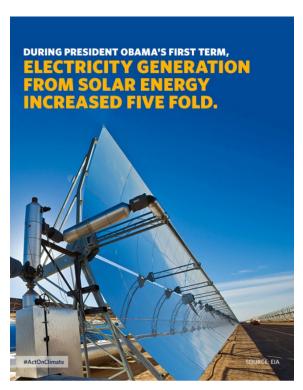
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"Climate Change is a Fact" - from the President's State of the Union

On January 28, the President <u>delivered</u> his State of the Union address that highlighted climate change and the positive steps our energy policy has taken to create jobs and lead to a cleaner, safer planet. He touted the fact that America has become a global leader in solar energy and that every four minutes, another American home or business goes solar; every panel pounded into place by a worker whose job can't be outsourced.





[Taken from the WhiteHouse.gov/sotu enhanced slides]

Climate Adaptation Planning Resources Website

The U.S. Global Change Research Program created a new <u>website</u> featuring an easy-to-access collection of resources to help Federal agencies plan and implement climate change adaptation. Resources include relevant Federal executive orders and strategic plans, selected technical reports on adaptation research, frameworks and other information to help agencies adapt their operations to changing climate conditions, and overview reports for higher-level decision makers. These resources help agencies meet the requirements outlined in Executive Order 13653: *Preparing the United States for the Impacts of Climate Change*.

CEQ Chair Nancy Sutley to Depart in February

Earlier this month, CEQ Chair Nancy Sutley departed her post after five years of service. Nancy played a critical role in many environmental accomplishments, including establishing historic new fuel economy standards, the first comprehensive National Ocean Policy, new national monuments that permanently protect unique American sites and the Climate Action Plan. As a result of her leadership, Federal agencies are meeting the goals of the administration by using less energy, reducing pollution, and saving taxpayer dollars.

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GSA Now Provides Annotated Text for EO 13653

GSA developed a <u>tool</u> that allows users to click through annotated text for definitions, strategies and links as they read a document. Referred to as "Hot Annotations," this tool is used throughout the Executive Order 13653: *Preparing the United States for the Impacts of Climate Change*.

U.S. Solar Jobs Grew 20 Percent since Last Year

According to the Solar Foundation, today there are more than 140,000 Americans employed throughout the U.S. solar supply chain across every state. Since 2010, the solar industry created nearly 50,000 new American jobs and employment has grown nearly 20 percent in the last year alone. DOE <u>provides</u> training and education opportunities for engineers, utility workers and students, as well as supporting projects across the country.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

- The Climate Leadership Conference will be <u>held</u> Feb. 24-26 in San Diego. It is touted as an annual exchange for addressing climate change through policy, innovation and business solutions.
- EPA's Green Purchasing Leadership: 100%
 Recycled Copy Paper & GSA Green Product
 Procurement Compilation Updates
 Webinar, will feature the EPA Pacific
 Southwest Federal Green Challenge green
 purchasing efforts in partnership with GSA
 and an update on changes and additions to
 GSA's National Green Product Compilation
 Tool. The event will be held on Thursday,
 Feb. 27, from 1:30-3pm EST.
- When using Twitter, highlight what your agency is doing to #ActOnClimate
- Don't forget to check out <u>what's new</u> on FedCenter.gov.

Comment Period Extended for Green Labeling

EPA <u>extended</u> the comment period on its proposed Draft Guidelines for Product Environmental Performance Standards and Ecolabels for Voluntary Use in Federal Procurement to help Federal purchasers select greener products and meet sustainability purchasing goals. Comments must be received on or before April 25, 2014.

Active Power Control of Wind Turbines Can Improve Grid Reliability On January 20, DOE's National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) released a comprehensive study, "Active Power Controls from Wind Power: Bridging the Gaps," to understand how wind power technology can assist the power grid by controlling the active power output being placed onto the system.

Air Force Announces New Solar Array Project

On February 13, the Air Force unveiled a new photovoltaic solar array project, the largest of its kind on any DoD installation. The array is on 170 acres of underutilized land at two locations on the Davis-Monthan Air Force base and will provide approximately 35 percent of the base's electricity requirements at an economically beneficial rate for 25 years, reducing base utilities costs by an average of \$500,000 annually.

DOT Offers Nearly \$25 Million for More Zero-Emission Buses
On January 9, DOT's Federal Transit Administration made \$24.9 million
available through its new Low- or No-Emission Vehicle Deployment
Program to put a new generation of advanced, non-polluting transit buses
on the road in communities nationwide. The funds are intended to
encourage more widespread adoption of reliable "green energy" buses
into transit fleets.

2014 U.S. Climate Action Report

Submitted on January 1, the latest <u>U.S. Climate Action Report</u> laid out steps the U.S. is taking domestically and internationally to address climate change, particularly highlighting progress in and goals for emissions reductions.

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