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**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF
ENERGY**

An Overview of Summit Activities

2010--2012



Plenary Meeting

- Wilson Center, September 28, 2010
- Three Keynote Speakers
- Four Plenary Panels on Energy, Environment, Innovation and Society
- 100+ Participants

Workshop on Science, Energy, and Sustainable Economic Growth

- Howard Baker Center, University of Tennessee, March 30-April 1, 2011
- Fourteen Participants from Academia, Industry, and Non-Profit Organizations
- Follow-up Meeting held in Chicago in March, 2011
- Chaired by Paul Peercy, University of Wisconsin

UNITED STATES AND EUROPEAN
UNION SUMMIT ON
**Science, Technology,
Innovation, and
Sustainable Economic Growth**

A Report on the Deliberations
of “**Science, Energy, and
Sustainable Economic Growth**”



A Workshop Convened at the
Howard H. Baker Jr. Center for Public Policy,
The University of Tennessee,
March 30-April 1, September 19, 2011

Workshop on Energy, Water, and Innovation: A Critical Nexus for Sustainable Economic Growth

- Wilson Center, September 7-8, 2011
- Ten Participants from Academia, Industry, and Non-Profits
- Chaired by Geoff Dabelko, Ohio University and Wilson Center

Workshop on Cooperation and Conflict on Access to Energy Resources: the Energy Security Issue

- Paris School of International Affairs, Paris, France, May 31, 2011
- Twenty Participants
- Chaired by Philip Andrews-Speed, University of Westminster, United Kingdom

Workshop on Post-Carbon Transitions, Visions, and Challenges

- EC Conference Center, Brussels, Belgium, September 29, 2011
- Seventy-five Participants
- Co-Chaired by Gerardus Klaassen, European Commission, DG Climate Action and Patrick Criqui, Director at Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS)

The Politics of US Energy and Environmental Policy

- Democratic and Republican Platform Statements



GOP Advocates an “All-of-the-Above” Policy for Energy

- The Republican Party is committed to domestic energy independence.
- Republicans advocate an all-of-the-above diversified approach, taking advantage of all our American God-given resources.

The GOP Believes in a Market Based Approach for Energy

- We encourage the cost-effective development of renewable energy, but the taxpayers should not serve as venture capitalists for risky endeavors.
- It is important to create a pathway toward a market-based approach for renewable energy sources and to aggressively develop alternative sources for electricity generation such as wind, hydro, solar, biomass, geothermal, and tidal energy.

GOP Silent on Global Warning

- Science allows us to weigh the costs and benefits of a policy so that we can prudently deal with our resources. This is especially important when the causes and long-range effects of a phenomenon are uncertain. **We must restore scientific integrity to our public research institutions and remove political incentives from publicly funded research.**
- We also call on Congress to take quick action to prohibit the EPA from moving forward with new greenhouse gas regulations that will harm the nation's economy and threaten millions of jobs over the next quarter century.
- Further, we oppose any and all cap and trade legislation.

The DNC Also Favors an “All-of-the-Above” Policy for Energy

- We can move towards a sustainable energy-independent future if we harness all of America's great natural resources. That means an all-of-the-above approach to developing America's many energy resources, including wind, solar, biofuels, geothermal, hydropower, nuclear, oil, clean coal, and natural gas.
- We can further cut our reliance on oil with increased energy efficiency in buildings, industry, and homes, and through the promotion of advanced vehicles, fuel economy standards, and the greater use of natural gas in transportation.

The DNC Clearly Believes That Global Warming is a Threat

- We know that global climate change is one of the biggest threats of this generation—an economic, environmental, and national security catastrophe in the making.
- We affirm the science of climate change, commit to significantly reducing the pollution that causes climate change, and know we have to meet this challenge by driving smart policies that lead to greater growth in clean energy generation and result in a range of economic and social benefits.



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