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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 Nov. 24, 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.

EPA Awards $800,000 for EJ Grants

EPA Awards $800,000 for Environmental Justice Projects in Five States
Posted by: EnvNewsBits: 6:30 pm http://ow.ly/1645ow

EPA Awards $800,000 for Environmental Justice ..... efforts to work with communities to address environmental an...
(Note: Co-author of Lead Babies)
Posted by: Nomorelead 4:46 pm http://bit.ly/5fPIPp

EPA soliciting Environmental Justice Grant Program applications
Posted by: RecyclePhoneBoo: 3:00 pm http://bit.ly/61l2td

New Study Ranks Coal Power Plants Emissions by State

Report: Indiana power plants 4th dirtiest in US: Coal-hungry Indiana ranks fourth in the nation for carbon dioxide ...
Posted by: energysection: 5:35 pm http://bit.ly/7vOXyQ

Report: Indiana power plants 4th dirtiest in US: AP - Coal-hungry Indiana ranks fourth in the nation for carbon..
Posted by: L_J_Plumbing: 5:30 pm http://bit.ly/4BZ8HF

Yahoo!: Report: Indiana power plants 4th dirtiest in US (AP): Coal-hungry Indiana ranks fourth in the na..
Posted by: CommoditiesNews: 5:28 pm http://bit.ly/6lxmVu

Alabama Power's West Jefferson plant nation's second-highest carbon emitter among coal-fired plants
Posted by: alabamainsider: 5:15 pm http://bit.ly/7PU75a

Climate Bill Leaked Emails

Bill McKibben on climategate: "they managed to convince planet's glaciers, sea ice, & hydro cycles to play along."
Posted by: drgrist: 7:00 pm

Inhofe Seeks Probe of Climate Science
Posted by: @greeninc: 6:46 pm Full post: http://bit.ly/8UWNiZ

Inhofe Begins Hadley Center "Climategate" Investigation
Posted by: greychampion: 6:40 pm Full post: http://tinyurl.com/yefdqup

Miscellaneous

EPA Testing Permeable Surfaces for Green Parking Lots
Posted by: TwilightEarth: 6:30 pm Full post: http://ow.ly/FcRX

New EPA Fuel Economy Numbers: Ford and GM Show the Most Gains | Gas 2.0
Posted by: revenue_spark: 6:15 pm Full post: http://ow.ly/EZBq

EPA Issues Rule to Reduce Water Pollution from Construction Sites
Posted by: constjobshoots 6:40 pm Full post: http://bit.ly/8erOKF

Energy Improvements Save EPA $15K
Posted by: energy_secrets: 5:40 pm Full post: http://bit.ly/5Pxb8S

ROUND-UP OF MAJOR BLOGS

The Kids Are Alright. Not So Sure About the Adults.

Kids just say no—to fossil fuels (*Grist*)

- Posted on 24 Nov 2009
  by Osha Gray Davidson

"When in the course of human events it becomes necessary…"

OK, students of American History, think you know the rest of this historic American sentence?

If you guessed, "... for one people to rid themselves of an energy system that may threaten their lives and liberties, it is only decent that they should declare the causes of separation from the dependence on Fossil Fuels," you're right.

Here's the complete "Declaration of Independence from Fossil Fuels." The document was written by fifteen-year-old climate activist Alec Loorz, who has been organizing his peers to fight global warming since he saw Al Gore's movie, *An Inconvenient Truth*, three years ago.

Last week, Loorz presented a copy of the Declaration to the Senate Committee on the Environment and Public Works. It was signed by 10,000 kids. (Nearly 40,000 have added their names, including online signatures.)

The young activist summed up his experience in D.C. in a recent blog post:

When I was talking to Senator Kerry last week, he told me they need the youth voice in the next couple months if we are going to pass this bill through the Senate. He challenged our generation to stand up, and get active in this fight. So who is ready to join me?

Those ready to join the fight can find plenty of ways to do it at the website Kids vs the Environment, an organization Loorz created.

A different version of this story appeared in The Phoenix Sun.

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