

Climate Change Current Awareness Bulletin, 15 - 21 March 2012

MITIGATION

[Green Budget 2012: Osborne signals UK is open for renewables business](#)

21/03-2012 14:26 (Business Green.com (By James Murray))

Renewable energy industry welcomes clear statement from chancellor that sector will play crucial role in UK energy mix.

[UK doubles 'carbon floor' tax, moots CRC withdrawal](#)

21/03-2012 (Environmental Finance)

The UK government will charge electricity generators £9.55 per tonne of carbon dioxide (t CO₂) they emit in the year from April 2014, it announced in its annual budget today, while finance minister George Osborne said that the "cumbersome, bureaucratic" Carbon Reduction Commitment (CRC) programme will be replaced with an alternative environmental tax if cost savings cannot be found.

[Budget 2012: Osborne sets the scene for a gas-fired future](#)

22/03-2012 10:11 (EAEM - Energy and Environmental Management)

Budget 2012 will be remembered by the environment and energy sector as the trigger for a new era of gas-fired generation.

['Dash for gas' plans anger campaigners](#)

17/03-2012 07:12 (Environment - Guardian.co.uk (Fiona Harvey, environment correspondent))

New government rules for building gas-fired power stations leads to fears over carbon-cutting targets and energy price hikes.

[DECC defends decision to delay gas CCS requirement until 2045](#)

20/03-2012 00:46 (Business Green.com (By James Murray))

Officials insist emissions performance standard is just a "backstop measure" that will be complemented by other policies that drive transition away from fossil fuels.

[Budget 2012: Green backlash against North Sea oil support](#)

21/03-2012 16:08 (Scotsman.com)

GREEN campaigners have reacted angrily to the Chancellor's backing for fossil fuels, which included £3 billion in support for new drilling in the North Sea.

[Green Budget 2012: the reaction](#)

21/03-2012 16:55 (Business Green.com (By BusinessGreen staff))

BusinessGreen rounds up what the green business community makes of today's announcements.

Climate law survives red tape cull

20/03-2012 22:00 (Telegraph.co.uk (Rowena Mason, Political Correspondent))

Ed Davey, the Liberal Democrat Energy Secretary, said he would not scrap or water down the Climate Change Act, after a year-long review into reducing bureaucracy surrounding environmental laws.

Government to scrap 53 green rules

19/03-2012 20:14 (The Independent)

The Government today insisted it was not rolling back environmental safeguards as it announced it was scrapping 53 "obsolete" green rules and improving 132 more. But environmentalists accused ministers of "tinkering with vital legislation", and urged them to focus on boosting the green economy instead.

Spending watchdog slams government's mishandling of failed £1bn CCS competition

19/03-2012 00:51 (Business Green.com (By BusinessGreen staff))

National Audit Office says cancelled funding competition was launched with insufficient planning or recognition of commercial risks.

CCS race heats up with launch of plans for new Grangemouth plant

21/03-2012 00:53 (Business Green.com (By James Murray))

US-based energy firm unveils proposal for large scale Scottish CCS plant.

Green energy targets 'achievable'

21/03-2012 06:58 (IC Scotland)

Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) said the Scottish Government's goal of producing the equivalent of 100% of energy from renewable sources is achievable, but cautioned "there can be no doubt that achieving 100% will have some significant effects on our nature and landscapes".

Wales losing the green race to Scotland because it lacks policy powers, claim experts

17/03-2012 02:40 (Wales Online (By Graham Henry))

Wales is being hampered by not being able to make policy decisions on energy in the same way that Scotland does, it has been claimed.

Government advisor calls for two new hydro plants in Snowdonia

19/03-2012 04:58 (Wales Online (By Tom Rouse))

Professor David MacKay, chief scientist at the Department of Energy and Climate Change used a speech to the Institute of Mechanical Engineers last week to argue in favour of combining wind farms and pumped storage stations to help meet the UK and in particular England's renewable energy needs.

Green thinkers hit back at anti-nuclear letter

16/03-2012 00:45 (Business Green.com (By Will Nichols))

George Monbiot and Mark Lynas among those to warn that meeting UK's carbon targets is near impossible without new reactors.

Osborne urged to free Green Investment Bank to unlock clean investment

19/03-2012 11:24 (Business Green.com (By James Murray))

Investors and NGOs add to flurry of letters to the Treasury with plea for Chancellor to relax borrowing restrictions on Green Investment Bank.

Threat of global trade war over airline emission charges

20/03-2012 20:32 (Telegraph.co.uk (Graham Ruddick))

The threat of an aerospace trade war between Europe and the rest of the world has escalated after India joined China in threatening retaliation over the European Commission's carbon emissions charges.

Only 2% believe David Cameron is leading 'greenest government ever'

19/03-2012 06:12 (Environment - Guardian.co.uk (Adam Vaughan))

Poll reveals only one in 50 members of the British public agrees that the prime minister is delivering on his pledge.

MEPs urge EU to raise their game on carbon cutting

16/03-2012 11:58 (Business Green.com (By Jessica Shankleman))

European Parliament backs Commission's Roadmap to 2050, but calls for improvements in Emissions Trading System.

OECD demands immediate green action to avoid 'grim' future

15/03-2012 14:47 (Business Green.com (By Will Nichols))

World leaders must take immediate and co-ordinated action, or risk locking the world into a calamitous temperature rise of up to six degrees as demand for energy, food, and water overwhelms the planet. That is the shocking conclusion of a new report published today by the OECD

GEOENGINEERING

Climate 'tech fixes' urged for Arctic methane

17/03-2012 09:52 (BBC News - Science & Environment (Richard Black))

An eminent UK engineer is suggesting building cloud-whitening towers in the Faroe Islands as a "technical fix" for warming across the Arctic.

Prepared by the IMechE Information and Library Service

Meltwater News Inc. is a global specialist in online media monitoring. We help more than 14,000 of the world's most admired companies and organizations keep track of business critical information published online. Founded in Norway in 2001 we have grown to 42 offices in Europe, North America, Africa, Australia, and Asia. Meltwater News is fully owned by its founders and employees.

[Contact Us](#)

Copyright © **[Meltwater, Inc.](#)** 2007. All Rights Reserved.
