

CLEAN AND GREEN NEWS

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WHY GREEN?

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the world population is expanding at a mind-boggling rate. The world reached 1 billion people in 1800; 2 billion by 1922; and over 6 billion by 2000. It is estimated that the population will swell to over 9 billion by 2050. That means that if the world's natural resources were evenly distributed, people in 2050 will only have 25% of the resources per capita that people in 1950 had.

The world has a fixed amount of natural resources - some of which are already depleted. So as population growth greatly strains our finite resources, there are fewer resources available. If we intend to leave our children and grandchildren with the same standard of living we have enjoyed, we must preserve the foundation of that standard of living. We save for college educations, orthodontia, and weddings, but what about

saving clean air, water, fuel sources and soil for future generations?

Your participation in the Progressive Energy "Clean and Green Earth" program shows you care about the quality of life issues that now face this generation, and generations to come. By choosing to become a "Clean and Green Citizen" you have begun the process of making a difference in our world. Congratulations. Progressive Energy Group is dedicated solely to supporting and expanding programs dedicated to combating the harmful effects of global warming. Together, with your help, we will embark upon a journey that will take us from your front door to the tropical rain forests and the polar ice caps. The longest journeys begin with but a single step. Thank you for taking that important first step with us. Together, we will make a difference.

DID YOU KNOW ????

- For every ton of paper that is recycled : 7,000 gallons of water; 380 gallons of oil; and enough electricity to power an average house for six months.
- By recycling just one glass bottle, you save enough electricity to power a 100-watt bulb for four hours.
- You can run a TV for six hours on the amount of electricity that is saved by recycling one aluminum can.



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The practice of conservation must spring from a conviction of what is ethically and aesthetically right, as well as what is economically expedient. A thing is right only when it tends to preserve the integrity, stability, and beauty of the community, and the community includes the soil, waters, fauna, and flora, as well as people.
-Aldo Leopold

CARBON OFFSETS: A GREAT PLACE TO START

By purchasing carbon offsets, you help minimize the effects of the gases being emitted as you live your daily life. Progressive Energy Group sells the greenhouse gas reductions and currently sponsors the following programs:

1. Purchasing Carbon Credits from The Chicago Climate Exchange
2. Planting Trees in U.S.A. and Amazon to offset the harmful effects of Human Carbon production. Each tree absorbs one ton of carbon per year.
3. Windmill Electrical Power Generation

Progressive Energy Group is also look-

ing at methane-capture facilities.

For example, if a scientist had had no choice but to fly to the Kyoto convention, she couldn't prevent that flight from producing tons of greenhouse gases (GHGs). But she could balance out that impact by investing in a project that reduces global warming emissions, such as a new wind power project that displaces coal energy.

That's where carbon offset programs come in. They help a traveler or a home owner offsetting their carbon output and essentially the customer becomes "carbon neutral."

PROGRESSIVE ENERGY GROUP GIVES BACK

Progressive Energy Group prides itself on giving their clients a variety of "Green Choices" to choose from to handle their carbon offsets. PEG'S founder Bill Wyatt says giving the freedom of choice makes good sense." With so many methods of offsets reduction available, it's only natural for our clients to be educated on those choices and to pick one that makes them feel right," said Wyatt. In the future, PEG hopes to narrow their focus to a chosen few methods that have proven to make a difference over time.

And while two-thirds of the potential offset projects and initiatives are already in the review process at Progressive, the remaining one-third is where we are asking our vast network of users to submit inventive and creative ideas on how they think the company should go about meeting its carbon neutral goal.

COOL SITES

www.climate.pembina.org/

This website provides interactive tools, resources, and success stories about actions people have taken to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. It provides easy access to the information, tools, and resources needed to translate concerns about global climate change into concrete actions that can reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

The Forgotten Offset: Green Power

The TV, the home computer, the kettle, the stereo, often the hot water, the air conditioning and a plethora of other things in your house all use electricity from the grid. Many of us would love to have a solar panels on the roof or a wind turbine in the back yard so that our energy came from a renewable, non-greenhouse polluting source like coal. But most of us don't, often because even if it saves money over time, the upfront cost seems too scary. But you can run your house (or your business) on solar, wind, or hydro and biomass energy without having a dam or pig farm in your yard. Contact your local power utility as ask about their Green Power or Green Energy options. For a few dollars more on your normal bill you will be helping them fund the establishment of such clean energy facilities. Utilities are required by law to provide a supply of renewable energy to the grid, equal to the kilowatt hours of those customers signed up for GreenPower. The more who sign up, the more solar and wind farms that have to be built.

Recycle smart

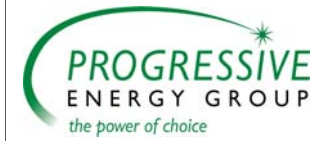
From furniture to electronics, one person's trash is another's treasure — so when you want to dispose of an old item, don't make the dump your first stop. Two sites with alternatives: www.freecycle.org and www.earth911.org.



Eight tropical countries containing 80 percent of the world's remaining tropical forest cover have formed an alliance to have forest conservation included in a post-Kyoto agreement on climate change, reports the *Financial Times*. The "Forestry Eight", as the group is called, includes Brazil, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, Gabon, Cameroon, Costa Rica, Congo and Indonesia.

The group will convene for the first time at a UN climate meeting in New York on September 24 while formal negotiations on the next global framework will begin at a UN conference in Bali in December.

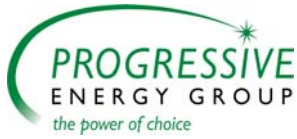
In forming the alliance, tropical countries have thrown considerable support behind the concept of "avoided deforestation", whereby forested countries earn carbon credits for protecting forests that lock up large amounts of carbon. Deforestation is a major source of greenhouse gases, accounting for roughly 20 percent of global emissions. Steps to reduce forest clearing and degradation will help mitigate climate change.



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"The true meaning of life is to plant trees, under whose shade you do not expect to sit."

-Nelson Henderson



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Learn More About the Chicago Climate Exchange

Chicago Climate Exchange (CCX) is the world's first and North America's only legally binding rules-based greenhouse gas emissions allowance trading system, as well as the world's only global system for emissions trading based on all six greenhouse gases.

CCX Members are leaders in greenhouse gas (GHG) management and represent all sectors of the global economy, as well as public sector innovators. GHG emission reductions achieved through CCX are the only reductions in North America being made through a legally binding compliance regime, providing independent third party verification by NASD and price transparency. The founder, Chairman and CEO of CCX is economist and financial innovator Dr. Richard L. Sandor, who was named a Hero of the Planet by Time magazine for his founding of CCX.

CCX emitting Members make a voluntary but legally binding commitment to meet annual GHG emission reduction targets. Those who reduce below the targets have surplus allowances to sell or bank; those who emit above the targets comply by purchasing CCX Carbon Financial Instrument® (CFI™) contracts.

PROGRESSIVE EDUCATION

A big part of the Progressive Energy Group's plan is to help educate our youth on the relationship between the lifestyle choices they make and the effects on our environment. All across the nation, school districts are beginning to focus curriculum on issues of pollution, global warming, carbon footprints and individual responsibility. Progressive Energy Group offers web-based information designed for kids from 5 to 17 years. If you would like to learn more about the programs and materials we have available form your child, please contact us at :

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