

*The Obama crowd is desperate to force its global agenda through Congress as more and more lies of the green movement are exposed. TAD*



## In Defense of Plastic

By Tom DeWeese

I am fed up to my burning ears with the carte blanche castigation of plastic. Plastic is one of the greatest inventions ever, not only for modern society, but also for the environment. If plastic seems to now pose an environmental threat, it's not plastic's fault – but the fault of the environmental movement itself.

The use of plastic reduces the need for other natural resources. Plastic bags, cups, and plates save the need for more paper. It saves the trees the greens are so concerned about. Plastic tables and chairs and lamps also save the need for wood. Plastic bumpers on cars save the need for chrome, a natural mineral the greens worried over a couple of decades ago – plastic provided the saving solution. And the use of plastic in cars makes them lighter and therefore more fuel efficient. Plastic makes heart transplants possible. Plastic is used in a wide variety of medical devices, without which people would either die or be denied happy, useful lives. There is no natural wood, or paper or glass substitute.

It's interesting to note that the current American obsession with bottled water came as a result of environmentalist scares over possible chemicals in municipal tap water. Green radicals like the National Resources Defense Council (NRDC) spewed horror stories of tap water full of rocket fuel, arsenic, germs, feces, lead, and pesticides. Plastic bottles provided the solution. Now the pendulum has swung and we're all supposed to forget the earlier scare mongering over tap water and obey the new scare over water bottles. Crisis to crisis – whatever keeps up the green fundraising. It's also interesting to note that one of

the biggest promoters of the return to tap water is the National Conference of Mayors, the guys who produce tap water. New York City has spent \$700 million of taxpayer dollars to get residents to stop using plastic water bottles. Many cities are now taxing each bottle used. A classic move – right out of the government handbook. Vilify it and then tax it.

Of course, so the mantra goes, plastic bottles and products are filling the landfills. Says one ad (by a water filter company with an ulterior motive to compete with plastic water bottles), America uses enough plastic water bottles in a year to ring the earth several times. Plastic bottles don't degrade, they say, so they will be in the ground forever. The collectively acceptable answer, of course, is that we simply must ban them and any other use of plastic, if possible.

When one is driven by political correctness or globally-acceptable truth, one has a hard time looking past the "allowable" thought patterns to ask obvious questions. Are plastic bottles really a threat to landfills? Is there another way to dispose of plastic other than throwing it in landfills? Is there any other reason landfills are filling up and is there a solution? There are answers to these questions, but they will surely make the greens choke on their tofu as they read them.

The fact is, according to Angela Logomasini of the Competitive Enterprise Institute, plastic bottles are not filling up landfills. They represent less than one percent of landfill waste. She goes on to agree that they don't degrade, "but nothing does."

In addition, we have an artificial shortage of landfills

because environmental regulations prevent the creation of new ones. We have no shortage of land in America and could open numerous new landfills to meet growing needs. Angela Logomasini agrees that we have plenty of landfill space and adds, "one large landfill 44 miles by 44 miles could manage 1,000 years of our waste. Simple enough, but completely politically in-correct. It's much more acceptable to regulate and ban valuable products. That has become the American way.

And then there is this idea. Old fills, once full, could be used for other uses. In fact, just by researching the subject I found a list of 10 former landfills around the nation that have been converted to parks, golf courses, playgrounds, soccer fields, and shopping centers. One in Virginia Beach, VA, has been converted to a full blown city park called Mount Trashmore. We're supposed to envision landfills as a no man's land of devastation and waste for evermore (hence the need to block the creation of new ones.) But, again, it's not true.

Finally, there is another possible solution to the disposal of plastic. Heat. Plastic products are produced and shaped through the use of heat. It melts at a very low temperature. Instead of throwing the bottles (and other plastic products) in the landfills, why not use some of that massive spending being used on propaganda to destroy the plastics industry, and instead use that money to develop and purchase heat-generating machines (without smokestacks) to be placed at every landfill to melt the plastic into reusable plastic liquid? Perhaps it's not as satisfying as bullying us with anti-plastic police forces.

The latest to perpetuate the anti-plastic attack is the Whole Foods super market chain which is now forcing its suppliers to provide "sustainable" and recyclable packaging for their products or be banned from the store's shelves. "We have switched to post-consumer recycled bottles for most of our store-brand personal care and nutritional supplement products and have implemented new responsible packaging for all of the company's more than 1300 personal care product suppliers nationwide," said Jeremiah McElwee, senior whole body coordinator for Whole Foods. The chain will also not use plastic carrier bags. Instead, it will use either paper bags or encourage customers to bring in their own reusable cloth bags. Whole Foods is a large enough force in the grocery market that its changes will force other chains to follow suit. That, of course, is its political strategy.

Whole Foods owner, John Mackey, is a full-fledged promoter of Sustainable Development as a political policy. He talks of corporations "doing good," through a policy of "Conscious Capitalism." I love the use of those words, "responsible;" "good," "conscious." Says who? Whether something is good depends on ones interpretation. Rather than a businessman, Mackey is ultimately promoting, his own political agenda on the buying public. That isn't free enterprise, it's a form of activism designed to covertly employ behavior modification techniques on the buying public.

In addition, Mackey's drive to do good has a lot of unintended consequences. First, as reported here, he is perpetrating lies and prejudices to encourage our lawmakers to ban valuable products. That causes job loss in that industry. Second, he is taking away the right of choice by those who don't accept his positions. Third, all so-called sustainable policies lead to one specific conclusion – higher prices for consumers; Fourth, his actions may well lead to endangering the health of many consumers.

For example, removing plastic bottles for shampoos and conditioners and replacing them with glass bottles will be a hazard in the *(Cont'd on Page 4)*

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## Phantom Threats Confused With Real Environmental Issues

**“View Sheds have as much to do with environmental protection as air guitars have to do with playing a musical instrument.”** *Tom DeWeese*

## Sometimes Even The Liberal Press Gets It

**“Whether a nation is poor or rich depends on the availability of economic framework that provides incentives for working hard and taking risks. The key elements of such framework are economic liberty, secured property rights and fair and sensible rules of the market that are enforced equally.”** *Published in England’s Punch and Guardian Newspapers*

## What the Tea Party Wants

**“What do Americans want? They want the size of the government reduced, they want wasteful Washington spending eliminated, they want legitimate functions for them. We ought to give them the government that they want rather than the government that politicians want.”** *Senator Tom Coburn*

## Global Warming ads looking for a new way to dupe you

**“As illustrated by the works of George Orwell, slogans are important to political movements. Effective slogans can persuade people to a cause and eliminate further thought on the subject. In his book *Climate: The Counter Consensus*, Bob Carter discusses how slogans become a type of code. Do you believe in global warming is actually do you believe that mankind is causing unprecedented and dangerous global warming? Similarly, saying that someone is a “climate denier” is a pejorative way to describe a person who believes that climate change is normal and natural. The slogans “global warming” and “climate change” appear to be losing their effectiveness with the public. President Obama’s science advisor John Holdren has invented a replacement - “disruptive climate change.” Of course, what the term means is not precisely defined. So it is appropriate to define it. For the past two million years the dominant climate is one of ice ages interrupted by brief warm periods. Thus, warm periods must be “disruptive climate changes” including the current one that has permitted humanity to thrive and gave rise to civilization.”**

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## Number of the Week: \$237 per ton

**“One of the justifications for the Federal government’s cash for clunkers program was that it would reduce carbon dioxide emissions. According to an article entitled “‘Clunkers,’ a classic government folly,” researchers at the University of California, Davis estimate that it cost the Federal Government (i.e. taxpayers) \$237 per ton of emissions reduced. The current posted price for a metric ton (1.1 US tons) on the Chicago Climate Exchange is \$0.10. However, no one is buying.**

**It is interesting to speculate what the costs of reductions of emissions are from subsidizing and mandating wind and solar power.”**

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bathroom when they inevitably fall on the floor. In San Francisco, where the city government has already banned the use of plastic bags, one resident wrote, "I remember when it began to rain last year while I was carrying my groceries home in a paper bag. As I chased my cans down the street, I cursed our idiot mayor and whoever among his stooges had decided to ban rainproof plastic bags in San Francisco. Paper is certainly biodegradable, for the process started even as I was carrying the bag home." Where was her freedom of choice?

On a personal note, the banning of plastic water bottles can have a devastating effect on my own wife's health. She has a severe physical reaction to the softened water used in most hotels. When we travel she has to purchase bottled water to make coffee, brush her teeth and taking her pills. Without it, her body swells.

**Coordination Works...** (Cont'd from Page 9)

work to resolve the two positions. Once there, Eastern Central laid out the destructive impact such a plan would have on their community with specific, detailed facts, the kind that made for a successful case in court should they need to go that route.

You already know the ending of this story. TxDoT eventually submitted a "no build" alternative, and the Federal Highway Administration issued a Record of Decision which ended the I-35 TTC project for good.

**Simple Provision States Should Consider**

For those who do not live in Texas, it is worth considering how a similar statute in your state could work. Even without the provision that gives smaller, rural local units of government the ability to band together, the simple addition of the coordination language of 391.009(c) would be incredibly helpful to local governments giving them the legal basis to require state agencies to coordinate with their local plans.

You may already have something similar in your state, but if not, the Texas language may be a simple amendment to any statute that pertains to local government. In every state, cities and counties normally have specific state statutes that pertain to their constitutional authority, their creation, jurisdiction, enforcement and taxing authority, etc. Find a state representative or state senator that understands and agrees with the coordination process and ask them to add similar language.

The banning of plastic bottles for one man's cause to "do good" creates danger for those left with no choices about their own lives.

Finally there is this growing hypocrisy from the do good faction. Up till now, stores have always provided the sacks (whether paper or plastic) for you to take home your purchases. That, of course, is a considerable cost for the store. Now, however, in the name of environmental protection, they are succeeding in getting consumers to purchase their own "reusable" bags at a cost of a couple of dollars each. Then you get to carry the bags around with you or stack them in your car, to always be prepared for a shopping spree. The fact is, the stores are encouraging this practice because it saves them money. But, of course, they can't tell the consumer that, so they create the guilt factor about environmental protection. "Conscious Capitalism," indeed.

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**Texans Need to Remain Vigilant**

For those who do live in Texas, keep an eye on our state Legislature. Many local governments have now followed in the footsteps of Eastern Central and are successfully challenging our state agencies on many fronts. Eventually, perhaps this upcoming Session, there will be an effort made to remove this section from our code. We must remain vigilant and protect this critical provision.

Investigate your own state statutes and see what may already be on the books requiring state agencies to coordinate with local governments. Utilize these statutes. If you do not find what you are looking for, consider advocating the simple language found in the Texas code requiring state agencies to coordinate with local government. Or, take a look at what the state of Arizona just passed.

Requiring state agencies to coordinate with your local governments is one of the best ways of ensuring your local priorities are implemented and your communities are protected from federal mandates and edicts handed down from Washington.

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# Democracy is not Freedom

*By Michael Shaw*

Young Iranians thronged the streets of Tehran carrying signs in English proclaiming their march for "Democracy" and "Freedom". The youth of America, the scholars, and increasingly the corporate professionals, regularly profess the same sentiments. This is troubling. The concepts of freedom and democracy conflict so regularly that Plato pronounced, "Democracy leads to anarchy, which is mob rule." Freedom is the ability to decide and act for one's self. Democracy requires all people to conform their action to the rule of the majority.

The systems of "justice" at play in America today also contrast. One supports individual freedom and equality of rights (rule of law, equal justice). The other system of justice supports democracy (rule by the majority, social justice).

American principles are based upon the core element of the Declaration of Independence – equal justice. This is the system of law that applies the same law to every person and which implements the concept of a higher law – labeled under the Declaration as "Unalienable Rights". These are the rights imbued and inherent within each of us that allow all people to lead a life of one's own, with the liberty to act and the right to the use and enjoyment of one's private property.

Under equal justice, government power accordingly is limited. Such is the foundation of the American Republic. Today, that Republic is in near ruin. When a Republic that is granted limited power is replaced by a democracy with virtually unlimited power, the political recognition of unalienable rights is lost and mob rule replaces individual rights.

Democracy utilizes a different system of justice called social justice. Social justice generates differing results to different groups of people depending on the law's finding of "common good". Because the "common good" changes from day to day, no one can ever know who will have what rights tomorrow.

In an attempt to provide "equity" to all groups, social justice creates overlapping castes, each representing a "common good" de jour and each clamoring for more power. But no principle regarding the protection of the ideal of private property exists under social justice. Private use of property may be granted "interim protection" under social justice law, but only when such a conclusion is thought to advance the common good. Yet, even when seeming protections of unalienable rights arise under social justice, they can be retracted later on when they have served their purpose because perceptions of "common good" are always subject to "change".

Democracy is often used to calibrate or implement public perspectives. (So called "common good" is claimed when building temporary public confidence in the oligarchy's silent program of democratization.) This occurs while the oligarchy in charge of governmental operations propels a system of social justice designed to eventually assume ultimate control over all human action. Social justice is the "equity" of the Sustainable Development political-economics that drives American policy in this the looming post-free enterprise era.

As our system of justice progresses from "equal justice for all" to one of "equity" or Social Justice, our Republic mutates into a collectivist state and the fall of America proceeds apace.

The immediate question becomes: is the fall a natural outcome in the ordinary course of events or is it planned? Is the fall related to the rise of world governance (The United Nations, The World Bank, The World Trade Organization, The European Union, The Bank of International Settlements, and regional trade pacts such as NAFTA CAFTA and FTA and more)? Is world government the

natural course for human advancement or is it being directed by an oligarchy motivated by the centralization of power?

Clearly these questions get to the heart of today's problems. With the march toward democracy, we advance socialism and collectivism. Mikhail Gorbachev said, "More socialism means more democracy, openness and collectivism in everyday life."

As the previously silent Americans begin to rally around various hot button issues, it is important that they understand the threat of democracy. As James Madison said, "Democracies have ever been spectacles of turbulence and contention; have ever been found incompatible with personal security or the rights of property; and have in general been as short in their lives as they have been violent in their death."

While young Iranians in Tehran may misguidedly carry signs proclaiming their march for "Democracy" and "Freedom", the youth of America, the scholars, and the corporate professionals, indeed all sectors of society need to be made aware of the danger of democracy so they too might work to pursue the continued making of a republic that defends individual liberty and protects unalienable rights.

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## Greens just can't stop their scare tactics

By Tom DeWeese

Last year the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) declared CO2 a pollutant and set about banning such emissions to save the planet. Real scientists tried to point out that nature needs CO2 to thrive. OK, so the Greens kind of heard that logic and quickly sought ways to subvert it into a new Frankenstein-style horror story. The result, headlines in The Washington Post (August 31, 2010) that rising CO2 levels are... wait for it... causing poison ivy to grow more prolifically.

Said the Post article, "According to a report in the journal 'Environmental Health Perspectives' last year, the amount of CO2 in the atmosphere has grown by 22 percent since 1960, which may not be good for humans but is great for poison ivy and other vines." The fact is, rising CO2 levels are good for all plants (and offer no danger to humans) and there is evidence of plant life responding across the boards. But the Greens don't tell you that. Instead, they pick the one plant that is dangerous to humans and make a big deal out of it growing like, well, like a weed.

The article went on to quote an obligatory scientific "expert," Jacqueline Mohan, an assistant professor at the University of Georgia's Odium School of Ecology, who has been studying poison ivy since 1998. She, of course, used a computer model to look into the future and found that "Tree seedlings grew 8 - 12 percent more (under the increased CO2). But, "Poison Ivy grew 149 percent more." Breathlessly she pointed out, "Poison Ivy is getting bigger, faster and nastier." Of course any botanist could attest to the fact that weeds always grow faster than any

other plants, especially trees. That's why gardeners and lawn care experts hate them.

That's how the whole green propaganda machine has operated for decades, in particular blowing the global warming issue (later abbreviated to just climate change) all out of proportion, predicting global Armageddon unless man changed his ways. Melting ice caps, drowning polar bears, massive ocean storms, and flooded Manhattan were just some of the punishments awaiting man's ruthlessness toward the environment.

Last year's shocking Climategate scandal proved that most of the scare tactics of the global warming promoters were hog wash, made up to support their theories. Hacked e-mails of the leaders of the climate change movement showed deliberate intimidation of science publications that tried to print stories by those who doubt the global warming theories. None of their scares ever panned out. No islands have been engulfed by water. Polar bears are not endangered. US temperatures are still a full degree cooler than the 1930's.

Today, the average citizen they sought to dupe with their lies and intimidation know the truth. Global Warming is the greatest hoax ever perpetrated on human kind. As a result, money for green causes is drying up and they are desperate to come up with the next dire threat to fill in the void and fill up their coffers. The current cause of choice is biodiversity – the human threat to plants and animals. Poison Ivy, apparently, is the rash of choice. And watch for more such lies and scare tactics growing like weeds in the near future, as the greens struggle to scratch their way back to the top of the political vine.

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## The only "Pledge" Republicans need to make to America

*Just promise to repeal Obama-care – and then do it. Once accomplished the Congress could be theirs for decades.*

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## APC's efforts to Expose ICLEI having an impact

*By Tom DeWeese*

Over the past several months, the American Policy Center (APC) has mailed more than 100,000 "Remove ICLEI, Restore the Republic Survey" to Americans across the nation. The mail package contained not only the Survey, but also a detailed report on Sustainable Development and how ICLEI (International Council on Local Environmental Initiatives) is being paid dues by local communities to impose this UN Agenda 21 policy.

ICLEI is now operating in more than 600 American cities – mostly in relative secrecy. More cities are being pressured to give ICLEI control of development policy making. In most cases that includes creating non-elected boards, councils and regional governments answerable to no one. City Councils and County Commissions, which should be answerable to the people, are now able to defer decision making to these non-elected bureaucrats, leaving the people without the ability to question or overturn policy. It's the definition of a perfect "Soviet." Yet most people had never heard of ICLEI or the power it holds over so many American communities. So, APC set out to change that, exposing the process and then asking Americans if they agree with such actions.

Since the mailings began, APC's phones ring steadily with requests for reprints of the report. Moreover, it has sparked others to join the cause against Sustainable Development. More and more Tea Party rallies are featuring speakers on the subject. I am now giving more radio interviews and

speeches on the subject than ever before. Clearly, APC's education campaign is having a dramatic impact on the effort to expose and stop both Sustainable Development and ICLEI. Below are the results of the Survey, so far.

Question 1: Have you heard the term Sustainable Development before?

Yes 38%                      No 57%                      Not Sure 5%

Question 2: Are you aware that Sustainable Development policy means severe restrictions on your local natural resources like water, and on private property use?

Yes 39%                      No 59%                      Not Sure 2%

Question 3: Have you heard of ICLEI?

Yes 23%                      No 75%                      Not Sure 2%

Question 4: Are you aware of ICLEI activities in your community?

Yes 5%                      No 91%                      Not Sure 4%

Question 5: Did you know that your community is enforcing international policy and laws, hiding them behind excuses like environmental protection and historic preservation?

Yes 10%                      No 78%                      Not Sure 12%

Question 6: Do you believe your community should be paying taxpayer dollars to an international organization like ICLEI to dictate local development policy?

Yes 2%                      No 95%                      Not Sure 3%

Question 7: If ICLEI is already in your town, do you want your City Council, Mayor, or County Commissioners to end its contract and stop paying ICLEI?

Yes 96%                      No 3%                      Not Sure 1%

Question 8: If ICLEI is already in your town, do you want your City Council, Mayor, or County Commissioners to continue its contract and allow ICLEI to proceed with its programs through non-elected boards and councils?

Yes 3%                      No 96%                      Not Sure 1%

Question 9: If ICLEI is not yet in your community, do you want your city leaders to allow them to get involved in your town?

Yes 2%                      No 97%                      Not Sure 1%

*From the Survey responses, it's obvious that Americans, when they know the facts, do not want international organizations pushing Sustainable Development on their community. Americans must get the facts and then confront their elected officials to stop these actions. The special report on Sustainable Development is available from the American Policy Center at 70 Main Street, Suite 23, Warrenton, VA 20816, or on the website at [www.americanpolicy.org](http://www.americanpolicy.org).*

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## Greens on the run

A year ago, the Environmental Movement seemed on the verge of total victory. With Obama in the White House; Reid in the Senate and Pelosi in the House, it seemed nothing could stop them. Cap and Trade appeared to be a done deal. But today, even in the hottest summer on record and a massive oil spill in the Gulf, the Greens can't get any traction for their once popular (now disgraced) cause. The Greens' charges that big oil and industry have used their money and power to destroy the earth and stop vital environmental legislation, is falling on deaf ears. The Greens have lied too many times and now their house of cards is tumbling with unprecedented speed. Their intimidation of editors of science journals to not publish anything but the party line has been exposed. Global Warming is a proven hoax. People around the world have clearly learned that the Green's efforts to turn back society are not only costly, but unnecessary. The sky is not falling and it never was.

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*A new and powerful tool that has been successfully used to counter the intrusion of federal and state policies into local communities has been developed by the American Stewards of Liberty. It's called "Coordination." As a result, there are some counties in the western US that are free of many of the dangerous federal environmental policies that are plaguing so many other areas of the nation. Most importantly, Coordination was used to successfully stop the Trans Texas Corridor. In this article, Dan Byfield of American Stewards tells how it worked in Texas. TAD*

## Coordination Works

by Dan Byfield

Recently, Arizona past a new bill which requires local governments to initiate coordination with federal and state agencies. In this article we look at the existing law in Texas that requires state agencies to coordinate with local governments. This is the powerful statute instrumental in stopping the I-35 Trans-Texas Corridor (TTC). It is a simple, one sentence provision that could be helpful if enacted in other states as well.

### Small Local Governments Band Together

When it comes to coordination, Texas has a unique state statute; Section 391 of the Texas Local Government Code. This section allows cities and counties to "join and cooperate to improve the health, safety, and general welfare of their residents...and plan for future development of communities, areas, and regions..." through joint planning commissions.

It takes two towns or two counties or one of each to form a Sub-Regional Planning Commission under this statute. Once formed, school districts, water districts and other local governments in the area can join the Commission.

For example, the Eastern Central Texas Sub-Regional Planning Commission, the Commission that stopped the I-35 TTC, was first formed by four towns followed by each of their respective four school districts. Later, a fifth town and school district were added. The school districts were a vital part of the Commission since their combined jurisdictions covered half the county.

This part of the statute allows smaller local governments that often do not have the means to take on major issues alone, to join together and plan for the future of their communities.

### State Agencies Can't Escape Coordination

Still, the most important part of the statute is found at Section 391.009(c). It reads:

"In carrying out their planning and program

development responsibilities, state agencies shall, to the greatest extent feasible, coordinate planning with commissions to ensure effective and orderly implementation of state programs at the regional level."

Once a group of local governments form a Planning Commission, state agencies must coordinate their plans and programs with that commission. This state statute gave Eastern Central a direct route to TxDOT and required them to coordinate the TTC with their local governments.

A state representative added 391.009(c) in 2001. He now serves as a U.S. Federal District Judge in Texas who was appointed to the bench by George W. Bush. When asked why he sponsored the legislation, he responded by saying: "You know me, I'm a local control kind of guy. I was sick and tired of TxDOT not working with my local people."

As an attorney, he realized the relevance and power of the word "coordinate." Six years later, we used it to bring one of the nation's largest state agencies to Holland, Texas, population 1,200, and stop Governor Rick Perry's \$80 billion pet project.

### Equal, Not Subordinate

Until this section was added, the code was merely a planning code with no teeth. When "shall, to the greatest extent feasible, coordinate..." was added, it became a powerful tool local units of government could utilize to insist that state agencies coordinate their plans and policies with local priorities.

The code didn't define coordinate, but we found a 1946 state District Court of Appeals decision that merely used the dictionary definition that defined "coordinate" as "equal to, not subordinate." The 391 statute gives cities, counties and small local government units the legal basis to bring state agencies to the table and meaningfully coordinate their plans, just as the federal agencies must do under those federal laws that also require the agencies to coordinate with local governments. (See *Chapter 391, Local Government Code and Rule of Coordination*).

In the case of Eastern Central, they set their policy very simply to be: "No Trans-Texas Corridor shall go through our jurisdiction." With that policy being "equal, not subordinate," they created a 30-mile gap in TxDOT's plans to build the TTC.

TxDOT could no longer ignore the small, rural communities, but now had to come to the table and

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From Tom DeWeese,  
Sledgehammer Alert

## "LIVABLE COMMUNITIES" is a SOCIALIST TRAP!

Senator Christopher Dodd has introduced a bill to enforce UN Agenda 21 policy on your community. It's called the "Livable Communities Act" (S.1619). It will destroy your community. Here's why:

**S. 1619 "Livable Communities" act is on a fast track to passage! - S.1619 is a blueprint for the transformation of our society into total federal control. - S.1619 will enforce federal Sustainable Development zoning and control of local communities. - S.1619 will create a massive new "development" bureaucracy -- (development Czar?) - S.1619 will drive up the cost of energy to heat and cool your home. - S.1619 will drive up the cost of gasoline as a way to get you out of your car. - S.1619 will force you to spend thousands on your home in order to comply. - S.1619 is NOT Voluntary – it will set up \$4 billion in grants (TAX MONEY WE DON'T HAVE) that will force your community to comply.**

### Here are the facts:

- Sen. Christopher Dodd (D-CT) has authored a bill S.1619 titled the "Livable Communities Act." It is one of the most dangerous bills to ever threaten our liberty. Worse even than the Obamacare scheme.
- S.1619 creates a new permanent federal office: The Office of Sustainable Housing and Communities" for the enforcement of this bill the "Development Czar" if you will.
- Sen. Dodd is lying when he says S.1619 is purely voluntary. The \$4 billion in grants will be used by radical green groups (who helped write it) to force your city council to comply. If your city says no to the pressure to take the grant money – the radical greens will tell your citizens that their city officials are losing them millions of dollars that is owed to the community. Then, when the council caves into the pressure and takes the money, it will force compliance. THAT IS NOT VOLUNTARY – IT IS BLACKMAIL.
- Senator Dodd will tell you that the bill is simply about uniformity to control development to save energy and to preserve rural areas. That is not true. After 15 years of fighting Sustainable policy I can assure you it is about control. Sustainablist policy focuses on three things: land use, redistribution of wealth, and population control.
- S.1619 sets up a system for federally mandated housing uniformity, forcing homeowners to put on new roofs and windows, new "energy efficient" appliances, etc. (Which could cost each homeowner upwards of \$35,000.00)
- S.1619 will establish top down control that turns our communities into little soviet, driven by non-elected boards, councils and regional governments.
- As it reduces the amount of land available for homes (smart growth) S.1619 will have to lead to the establishment of federally mandated family planning for population control.
- And of course: it will raise taxes.

The nation is on the verge of bankruptcy from massive federal spending. This is certainly not the time to create new bureaucracies and spending boondoggles – even if Sustainable Development was an honest concern over environmental protection – WHICH IT IS NOT!. Sustainable Development is a blue print for top-down control of

our communities, using enforcement by non-elected boards, councils and regional government to transform our local control into a little soviet run by untouchable bureaucrats.

**S.1619 is the first federal Sustainable Development law to enforce the UN's Agenda 21. It must be stopped now – or every single community in America will be forced to comply with UN policy.**

S.1619 has already been passed out of the Senate Banking Committee and is headed for a floor vote.

**Urgent you take action now to stop it!!!**

### Action to Take:

*It will do no good to try to put pressure on Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid to stop this bill. I'm not even going to try. He is a major supporter of this forced socialism and will not listen to our demands.*

**1. Call Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell and demand that he lead Senate Republicans in opposition to S.1619. Tell him this bill will destroy local community decisions and enforce massive federal control over our communities.**

It is vital that Senate Republicans stand firm against S.1619. They must feel your heat! Call Senator McConnell – early and often. His office # is: 202-224-3135. His fax # is: 202-224-2574.

Or write to him to demand that he take action to stop S.1619. McConnell's address is:

S-230 Capitol Building, Washington, DC 20510-7010.

**2. Call Senator John Thune, chairman of the Republican Senate Policy Committee.**

Thune's committee sets Republican policy for all senators. He must feel our heat in opposition to S.1619!!!

Senator Thune's Republican Policy Committee # is 202-224-2946. Fax # 202-224-1235. Address: Senate Republican Policy Committee SR-347 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510-7064.

**3. Call your state's two U.S. Senators and demand they vote against S.1619. Give them all the reasons stated above. Senate switchboard: (202) 224-3121. Ask for your Senators by name. It is vital to the liberty of America that S.1619 be stopped. It is the first bill to enforce Sustainable Development through federal legislation.**

We can stop it – if we call now and put pressure on Republicans to stand firmly against it.

**We must flood Capitol Hill with calls and letters NOW. A vote can come up any time, and without our strong opposition S.1619 will breeze to passage.**

**Take the above action NOW!**

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# Obama's Ocean Policy Initiative: Washington's latest power grab

*By Bonner Cohen*

As if the sputtering U.S. economy weren't in enough trouble already, the Obama administration is cooking up a new scheme that will extend the heavy hand of Washington to somewhere it has never gone before.

Unveiled with precious little fanfare on July 19 in the form of an Executive Order, the White House's Ocean Policy Initiative will subject America's waterways — oceans, rivers, bays, estuaries, and the Great Lakes — to federal zoning. Under the scheme, these areas would be managed according to the Orwellian -sounding notion of "coastal and marine spatial planning." As an unnamed administration official told the Los Angeles Times: "This sets the nation on a path of much more comprehensive planning to both conservation and sustainable use of [ocean] resources."

An elaborate, multi-layered bureaucratic structure would oversee all of this. Nine regional commissions, composed of federal, state, and tribal officials, would decide which commercial and recreational activities are appropriate. Their recommendations, however, would have to be approved by a newly created National Ocean Council, which the White House says will "strengthen ocean governance and coordination." The council will consist of spatial planners drawn from the likes of the White House Council on Environmental Quality, the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the National Aeronautic and Space Agency (NASA), and the departments of Interior, Commerce, Agriculture, Homeland Security, and Health and Human Services.

State and local officials, hoping to have some input on zoning decisions affecting their jurisdictions, will soon find that the deck has been stacked against them. To cite but one glaring example: Both the Commerce Department and NOAA are represented on the National Ocean Council. But NOAA is a division of the Commerce Department. The feds get two votes for the price of one.

As if on cue, NOAA dutifully rolled out its own "Next-Generation Strategic Plan" weeks in advance of Obama's Executive Order. In language that would have done honor to the late Eastern Bloc's most renowned central planners, NOAA proclaimed that, "Comprehensive planning will address competing uses to protect coastal communities and resources from the impacts of hazards and land-based pollution on vulnerable ecosystems."

The scope of what the administration is putting together is no less ambitious than its healthcare and cap-and-trade initiatives. Industries — from agriculture, timber, and shipping to fishing, mining, and oil and gas — stand

to be affected. The inclusion of the Great Lakes in the plan signals the reach of the new policy. Indeed, the Mississippi, Missouri, and Ohio River Valleys will be targeted every bit as much as coastal North Carolina or Alaska.

Federal departments and agencies included in the plan are directed to "take all such action as necessary to implement the policy set forth" in the Executive Order. The EPA — far and away the nation's most powerful regulatory agency — could, for example, determine that emissions from power plants are harming the oceans. And if Congress fails to pass a cap-and-trade bill, the EPA could use the pretext of protecting the oceans to clamp down on greenhouse-gas emissions as another extra-legislative way to pursue the administration's globalwarming agenda.

A White House-directed Interagency Task Force on Ocean Policy spent over a year on the project, and the carefully selected officials made sure that the policy contains language that is loose, even by the standards of Washington bureaucrats. Thus, human activities will be subjected to "ecosystembased management." No one, however, can say where an ecosystem begins or ends in either time or space. What constitutes an "ecosystem" will be in the eyes of the beholders in Washington.

Furthermore, in determining whether shipping, commercial fishing, oil and natural gas drilling, or recreational boating will adversely affect a particular ecosystem, our newly anointed spatial planners are urged to take a "precautionary approach." Similarly, these activities are to be "sustainable." These slippery terms are an open invitation to regulatory mischief on a grand scale.

The president's instruction to "take such action as necessary" will inevitably lead to a tidal wave of new regulations under the Clean Water Act, Clean Air Act, or some other federal statute, all of which will have the force of law behind them.

What the administration in effect is putting in place is an alternative power structure that circumvents existing state and local decision-making bodies and replaces them with made-in-Washington zoning. All of this is taking place without the consent of Congress, without the consent of the governors, and, most important of all, without the consent of the governed.

The administration's ocean policy will only drive more American companies to seek their fortunes overseas.

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## Turning Off the (Incandescent) Light of Liberty

By Alan Caruba



What if the government banned air conditioning? What if flat-screen televisions were determined to use too much electricity and were ordered phased out of production? What if the use of all plastic grocery bags were banned? What if the incandescent light bulb, one of the greatest inventions of Thomas Edison in the 1870s was banned? *Oh wait, it has been banned!*

In a nation where the Medicare "reform" requires Americans to purchase health insurance they may not want and may not be able to afford, was rammed through Congress, what can stop the government from dictating just about any choice you have regarding any purchase you make? The answer? Nothing.

Only it would no longer be a Constitutional government, a nation of laws that reflect anything resembling the truth. The ban on incandescent light bulbs turns off the light of liberty throughout America.

Here are some truths to keep in mind. (1) Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) along with other "greenhouse gas emissions" does not cause global warming. (2) There is no global warming. (3) The Earth has gone through known warming and cooling cycles for millions of years. (4) The Earth is in a cooling cycle.

(5) Beginning January 1, 2012, government rules will make it impossible to purchase a 100-watt incandescent light bulb. After that, in time, all such light bulbs will be phased out leaving Americans with only dim, over-priced, mercury-filled light bulbs. And (6) they will be made overseas, primarily in China.

**By 2012, by order of the government, Americans will no longer be able to purchase any incandescent light bulbs. Why? Because Congress banned them, citing the need to reduce "greenhouse gas emissions" to reduce global warming that isn't happening.**

It's the same Congress that had already determined how much water your toilet can use to flush. It's the same Congress that determined "cafe" rules that determine how many miles per gallon your automobile must achieve. It's the same government that requires ethanol be added to gasoline, thus reducing the mileage a gallon of adulterated gasoline can produce, while also driving up the cost of gasoline as well as of corn, a food product, used to produce ethanol.

It's the same Congress that has blessed a Renewable Electricity Standard that requires utilities to use electricity produced by wind and solar power even though both sources also require 24/7 backup by traditional coal-fired, natural gas, or nuclear plants because they cannot be relied upon to generate electricity in a predictable fashion or during periods of peak capacity.

It's the same Congress that initiated Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, two "government entities" that purchased the

sub-prime mortgage loans that banks and mortgage loan firms were required to make to people who clearly could not afford to repay them. The result is the financial crisis that occurred when those "bundled" mortgages turned out to be "toxic", worthless paper sold to investment firms and banks as assets.

In early September, The Washington Post, published an article, "Light bulb factory closes; End of era for U.S. means more jobs overseas." It reported that "The last major General Electric factory making ordinary incandescent light bulbs in the United States is closing this month...the remaining 200 workers at the plant here (Winchester, Virginia) will lose their jobs."

In June, The Washington Times reported that the Federal Trade Commission earlier this month (released) 91 pages of regulations that will force manufacturers to revise their packaging and make costly compact fluorescent bulbs appear more appealing to consumers," that they have refused to willingly purchase them. "Congress wants to force the pale, cold fluorescent curlicue fixtures on everyone because it makes members feel that they are doing their part to 'save the planet'."

While the ban was initiated in 2007 before the Obama administration took power, it has not gone unnoticed that the CEO of General Electric, Jeffrey Immelt, "sits on Obama's Economic Recovery Advisory Board." And recovery is no where in sight while GE closes its factory making incandescent light bulbs.

There's more. GE was the recipient of bailout funds and, according to an article on FrontPagemag.com, "stands to benefit from current and future contracts with the U.S. government." Connect the dots. GE owns MSNBC, a cable news channel famous for its adulation of Obama before and since his election.

The issue, however, is far less about GE than it is about the vast global warming fraud, the equally vast matrix of U.S. laws and regulations that is based on it, and most importantly, the way they are being used to undermine and destroy the U.S. economy along with the freedoms that Americans take for granted.

One of the many tasks facing a Congress in which Republicans are expected to regain control in November is to repeal the ban on incandescent light bulbs. After that, the mountain of other laws and regulations strangling consumer freedom and even threatening the health of Americans must also be repealed.

All nations must evolve, but America is moving toward less freedom of choice; more control over the choices that a free market requires. It is rejecting its founding principles and it is doing so based on environmental lies.

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