

Social pressure to act decisively on climate change grew noticeably this year, and some companies, countries, and states took steps to rise to the challenge. Unfortunately, climate impacts also hammered countries around the world, global emissions continued to rise, and international and U.S. progress on climate has stalled or is in reverse. Action and policy have yet to catch up with the urgency and scale of the crisis, but Green Light spent the year continuing to try to move them forward.

With research, writing, and strategic advisory services, Green Light worked on a range of projects in 2019, including the following:

- Served as rapporteur and produced public reports for three Aspen Institute **energy dialogues**: the [Winter Energy Roundtable](#) (on deep decarbonization); the [Global Energy Forum](#); and [Aspen Energy Week](#). Also edited an Aspen [report](#) on **coastal resilience** and helped research and draft the [briefing paper](#) for participants at the inaugural Honor the Harvest Forum on **agriculture and climate change**.
- Helped the Center for Climate and Energy Solutions (C2ES) research, write, and edit a [policy agenda](#) for the next decade to get the United States on a **path to a net-zero economy**. Also researched and wrote a [brief](#) for C2ES describing **business risks, opportunities, and leadership** related to climate change.
- Edited a Clean Air Task Force white paper laying out a framework for evaluating federal **zero-carbon innovation policy**.
- Served as a thought partner and advisor for Climate Law & Policy Project regarding **potential climate policies** in Maryland.
- Researched the **status of and barriers to renewables deployment** in [Southwestern Pennsylvania](#) for the Pennsylvania Environmental Council (PEC). Also advised PEC on **clean energy policy options** and helped PEC prepare a **policy agenda** (and a supporting [white paper](#)) to move Pennsylvania forward on zero-carbon energy.
- Researched and crafted a paper for the Center for Responsible Shale Development regarding potential actions across the natural gas value chain to **achieve deep reductions** in greenhouse gas emissions.
- Captured key insights from two expert gatherings organized by the Coefficient Group on useful **climate risk disclosure** and effective **corporate climate governance**.
- Edited and provided substantive input on materials for the Rural Investment to Protect our Environment initiative regarding its federal policy framework (the RIPE Roadmap) to **merge rural agricultural interests, sustainability, and carbon pricing** into a bipartisan policy package.

In 2020, Green Light will begin its 15th year of consulting. To mark the occasion, some revisions to Green Light's branding and online presence have been made. The name has been tweaked from Green Light Group to Green Light Consulting. The domain for Green Light's email and website has also changed to [ConsultGreenLight.com](#), and the website itself has been spiffed up a bit.

If you need additional capacity, expertise, or project help as you advance your efforts to address climate change and other sustainability challenges, please do not hesitate to consult Green Light. May we all see some serious progress in 2020!

With best wishes for the new year,



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