

ANTI-BIOMASS INCINERATION AND FOREST PROTECTION CAMPAIGN

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BIOMASS BURNING IS BAD FOR THE ECONOMY AND POOR JOB CREATION VEHICLE

- Subsidizing biomass incinerators that burn trees and garbage to make electricity is **bad energy policy and a bad investment** because they:
 - cause **asthma, cancer, heart disease and other illnesses and will drive up health care costs**
 - emit **50% more carbon dioxide than coal** per megawatt and make climate change worse
 - are **not carbon neutral** energy sources
- **We already get 50% of our so called “clean and green” energy from dirty, polluting biomass incinerators – taxpayers and rate payers don’t want more**
- Incinerators are a **poor job creation vehicle**:
 - The 20 permanent jobs over the 30 year life of the plant costs the public \$3.5 million per job¹
 - Instead, direct “Green job” funding to “cash for caulkers” – conservation and efficiency
 - International Brotherhood of Teamsters opposes waste incinerators
 - Short term construction jobs must be balanced against long term public health impacts from toxic air pollution 24/7/365 for 30 years

¹ The typical 50 MW plant costs about \$200 million to build and at least 1/3 will be paid for via cash grants under the ARRA (2009 Stimulus Bill) or investment tax credits. That’s \$70 million in taxpayer dollars for 20 permanent jobs – about \$3.5 million per job.