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The weekly newsletter from the *associate*
Parliamentary Renewable and Sustainable Energy Group



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2010: This Week's Headlines...

Climate Committee urges Huhne to end renewables uncertainty

[BusinessGreen](#) - [Independent](#) - [NewEnergyFocus](#) - [Guardian](#)

British wind farms deliver record output

[BusinessGreen](#) - [Renewable Energy Focus](#) - [Edie](#)

UK 'heat pumps' fail as green devices, finds study

[BusinessGreen](#) - [NewEnergyFocus](#) - [BBC](#) - [Utility Week](#)

Europe's largest onshore wind farm set for massive expansion

[Scotsman](#) - [Renewable Energy Focus](#) - [NewEnergyFocus](#)

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Upcoming PRASEG Events

PRASEG and Green Alliance Seminar **Renewables and energy security in an age of austerity**

Speakers: Charles Hendry MP, Minister of State, Department of Energy and Climate Change;
Caroline Lucas MP;
Date: Tuesday, 19th October 2010
Time: 17:00 - 19:00
Location: Committee Room 15, House of Commons

Date for the Diary! **PRASEG and APSRG Seminar** **Energy from Waste: Realising the potential.** **Anaerobic Digestion and Beyond**

Date: 7th December 2010
Time: 15:00 - 17:00
Location: Portcullis House, Boothroyd Room

Date for the Diary! **PRASEG Seminar** **Planning reform: implications for renewables**

Date: 2nd November 2010
Time: 16:00 - 18:00
Location: Committee room 17
Speakers: Helen Phillips, CEO, Natural England



Date for the Diary!
PRASEG Christmas Reception
Wednesday, 8th December 2010
12:30 - 15.00, House of Commons Terrace
(Marquee)



2. RECENT NEWS ARTICLES AND PRESS RELEASES

Headline news

Climate Committee urges Huhne to end renewables uncertainty
Lord Adair Turner calls on energy secretary to clarify plans for offshore wind and renewable heat,
[BusinessGreen](#) - [Independent](#) - [NewEnergyFocus](#) - [Guardian](#)



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British wind farms deliver record output - Weds, 8th September 2010

Around five per cent of electricity provided to National Grid on Monday came from wind farms, [BusinessGreen](#) - [Renewable Energy Focus](#) - [Edie](#)

UK 'heat pumps' fail as green devices, finds study - Weds, 8th September 2010

Badly installed heat pumps would not be recognised as renewable energy under proposed European standards, says the Energy Saving Trust, [Guardian](#) - [BusinessGreen](#) - [NewEnergyFocus](#) - [BBC](#) - [Utility Week](#)

Europe's largest onshore wind farm set for massive expansion - Weds, 8th September 2010

IT is already Europe's largest onshore wind farm and creates enough electricity to power 180,000 homes. But now Whitelee is set for a massive expansion, which will see it almost double its power-generation capacity over the next two years to become one of the biggest wind farms in the world, [Scotsman](#) - [Renewable Energy Focus](#) - [NewEnergyFocus](#)

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Other news

EU emissions trading scheme on course to make tiny savings, says report - Fri, 10th September 2010
Campaign group Sandbag calls for tighter caps on greenhouse gas emissions in Europe, [Guardian](#)

Renewables policies 'should encourage' community projects - Fri, 10th September 2010
The government's renewable energy policies should encourage community-owned projects to avoid a concentration of commercial power plants in poorer areas, according to research funded by the Economic and Social Research Council, [NewEnergyFocus](#)

Crystal Rig wind farm grows to 200MW - Fri, 10th September 2010
Scottish energy minister Jim Mather this week opened a 138MW extension to the Crystal Rig on-shore wind farm, located east of Edinburgh, taking the project's overall capacity to 200MW, [NewEnergyFocus](#)

Scotland aids renewable energy development - Fri, 10th September 2010
Jim Mather, Scottish Minister for Enterprise, Energy and Tourism, has announced plans to improve the development of renewable energy in Scotland, [Renewable Energy Focus](#)

Global warming? It doesn't exist, says Ryanair boss O'Leary - Fri, 10th September 2010
Charging for toilets, weighing passengers and flying with a lone pilot: Ryanair's combative boss Michael O'Leary is renowned for backing unusual ideas, but some passengers may feel that even he has overstepped the mark with his latest comments - denying the existence of global warming, [Independent](#)

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Campaign group Sandbag calls for tighter caps on greenhouse gas emissions in Europe, [BusinessGreen](#)

Greenpeace: Renewables could make tar sands defunct - Fri, 10th September 2010
Report accuses of Canada of lagging far behind the US in renewable energy investment, [BusinessGreen](#)

World Bank boosts green creds, appoints of clean tech "czar" - Fri, 10th September 2010
Daniel M Kammen takes up new post as bank's first chief technical specialist for renewable energy and energy efficiency, [BusinessGreen](#)

Greenpeace report challenges Canada's need for dirty, risky fossil fuels- Thurs, 9th September 2010
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for dirty oil from the tar sands and shows that Canada can create tens of thousands of green jobs, while providing over 90 per cent of the country's electricity and heating needs from renewable sources by 2050, [Greenpeace](#)

Energy security boost as go-ahead given to new gas storage capacity project - Thurs, 9th September 2010

The UK's gas storage capacity is set to rise by 15 per cent after the Government today gave the go ahead, following a public inquiry, for WINGAS Storage to convert its Saltfleetby onshore gas field into an underground gas storage facility, [DECC](#)

Boost for UK gas security as consent given for huge Saltfleetby storage project - Thurs, 9th September 2010

The UK's gas storage capacity is set to be boosted by 15 per cent now the government has given the go-ahead to WINGAS Storage to convert its Saltfleetby onshore gas field into an underground gas storage facility, [Utility Week](#)

MEPs Call For An EU Green Jobs Strategy By 2011 - Thurs, 9th September 2010

Europe needs a "green" jobs strategy by 2011, says a resolution approved by Parliament in plenary session on Tuesday, [eGov](#)

Iberdrola's 'Windfall Profits' Face Attack From Spanish Greens - Thurs, 9th September 2010

Spanish environmentalists are starting to campaign for a levy on "windfall profits" earned by Iberdrola SA and Endesa SA, the country's biggest utilities, [Bloomberg](#)

Vestas Slides After Part of Blade Breaks Off V112 Wind Turbine Prototype - Thurs, 9th September 2010

Vestas Wind Systems A/S fell to its lowest in almost two years in Copenhagen trading after the world's largest wind turbine maker said a blade snapped on a prototype and Danske Bank A/S downgraded the stock, [Bloomberg](#)

EU's next energy savings plan to focus on buildings - Thurs, 9th September 2010

Buildings will be at the centre of the EU's new energy savings plan, which the European Commission plans to present by the end of the year, the EU energy commissioner has said, [EurActiv](#)

Government pressured to retain port finance for offshore wind - Thurs, 9th September 2010

An Early Day Motion (EDM) has today (September 8) been tabled in Parliament calling for a £60 million investment in port infrastructure for offshore wind, pledged by the previous government, to go ahead, [NewEnergyFocus](#)

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IKEA starts to assemble European wind energy portfolio - Weds, 8th September 2010

Retail giant avoids self-assembly and acquires six German wind farms, [BusinessGreen](#)

Solar panel pioneers at risk of missing feed-in tariff deadlines - Weds, 8th September 2010

Industry fearful that large number of solar and micro wind early adopters have not yet registered to enter feed-in tariff scheme, [BusinessGreen](#)

The greenest government ever? Only if the Treasury can be tamed - Weds, 8th September 2010

s would be "the greenest government ever", David Cameron declared in May - easy words in the first flush of



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office. The difficult thing is making them true. In the next few weeks the coalition will confront a series of decisions that will tell us if the heady rhetoric of spring is to be fulfilled - or regretted, [Guardian](#)

Gillard promises new approach to climate policy - Weds, 8th September 2010

Australian Prime Minister could ditch emissions trading plans in favour of alternative mechanism for pricing carbon, [BusinessGreen](#)

Scotland now halfway to meeting 2020 climate target - Weds, 8th September 2010

Greenhouse gas emissions in Scotland have fallen by 20% since 1990 due to an increase in renewable electricity generation, according to the latest official statistics published today (September 7), [NewEnergyFocus](#)

Transocean hits back at BP's "self-serving report - Weds, 8th September 2010

Rig operator rejects BP's assertion that well design was unlikely to have caused Gulf disaster, [BusinessGreen](#)

Taxman claims first cases of missing trader fraud in energy - Weds, 8th September 2010

The first suspected cases of attempted missing trader fraud in the gas and power sector have been identified by the tax authorities - a year after the carbon trading industry was hit with a €5bn (£4.2bn) attack, [Telegraph](#)

World Bank says biofuel mandates are fuelling land grabs - Weds, 8th September 2010

World Bank report adds to warnings that demand for biofuel is driving the large-scale purchase of agricultural land in developing countries, [BusinessGreen](#)

Public sector polluters buck trend of lower CO2 emissions - Weds, 8th September 2010

PUBLIC sector bodies in Scotland increased their greenhouse gas emissions by 7 per cent in 2008, new figures have revealed, despite an overall 3 per cent reduction in output north of the Border, [Scotsman](#)

MPs, Greenpeace and renewables industry join forces to save port upgrades - Weds, 8th September 2010

Charles Kennedy tables Early Day Motion urging government to rubberstamp £60m port investment programme, [BusinessGreen](#)

Alex Salmond unveils plan to turn Scotland into 'world's first hydro-economy' - Weds, 8th September 2010

Proposed legislation would allow state-owned Scottish Water to use vast landbank and pipe network for renewable energy projects, [Guardian](#)

BP attempts to share blame for Gulf disaster - Weds, 8th September 2010

BP accuses Transocean of missing danger signs and Halliburton of providing a "bad cement job", [BusinessGreen](#)

China trumps US in race for renewable energy investors - Weds, 8th September 2010

China boosts its position in Ernst and Young's Renewable Energy Country Attractiveness Index as US lags behind, [BusinessGreen](#)

China Supplants U.S. at Top of Ernst & Young Ranking for Renewable Energy - Weds, 8th September 2010

China overtook of the U.S. to lead a quarterly index of the most attractive countries for renewable energy projects for the first time, according to the global accounting firm Ernst & Young, which compiles the list, [Bloomberg](#)

Germany's Merkel defends nuclear deal - Tues, 7th September 2010



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Germany's chancellor is defending her government's decision to extend the lifetime of the country's nuclear plants against criticism that it guarantees utility companies huge windfall profits, [BusinessWeek](#)

Somerset councils call EDF nuclear plans 'unacceptable' - Tues, 7th September 2010

Two Somerset councils have called the latest plans for a new nuclear power station at Hinkley Point "unacceptable" and "completely inadequate", [BBC](#)

Halfway to 2020 climate target - Tues, 7th September 2010

Greenhouse gas emissions in Scotland have fallen by 20 per cent since 1990, according to the latest official statistics published today, [Scotland](#)

London seeks manager for £50m energy efficiency fund - Tues, 7th September 2010

Bidding process gets under way for right to run flagship energy efficiency fund, [BusinessGreen](#)

EDF Nuclear Output, Total Refinery Production Disrupted by French Strike - Tues, 7th September 2010

French workers reduced output at Electricite de France SA's nuclear reactors and Total SA refineries as part of a nationwide strike over a government plan to increase the retirement age, [Bloomberg](#)

Feed-in Tariffs impact solar PV more than other technologies - Tues, 7th September 2010

The Renewable Energy Association (REA) has published its analysis of figures obtained from energy regulator Ofgem, which show that 6,930 solar PV panels serving the domestic sector have been installed since the Feed-in Tariff (FIT) was introduced in April this year, [NewEnergyFocus](#)

New record for wind generation as it meets 10 per cent of demand - Tues, 7th September 2010

Electricity generated from wind turbines reached record levels on 6 September, when it supplied 10 per cent of the country's demand, [UtilityWeek](#)

David Miliband backs calls for emissions performance standard - Tues, 7th September 2010

Labour leadership candidate signals support for ban on unabated coal-fired power stations, [BusinessGreen](#)

Leaked German report argues peak oil is happening now - Tues, 7th September 2010

Think tank warns global oil supply could peak this year resulting in decades of political and economic upheaval, [BusinessGreen](#)

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National Grid's US costs 'won't occur here' - Tues, 7th September 2010

OFGEM has promised National Grid's attempts to pass on millions of dollars in management expenses to US customers will not be repeated in the UK - as it prepares to "assess the efficiency" of the company, [Telegraph](#)

Banks start appraising €4bn loans for Nabucco - Tues, 7th September 2010

The consortium behind the Nabucco gas pipeline announced yesterday (6 September) that three international public banks are to start due diligence for loans of up to €4 billion, [EurActiv](#)

Huge growth at largest wind farm - Tues, 7th September 2010

A massive expansion is to take place at Europe's largest onshore wind farm, which is situated in East



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Renfrewshire, [BBC](#)

Italy reduces solar subsidy - Tues, 7th September 2010

Italy is reducing funding for solar electricity in three phases starting from 2011, [Renewable Energy Focus](#)

DECC launches initiative to drive 'green' investment overseas - Tues, 7th September 2010

An initiative designed to help the UK's financial services industry take advantage of low carbon investment opportunities in developing countries has been launched today (September 7) by climate change minister Greg Barker, [NewEnergyFocus](#)

German Nuclear Power Extension Threatens Offshore Wind Funding - Tues, 7th September 2010

The German government's plan to extend the phase-out of nuclear power risks hampering investment in offshore wind turbines, a technology that may provide much of the country's renewable energy by the middle of this century, [Bloomberg](#)

London's Capital Markets Can Spur Green Investment, Minister Barker Says - Tues, 7th September 2010

London's capital markets can help finance the fight against global warming in developing nations, U.K. Climate Change Minister Greg Barker will tell investors, [Bloomberg](#)

Renewables provide real returns for investors, says Salmond - Mon, 6th September 2010

Establishing a sustainable low carbon economy presents vast investment opportunities for Scotland's financial services industry, Scottish First Minister Alex Salmond has said, [NewEnergyFocus](#)

Miliband brothers jostle for green vote in Labour leadership contest - Mon, 6th September 2010

Pair primp their environmental policies as race to head Labour party enters final three weeks, [Guardian](#)

Tide could be turning against Severn Barrage project - Mon, 6th September 2010

Reports claim government is leaning towards small-scale tidal energy project that would ditch proposals for ambitious Severn Barrage, [BusinessGreen](#)

Charles Kennedy to call on coalition to back £60m offshore wind port fund - Mon, 6th September 2010

RenewableUK seeks cross-party sponsors for Early Day Motion in support of critical investment programme, [BusinessGreen](#)

Could Green Fund deliver breakthrough in Cancun - Mon, 6th September 2010

Diplomats hope promise of \$100bn a year in climate financing will help end negotiating deadlock at UN Summit, [BusinessGreen](#)

Huhne hints at green tax hike - Mon, 6th September 2010

Energy and climate change secretary insists government remains committed to shifting taxation on to polluting activities, [BusinessGreen](#)

HSBC predicts bigger growth for low-carbon cars than renewables sector - Mon, 6th September 2010

Low-carbon vehicles will be a bigger global market by 2020, according to the bank's report for investors, [Guardian](#)

Putin says nuclear energy only alternative to oil, gas - Mon, 6th September 2010

Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin said on Monday that nuclear energy is the only alternative to traditional energy sources, [Rian](#)

Fears grow over the future of RHI - Mon, 6th September 2010

Uncertainty over the future of the Renewable Heat Incentive has created a hiatus in the heating industry at



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a critical point, experts have warned, [H&Vnews](#)

DECC insists no decision yet made over Severn barrage - Mon, 6th September 2010

No decision has yet been made on the government's plans for a tidal energy project in the Severn Estuary, DECC said today (September 6) amid reports that the proposed barrage scheme has been scrapped, [NewEnergyFocus](#)

German local utilities, renewables slam nuclear plan - Mon, 6th September 2010

A decision to extend the lifespans of German nuclear plants in a two-tier strategy will create more dissent and discourage investment, associations for the country's local utilities and renewable industry said, [Reuters](#)

Merkel Proposes 12-Year Nuclear Reactor Extension - Mon, 6th September 2010

E.ON AG and RWE AG soared in Frankfurt trading after German Chancellor Angela Merkel's government agreed to extend the lifespan of nuclear power plants in exchange for payments to fund alternative energy projects, [Bloomberg](#)

Tony Blair: 'Heavy price' for climate inaction - Mon, 6th September 2010

World leaders may pay a heavy price in history if they fail to tackle global warming, Tony Blair has warned, [BBC](#)

'Floating Chernobyls' to hit the high seas - Mon, 6th September 2010

"Floating Chernobyls-in-waiting" are coming to a sea near you after a major international agreement was signed last week, according to critics of nuclear power, [Telegraph](#)

Severn green energy project loses government funding - Sun, 5th September 2010

The government will this month sound the death knell for the world's largest tidal energy project - to be built across the Severn estuary between Somerset and south Wales - when it rules out public funding for the controversial £20bn plan, [Guardian](#)

Rising wheat prices raise fears over UK commitment to biofuels - Sun, 5th September 2010

Converting up to a fifth of UK wheat into biofuel will force prices even higher at a time of food shortages, warn critics, [Guardian](#)

Miliband accuses coalition of 'greenwash' over North Sea oil - Sun, 5th September 2010

Leadership hopeful attacks Government over deep-sea drilling off Shetlands, [Independent](#)

National Grid in \$26m US inquiry - Sat, 4th September 2010

National Grid is facing an investigation by United States regulators over allegations it is trying to charge more than \$26m in excessive costs to American consumers, including management expenses for private school tuition fees and the transatlantic shipment of a wine collection, [Telegraph](#)

Exclusive: Questions asked over confusing feed-in tariff figures - Fri, 3rd September 2010

Renewable energy industry fears success of incentive scheme has been overstated, fuelling calls for it to be rolled back, [BusinessGreen](#)

Vestas May Cut Forecasts a Third Time, Top-Ranked Investor Says - Fri, 3rd September 2010

Vestas Wind Systems A/S, the biggest wind-turbine maker, may have to cut its forecasts a third time this year as banks curb loans for wind farms and its competitors gain market share, the top-ranked money manager said, [Bloomberg](#)

Paris metro body heat to help warm building - Fri, 3rd September 2010

The warmth generated by human bodies in the Parisian metro will help heat a public housing project in the



city centre, the capital's largest owner of social housing said on Friday, [Reuters](#)

U.S. Affirms 17% Climate Target; Envoys Cite Progress on 'Green Fund' - Fri, 3rd September 2010
The U.S. failure to pass cap-and-trade legislation won't change its target for 2020 to reduce greenhouse-gas emissions by roughly 17 percent, climate negotiator Todd Stern said today, [Bloomberg](#)

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3. RECENT REPORTS AND PARLIAMENTARY ACTIVITY

Parliamentary Report - Commons

Select Committees

The **Energy and Climate Change Committee** held its next evidence session on the UK Deepwater Drilling - Implications of the Gulf of Mexico oil spill inquiry on Tuesday (6th September), calling the Oil Spill Prevention and Response Advisory Group, Oil and Gas UK, and Transocean to give evidence. Click [here](#) to watch the session. The second oral evidence session will be at 3.15 pm on Wednesday 15 September 2010 in the Wilson Room, Portcullis House - click [here](#) for further information.

The deadline for written evidence is Monday 13 September 2010. Click [here](#) for further information.

The ECC will hold a one-off oral evidence session with Chris Huhne MP, Secretary of State, Department of Energy and Climate Change, at 9.45 am on Wednesday 15 September 2010 in the Grimond Room, Portcullis House. Click [here](#) for further information.

The Commons **Science and Technology Committee** held an oral evidence session following-up to the previous committee's report on the disclosure of climate data from the Climatic Research Unit at the University of East Anglia on Wednesday 8th September 2010. Click [here](#) to watch the session.

The **Communities and Local Government Committee** has launched an inquiry into the Abolition of regional spatial strategies. Click [here](#) for the terms of reference. Interested parties should submit written evidence by Wednesday 15th September 2010.

The CLG Committee has also launched an inquiry into localism. Click [here](#) for the terms of reference. Interested parties should submit written evidence by Friday 1st October 2010.

The CLG Committee will hold an evidence session with the Secretary of State on Monday 13th September 2010. For further information, click [here](#).

Parliamentary Questions

The written answers to MPs' questions published this week by DECC are summarised below.

Monday: (Browse the day's printed answer [here](#))

Topics included: energy prices ([here](#)); smart meters ([here](#)); energy bills ([here](#)); nuclear power ([here](#)); renewable energy finance ([here](#)); Renewables Obligation ([here](#)); sustainable development finance [here](#))



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Warm Front ([here](#)); the cost and efficiency of onshore wind ([here](#)).

DCLG answered a question on planning permission for renewable generators - read it [here](#).

Treasury answered a question on the Green Investment Bank - read it [here](#).

Wednesday: (Browse the day's printed answers [here](#))

Topics included: the boiler scrappage scheme ([here](#)); fuel poverty and Ofgem ([here](#)); plans for nuclear energy generation capacity ([here](#)); Deepwater Horizon rapid review ([here](#)); future of the RO and plans for its review ([here](#)).

Defra answered a question on the emissions profile of B30K fuel in domestic boilers ([here](#)).

The Department for Work and Pensions answered a question on the number of pensioners in receipt of Winter Fuel Payments ([here](#)).

Thursday: (Browse the day's printed answers [here](#))

Topics published so far included: biofuels ([here](#)); coal subsidies ([here](#)); energy security ([here](#)); Kyoto Protocol ([here](#)); incentives for microgeneration ([here](#)); subsidies for nuclear power ([here](#)); the establishment of a full system of feed in tariffs ([here](#)); renewable energy finance ([here](#)); local government renewable energy ([here](#)).

The Department of Communities and Local Government answered a question on the impact of the abolition of regional spatial strategies on the amount of renewable energy produced at local level ([here](#)).

Early Day Motions

The motions presented this week by MPs are:

- **John Hemming MP** has tabled [EDM 673](#) on the Solar Power Renewable Energy Tariff, which 'urges Ministers to ensure that the Comprehensive Spending Review supports the potential of PV and other small-scale renewable technologies to make a significant contribution to the UK's renewables targets'.
- **Alan Meale MP** has tabled [EDM 690](#) on the Energy Security and Green Economy Bill calls on the Government to 'include in its forthcoming Energy Security and Green Economy Bill measures to restrict the letting of properties which have unacceptable low energy performance levels, introduce beneficial tax incentives to improve energy efficiency in rented properties and give local authorities the right to know the energy ratings of all rented properties in their area'.
- **Charles Kennedy MP** has tabled [EDM 699](#) on the offshore wind infrastructure competition, which calls on the government to ensure the funding to support the rapid development of the UK's offshore wind secure is retained following the Comprehensive Spending Review.
- **Andrew George MP** has tabled [EDM 712](#) on renewable heat, calling on 'the Chancellor of the Exchequer to make sure that these pledges are given priority in the October Spending Review.'

Recent Reports

Sandbag report: Cap or Trap - How the EU ETS risks locking-in carbon emissions - Fri, 10th September 2010

The Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS), the flagship policy covering half of the EU's carbon emissions, could turn intended restrictions on pollution into a trap that commits Europe to increasing carbon emissions for much of the next decade, unless changes are swiftly introduced, warns campaign



group Sandbag. Sandbag's analysis shows that the ETS is on course to require savings of, at best, a miniscule 32 million tonnes of emissions between 2008-2012, despite covering 12,000 installations and 1.9 billion tonnes of emissions annually. Regulating a single power station over the same period could have had a greater impact.

Click [here](#) to access the report - see [press release](#)

Greenpeace report: Energy [R]evolution: A Sustainable Energy Outlook for Canada - Thurs, 9th September 2010

Greenpeace today released a comprehensive analysis of Canada's energy potential that challenges the need for dirty oil from the tar sands and shows that Canada can create tens of thousands of green jobs, while providing over 90 per cent of the country's electricity and heating needs from renewable sources by 2050.

Click [here](#) to access the report - see coverage in [BusinessGreen](#)

Energy Saving Trust report: Getting warmer: a field trial of heat pumps - Weds, 8th September 2010

This field trial was undertaken to determine the key factors which impact the performance of domestic-scale heat pumps in-situ. The trial included technical parameters (such as system sizing and installation) and customer feedback & behaviour. Results show that a number of heat pump installations performed very well, achieving an overall system efficiency rating of three and above - this means for every unit of electricity put in there is an output of three units of heat. The sample of ground source heat pumps had slightly higher measured system efficiencies than the air source heat pumps. The 'mid-range' system efficiencies were between 2.3 and 2.5, with the highest figures reaching over 3.0. Despite this, the system efficiency figures for the sample of ground source heat pumps were lower than those monitored in similar European field trials. The 'mid-range' of measured system efficiencies for air source heat pumps were near 2.2 and the highest figures in excess of 3.0.

Click [here](#) to access the report - see coverage in [Guardian](#) - [BusinessGreen](#) - [NewEnergyFocus](#)

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4. EXTERNAL EVENTS OF INTEREST

Green Alliance event

Event: Europe: looking ahead on climate change

Date: Wednesday 15 September 2010, 09.00 - 17.30

Location: Institution of Mechanical Engineers, One Birdcage Walk, London SW1H 9JJ

Description: This whole-day conference will see the UK launch of the European Climate Foundation *Roadmap 2050* report, a ground-breaking analysis undertaken by McKinsey & Company, KEMA, The Energy Futures Lab at Imperial College London, Oxford Economics, Energy Research Centre of the Netherlands, Office for Metropolitan Architecture, E3G and the Regulatory Assistance Project.

Participants will discuss the implications for UK climate and energy policy of the *Roadmap 2050* analysis, considering the opportunities and challenges of an interconnected Europe. Keynote speakers will give their perspectives on how to secure accelerated European action on climate change in this new decade, discussing the EU's carbon emissions reduction targets for 2020 and the *Europe 2020* strategy for smart,



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Carbon Connect Inquiry

Event: Inquiry session examining private sector investment opportunities created by Feed-in-Tariffs.

Date: Wednesday 13th October 2010

Time: 10.00am - 12.00pm

Location: Portcullis House, Westminster

Description: Carbon Connect is conducting a research inquiry to examine how private sector organisations can develop sustainable business strategies that reduce GHG emissions and stimulate investment in renewable technologies. This inquiry session will examine how businesses of all shapes and sizes can unlock the commercial value of FiTs, secure upfront capital and overcome implementation hurdles. If you feel that your expertise would be able to contribute to this debate please contact thomas.moody@policyconnect.org.uk. A final report is to be launched in Parliament in March 2011.

Further details: [click here](#).

National Heat Pumps Awards seminars

Event: Take advantage of the heat pump market

Date: 4th November 2010: Harrogate; 3rd February 2011: Daventry; 28th April 2011: Basingstoke

Further details: [click here](#)

Solar Power UK 2010 Conference

Event: Enabling the UK Solar Market for 2011

Date: 18th and 19th October 2010

Location: IET LONDON

Description: This comprehensive 2-day conference including a mini exhibition will provide exclusive UK PV industry insights. Challenges of supply, cost and the rapid growth in demand from the UK have created the need for an accelerated maturation of the solar power industry. Solar Power UK 2010 will be the first step in ensuring that all the major players in the UK market can come together as one industry to make sure that the 250MW target is achievable. An exclusive Gala Networking Dinner, sponsored by Trina Solar, will be held as an accompanying event to the conference, thus opening the opportunity for further networking and business development in an elite environment.

Further details: [click here](#)

EAS EnergySavers Award 2010

Date: 3 - 5 November 2010

Description: The EAS EnergySavers Award recognises excellence in local energysaving initiatives which tackle fuel poverty and improve domestic energy efficiency. The Award is promoted by fuel poverty charity Energy Acton Scotland (EAS) and is being supported by Eaga. There is a first prize of £1,500 and a second prize of £1,000

Further details: [click here](#).

National Energy Foundation courses

Wood Fuel Heating & CHP, November 8th, Milton Keynes

For further information, click [here](#).

RenewableUK event

Event: RenewableUK 2010

Date: Tuesday 2nd November - Thursday 4th November 2010

Location: Glasgow



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Description: Over 4,000 people will attend RenewableUK's 32nd annual conference and exhibition, to be held over 2nd - 4th November 2010 at the SECC, Glasgow. Delegates will include senior government officials, investors, financiers, manufacturers, developers and all others with an interest in wind and marine energy. Over 200 companies will be on display at the exhibition, which is open to industry and the wider public alike.

Further details: Click [here](#)

The Rushlight Awards Clean Technologies Show and Gala Dinner

Host organisation: Rushlight Awards

Date: 27th January 2011

Location: Church House, Westminster

More information: Click [here](#)

The Rushlight Awards promote and celebrate the leading energy, resource and environmental technologies and innovations by organizations throughout UK and Ireland.

With 24 separate categories covering renewable energy, clean fuels, energy efficiency, power generation, green products and services, water, waste and environmental monitoring and management, these awards will highlight the technologies and innovations that are shaping the energy, transport, environment and industry sectors in the future. If you have developed a technology or innovation that is pertinent to one of these categories, then do not hesitate to enter as you have so much to gain:

- There are over £100,000 worth of prizes to be won
- As an RSA accredited event, all group category winners will automatically be nominated for the UK entries for the European Business Awards for the Environment and all entrants.
- All entrants can be included in the Book of Entries published each year
- All entrants are eligible for a significant discount on the price of a stand at the Rushlight Clean Technologies Show on 27 January 2011 at Central Hall Westminster, London

The Rushlight Awards 2010 are now open for entries. The closing date for entries is 31 October 2010 and the Gala Awards Dinner will follow on 27 January 2011 at Church House Westminster, London.

Ashdown Awards for Sustainable Energy

Description: The Ashden Awards for Sustainable Energy are seeking entries from ground-breaking businesses, schools, not-for-profit initiatives, and public sector organisations that are encouraging the use of sustainable energy. Applications must be for work that has been running for at least a year, is technically excellent and is improving the lives of local people. In addition to cash prizes of up to £20,000, we offer our winners a package of benefits and support including a broadcast-quality short film about their work, tailored business support, introductions to influential policy makers and, in certain cases, funders. The awards will be presented at a VIP ceremony in London in June 2011. Entries needed by 26 October 2010

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