



Clean Water Action

ND Newsletter

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Wind Energy IV Coming to Bismarck

Senator Byron Dorgan, UND Energy and Environmental Research Center (EERC), ND Sustainable Energy for Economic Development (ND SEED), and ND Department of Commerce are teaming up to bring Wind Energy IV to the Bismarck Civic Center. This one day wind energy symposium will be held Monday, March 24, 2003, and promises to be one of the most productive conferences ever.



Dorgan and the Keynote Speaker (you must attend to find out who this is). Seminar topics include Transmission Developments, Credit Trading and Green Tags, New Project Development in ND, Small Wind Opportunities, Current Legislation, Wind Energy

Manufacturing, New Technology Development, and Financing Wind Farms. A town meeting style question and answer session will be held at the end of the conference. The registration fee is \$35 and you can register by calling Anne Fiala at 701-777-3119 or online at www.undeerc.org.

involved in the wind energy arena. In addition, this years conference will feature exhibits from wind energy producers, manufacturers, and developers from the United States and around the world.

The conference will start with an address by Senator

The conference will include a lineup of nationally known keynote speakers, updates on the progress of wind energy development in ND, and information on how you can become

Legislative Wind Bills moving forward in North Dakota

Currently there are several bills in the ND Legislature that have to do with wind energy. All of these bills further the objective of ND SEED and CWA in trying to bring wind energy development to ND. The bills can be viewed at: www.discovernd.com, go to the 58th legislative

session. Here are some of the current bills.

HB1340—This bill relates to the termination of wind leases. The bill automatically terminates leases after 5 years unless development has occurred on the property.

HB1435—This bill will help landowners who want to own their own turbines by providing a \$.015 per kw payment.

YOU CAN HELP: Call and let your legislator know how you feel—1-888-NDL-EGIS (635-3447).

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Fargo Chemical Spray Posting Requirements

In a perfect world we wouldn't have to use dangerous chemicals to get rid of unwanted weeds and pests. As most of us are aware, however, these chemicals play a role in today's society.

Exposure to some of the chemicals used on school grounds and parks can be dangerous and have possible negative health consequences. If people are notified that spraying is to or has taken place, they can decide whether or not they want to be exposed.

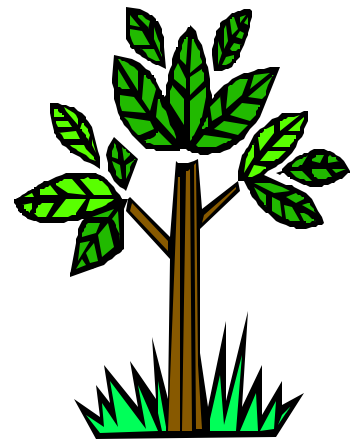
CWA member Laurie Hanson contacted our office with concerns about chemical application on the school and park

properties in the city of Fargo. At the present time the city, school district, and park district have no notification policy prior to or after chemicals are sprayed.

We met with the school and park district and we are in the process of putting together posting requirements for them. Our hope is that by the time spraying starts this spring we will have helped increase awareness for the community so people can make informed decisions.

YOU CAN HELP: If you have any personal experience with the harmful health affects of lawn chemicals or information that we may

be able to pass on to the different public officials. Please send them to: CWA, 118 Bdwy, Suite 316, Fargo, ND 58102 or email: nschuster@cleanwater.org..



ND SEED Annual Meeting Date Set

In Conjunction with the Wind Energy IV conference, ND SEED will be holding their annual meeting Sunday, March 23, 2003, at the Ramkota Inn in Bismarck. The meeting will be from 5 - 6pm. After the meeting there will be a short break and from 6:15-7:30pm, ND SEED will be hosting a dinner and panel discussion on small wind systems and the opportunities they present. This should be a very interesting panel discussion with 4-5 small wind energy experts.

The panel includes Mike Klemen a small wind operator, Mike Bergey of Bergey Manufacturing a small wind turbine manufacturer, Dan Juhl a long time wind energy advocate and farmer owned development consultant, and Paul White, president of Enxco a Minnesota wind development organization that has been instrumental in the development of small wind projects within the state.

ND SEED invites you to come and join them for what should prove to be a

very interesting discussion. Cost for the dinner will be \$10 per person.

ND CWA members who wish to become involved with wind energy can become members of ND SEED for \$35 single or \$50 family yearly memberships. We encourage CWA members to take some time and look at what ND SEED has to offer. If you have questions feel free to call the office at 701-235-5431 or visit ND SEED online at www.ndseed.org.

CWA Fights Bush Administrations Assault on the Environment

Since President Bush took office over two years ago, the environmental community has seen many changes to federal environmental policies. From the initial fight over the reduction of arsenic standards in our drinking water to the current roll-backs of the clean air and clean water acts, this administration has shown a willingness to undermine environmental regulations.

Clean Water Action is more committed than ever to stopping what we consider an assault on the environment. CWA along with many other groups

and individuals has worked long and hard to pass legislation that ensures a healthy and safe environment for all Americans.

This is not a political fight in the sense that it has nothing to do with party affiliation, it has to do with protecting what we have for future generations.

The latest assaults include weakening of the New Source Review (NSR) rules which require polluters to install more effective pollution controls when they update existing facilities. Also on the table

is a proposal by the administration to reduce the number of waterways protected under the clean water act.

YOU CAN HELP:

Call Senators Dorgan and Conrad and Rep. Pomeroy and let them know you oppose the administrations attempts to weaken our air and water quality standards. See the front cover of the newsletter for contact information.

I look forward to an America which will not be afraid of grace and beauty, which will protect the beauty of our natural environment, which will preserve the great old American houses and squares and parks of our national past and which will build handsome and balanced cities for our future. - JFK

Bush Budget not kind to Renewable Energy

In the Bush Administration budget proposal for fiscal year 2004, released February 3, the proposed funding for wind energy technology research is down, along with funding for most renewable energy and efficiency programs. Research funding for wind energy would fall 5.5%, compared to a 5.9% increase in the Energy Department's total budget. The budget does assume an extension of the wind energy production tax credit.

Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham said many renewable energy and energy conservation programs have already resulted in technologies

that have been adopted by business. Abraham explained in a press briefing: "We've concluded that since much of that research was quite advanced, it made sense for the private sector at this point to take on a greater share of the cost."

Some of the money to be spent on renewable research in the budget proposal is to come from a projected \$2.4 billion in revenues from oil leases in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. The budget proposes to spend \$1.2 billion of the lease sales for renewable research.

Environmental groups were

not pleased with the budget proposal, accusing the President of pandering to special business interests at the expense of environmental programs and funneling money into fuel cell vehicles, which may be a generation away from actual use, while ignoring technologies, like wind, that are ready to reduce the nation's use of fossil fuels today.

YOU CAN HELP: Call Senators Conrad and Dorgan and Rep. Pomeroy and tell them you oppose spending cutbacks for renewable. See front cover for contact info.

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Wind Projects taking hold in ND

The wind energy horizon is starting to take shape in ND. This last year was the beginning of what is hopefully a long prosperous adventure for our state.

We started the year with a wind turbine being built near Valley City to service the customers of the Minnkota Power

System. With the help of Senator Dorgan and Conrad three more turbines were erected near Grand Forks and Minot to serve the air bases near those communities.

Towards the end of the year we were notified of three large scale wind projects. Florida Power & Light (FPL) and Basin Electric came to an agreement on a 40 megawatt project to be built near Edgeley, this project will include between 35-45 wind turbines. Also two other 20 megawatt projects were announced, consisting of between 15-20 wind turbines each. One of the 20MW projects is a partnership between Montana Dakota Utilities (MDU) and Dakota I Power Partners and will be located near Fredonia.

On top of the \$1,000,000 per MW in construction and related costs, these projects will bring a sustainable income to help keep family farmers on the farm. Along with this there is ancillary business and jobs that go along with the wind farms. DMI out of West Fargo makes the towers and LM Glassfiber out of Grand Forks makes the blades.

We have a great opportunity in this state to harness an abundant natural resource. As citizens we should make certain that we let our elected officials know that we support the progress that is being made in wind energy development.

