



Fresh Energy

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Fresh Energy's mission:
Lead the transition to a clean, efficient 21st Century
energy system



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To accomplish our goals, Fresh Energy's efforts
focus in five areas:

- Clean Electricity
- Energy Efficiency
- Transportation Policy
- Global Warming Solutions
- Energy Justice

History of Energy



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Legislative Priorities



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CLEAN ENERGY MINNESOTA MEMBERS

Clean Water Action Alliance of Minnesota, Clean Up the River Environment, Fresh Energy, Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy, Izaak Walton League of America–Midwest Office, Land Stewardship Project, Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy, Minnesota Project Sierra Club North Star Chapter, Union of Concerned Scientists, approved by MEP partners. (MEP) is a network of more than 80 non-profit environmental and conservation organizations.



CAP, TRADE, AND AUCTION

Legislation establishing a regional cap, trade, and auction system will (1) ensure cost-effective reduction of greenhouse gases to at least the reduction levels set forth in 2007 Minnesota statute (30 percent by 2025), (2) maximize public benefits while minimizing the potential for manipulation by private entities, (3) induce innovation in the energy efficiency and sustainable energy technologies with the greatest long-term promise to reduce greenhouse gases, (4) avoid inequitable impacts on low-income communities, and (5) maximize the likelihood of trading with other state-based cap-and-trade systems.



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- **CLEAN CARS**

The goal is to pass legislation that adopts California's auto emissions standards (including greenhouse gas standards). The federal Clean Air Act allows states to adopt the California vehicle emission standards, which require reductions in carbon dioxide emissions of 30 percent by 2016 in new passenger vehicles.



- **BIOFUEL INCENTIVES AND POLICY**

Fresh Energy will advocate for \$43 million in bonding to fund the Reinvest in Minnesota–Clean Energy (RIM-CE) program, a working lands bioenergy program in which farmers get stepped incentives based on the public benefits achieved from their energy crop production practices. Initiate a legislative study of a Low-Carbon Fuel Standard as an innovative way to promote environmentally smart biofuels



Cap, Trade & Auction



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- Lessons From Europe

Carbon trading system led to:

- Higher energy prices for all
- Windfall profits for polluters
- No reduction in emissions

Major flaws of EU system:

- Free permits to historic polluters
- Less than half of the economy covered
- No price protection for consumers
- Offsets allowed

Cap Trade & Auction



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What type of system?

- Cap & giveaway
(free allocations to large polluters)
- Cap & auction
(revenue goes to government)
- Cap & rebate
(revenue returned to citizens)

Thank You!



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