

2011 Year-End Update

Happy New Year from Green Light Group!

Looking back on 2011, climate change, clean energy, air quality, and broader environmental protection issues were all subjects of fierce debate – and they formed the core of <u>Green Light</u>'s work this past year. With strategic guidance, writing, research, and analysis, <u>Green Light</u> helped organizations, investors, companies, and foundations understand, advocate for, defend, and strategize about domestic and international climate, energy, and environmental action – often by working closely with other consultants such as <u>David Gardiner & Associates</u> and Holly Kaufman of <u>Environment & Enterprise Strategies</u>. In addition to redesigning its website, some of <u>Green Light</u>'s major activities last year, including projects with consultant partners, included:

- Helping Environmental Defense Fund analyze and prepare a <u>report</u> on the federal, state, and private pollution-related health care savings that will flow from the EPA's Clean Air Act rules.
- Providing strategic advice and producing several memos for Ceres to help institutional investors and businesses stay updated on policy developments concerning climate change, clean energy, and the Clean Air Act.
- Conducting a confidential analysis for Ceres on the effectiveness of withdrawn shareholder resolutions on climate change and sustainability issues.
- Helping the Union of Concerned Scientists assess the current landscape of work by U.S. organizations and others on competition for land in the context of a changing climate.
- Helping advise the Edwards Mother Earth Foundation on its state-level energy efficiency grants, including monitoring grantee progress and advising on a webinar with other family foundations.
- Advising Climate Advocates on how best to hone and present a new domestic climate change policy strategy.
- Editing and writing a report for the Aspen Institute based on a series of dialogue meetings on strategies and recommendations for **investing in "natural infrastructure"** and ecosystem services.

- Providing guidance on the substantive program for the World Climate Summit on green business generation, which took place in Durban, South Africa in December.
- Preparing a <u>report</u> for Health Care Without Harm, the Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments, and the National Association of School Nurses on the <u>prevalence and costs of asthma</u> in all 50 states and the risks of policies to block air pollution safeguards.
- Helping guide, write, and present to the press NRDC's fifth annual <u>report</u> ranking states' gasoline price vulnerability and solutions for change.
- Helping Green Strategies provide confidential advice to an international development bank about the investment climate and financing structures for clean energy in Latin America.
- Helping provide confidential advice to a Fortune 500 company on potential global public policy advocacy strategies on climate change and clean energy issues.
- Helping the Energy Future Coalition draft a <u>report</u> describing its accomplishments since 2003 and setting forth its plan for **changing the rules to** hurry the new energy future.

<u>Green Light</u> looks forward to helping its clients continue these efforts in the year ahead. As always, if <u>Green Light</u> can be of service to you in your work, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

With best wishes for a very happy new year,

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