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# Reflections on the Eve of Earth Day

AS WE CELEBRATE THE 40th anniversary of Earth Day, it's important to reflect on what the past four decades have achieved for the environment, and likewise to recognize the changing priorities in our work to champion a just and healthy world. On January 21, 2010, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that corporations can spend unlimited amounts of money to elect or defeat candidates for public office. The case, *Citizens United vs. Federal Election Commission*, gives corporations like Exxon, Massey and Goldman Sachs the same rights that individuals have to influence elections. Suddenly "We the People" doesn't ring so true; the court's decision is greater than the ruling itself, and has the potential to transform our democracy.

Prior to this ruling, special interests already had far too much influence in Washington. Friends of the Earth campaigners regularly battle corporations for the attention of political leaders. This issue's cover story describes our efforts to stop corporations like Petro-Canada (a Sunoco subsidiary) from despoiling the Boreal Forest in Alberta, Canada from tars sands production. Often called the "Amazon of the North," this area is one of the world's last large, mostly untouched ecosystems, with hundreds of unique species of birds and mammals depending on it.

You will also read about our efforts to preserve a bedrock environmental law, the Clean Air Act, from evisceration. Since the 2009 Supreme Court decision affirming EPA's authority to regulate global



warming emissions through the Clean Air Act, the Chamber of Commerce and Senators Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) and Blanche Lincoln (D-AR) have fought to strip this authority. Simply put, if we lose the Clean Air Act we lose one of our primary tools to force corporations to reduce their global warming emissions.

In the span of a year the Supreme Court first expanded our ability to reduce global warming pollution, but then created a huge obstacle to protecting the environment. But there is cause for hope. Friends of the Earth is working at the state, national and international level to solve today's most pressing environmental issues. During the climate negotiations in Copenhagen in December, more than 100 heads of state gathered to negotiate a fair and just international climate agreement. Friends of the Earth campaigners from across the globe joined a representation of more

than 100,000 activists in Copenhagen, at one point taking to the streets outside the negotiating center to demand climate justice in an unprecedented showing of solidarity. Just recently, after years of hard work, we won an important victory at the International Maritime Organization that allows the United States and Canada to clean up international shipping pollution.

The *Citizens United* decision is forcing Friends of the Earth to address fundamental concerns about corporate power and what it means for our campaign efforts. Unlimited campaign contributions are just one symptom of a government that has allowed corporate giants to become "too big to fail." Challenging corporate power and wealth is bigger than Friends of the Earth and the environmental community, yet is fundamental to our fight, and to activists fighting on financial reform, health care reform and workers rights. We are all in this together and it's going to take mass people power to retake our elections and our government.

In Copenhagen, activists marching in the streets shouted "System Change, Not Climate Change." As we celebrate the 40th Earth Day, it is time the environmental community dedicated itself to system change.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Erich Pica".

Erich Pica  
President

### We've Moved!

Friends of the Earth has moved to a brand new space at 1100 15th St, NW, 11th Floor, Washington, DC 20005. Our phone number, fax number and staff extensions have remained the same. ○



### Biofools Day Winner Announced

Thanks to all our activists who joined us in celebrating the second annual Biofools Day on April 1st! We called out five major biofuels proponents, including corporate executives, industry lobbyists and government representatives and asked you to vote for



the biggest biofool. This year more than 2,300 activists participated and selected Rep. Collin Peterson (D-MN). Our staff hand delivered a special Biofools Award to Peterson's office — watch the video here:

[www.youtube.com/FriendsoftheEarthUS](http://www.youtube.com/FriendsoftheEarthUS). ○

### Photo Petition to Stop World Bank Project

The World Bank is once again funding dirty fuels; this time it's a massively polluting coal plant in South Africa. Groundwork, the Friends of the Earth group in South Africa, asked for our help in fighting the \$3.75 billion loan and so we joined them and other activists in asking U.S. officials to put a stop to the project. With your help we sent them a photo petition showing them the faces of real people from across the U.S. who oppose this project. You can watch the video petition we sent to them here:

[www.youtube.com/FriendsoftheEarthUS](http://www.youtube.com/FriendsoftheEarthUS).

Instead of siding with dirty coal, the World Bank should help South Africa reduce poverty and meet electricity



Communications Intern Scott Baumgartner holds an anti-coal sign in front of the World Bank building.

needs with energy efficiency and clean technologies like wind and solar. ○

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Cover: Photographs of the pristine Boreal Forest and how tar sands companies are destroying the Boreal with their strip mines.

Pictures by Peter Essick, Aurora Photos.

# Report from Copenhagen

By Nick Berning

**IN DECEMBER, I AND SIX** other Friends of the Earth staff traveled to Copenhagen, Denmark, to serve as formal observers at the United Nations climate summit there.

Our goal was simple: to advocate for climate justice in the form of an agreement to bring down emissions of heat-trapping gases in a fair and ambitious way. We knew such an agreement wouldn't be easy to secure, especially since the United States entered the negotiations with a weak position, but we were determined to do all we could to make the case for what science and justice require.

Representatives from 193 countries and many non-profit advocates (including more than 500 from Friends of the Earth's member groups in 77 countries) attended the summit, but the spotlight was on delegates from a few wealthy nations, especially the United States. The outcome hinged on whether they would commit to aggressive pollution cuts, and whether they would provide sufficient financial support to poor countries to enable them to respond to the climate crisis. (Wealthy, industrialized nations have pumped the vast majority of climate-warming pollution into the atmosphere, so they bear responsibility to lead the way in bringing about solutions.)

But the United States and other rich countries refused to budge from their initial weak positions. Indeed, a UN document leaked during the summit revealed that the proposals they brought to the table were likely to cause global temperatures to increase at least three degrees Celsius—a catastrophic rise that



Photo credit: Christopher Askman/FOE

The Flood for Climate Justice march brought together thousands of Friends of the Earth International campaigners and volunteers during the climate negotiations.

could drown small island states and harm people in vulnerable communities around the world, including many Americans.

We did our best to change this dynamic. We worked long hours (negotiations start early in the morning and often continue past midnight) reviewing and responding to drafts of negotiating texts. We lobbied delegates one-on-one, generated media coverage to call out countries that were impeding progress, and joined allies in organizing a march that brought more than 100,000 optimistic and engaged global citizens together to call for climate justice in downtown Copenhagen.

We also encountered the unexpected. On the morning of Wednesday, December 12, more than 50 members of the Friends of the Earth team, myself included, were surprised to arrive at the summit and be told by UN officials that our organization had been deemed a

security threat and was therefore “suspended” and denied access. This despite the fact that Friends of the Earth is an explicitly nonviolent organization that posed no danger whatsoever. We decided to make lemonade out of the lemons the UN tried to hand us and staged an impromptu sit-in. The sit-in generated media coverage around the world, through which we were able to reiterate our call for climate justice. After a few hours, the head of the conference, UN climate executive secretary Yvo de Boer, came out and acknowledged that the UN had made mistakes and he wanted to work out a solution. Friends of the Earth was subsequently re-admitted.

Unfortunately, rich countries refused to budge, and with one day left, the conference remained at a standstill. At this point delegates from a handful of countries met behind closed doors and produced a flimsy agreement that became

known as the “Copenhagen Accord.” The non-binding Accord falls far short of what scientists say is needed and contains insufficient funding for solutions in the developing world. After President Obama announced a deal had been struck, delegates from countries that had been excluded from the back-room

process were irate and refused to approve the Accord. Instead, the conference concluded after a vote to merely “note” the Accord’s existence. The work of forging a strong and just deal to stave off catastrophic climate impacts remained unfinished.

Fortunately, while the cost of solving the climate crisis rises each day,

it remains a crisis that can largely be averted. But achieving success at the international level will require a much stronger climate justice movement, particularly in the United States, which has refused to do what’s needed. Friends of the Earth is working to build that movement. Will you be with us? ○

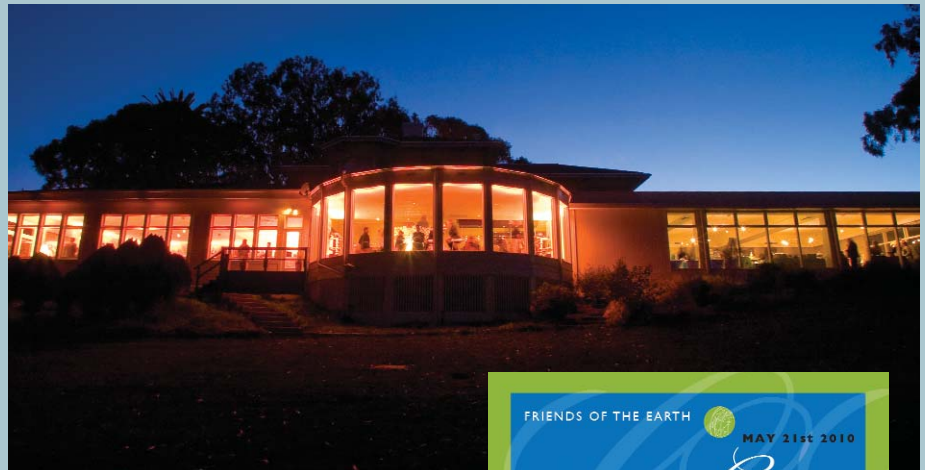
## SAVE THE DATE ■

## Save the Date: The Green Ball

**FRIENDS OF THE EARTH IS** pleased to announce this year’s Green Ball to be held Friday, May 21st in San Francisco. Our venue, 1 Fort Mason, overlooks Aquatic Park and Alcatraz Island and is a model of green historic renovation.

The Green Ball Awards ceremony will be hosted by Bay Area television journalist Doug McConnell and we will present awards to Tom Hormel for his long-standing commitment to environmental and humanitarian efforts and Zem Joaquin for her commitment to green living and sustainable design. We will also present an award to 7th grader Aitan Grossman. At the age of 12, Aitan wrote an earth ballad called “100 Generations” and created the website [www.kidEarth.us](http://www.kidEarth.us) so kids could sing along. Aitan’s kidEarth project has become an international movement creating a united youth voice in the climate battle.

For more information on purchasing tickets or becoming a sponsor, please visit [www.foe.org/green-ball](http://www.foe.org/green-ball) contact Caely French at 415-544-0790 ext 212 or [cfrench@foe.org](mailto:cfrench@foe.org). ○



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# The Corporate Gene Rush: An Interview with Eric

Interview by Kim Huynh

**ERIC HOFFMAN IS THE NEW** Genetic Technology Policy Campaigner at Friends of the Earth. Find out how he's protecting the basic units of living organisms from corporate interests.

## What are the problems associated with gene patenting?

Around 20 percent of the human genome has already been patented by private interests. As is the case with patents on two genes that correlate with increased risk for breast and ovarian cancer, these patents raise serious public health and ethical issues. One company, Myriad Genetics, owns those naturally-occurring DNA sequences and any mutations that may occur in that sequence. Patients don't even have access to their own genes and aren't able to get a second opinion since



Eric Hoffman

that would violate the patent. Myriad charges \$3,000 per test, an exorbitant amount that decreases access to this test since many people can't afford the screening costs.

## Why does it matter?

The fight against gene patents is about more than semantics in patent law—it's about social justice. Genes and other DNA sequences are facts of

nature, part of the common good and should be outside the realm of patentability. Gene patents are allowing the commoditization of life. They decrease access to health care and scientific innovation. They also allow a handful of corporations and private interests to own the genetic code of life and use it for their own profits at the expense of the common good.

## What is Friends of the Earth doing to combat this?

Friends of the Earth is taking the lead in support of the "Genomic Research and Accessibility Act" in the U.S. Congress. This legislation would ban the patenting of all naturally-occurring genes and DNA sequences. We are organizing a broad coalition of environmental, public health, women's rights, agriculture, and religious groups to fight for the passage of the bill in Congress. ○

# Remembering Stewart Lee Udall (1920-2010)

By Brent Blackwelder

**ONE OF THE GREAT** conservation leaders of the 20th century, Stewart Udall, died on March 20th, 2010 at his home in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Stewart Udall served in Congress, representing the Tucson, Arizona area from 1954 to 1960 and then as Secretary of the Interior from 1962 to 1969 under President Kennedy and President Johnson. Under Udall's leadership, more than 3.8 million acres of our nation were protected as national parks, monuments, wildlife refuges, and scenic rivers.

Throughout his life, Stewart Udall recognized the most harmful environmental health problems in the U.S. and did something about them. Growing up in the Southwest, Stewart knew of the health problems suffered by uranium miners, Native Americans, and ranchers who were exposed to the radiation from mining and bomb testing. He represented victims' groups and helped obtain recognition of the problem and compensation for those impacted.

At a time when the chemical industry was assiduously mounting a meretricious campaign against Rachel Carson and her book *Silent Spring* that

detailed the dangers of pesticides, Stewart came to her defense.

Stewart paid a tribute to the founder of Friends of the Earth, saying, "Thank God for David Brower. He makes the rest of us seem reasonable." Udall recognized that without strong environmental advocates pointing to the True North, elected and appointed officials will be pushed toward lowest common denominators.

Stewart Udall set the model, so let us hope that our elected and appointed leaders follow in his footsteps.

For the full tribute, go to: [www.foe.org/tribute-stewart-udall](http://www.foe.org/tribute-stewart-udall).

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**Send your contribution in today to help Friends of the Earth reach the Earth Friends Challenge goal!**

\* Conservation and the environment receive 2% of America's philanthropic dollars. Most people think it deserves more. Source – Giving USA 2008 Report



# Uncovering the Dirtiest

Photographs of the pristine Boreal Forest and how tar sands companies are destroying the Boreal with their strip mines.

By Alex Moore

**DEEP IN THE BOREAL FOREST** of Canada, Big Oil is on a mission to expand the world's biggest and most destructive industrial project: oil extraction in the tar sands. The Boreal Forest, the "Amazon of the North," is one of world's last large, mostly untouched ecosystems, with hundreds of unique species of birds and mammals depending on it. Many indigenous communities, called First Nations in Canada, also live in and near the forest, where they maintain their cultures. But Big Oil couldn't care less. Its cohort of giant corporations is planning to strip mine and drill a Florida-sized region of the Boreal in order to extract tar sands oil, lying several feet underground.

Tar sands is an unconventional source of oil and the world's dirtiest fuel. Getting petroleum out of tar sands requires huge inputs of natural gas and water. Producing oil from tar sands emits three times more global warming pollution than producing conventional oil.

Also, to make each barrel of oil, companies drain more than 100 gallons of fresh water from the mighty Athabasca River and dump the polluted water into giant toxic ponds, where it will fester for decades, leaching into local groundwater.

The indigenous people who live downriver from the tar sands operations are being heavily impacted by

the pollution. The Athabasca Chipewyan First Nations have depended on the Athabasca River and its fish for centuries. Because the tar sands' toxic ponds have polluted the water, the fish that make up much of the Chipewyan diet are now contaminated with dangerous chemicals like arsenic. First Nations like the Chipewyan have experi-

## Greenwashing Revealed

If you tuned into any TV coverage of the Olympics, it would have been hard to miss the ubiquitous ad from the Canadian American Business Council. The ad touts the United States and Canada's "mutual respect for the environment," but then goes on to shamelessly greenwash one of North America's worst environmental disasters, the massive project to extract oil from Alberta's tar sands. We took CABC to task on the Huffington Post blog,

[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/erich-pica/the-attempted-corporate-g\\_b\\_480888.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/erich-pica/the-attempted-corporate-g_b_480888.html), taking stills from their ad and painting a more realistic picture of tar sands.





# Project on Earth

Pictures by Peter Essick, Aurora Photos.

enced high rates of rare cancers since the tar sands operations began. Because of this attack on their communities, the Chipewyan Nation and others are organizing and fighting back against Big Oil.





Unfortunately, the oil companies are gearing up to inflict even more destruction. Not satisfied with the 800,000 barrels of tar sands oil already exported to the United States each day, Big Oil is pushing to build three new pipelines that would triple that amount. The Bush and Obama administrations have already approved the first two pipelines, but the permit for the biggest of the three, the Keystone XL pipeline, still sits before the Obama administration – and we’re working to make sure the president rejects it.

Right now, because of limited pipeline infrastructure, companies cannot move tar sands oil much further than the Midwest. The Keystone XL pipeline would cut from Montana all the way to the Gulf Coast, the country’s largest oil refining hub, and dramatically


expand the distribution of dirty tar sands oil throughout the United States. Stopping this pipeline is key to stopping the destruction of forest and lives in Canada’s Boreal: Outside of the United States, Big Oil is having trouble finding buyers for its tainted tar sands goods.

Friends of the Earth kicked off its tar sands campaign in 2009 to halt Big Oil’s destruction of the Boreal and act in solidarity with indigenous communities organizing for environmental justice. We are committed to stopping these dirty fuels and other false energy solutions being pushed by the oil industry.

## In just **one tank** of gasoline...

 <p><b>17 gallons</b> polluted water</p>	 <p><b>200 pounds</b> dangerous air pollutants</p>	 <p><b>4,000 pounds</b> earth and forest removed</p>	 <p><b>170 pounds</b> <b>CO<sub>2</sub></b> <small>3x conventional gasoline</small></p>
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**Oil companies may try to convince us that tar sands are just another source of oil, but they are hiding a dirty secret.**



**Tar sands production** wreaks havoc on the Canadian environment and puts our climate at risk.

Before it even reaches a gas tank, tar sands oil has released more global warming pollution than gasoline, destroyed forests, and polluted water and air.

We need to invest in common sense solutions for a green economy.

We must stop increasing our reliance on dirty tar sands oil.

Based on the gas tank in 2010 Ford Taurus, which is 19 gallons in volume. Calculations by the Pembina Institute (communication with Marc Huot 10-9-2009).

This year, our focus is stopping the Keystone XL pipeline; we are also fighting new refinery infrastructure for tar sands and pushing for the repeal of subsidies for tar sands oil.

Our campaign has gained national visibility. During the Winter Olympics in Vancouver, Friends of the Earth ran internet ads challeng-

ing the tar sands companies who were sponsoring the Olympics, such as Petro-Canada (a Sunoco subsidiary) and Transcanada Pipelines, the company behind the Keystone XL pipeline. And our campaigners were interviewed on radio stations across the country.

You can help us stop Big Oil in its tracks. If President Obama denies a permit for the Keystone XL pipeline, it will stop the tar sands expansion. Thousands of Friends of the Earth activists have already sent President Obama messages opposing the pipeline. Can you join them?

## An Interview With Mike Mercredi

Mike is a member of the Athabasca Chipewyan First Nations, an indigenous community located at Fort Chipewyan (or Fort Chip for short) in Alberta, Canada. European traders established an outpost here in 1821, and in subsequent years the tar sands industry has sunk its teeth into the land and the inhabitants.

### How has the tar sands industry changed life in your community?

Scientific studies have come to light, proving the link between the tar sands industry and rare cancers. The companies come in and deny that they are causing the problems, labeling it as hype and trying to skew the statistics. But there are people in the community who now have diabetes even though they eat traditional foods cultivated from the land – a diet that is connected to the water through the fish that live in it, the moose that drink from it – and that's what's making them sick. All the sustenance is coming from the water that's released from the tar sands.

### What kind of community organizing is going on in Fort Chip?

There are a lot of people who have concerns about what they can do and say – many work for the oil sands industries, but the children are doing their own protesting and organizing against it. Last year I toured to communities in North America affected by industry and tar sands specifically telling them our story, what we're going through, the rare cancers being found and the fight we're waging against it.

### What one message would you like to send to the readers?

Boycott oil sands products, find out which companies use oil sands oil, which ones are selling and using the stuff. If the Obama administration wanted to go to a green economy, wanted to change how we do things, one of the things they can do is change where they get oil from, which is the oil sands.

For the entire interview, go to: [www.foe.org/energy/tar-sands](http://www.foe.org/energy/tar-sands).



## Take Action: Tell President Obama to Stop Big Oil's Race to Ruin in the Tar Sands

In Canada's tar sands, giant oil corporations are turning huge tracts of the pristine Boreal Forest, the Amazon of the North, into a wasteland of open pit mines, smoke stacks and toxic ponds. Indigenous communities that rely on the land and water downstream have seen high rates of rare cancers since the mining began.

You can help stop this race to ruin in its tracks. Big Oil wants to build a new pipeline, the Keystone XL, which would funnel more dirty tar sands oil into the United States.

Please join us in calling on President Obama to reject the permit for the new Keystone XL pipeline and say "no thanks" to more dirty tar sands oil.

Cut out the card below, fill it out, including your name and address, and send it in to this address:

President Obama  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20500

If you want to know more about why we are calling for an end to tar sands, or to take this action online, please go to: [www.foe.org/energy/tar-sands](http://www.foe.org/energy/tar-sands).



Dear President Obama,

Enough is enough. Oil companies are calling for a new pipeline, the Keystone XL, to bring more dirty tar sands oil into the United States.

Big Oil has exploited the Canadian tar sands to great profit, but the environment and indigenous communities have paid a steep price.

In the U.S., we need real solutions to our climate and energy crises, like clean cars and renewable energy, not more imports of some of the dirtiest oil on Earth.

The permit for the Keystone XL pipeline sits before you. Please reject this permit and say "no thanks" to more dirty tar sands oil.

Sincerely,

## Global Solidarity Against Mining

In May the **Global Month of Solidarity Against Mining** will be observed in more than 20 countries – from Canada to the Philippines to Indonesia – with grassroots protests and community testimony about the destructive impacts of corporate-led mining. In the U.S., Friends of the Earth will kick off the month by bringing our fight on tar sands and other hazardous mining to the United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development, where we will have the chance to influence global mining practices. Check in at [www.foe.org](http://www.foe.org) for updates on how you can get involved.

# Saving the Clean Air Act

By Scott Baumgartner

**IN DECEMBER 2009**, two years after the Supreme Court ruled in *Massachusetts v. EPA* that the Clean Air Act could be used to regulate greenhouse gases, the EPA found that greenhouse gases threaten human health and welfare. Friends of the Earth was one of the environmental groups who initiated the case, and has long been dedicated to protecting the Clean Air Act, the United States' most effective tool for combating climate change.

Friends of the Earth was one of the few environmental organizations to stand up and fight against the Waxman-Markey climate bill, which passed the House of Representatives in June but has not become law. We opposed this bill because it would be a step backward in the fight against climate change. In addition to the loopholes, concessions, and kickbacks it would give to corporate polluters, it would gut the Clean Air Act of its power to regulate the chemicals that contribute to rising global temperatures, effectively overturning the Supreme Court ruling. To combat the Waxman-Markey bill, we launched an ad campaign on progressive blogs and websites, testi-

Friends of the Earth Action, Friends of the Earth's political action organization, has also been fighting hard to save the Clean Air Act. In January, Friends of the Earth Action released two radio ads. The first one, aired in Alaska, criticized Senator Murkowski for her attempts to roll back the Clean Air Act, acting in the interests of corporate polluters rather than for her constituents. The second ad, aired in North Dakota, targeted Representative Earl Pomeroy (D-ND), who has announced that he will bring legislation similar to the "Dirty Air Act" to the House floor for consideration. You can listen to both ads at [www.foeaction.org](http://www.foeaction.org).

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fied before the House Ways and Means Committee, published reports critical of the bill, and delivered letters to different House caucuses about how the bill jeopardized key provisions of the Clean Air Act.

The latest challenger to the Clean Air Act has been Senator Lisa Murkowski (R-AK). In January, she introduced a Senate resolution that would eliminate Clean Air Act safeguards against climate-warming pollution. Friends of the Earth and 36 allied groups sent a letter to senators urging them to oppose the "Dirty Air Act" and support comprehensive energy and climate legislation. This letter's broad backing demonstrates a firm consensus in the environmental community about the necessity of protecting the Clean Air Act from the influence of

corporate polluters. Additionally, Friends of the Earth members and activists sent more than 13,200 messages to Washington as part of our action campaign urging senators to vote to preserve the Clean Air Act.

Senator Blanche Lincoln (D-AR), who is a major recipient of money from Big Oil and Big Coal, is a co-sponsor of Sen. Murkowski's Dirty Air Act. Friends of the Earth has partnered with CREDO Action to place a 14' x 48' billboard in Little Rock that denounces Lincoln's support of rolling back the Clean Air Act. In February, we asked our activists to go online to [www.SaveTheCleanAirAct.com](http://www.SaveTheCleanAirAct.com) and vote for their favorite billboard design. The billboard is installed along U.S. Route 67/167 in Little Rock. For updates, please check with us at <http://www.foe.org/broad-coalition-fighting-save-clean-air-act>.



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# Ship Shape – An Update on the Clean Vessels Campaign

**OUR CLEAN VESSELS TEAM** works to safeguard the air we breathe as well as our oceans and coastlines from harmful pollution from ships and ocean-going vessels. We are working to strengthen worldwide shipping rules, to pass a national cruise ship law, and to stop cruise ships and ocean-going vessels from polluting the air and water in California, Alaska, Maryland, Florida and Washington.

## Celebrating Cleaner Air for North America

For years Friends of the Earth has worked with the U.N. agency responsible for improving global maritime safety and pollution standards – the International Maritime Organization (IMO) – to reduce toxic air emissions from ships. Building on our success in establishing stronger international air pollution regulations for vessels, we turned our attention to protecting the waters closer to home.

A year ago, Friends of the Earth and our allies requested that the U.S. and Canada appeal to the IMO for more stringent vessel air pollution emission standards to safeguard our nations' public health and the environment. An application for an emission control area (ECA) was submitted in April 2009. The ECA would provide protection that extends from the U.S. coast out to 200 nautical miles, and include the waters of Alaska and Hawaii, to assure that U.S. and Canadian residents are protected from harmful ship emissions. Just last month we heard that the ECA has been approved, signifying a major victory for Friends of the Earth and the public health.



Photo credit: Paige Gill, Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary

French angelfish, sea fan, green algae and sponges in the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary.

Although implementation is a couple years off, the ECA protections will significantly reduce deadly pollution from dirty ship fuel. Starting in 2012, ocean-going vessels entering the protected zone will have to switch from using dirty, bottom-of-the-barrel bunker fuel to a cleaner diesel fuel much lower in sulfur content (which contributes to respiratory illnesses, haze, and acid rain). By 2015, ships will have to use even cleaner fuel. Cleaner ship fuel means fewer harmful emissions and fewer health problems. By 2015, pollutants like sulfur oxides and particulate matter from ships will be reduced – by 96 percent and 85 percent, respectively, from current levels. It's estimated that the ECA will prevent up to 31,000 premature deaths and save approximately \$270 billion in

health care costs in the U.S. over the next 20 years.

## Saving the Arctic

Friends of the Earth is also spearheading efforts to protect the marine environment from increased Arctic shipping. Retreating sea ice due to climate change is opening up previously ice-clogged routes along the coasts of the U.S., Canada and Russia. Along with cargo, these ships bring with them – and leave behind – toxic air emissions, sewage discharges, marine mammal disturbances including noise and deadly collisions, and oil spills. All of these threaten the air, water, and climate of the Arctic, as well as the indigenous peoples that rely on the natural resources of the region.

We are working to ensure that the IMO develops mandatory ship-

ping requirements for vessels in the Arctic, a measure known as the Polar Code, which includes strong, comprehensive environmental protections against air and water pollution, as well as threats to marine life and indigenous peoples.

### Protecting Marine Sanctuaries

There are 14 protected areas that cover 150,000 square miles in the marine-equivalent of our national

parks, called the U.S. National Marine Sanctuaries (NMS). We work to ban ships from dumping wastewater, including feces, in these sanctuaries in order to protect both marine habitats and human health. Last year we succeeded in establishing a ban in the four California Marine Sanctuaries and now we're trying to rescue sanctuaries in other states. In Washington State, we pushed the Olympic Coast NMS for strict discharge rules and now it is

poised to enact a cruise ship sewage dumping ban this year. In February we sent out an alert asking our members to write the Florida Keys NMS in favor of expanding its ban on ship sewage dumping. Thanks to you and all of our activists, nearly 1,400 letters were sent to the Florida Keys NMS supporting the plan to expand the ban to the remaining 35 percent of Sanctuary waters that are federally controlled.

## Leave Your Mark by Planning Your Estate

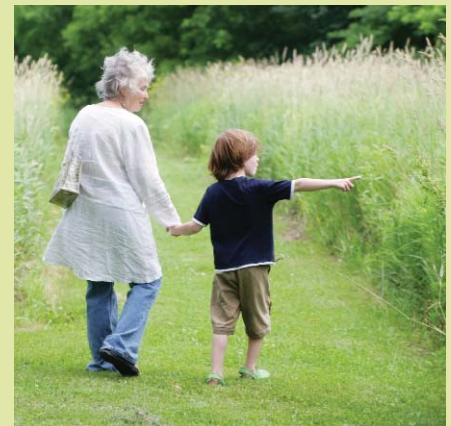
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For more information at no obligation please contact Hillary Blank at 415.544.0790 ext. 219 or [hblank@foe.org](mailto:hblank@foe.org).

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# Annual Meeting of the Membership: Election of Board Members

**FRIENDS OF THE EARTH WILL** host its annual meeting of the membership, Monday, June 28 at 12:30 p.m., in the Washington, D.C. office. Avis Ogilvy Moore is running uncontested for an open slot on the Friends of the Earth Board of Directors. Members may cast votes at the annual meeting. If you would like to attend, contact Lisa Matthes at [lmattes@foe.org](mailto:lmattes@foe.org) or by phone at 202-222-0730. Members may also vote by proxy ballot. To do so, copy or clip the mailing label from this newsmagazine and mail your vote to Board Election, Friends of the Earth, 1100 15th St NW, 11th Floor, Washington, D.C., 20005 or fax to 202-783-0444.

## Avis Ogilvy Moore, a charter member of Friends of the Earth

With Friends of the Earth since its founding in 1969, Avis has been a lifelong environmentalist, activist, researcher, and scholar. In 1972 she co-founded and chaired the New York Branch of Friends of the Earth, served on the Board of Friends of the Earth Foundation, and is a past chair of Friends of the Earth's Board. Avis has served on numerous other Boards over the years including Potomac Riverkeeper, Sierra Club's Atlantic Chapter, Zero Population Growth's New York Chapter, and Louisiana Landmarks Society. She has acted as President of the First Unitarian Church of Westchester and Community Unitarian Church



of New Orleans. She is currently Board Chair of People's Recovery Association in New Orleans. She holds a bachelor's degree from Bryn Mawr College and master's degree in French literature from New York University.

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