₂	GPS For NO _x , SO ₂ , CO ₂ , and mercury	Agency must promulgate regulations, and may choose a market-based program. Prohibits mercury trading.	GPS for CO ₂ No trading for NO _x , SO ₂ , and mercury	No trading. Encourages replacement of inefficient units with new units.
Affected States		48 + DC	Nationwide	Seasonal program for 22 Eastern States, beginning in 2003. Annual program for 48 + DC, beginning in 2005.	Nationwide	Nationwide	Nationwide	Nationwide
Applicability		Facilities with one or more unit(s) serving at least one generator ≥ 25 Mwe.	Non-nuclear facilities with a nameplate capacity ≥ 15 Mwe, using a combustion device to generate energy for sale.	Non-nuclear facilities with a nameplate capacity ≥ 15 Mwe, using a combustion device to generate energy for sale.	Electric generating facilities with a nameplate capacity ≥ 15 Mwe, that use a combustion device or nuclear reactor to generate electricity for sale.	Existing and new fossil fuel-fired electric generating units with a nameplate capacity ≥ 15 Mwe, using a combustion device to generate electricity for sale.	Existing and new fossil fuel-fired electric generating units with a nameplate capacity ≥ 15 Mwe, using a combustion device to generate electricity for sale.	All fossil fuel-fired generating units.
Allocation Methodology		SO ₂ : half of Title IV allocations beginning in 2005 NO _x (Allocations to the State): in proportion to that State's share of total generation in all States. NO _x (Allocations to the Source): based on the facility's proportion of the total generation in the State, averaged over a moving time frame.	GPS: determined by dividing the annual nation-wide aggregate emissions limit by the estimate of nationwide electricity generation (by all covered facilities) for the next calendar year. Allocated to the Source: GPS times the facilities' annual generation	GPS: determined by dividing the aggregate limits for the covered period by the estimate of total electricity generation from covered units in the applicable region during the next calendar year. Allocated to the Source: GPS times the facilities' annual generation	GPS: determined by dividing the aggregate limits for the covered period by the Administrator's estimate of total electricity generation from covered sources during the next calendar year.	Not Specified	GPS: determined by dividing the aggregate limits for the covered period by the Administrator's estimate of total electricity generation from covered sources during the next calendar year.	Not pertinent
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MURKOWSKI WARNS THAT ENERGY POLICY REQUIRES LONG-TERM FIX

WASHINGTON -- Noting a new U.S. Department of Energy report that warns Americans will be paying as much as \$2 per gallon this summer for gasoline, Alaska Sen. Frank Murkowski today told the Senate that this nation much work on both short- and long-term solutions -- producing more energy from federal lands being a major component to a workable long-term national energy policy.

Murkowski, who along with Sen. Ted Stevens with 32 other co-sponsors on Wednesday had introduced legislation to open a part of the Arctic coastal plain to environmentally sensitive oil and gas exploration, today warned that the nation's economy could be severely hurt if energy prices aren't reduced by summer.

"There are soccer Moms across America who need to drive vans and sport utility vehicles. And they are going to be feeling the pinch now and in the future if Congress doesn't take action to right our energy policy. (These prices) will put a big hole in a \$100 bill," said Murkowski on the Senate floor.

He noted a recent U.S. Department of Energy report that Americans in some regions could be paying as much as \$2 a gallon for regular gas during this summer's driving season -- the average price nationwide likely hitting \$1.80 a gallon. He said that already homeowners in the Northeast have been paying nearly \$2 a gallon for home heating oil and that airline passengers are facing surcharges for tickets that average \$75 per passenger for roundtrip flights. He said businesses in Alaska and nationwide also will face the pinch in higher costs.

"I don't think we should blame OPEC when the fault lies clearly with the Clinton Administration and their energy policy, which is really no policy. They have no policy on oil. They have no policy on coal. They have no policy on hydro other than it is non-renewable. And on gas, they say that is the savior, but they won't open up public land to oil and gas exploration," said Murkowski, who said the Administration needs to support exploration on the Arctic coastal plain, in the Overthrust Belt of Colorado and Wyoming and in offshore waters of supportive states to reduce America's dependence on foreign oil.

He repeated his proposal of Wednesday to provide partial short-term relief by suspending 4.3-cents of the federal excise tax on gasoline for the rest of this year -- the most that could be done without harming federal highway and mass transit construction funds in later years.

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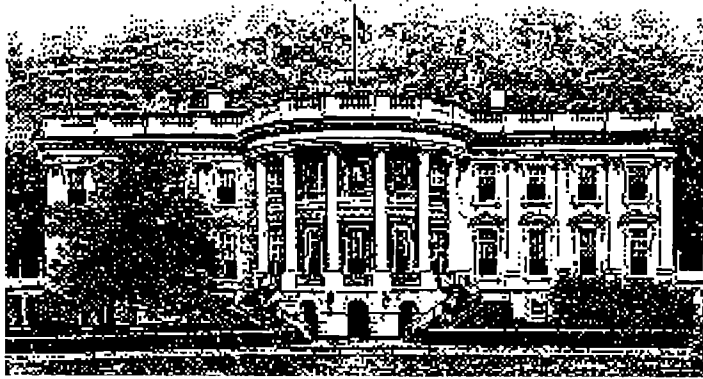
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A broad coalition of environmental groups have formed an umbrella organization called Teaming With Wildlife to support the act's funding for nongame wildlife conservation.

One of the coalition's major concerns is that funding for the act will go down the same path as the Land and Water Conservation Fund, which is subject to Congress' annual appropriation process.

The Land and Water Conservation Fund is written in such a manner that Congress must each year allocate the \$900 million set aside for the fund. As a result, the fund is usually shortchanged. Last year, for example, Congress provided just \$328 million of the \$900 million collected by the fund.

 To resolve this issue, Teaming With Wildlife has advocated a permanent, automatic appropriation in Senate and House hearings on the act.

As recently as Tuesday, David Waller, vice president of the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, testified before the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee in favor of strengthening the Senate version of the act to dedicate 10 percent of the oil and gas revenues for wildlife conservation.

"State wildlife agencies face tremendous challenges attempting to conserve declining wildlife and dwindling habitats, while meeting skyrocketing wildlife conservation education and recreation demands -- all on a shoestring budget," said Waller in support of a permanent fund.

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Bi-partisan legislation that would establish a permanent fund for wildlife conservation and related recreation and education programs from a percentage of federal offshore oil and gas revenues is being applauded by environmentalists.

The Conservation and Reinvestment Act of 1999, introduced in both the House and Senate, would send about half of the \$4-5 billion in revenues generated from oil and gas leases on the outer continental shelf to the states to fund the conservation activities.

Both versions of the act, S. 25 and H.R. 701, are broken down into three titles:

- Title I would send about \$1.3 billion of annual offshore oil and gas revenues to coastal states for impact assistance associated with oil and gas exploration activities. Monies would benefit such activities as air and water quality programs and wetlands restoration.
- Title II would reform the Land and Water Conservation Fund to permanently set aside between \$700 to \$900 million annually for land-based recreation and conservation.
- Title III would allocate between \$320 to \$460 million from offshore oil and gas revenues to fund state-level wildlife



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With permanent funding for the conservation of nongame wildlife, species such as the Baltimore oriole can be protected before they are listed under the Endangered Species Act.

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