



## Sustainability in the New Administration

Resources for Community Facilitators

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Meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability  
of future generations to meet their needs.

## **Instructions for Sustainability in the New Administration Bulletin Board Assembly**

- This board will work best with a red, white, and blue color scheme for the background.
- Cut out individual pieces of text and put them on the board for best results. Cut out related pieces of text that are on separate lines and arrange them together. For example, each underlined portion of text in the New Energy for America section is the beginning of a separate point of the plan.
- The “Who’s Who in Obama’s Cabinet” section should be placed a bit apart from the explanation of the New Energy for America plan. The “But Have They Gotten it Right?” section pertains to both the Cabinet member profiles and the New Energy for America outline.

# **What's in Store for the Environment in the New Administration?**

The Obama-Biden administration will focus on two primary issues when dealing with the environment: energy

and green-collar jobs.  
These are addressed by  
the administration's  
“New Energy for  
America” Plan.

# NEW ENERGY FOR AMERICA:

Provide short-term relief by  
regulating and taxing oil  
companies so as to prevent  
them from lining their  
pockets while families  
struggle to heat their  
homes or fill their cars with

gas. The plan will also give \$1000 in immediate aid to assist families who face difficulty paying their energy bills.

Eliminate our dependence  
on foreign oil within 10  
years by working to reduce  
the energy we currently  
consume, and making an  
effort to keep our energy  
sources domestic.

They will do this by:

- raising emissions standards
- putting 1 Million domestically-produced hybrid cars on the road by 2015

-creating more tax incentives for driving alternative-energy vehicles.

Obama and Biden will also seek to promote methods of responsible oil and natural

gas production within the  
U.S.

Create 5 million new green  
jobs by funding and  
promoting new methods of

sustainable technology and development such as:

- weatherizing homes
- developing "clean coal" technology
- increasing the percentage of our electricity that

comes from renewable  
resources

- constructing a natural gas  
pipeline in Alaska

Each of these initiatives  
requires personnel to plan,

design, execute, and build,  
thus creating millions of  
jobs.

Reduce greenhouse gas  
emissions 80 percent by  
2050 by establishing an

economy-wide cap-and-trade program, with the remaining credits to be auctioned off and used to fund developments in clean technology, habitat

protections, and aid for families.

The Obama-Biden plan also aims to establish the U.S. as a leader in addressing global climate change by

re-engaging with the U.N.  
Framework Convention on  
Climate Change (UNFCCC)  
and creating a Global  
Energy Forum comprised of  
the countries with highest

admissions to address the  
issue.

*Barak Obama on improving  
the state of the environment:*

*“It is critical that we  
understand that this is not  
just a challenge, it’s an  
opportunity.”*

# WHO'S WHO IN OBAMA'S CABINET:

Environmental  
Protection Agency  
(EPA) Administrator:  
Lisa Jackson



The first African-American to hold this position, Lisa Jackson, a New Orleans native, has worked for the EPA before. She began in 1987 and

left in 2002 to join the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, of which she was appointed Commissioner in 2006. During her time in this position, she oversaw the implementation of New Jersey's new climate plan, which focused on a dramatic reduction of greenhouse gas emissions for both the short and long terms.

# Secretary of Energy: Steven Chu



A Nobel Prize winner in Physics and director of the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory and Physics and Molecular Biology professor at UC Berkeley, Chu has dedicated much of his career to studying climate change. He has also studied renewable forms of clean, alternative energy, and has directed the efforts of the Berkeley Lab toward these

issues. Chu has proven himself to be a great facilitator on these environmental issues, garnering hundreds of millions of dollars in funding as well as the support and expertise of other authorities in the field. As the Secretary of Energy, Chu will be responsible for implementing much of the “New Energy For America” plan.

But have they gotten it  
right?

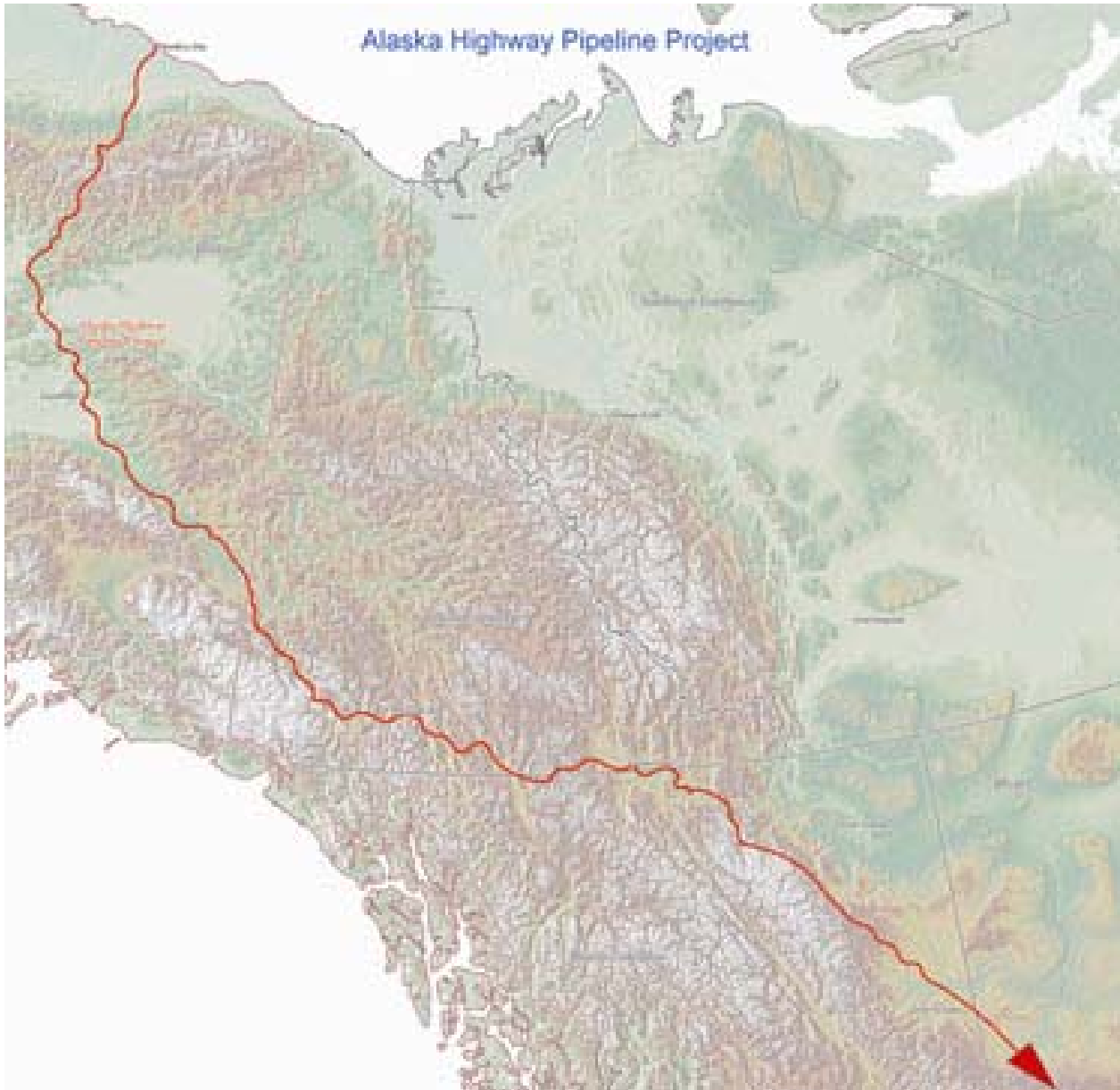
Some aspects of New Energy for  
America and Obama's appointments  
are controversial.

- Some fear that the construction of a natural gas pipeline across Alaska will be harmful to the wildlife in the area.

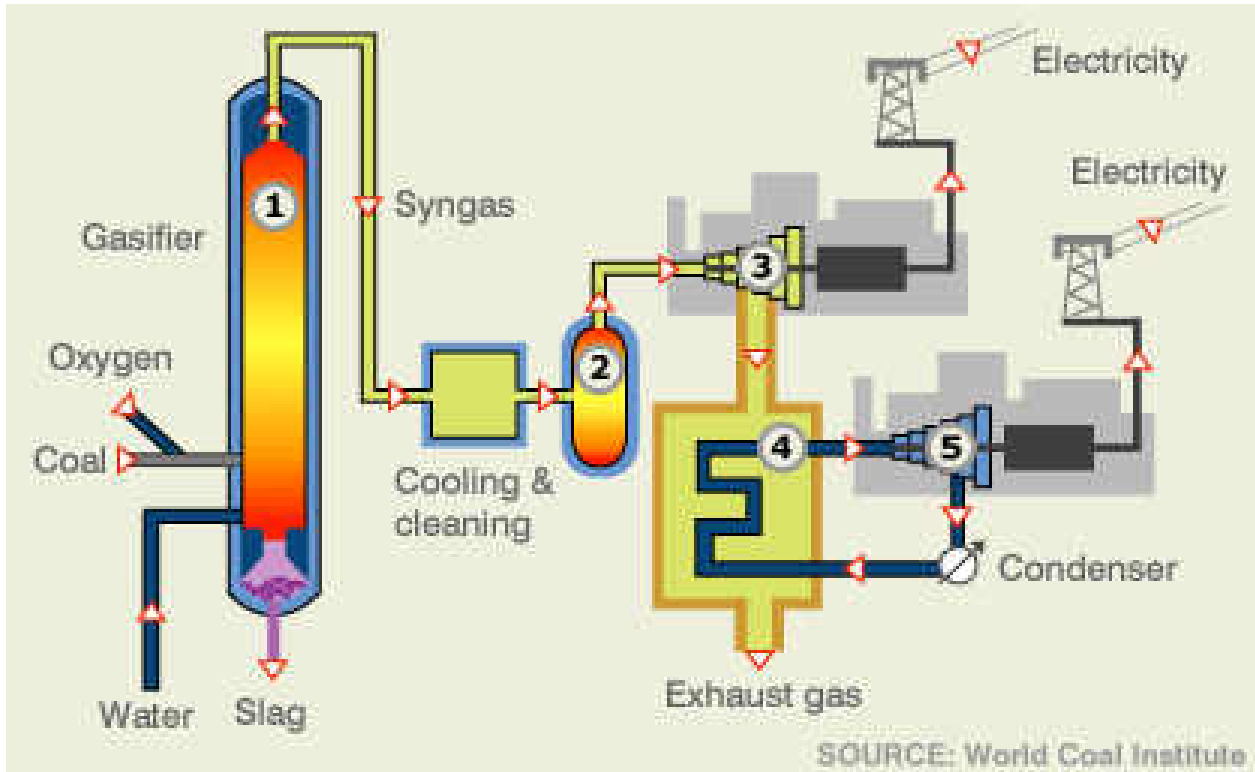
- Critics claim that “clean coal” is an oxymoron: while this technology does supply energy with less harmful environmental effects than traditional coal, it still emits carbon dioxide, thus contributing to the global climate change crisis.
- Lisa Jackson has been criticized as being unable to stand up to authority, overtly political in her decision-making,

and resembling Bush Administration environmental positions and policies.





**Proposed Natural Gas Pipeline through Alaska**



**Diagram of “Clean Coal” Production**



**The Volvo ReCharge Plug-In Hybrid: an Example of an Alternative Fuel Car**

<http://www.grist.org/feature/2008/11/13/index.html> -Lisa Jackson  
<http://my.barackobama.com/page/content/newenergy> -New Energy for America  
<http://www.lbl.gov/Publications/Director/> -Steven Chu  
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