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PEOPLE ARE TALKING

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With the internet, blogs, Twitter, forums - people are talking about EPA 24/7
Here's a sampling of what was said on Dec. 15, 2009:

NOTE: To read the entire blog entry, click on underlined URL. To learn more about the blogger, click on the name/link in first line. Notes and headings are from OPA.

Copenhagen – Day 9

In Copenhagen, Obama Administration Holds Firm on Divisive Terms
Posted by: ejgertz 7:05 pm Full post: http://bit.ly/6eJcfr

Nature Conservancy's David Cleary applauds Brazil's efforts 2 fight deforestation
Posted by: nature_org 7:00 pm Full post: http://bit.ly/6QwoQC

9 things you can do to take effective action to influence the Climate meeting in Copenhagen
Posted by: WWF_Climate 6:55 pm Full post: http://cli.gs/vB6zWW

Overwhelming U.S. public support for global warming action
(Note: AP and Gallup polls)
Posted by: drgrist 6:50 pm Full post: http://bit.ly/5Uzuqq

NYT: A video breakdown of the toughest issues in climate talks
Posted by: revkin 6:40 pm Full post: http://j.mp/copNyt

Climate Talks Near Deal on Preservation of Forests
Posted by: ClimateChangeOH 6:35 pm Full post: http://bit.ly/651y6c

From San Francisco science mtg: NASA releases 1st daily global CO2 data from key part of our atmosphere.
(Note: "The implication of these studies is that, should greenhouse gas emissions continue on their current course of increase, we are virtually certain to see Earth's climate warm by several degrees Celsius in the next century, unless some strong negative feedback mechanism emerges elsewhere in Earth's climate system")
Posted by: NASA 6:22 pm Full post: http://tinyurl.com/ycx9ftg

Gallup poll: Americans Favor U.S. Signature on Copenhagen Treaty--55% to 38%
Posted by: TerraBoquu 6:15 pm Full post: http://bit.ly/61nP2y

Sec. of State Clinton to attend climate change talks in Denmark

Posted by: climatenews: 6:05 pm Full post: http://bit.ly/7CJgOz

Schwarzenegger says go carefully on climate change
Posted by: climatenews 6:03 pm Full post: http://bit.ly/6bVObA

Pope calls for action on climate change| Pope Benedict XVI called for urgent action to protect the environment...
Posted by: usualpolitics: 6:00 pm Full post: http://oohja.com/x3FiY

RT @Cop15: Carbon capture is put on hold
Posted by: solarfund 5:50 pm Full post: http://bit.ly/5cJ2hp

Two Moves by the U.S. and China That Could Unlock the Copenhagen Chess Game…
(Note: The two moves are: (1) U.S. needs to back even larger investments to meet core needs for the longer-term 2015 or 2020, and subject these commitments to reporting and review.
(2) China needs to provide for enhanced transparency and independent review to create greater global confidence that it is making steady progress towards meeting its target.)
Posted by: greenlawchina 5:42 pm Full post: http://bit.ly/7wU9ds

Carbon capture is put on hold: As some countries have reservations on carbon capture…
Posted by: WWF_Climate 5:35 pm Full post: http://bit.ly/7bOKpU

Less than 48 hours left for climate conference
Posted by: cphvoice 5:36 pm Full post: http://bit.ly/6fxren

GHG Endangerment Announcement

Murkowski to Try CRA to Deny EPA Greenhouse Gas Finding - OMB Watch
Posted by: makegreenhouse 5:53 pm Full post: http://ow.ly/169YEz

CEI Will File Lawsuit to Block EPA's Proposed CO2 Regulation
Posted by: soderstrom 3:36 pm Full post: http://bit.ly/6fxren

ACC's Cal Dooley discusses the potential impact of #EPA regulation of stationary sources of GHGs
Posted by: AmChemistry 2:30 pm Full post: http://ow.ly/MpOm

Miscellaneous

How clean is your city's tap water? Tips, guides and reports to navigating your drinking water channels:
Posted by: PacNW_PPRC: 5:30 pm Full post: http://ow.ly/MpWF

ROUND-UP OF MAJOR BLOGS

CLIMATE CHANGE/ GLOBAL WARMING

Guest Blogger: Rep. Capito Says We Need to Put a Personal Face on Copenhagen (*Heritage)*

Posted By Rep Shelley Moore Capito On December 15, 2009 @ 11:16 am In Energy and Environment

As the festivities in Copenhagen got underway last week, there was no shortage of enthusiasm from those pushing for new regulations, new caps and new taxes – all in the name of saving the planet.

With EPA Administrator Jackson officially unveiled her agency's endangerment finding, commentators were quick to point out that this was the proverbial stick that was supposed to bully Congress into finally giving the President what he wants.

Yet – as all this unfolds – I can't help but think about what this will all mean to mining communities in my state of West Virginia, or in Kentucky or Wyoming or other energy-producing communities across our nation.

We can all get on board with a move towards more efficient energy technology that burns more cleanly and reduces emissions. Yet it seems that many in this debate like to pretend that aggressive emissions are a slam dunk win for communities around the world. The human economic costs tend to get brushed aside in this great crusade toward "progress."

The cries of "green jobs," for example, are as omnipresent as coverage of the Tiger Woods fiasco, but talking about green jobs doesn't change the fact that more than 500 coal miners in my state were told last week that they may no longer have their jobs [1].

While a range of local factors contributed to these specific layoffs – it's quite obvious that the future of coal mining communities is rather bleak given a regulatory agenda that's blocking mine permits and a legislative agenda that will impose devastating cap-and-trade regime.

And with news that a proposed West Virginia wind farm was also blocked by court action last week [2], it's becoming apparent that moving to these "green jobs" will be no cake walk either.

On behalf of thousands of citizens in my who state fear that "success" in Copenhagen will mean capping their future, I urge the President and his team to remember that he represents families in Appalachia too. Their jobs should count for something.

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