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Last May, Massachusetts announced that Vineyard Wind—a project to build 800 megawatts worth of wind turbines off the coast of Martha’s Vineyard, had won a bid to begin production (<https://www.dailykos.com/stories/2018/5/26/1767292/-Saturday-s-midday-open-thread-Trump-BSES-at-Naval-Academy-offshore-wind-gains-in-New-England>). The project promises to be the largest “offshore wind complex,” in the United States. The Massachusetts project was announced along side Rhode Island’s decision to allow Deepwater Wind to begin production on a 400 megawatt offshore facility. This is great news and in line with Bay State’s 2016 decision to build “1.6 gigawatts of offshore wind power by 2027.” (<https://www.greentechmedia.com/articles/read/massachusetts-and-rhode-island-contract-for-1200-megawatts-of-offshore-wind#gs.wu4yni>)

Now, Inside Climate News reports that the Trump administration, best known for expediting fossil fuel production in tandem with deregulating the industry, is slowing down the start of production—set for this year—on the Massachusetts’ project. The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM), under Donald Trump’s Executive Order 13807 (<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2017/08/24/2017-18134/establishing-discipline-and-accountability-in-the-environmental-review-and-permitting-process-for>), wants to really dig down deep on their new expanded review of the Vineyard Wind project. (<https://www.boem.gov/Vineyard-Wind/>)

Inside Climate News explains that this delay impacts a big tax credit, set to end this year, which was a motivator for the beginning of construction; and while “developers say they are still committed to the project, the potential loss of the tax credit could lead them to rethink their plans.” (<https://insideclimatenews.org/news/19082019/vineyard-wind-offshore-renewable-energy-delay-boem-environmental-cumulative-review-nepa-massachusetts>)

The idea that the government should be thorough in their review of infrastructure projects is not a partisan issue. Of course, the Trump administration has been the opposite of thorough in its reviews of offshore drilling (<https://www.dailykos.com/stories/2018/11/19/1813957/-Trump-administration-moves-to-lease-65-million-acres-of-pristine-offshore-drilling-on-protected-land>) and fossil fuel infrastructure when it impacts marginalized groups of people. (

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leaders-disrupt-Trump-s-fossil-fuel-panel-at-COP-24) The Trump administration has also went out of their way to try and excise “cumulative impact assessments,” of fossil fuel projects that directly affect greenhouse gas emissions. (https://insideclimatenews.org/news/19082019/vineyard-wind-offshore-renewable-energy-delay-boem-environmental-cumulative-review-nepa-massachusetts)

"The Department of Interior has practically tripped over itself in speeding up the approval of fossil fuel projects and now they are slow-walking this renewable project," said Michael Gerrard, director of the Sabin Center for Climate Change Law at Columbia University. "That could fundamentally damage the economics of the project."

In a statement, affirming their commitment “to deliver offshore wind farm but with revised schedule, (https://www.vineyardwind.com/press-releases/2019/8/12/shareholders-affirm-commitment-to-deliver-offshore-wind-farm-but-with-revised-schedule-1)” Lars Pedersen, CEO of Vineyard Wind lamented the new delay in the project. The Chief Development Officer, Erich Stephens directed his comments to the labor unions and environmental groups that had worked with the project, that “We want to assure each of them that we remain committed to moving this project forward as quickly as circumstances allow, and realizing the many benefits that were so close at hand before federal regulators announced their decision.”

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Highly relevant to this diary is the recent WaPo piece on Trump’s bizarre, ignorant and irrational hatred of wind energy.


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When you elect a bigoted idiot to the presidency, this is what you get.

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It may not be entirely irrational as his opposition to one offshore of his big loss making golf course near Aberdeen cost him and unknown amount in costs awarded against him (https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-north-east-orkney-shetland-47400641). He has to pay the Scottish government’s legal costs for dragging the appeal against the planning permission all the way to the UK Supreme Court. He also bleated about taking it to the European Court of Human Rights.

The European Offshore Wind Deployment Centre (https://group.vattenfall.com/uk/what-we-do/our-projects/european-offshore-wind-deployment-centre) owned by Vattenfall started generating in July 2018 but the judgement against him for costs was in February this year, around the time he started getting wind farm cancer.


What is irrational is that his resentment against one particular project and in particular lost money because of it should set off his tantrums.

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In my book it's pretty irrational when a president makes national policy decisions based entirely on his own personal resentments.

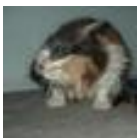
But we knew this would happen, and we handed the presidency to him anyway. That's American "exceptionalism" for you.

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It's beyond irrational, it's psychotic to arbitrarily block 3,600 jobs
(<https://www.vineyardwind.com/masswinds>) and clean renewable energy.


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No, it's called Politics, and the corporation that pays the most, gets what it wants. The Fossils running the Fossil Fuel Programs are paying to have their products pushed through. They cross the Palms with Silver to get their way.

As the saying goes, 'The ability of a person to see a particular point of view, diminishes in proportion to the amount their incomes are based on Them **not** seeing that point of view.'

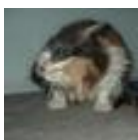
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I think it goes beyond that. Not even the fossil fuel companies want this slash and burn approach to renewable energy. And they have been trying to gut mileage standards in a way that not even the car manufacturers want.

A big part of it is just plain meanness and sticking it to the liberals.

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▼  • **PadreMellyrn ▶ wvmcl**
Aug 19, 2019 at 05:53:20 PM
(/comments/1879969/74729302#comment_74729302)

Yes, that is also part of it, the rationalizing says “We are doing this for the money” but the Irrational part is the Torturer who enjoys doing his, just way to much. If he were a bond he would be on the Twitter, make stupid tweets and Hmmmm, never mind. :)

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● **PadreMellyrn ▶ PadreMellyrn**

Aug 19, 2019 at 06:01:52 PM

(/comments/1879969/74729374#comment_74729374)

If he were a Bond Villain (Jees, had to run to take the roast of the BBQ). We could call “Donald Blowhard”.

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● **smedleyludlow ▶ wvmcl**

Aug 19, 2019 at 10:08:36 PM

(/comments/1879969/74731286#comment_74731286)

“We” didn’t hand him shit. Hillary got more votes. The fact that Herr Gropenlyindumfuk is president lies exclusively with the electoral college. Even if we could just get rid of the winner take all in some states it would help.

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● **carolmalaysia ▶ smedleyludlow**

Aug 20, 2019 at 10:45:01 AM

(/comments/1879969/74733738#comment_74733738)

I LOVE your name for the Orange Swamp Monster. It identifies him very accurately.

Gropenlyindumfuk

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● **jenny413 ▶ wvmcl**

Aug 19, 2019 at 10:48:48 PM

(/comments/1879969/74731532#comment_74731532)

dump 45. PINO. (president in name only)

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● **Lib Dem FoP ▶ Lib Dem FoP**

Aug 19, 2019 at 04:11:13 PM


(/comments/1879969/74728402#comment_74728402)

On re-reading that, I did of course mean than the attack on “Windmills” did not arise spontaneously but there was a reason for it.

In fact it's a combination of irrational resentment at losing yet another court case (this time in his mother's homeland he thinks should bow down and kiss his golf ball) and a delusion that the view from his golf course would be spoiled (money lost!!) More to the point losing the UK Supreme Court case and costs being awarded against him is what triggered it this year and that damned woman May did nothing to stop it.

Donnie's brain is a syphilitic cauldron of resentment, insecurity, desperation to prove himself to dead daddy, egotism, xenophobia and pure greed. The same as most right wing Republicans really. Which is why we really should not be surprised that he comes out with his nonsense.


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▼  • **mungley ▶ Lib Dem FoP**
Aug 19, 2019 at 04:38:25 PM
(/comments/1879969/74728639#comment_74728639)

Of course, it was an entirely self-inflicted wound.

Trump could have just kept his mouth shut about the Scottish project, and it would have cost him nothing.


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▼  • **Carmudgeon43 ▶ mungley**
Aug 19, 2019 at 05:17:03 PM
(/comments/1879969/74728980#comment_74728980)

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▼  • **PadreMellyrn ▶ mungley**
Aug 19, 2019 at 05:18:51 PM
(/comments/1879969/74729001#comment_74729001)

A N.P.D. Sufferer of his magnitude can not do that. They have to be in charge, even if it means screwing up everything for everyone else, including themselves. If it comes down to “Letting someone win” or “being in charge” they will stick a rod in the wheels every time, “Just to prove they could”.

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▼  • **lesa5363 ▶ wvmcl**
Aug 19, 2019 at 06:30:19 PM
(/comments/1879969/74729645#comment_74729645)

trump is just pissed because he lost a lawsuit against the Scottish government over windmills near his golf course. He's an idiot, and he behaves like a spoiled brat when he doesn't get his way. He retaliates against those he can, not those who didn't give him what he wants. God, he is like a spoiled 12 year old who got his video games taken away for a week for not taking the trash out.

▼ ● **MichaelLDelaney ▶ wvmcl**
Aug 19, 2019 at 09:23:19 PM
(/comments/1879969/74731014#comment_74731014)

Remember the enablers. They are white christian supremes.

▼ ● **geekydee ▶ wvmcl**
Aug 19, 2019 at 09:33:20 PM
(/comments/1879969/74731075#comment_74731075)

To be fair, either his hands are small because he put them in a fan, or he put his head in one as a child; they say childhood trauma can scar a psycho for life...

▼ ● **jenny413 ▶ wvmcl**
Aug 19, 2019 at 10:47:42 PM
(/comments/1879969/74731521#comment_74731521)

...except the hot air blowing from dump 45s mouth. that is okay.

▼ ● **desertrdruid ▶ wvmcl**
Aug 20, 2019 at 11:03:25 AM
(/comments/1879969/74733933#comment_74733933)

The hypocrisy of this infantile imbecile knows no bounds.

Of course he hates wind power - he can't seize control of it & sell it, so it can't be allowed. Same with solar. That's why we have that crippling tariff on solar panels.


DRump is an engorged pustule that needs to be lanced for the good of the body.


▼ ● **Ingersollman**
Aug 19, 2019 at 02:14:48 PM
(/comments/1879969/74727283#comment_74727283)

Anything to own the libs. And do the bidding of the fossil fuel industry. Oh, and putin likes it, too.

▼ ● **lcbo ▶ Ingersollman**
Aug 19, 2019 at 02:19:23 PM
(/comments/1879969/74727342#comment_74727342)

Wasn't one of the right's big complaints about alternative/renewable energy subsidies of the Obama administration being a case of "picking winners" — it seems they have no issue with actively creating losers of energy initiatives they don't like.






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nanoot ▶ Icbo

Aug 19, 2019 at 02:29:20 PM

[\(/comments/1879969/74727448#comment_74727448\)](/comments/1879969/74727448#comment_74727448)

Oh, but IOKIYAR ... it's okay if you are Republican. Forever and always.






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Sue in Greeley ▶ nanoot

Aug 19, 2019 at 03:38:47 PM

[\(/comments/1879969/74728125#comment_74728125\)](/comments/1879969/74728125#comment_74728125)

...and the dickishness just goes on and on





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SanFranDem ▶ Ingersollman


Aug 20, 2019 at 12:01:57 PM

[\(/comments/1879969/74734590#comment_74734590\)](/comments/1879969/74734590#comment_74734590)

As usual, it's protecting fossil fuels hidden behind the guise of "owning the libs." It always comes down to money in America.

Anyone see Big Mike on Bill Maher last Friday? The man tells it like it is.





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ShoshannaD


Aug 19, 2019 at 02:30:59 PM

[\(/comments/1879969/74727473#comment_74727473\)](/comments/1879969/74727473#comment_74727473)

Climate strike...<https://globalclimatestrike.net>

And wondering if bloomberg, steyer or others might want to help out?





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jfromga

Aug 19, 2019 at 02:35:47 PM

[\(/comments/1879969/74727518#comment_74727518\)](/comments/1879969/74727518#comment_74727518)

They demanded that his wall, that ecological as well as social disaster, be expedited by eliminating the environmental reviews even though we know they destroy habitat, trails animals depend on to get to water, and a butterfly sanctuary, etc. We can let coal mine slag to flow into rivers unimpeded, we can destroy the hearing of whales and dolphins with sonar blasts to search for oil, build pipelines over aquifers serving Native Americans, ignore lead in the water in major cities, ignore climate change, but Trump doesn't like wind power, so that needs scrutiny to stop any environmental harm.

F**K the Trump administration for the lying perverts they are.



● **VClib ▶ jfromga**

Aug 19, 2019 at 02:50:14 PM

(/comments/1879969/74727677#comment_74727677)

Even with all that no new wall has been built on Trump’s watch.

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● **jfromga ▶ VClib**

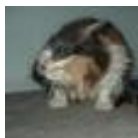
Aug 19, 2019 at 02:55:53 PM

(/comments/1879969/74727747#comment_74727747)

But they have barged in and taken properties, messed things up. They can’t build a wall when one has never been designed. But Trump looked at some mock-ups, none engineered to actually work.

He’s a dumb sadist being worshipped by even dumber sadists.

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● **PadreMellyrn ▶ jfromga**

Aug 19, 2019 at 05:21:40 PM

(/comments/1879969/74729035#comment_74729035)

And therein, was the point.

But they have barged in and taken properties, messed things up.

This was never about building a wall, except to show off how ‘powerful’ he is. It was always about grabbing land, illegally if need, legally if he could. Now it’s time to start building Resorts and Towers again.

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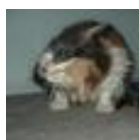
● **jfromga ▶ PadreMellyrn**

Aug 19, 2019 at 06:07:18 PM

(/comments/1879969/74729434#comment_74729434)

Problem is, but Trump ain’t that bright, you can see those kind of land grabs by condemnation overturned. We just have to be persistent.

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● **PadreMellyrn ▶ jfromga**

Aug 19, 2019 at 06:15:30 PM

(/comments/1879969/74729504#comment_74729504)

Correct, but that it his M.O. Grab it first, then find out if he can hang on to it. If gets a 1 out of 10 win, he doesn’t get 9, but he got one free.

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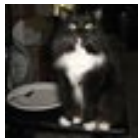
jfromga ► PadreMellyrn

Aug 20, 2019 at 09:52:20 AM

(/comments/1879969/74733345#comment_74733345)

Evil never rests and we can't afford to let evil win anymore than it already has.

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zoom314 ► jfromga

Aug 19, 2019 at 07:56:31 PM

(/comments/1879969/74730384#comment_74730384)

And then at tax payer expense tore all the prototype schemes down...

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andys mom

Aug 19, 2019 at 02:40:41 PM

(/comments/1879969/74727579#comment_74727579)

He probably doesn't like wind because it will blow his beautiful hair around. Or maybe blow the whole mat of orange hair away.

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FiredUpInCA ► andys mom

Aug 19, 2019 at 02:55:06 PM

(/comments/1879969/74727737#comment_74727737)

Cool wind is a natural enemy of hot air, so of course he hates it.

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avid99 ► andys mom

Aug 20, 2019 at 06:03:23 AM

(/comments/1879969/74732484#comment_74732484)

Or make a whistling sound as wind flows in one ear and out the other.....

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VictorLHKOS

Aug 19, 2019 at 02:43:45 PM

(/comments/1879969/74727602#comment_74727602)

I would expect Massachusettes to bring a lawsuit.

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AtaraxiaNow ► VictorLHKOS

Aug 19, 2019 at 02:54:50 PM

(/comments/1879969/74727735#comment_74727735)

Lawsuits, may they multiply like fly's on his ass!

My never ending disgust for the drumpf administration has no bottom just like the malignant ego himself.

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• **sleipner ▶ VictorLHKOS**

Aug 19, 2019 at 02:56:50 PM

(/comments/1879969/74727753#comment_74727753)

Regardless of whether they do they'll probably still lose the credit, courts will take too long. Kinda thinking that they had this planned all along and waited til the last minute possible to announce it to reduce the likelihood of them successfully challenging it in time...

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• **TulsaGal**

Aug 19, 2019 at 03:05:21 PM

(/comments/1879969/74727849#comment_74727849)

Well, this explains why Trump's been screaming again about wind turbines causing cancer for the last 4-5 months and claiming wind power projects were a danger to the public ... he's been so stupid about he actually got Chuck Grassley to say that was an idiotic thing to say ...

[www.businessinsider.com/...](https://www.businessinsider.com/trump-claims-wind-turbines-cause-cancer-reigniting-long-feud-2019-4) (https://www.businessinsider.com/trump-claims-wind-turbines-cause-cancer-reigniting-long-feud-2019-4)

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• **tallen387**

Aug 19, 2019 at 03:30:43 PM

(/comments/1879969/74728053#comment_74728053)

This is why Trump hates the project: it's not the 'Democratic' smell of it, it's the tax credits, which he feels make no sense unless they're given to oil companies. As far as he's concerned, these investors are just another set of vendors hoping to get paid, and he'll treat them the way he treats all vendors after they've done the work.

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• **pcn8229**


Aug 19, 2019 at 03:42:10 PM

(/comments/1879969/74728167#comment_74728167)

Elections do matter, indeed. Another most important thing that matters is the removal of lobbying interests with unlimited campaign financing from our politics. The Citizens United decision by SCOTUS practically gutted the influence of the general electorate on politicians in favor of wealthy donors with unfettered ability to buy their way into the legislative process at all levels of our government. Until the decision is reversed, there will be a continued avalanche of cash swaying the votes of all our representatives in the direction of the will of the donors, regardless of whether or not their will coincides with the will of the majority of the rest of us.

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PadreMellyrn ▶ pcn8229

Aug 19, 2019 at 05:30:15 PM


(/comments/1879969/74729104#comment_74729104)

We have the best Government money can buy. — Will Rodgers.

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RHerberg

Aug 19, 2019 at 03:48:24 PM


(/comments/1879969/74728220#comment_74728220)

Just SMFH. Again.

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6412093

Aug 19, 2019 at 03:51:45 PM


(/comments/1879969/74728250#comment_74728250)

The unions and environmentalists agree on a big project, and Trump mucks it up?

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monamongoose

Aug 19, 2019 at 03:56:06 PM

(/comments/1879969/74728283#comment_74728283)

It's time for the House committees not involved in impeachment to warm up their grills and drag a bunch of witnesses in from the Interior and Energy Departments and turn up the heat. Make them all testify under oath.

We should be (hopefully) getting some powerful and supportive rulings from the courts soon, affirming the scope of subpoena powers of the present House committees. Those rulings might even be **so supportive** that the House will finally become emboldened to send **the** (<https://www.house.gov/the-house-explained/officers-and-organizations/sergeant-at-arms>)**Honorable Paul D. Irving** (<https://www.house.gov/the-house-explained/officers-and-organizations/sergeant-at-arms>) and his crew out to enforce ignored subpoenas and drag the miscreants into the Well of the House for a little quality **time before the Mace** (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mace_of_the_United_States_House_of_Representatives).



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'Da Mace' in the hands of a previous House Sergeant at Arms, or someone else, a tourist maybe?

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▼ ● **Meteor Blades**
Aug 19, 2019 at 04:02:06 PM
(/comments/1879969/74728316#comment_74728316)

The mofo in the Oval Office just never stops, does he?

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▼ ● **Huskers**
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(/comments/1879969/74728428#comment_74728428)

It will now die a slow death.

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▼ ● **glb3**
Aug 19, 2019 at 04:14:38 PM
(/comments/1879969/74728435#comment_74728435)

This is continued retaliation against wind turbines following trump's hissy fit over Scotland building a wind farm off the coast of his golf course (<https://qz.com/1291269/the-scottish-wind-farm-donald-trump-tried-to-block-is-now-complete/>). This is yet another example of a peyulant trump using the office of the president to punish people who he feels have wronged him.



catlady ▶ glb3

Aug 19, 2019 at 05:21:12 PM

(/comments/1879969/74729028#comment_74729028)

Yes, simple vengeance which he believes makes him a winner since he does not understand that pettiness is pathetic and sad.



fahdutnik

Aug 19, 2019 at 04:31:40 PM

(/comments/1879969/74728583#comment_74728583)

i've used wind power for years. Arcadia; check them out!

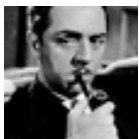


gmadoll789

Aug 19, 2019 at 04:33:07 PM

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Sue!!



jjohnjj

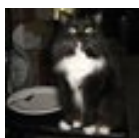
Aug 19, 2019 at 04:34:31 PM

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Those 800 megawatts are now going to have to come from somewhere else.

BigFossil's agenda is to extract much carbon from the ground as possible (and sell it to energy consumers) before the door slams shut, making their assets worthless. Their strategy includes suppressing the competition.

Trumpus is signalling to BigFossil that they should support his reelection. That is his sole interest.



zoom314 ▶ jjohnjj

Aug 19, 2019 at 07:53:43 PM

(/comments/1879969/74730369#comment_74730369)

Big fossil = Big Oil = Big AG = big Tobacco = KOCH Industries = KOCH Brothers David and Charles...




UncleDavid

Aug 19, 2019 at 04:53:03 PM

(/comments/1879969/74728767#comment_74728767)

but her emails


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DecoSLO
Aug 19, 2019 at 04:59:24 PM
(/comments/1879969/74728820#comment_74728820)

Any idea how much coal fired electric generation this would displace, or undercut the price of? That explains the stalling. I say “earn every tax credit via expenditure, capitalization and pre-assembly of the project components. Next year, drop it into place and start it up.”


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reddog1 ▶ DecoSLO
Aug 19, 2019 at 06:09:56 PM
(/comments/1879969/74729455#comment_74729455)

The ‘average’ steam turbine power plant produces between 500MW and 750MW. So, using those seat-of-the-pants numbers, that would be ONE steam turbine power plant (the average steam turbine produces 250MW but can be much bigger). Keep in mind that coal-fired power plants aren’t cost effective and any new steam plant would likely be fired by natural gas. One of the reasons we have so many coal-fired plants is that in the mid 1970’s, congress made the decision that the U.S. would become energy self-sufficient. Plants that were being designed to burn natural gas were converted to being built for coal firing for that reason (gas wasn’t as available as it is now but was always considered to be ‘cleaner’ than coal). Now, 40 years on, those coal plants are not only polluting, their equipment is wearing out. Utilities might extend their life a few years by being allowed to not comply with pollution standards, but they are going the way of the dinosaur, anyway. Their age makes it inevitable. If given a choice, when it comes to steam turbine generation, utilities will choose natural gas to fire any new plants, just as they were mostly doing in the 1970’s, before they were so rudely interrupted and forced to coal. And BTW, the reason some utilities are fighting to keep their coal plants open is that they budgeted for a particular lifetime for their plants, and it really did cost them a lot of cash to convert partially built gas-fired plants to coal. That falls in with your closing sentence, I think.

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Ditch Mitch KY
Aug 19, 2019 at 05:05:44 PM
(/comments/1879969/74728884#comment_74728884)

Please put the USA on fast forward to Jan. 20, 2021, when sanity will return to our government.


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GammaJo ▶ Ditch Mitch KY
Aug 19, 2019 at 06:06:55 PM
(/comments/1879969/74729429#comment_74729429)

‘Ere’s ‘opin’ !

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Pam LaPier

Aug 19, 2019 at 05:12:56 PM


(/comments/1879969/74728951#comment_74728951)

Unfortunately, we have a Governor who won't fight for it. I don't understand why Baker's approval is so high in a blue state. He's weak.

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raboof ▶ Pam LaPier

Aug 20, 2019 at 09:53:18 AM

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After this summer's MBTA subway, train, and bus line experiences, his credibility in Metro Boston is about as much as the MBTA's "we apologize for the inconvenience" announcements, and his plans to fix things (through appointing more "task forces") as believable as "there is a train immediately behind this one."

If the Dems run a decent candidate against Baker, he'll lose. Unfortunately finding a decent candidate who wants the job seems hard for the party here.

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Tribble13

Aug 19, 2019 at 05:34:30 PM


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I'm thinking some Vineyard billionaire just doesn't like the project, and bent an ear or two in order to scuttle it.

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reddog1 ▶ Tribble13

Aug 19, 2019 at 06:21:10 PM

(/comments/1879969/74729563#comment_74729563)


It's actually easy to find articles with fishermen objecting to the project.

www.southcoasttoday.com/news/20190307/nantucket-fisherman-nothing-good-about-offshore-wind-farm

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Stevoreno

Aug 19, 2019 at 06:50:42 PM


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Bush and Cheney did their best to ham string renewables during their reign of error as well.

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TheThing


Aug 19, 2019 at 07:21:50 PM

(/comments/1879969/74730089#comment_74730089)

Whatever happened to the GOP closely held belief “leave it up to the states”? I guess they really don’t have any set philosophy other than feed the rich and provide large corporations with welfare at the expense of everyone else. Never mind that said tax breaks mean more dollars in GOP coffers via Citizen’s United.

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zoom314


Aug 19, 2019 at 07:49:49 PM

(/comments/1879969/74730335#comment_74730335)

The developer should not stop, but should go full ahead... ***Ramming Speed!!*** down ***trumps throat...***

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Berserker

Aug 19, 2019 at 07:51:56 PM


(/comments/1879969/74730350#comment_74730350)

Just for the exercise for those of us who don’t need convincing, my beloved and I stopped at Puget Sound Electric’s massive wind farm up in the wind swept hills above the Columbia River in WA state last weekend on our way home from a much needed escape and a 5 day reprieve from my addiction to news feeds. They have an impressive visitor’s center, too, (bought a T-shirt <g>) and since we were the only ones there, we got the royal treatment with one of their scientists hanging around. The biggest factoid I remember from that visit was that currently, even on not so windy days, they are generating more power than they can distribute with the current antique grid we are surely all enduring. And, they conducted a 2 years study of the entire ecosystem before even commencing the builds, the big blades have improved significantly to reduce the bird kills and employees of the power company even participate in bird kill counts—not part of their specific job description. The whole region is a wild life favorite with a somewhat large elk herd and several endangered species that are at least holding their own. Of course, not everybody is hunky dory with PSE and we were getting this info from employees but it didn’t feel like a sales pitch, just a nourishing exchange of both scientific and “Oooh, awww—neato tech” among nerds of a feather. Not pursuing this technology—even w/o tax breaks or similar incentives seems to me to be the embodiment of madness.

When DJT finishes this current gig—one way or another (save a massive infarct)—and slithers his way out of prison by the usual corruption in the system, some “activists” should kidnap him to Mar a Lago and chain him to a pillory/stocks, feed him his favorite crap diet and let him otherwise experience all the festivities of the sea level rise he so loves to deny. In all the seasons. I want him to live for at least another 20 years. That ought to do it.

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elenacarlana


Aug 19, 2019 at 08:45:45 PM

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Getting rid of this ignoramus and his minions has become a matter of life and death.

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StellaRay

Aug 19, 2019 at 08:48:23 PM

(/comments/1879969/74730741#comment_74730741)


Surprise, surprise! NOT.

Ever since Reagan ripped Jimmy Carter’s (ahead of his time) solar panels off the White House in a Trump like petulant tantrum, the GOP has done everything it can do to punish our planet and fill the coffers of the rich polluters.

It is true that BOTH parties could have done so much more so long ago, but NO both siderism here. Fact is that while the Dems may have been less aggressive than we would have liked, it is absolutely the GOP who does/will deserve the lion’s share of blame as extreme weather takes more and more of a tally, and they not only keep their heads buried in the sand, they do worse. They ignore science and fact, yet once again for craven reasons. They suck. They really, really suck.

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jalbert
Aug 19, 2019 at 08:52:28 PM
(/comments/1879969/74730774#comment_74730774)

It’s about the cancer. You can never be too sure about wind power you know.

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Just Bob
Aug 19, 2019 at 09:35:45 PM
(/comments/1879969/74731086#comment_74731086)

One more article of impeachment — depraved disregard for human life by denying climate change.

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tari
Aug 19, 2019 at 10:05:45 PM
(/comments/1879969/74731272#comment_74731272)

oil and gas fascism

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Spancos ▶ tari
Aug 19, 2019 at 10:53:55 PM
(/comments/1879969/74731557#comment_74731557)

Alien terraforming. And we’re paying them, we’re doing the work for them. That’s the only explanation. Rich Republicans are probably thinking they’ll get taken in as pets, live the sheltered life and never grow old.

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k7vv
Aug 19, 2019 at 10:10:52 PM
(/comments/1879969/74731305#comment_74731305)

But,

you can’t sell the wind.

So, there's no 'profit' to be made there.

Therefore, he's against it.

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• **anjaspapa**

Aug 19, 2019 at 10:11:00 PM

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Well, of course the OrangeAnus misadministration must thoroughly investigate the impact of these windmills. They have to make that cancer connection, you know.

And because we can't have anything nice...

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• **Shortmd**

Aug 19, 2019 at 10:26:02 PM

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Wonder what Mothers Nature & Earth will say=utmost authorities w/ final last words & wills on wind & oil?

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• **essmeier**

Aug 19, 2019 at 10:55:32 PM

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Reminder: Republican energy policy is literally limited to that which can be set on fire.

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• **n8zilla**

Aug 19, 2019 at 11:36:29 PM

(/comments/1879969/74731801#comment_74731801)

the sheer childishness of this modern Republican party is the only thing about them that manages to keep surprising me. how do grown adults still act like this?

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• **raboof ▶ n8zilla**

Aug 20, 2019 at 09:54:47 AM

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Brain damage from leaded gasoline in the 1960s and 1970s?

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• **n8zilla ▶ raboof**


Aug 20, 2019 at 12:03:03 PM

(/comments/1879969/74734600#comment_74734600)

there is that... if we survive this era, i wonder if it will end up being a case study for the dramatic, unanticipated effects of weak environmental regulation.

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Buzzbomb


Aug 19, 2019 at 11:42:51 PM

(/comments/1879969/74731821#comment_74731821)

My brother is an electrical engineer in Kansas City. His firm asked him to move to Boston to work on this project. He declined to move but will be (would have been) working alot on the wind farm. I'm pretty sure he voted for Trump. There is no end to the damage this fool can inflict on the very people who put him in office. Hard to feel sorry for them though.

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FLwestcoast


Aug 20, 2019 at 06:37:40 AM

(/comments/1879969/74732531#comment_74732531)

I'm a big proponent of alternative energy but an ugly wind farm off the Mass coast? Really? Sometimes the cure is worse than the disease. How many birds will be killed by these giant turbines? And if you lived along the coast, would you like staring at giant turbines arrayed like white crosses in a cementary? Wind farms belong in rural areas of the plains not off the coast of beautiful new england.

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AWaldo ▶ FLwestcoast


Aug 20, 2019 at 07:05:49 AM

(/comments/1879969/74732592#comment_74732592)

Yeah, we need to do something about all those cell towers, utility poles, and concrete strips all over the place too (roads are so ugly)

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desertdruid ▶ FLwestcoast

Aug 20, 2019 at 10:53:32 AM


(/comments/1879969/74733825#comment_74733825)

That's a ridiculous comparison. They look nothing like crosses or cemeteries. Wind farms are actually majestic & awe-inspiring. I love watching them work & think they're beautiful.

And around here, they're camouflaging a lot of those ugly cellphone towers as trees. Very clever.

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SanFranDem ▶ desertdruid

Aug 20, 2019 at 12:04:38 PM

(/comments/1879969/74734614#comment_74734614)

Pleasure Beach in Waterford CT was ruined by a huge power plant. While wind turbines would have also gotten in the way of the sunrise, they would have been a far prettier sight.

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charliehall2
Aug 20, 2019 at 07:09:12 AM
(/comments/1879969/74732604#comment_74732604)

Actually the one Andrew Cuomo is pushing that would be off the south shore of Long Island would be 2 ½ times as large if built to completion. NIMBYs are fighting it tooth and nail.

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LKW
Aug 20, 2019 at 10:59:40 AM
(/comments/1879969/74733889#comment_74733889)

Trump, all of his long fraudulent and criminal life, has always been about:

cruelty & destruction. He just LIVES to hurt others:(

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SanFranDem
Aug 20, 2019 at 12:02:29 PM
(/comments/1879969/74734595#comment_74734595)

I'd love to know the dollar figure of the tax credit. Would we pony up a million to a) help save the planet and b) stick a finger in the eye of the fossil fuel industry? Or are we talking \$100 million in tax credits?

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loueebee
Aug 20, 2019 at 01:03:30 PM
(/comments/1879969/74735286#comment_74735286)

You just **lost** another **large percentage of voters, Trump,**
you psychopathic idiot & **orangutang-haired buffoon!**
How do you expect *to be elected,*
by demonstrating your ultimate stupidity?

Oh yeah!,...almost forgot **you're counting on **Putin's vote tampering****
to re-elect you as POTUS, Trump!
Because **Putin's depending** on **Trump**,...his vicious, cowardly "patsy" & Russian ASS-et
to **sabotage America** & our **Democracy!**

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