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## ***Materials of Interest for the Agriculture & Energy Committee and the Environment Committee: Spring Forum 2011***

*\*Below is information that NCSL A&E Committee and Environment Committee staff has identified as possible materials of interest to members of the A&E Committee and Environment Committee. We have included a URL for each item; however, if you have any problems retrieving the documents, please contact Max Behlke at 202.624-3586, or via email at [max.behlke@ncsl.org](mailto:max.behlke@ncsl.org), for assistance.*

### **U.S. Department of Energy (DOE)**

Department of Energy Blog on the Situation in Japan: <http://blog.energy.gov/content/situation-japan>

DOE's Database for State Activity for Energy Efficiency: <http://energy.gov/energyefficiency/stateactivities.htm>

Gasoline and Diesel Fuel Update: <http://tonto.eia.doe.gov/oog/info/gdu/gasdiesel.asp>

International Energy Outlook: <http://www.eia.doe.gov/oiaf/ieo/index.html>

DOE's National Security Priorities: <http://energy.gov/nationalsecurity/index.htm>

### **Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)**

EPA Report Underscores Clean Air Act's Successful Public Health Protections

- Report Summary - <http://www.epa.gov/air/sect812/feb11/summaryreport.pdf>
- Full Report - <http://www.epa.gov/air/sect812/feb11/fullreport.pdf>
- More Information - <http://www.epa.gov/air/sect812/prospective2.html>

Information on the proposed Mercury & Air Toxics Standard

<http://www.epa.gov/airquality/powerplanttoxics/actions.html>

- Fact Sheet Proposed Mercury And Air Toxic Standards  
<http://www.epa.gov/airquality/powerplanttoxics/pdfs/proposalfactsheet.pdf>
- Power Plant Mercury and Air Toxic Standards - Overview of Proposed Rule and Impacts  
<http://www.epa.gov/airquality/powerplanttoxics/pdfs/overviewfactsheet.pdf>

Toxics Standard: <http://www.epa.gov/airquality/powerplanttoxics/actions.html>

Water Quality Criteria for Nitrogen and Phosphorus Pollution General Information

<http://water.epa.gov/scitech/swguidance/standards/criteria/nutrients/index.cfm>

March 2011 EPA Memo: Working in Partnership with States to Address Phosphorus and Nitrogen Pollution through Use of a Framework for State Nutrient Reductions

[http://water.epa.gov/scitech/swguidance/standards/criteria/nutrients/upload/memo\\_nitrogen\\_framework.pdf](http://water.epa.gov/scitech/swguidance/standards/criteria/nutrients/upload/memo_nitrogen_framework.pdf)

***Information on proposed cooling water intake rule***

- Fact sheet - [http://water.epa.gov/lawsregs/lawsguidance/cwa/316b/upload/factsheet\\_proposed.pdf](http://water.epa.gov/lawsregs/lawsguidance/cwa/316b/upload/factsheet_proposed.pdf)
- Q&A - [http://water.epa.gov/lawsregs/lawsguidance/cwa/316b/upload/qa\\_proposed.pdf](http://water.epa.gov/lawsregs/lawsguidance/cwa/316b/upload/qa_proposed.pdf)
- News Release - <http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/3881d73f4d4aaa0b85257359003f5348/1a6586526d351a1d852578610077d4c8!OpenDocument>
- More information - <http://water.epa.gov/lawsregs/lawsguidance/cwa/316b/>

**Congressional Research Service (CRS) Reports**

Clean Air Issues in the 112th Congress (R41563) <http://openocrs.com/document/R41563/>

The Federal Food Safety System: A Primer (RS22600) <http://openocrs.com/document/RS22600/>

Keeping America's Pipelines Safe and Secure: Key Issues for Congress (R41536) <http://openocrs.com/document/R41536/>

Chemical Facility Security: Reauthorization, Policy Issues, and Options for Congress (R40695)  
<http://openocrs.com/document/R40695/>

Litigation Seeking to Establish Climate Change Impacts as a Common Law (R41496)  
<http://openocrs.com/document/R41496/>

Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA): A Summary of the Act and Its Major Requirements (RL31243)  
<http://openocrs.com/document/RL31243/>

Renewable Energy Programs in the 2008 Farm Bill (RL34130) <http://openocrs.com/document/RL34130/>

Unfunded Mandates Reform Act: History, Impact, and Issues (R40957) <http://openocrs.com/document/R40957/>

A Whole-Farm Crop Disaster Program: Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE) (R40452)  
<http://openocrs.com/document/R40452/>

Federal Agency Actions Following the Supreme Court's Climate Change Decision: A Chronology (R41103)  
<http://openocrs.com/document/R41103/>

U.S. Fossil Fuel Resources: Terminology, Reporting, and Summary (R40872) <http://openocrs.com/document/R40872/>

Asian Carp and the Great Lakes Region (R41082) <http://openocrs.com/document/R41082/>

Animal Identification and Traceability: Overview and Issues (R40832) <http://openocrs.com/document/R40832/>

Pesticide Use and Water Quality: Are the Laws Complementary or in Conflict? (RL32884)  
<http://www.nationalaglawcenter.org/assets/crs/RL32884.pdf>

## **Government Accountability Office (GAO) Reports**

Report on Stormwater Fees: <http://www.nacwa.org/images/stories/public/2011-03-16gaoltr.pdf>

Climate Change Issues - Options for Addressing Challenges to Carbon Offset Quality: [www.cq.com/pdf/govdoc-3833183](http://www.cq.com/pdf/govdoc-3833183)

DOE ARRA Obligations and Spending As of March 10, 2011 <http://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-11-483T>

Recovery Act: *Energy* Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Recipients Face Challenges Meeting Legislative and Program Goals and Requirements: <http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d11379.pdf>

Department of Agriculture, Rural Utilities Service: Rural Broadband Access Loans and Loan Guarantees: <http://www.gao.gov/decisions/majrule/d11541r.htm>

Environmental Protection Agency: National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Area Sources: Industrial, Commercial, and Institutional Boilers: <http://www.gao.gov/decisions/majrule/d11497r.htm>

## **Congressional Budget Office (CBO)**

Reducing Regulatory Burdens Act of 2011 (NPDES Bill): <http://cbo.gov/ftpdocs/121xx/doc12112/hr872.pdf>

Preliminary Analysis of the President's Budget for 2012: <http://www.cbo.gov/doc.cfm?index=12103>

Using Biofuel Tax Credits to Achieve Energy and Environmental Policy Goals: <http://www.cbo.gov/ftpdocs/114xx/doc11477/07-14-Biofuels.pdf>

Managing Allowance Prices in a Cap-and-Trade Program: <http://www.cbo.gov/ftpdocs/118xx/doc11872/11-04-2010-Cap-and-Trade.pdf>

Table Summarizing the Continuing Resolutions for 2011 in the 112th Congress: <http://www.cbo.gov/ftpdocs/121xx/doc12109/ContinuingResolutions.pdf>

S. 216, Food Safety Accountability Act of 2011: <http://www.cbo.gov/ftpdocs/121xx/doc12133/s216.pdf>

H.R. 910, Energy Tax Prevention Act of 2011: <http://www.cbo.gov/ftpdocs/121xx/doc12122/HR910.pdf>

## **Reports & Material from Other Sources**

U.S. Department of Justice Opinion on federal payment of stormwater fees: <http://www.justice.gov/olc/2011/stormwater-cardin-bill.pdf>

## **NCSL Information**

Capitol to Capitol: An Information Service of the National Conference of State Legislatures Standing Committees: <http://www.ncsl.org/?TabID=773&tabs=854,14,822#854>

Agriculture and Energy Standing Committee Page: <http://www.ncsl.org/Default.aspx?TabID=773&tabs=855,19,608#855>

Environment Standing Committee Page: <http://www.ncsl.org/Default.aspx?TabID=773&tabs=855,23,635#855>