

DOER hearing

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The Baker administration is proposing to disregard science and use rate payer funds targeted for clean energy to subsidize greenhouse gas producing biomass power plants. Trees are in fact the one given we have already to sequestering carbon. The movie Burned documents the detriment to our South Eastern forests of pursuing biomass on a large scale. The UN report has given us a decade to remediate greenhouse gases before we pass the point of no return. Cutting forests clean of "junk wood" for Biomass has is actually like pouring gas on a burning house rather than using the knowledge that exists.

The technology exists, the public support for action exists, but it is horrifying to see that our own state governor plans to ignore the scientifically sound Massachusetts 2012 biomass regulations

To add injustice to injury, the proposed plant East Springfield is placed in an area which already was determined to be the Asthma capital of the U.S.

I urge you to quickly return to the scientifically based green technologies .

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elizabeth Heck".

Elizabeth Heck  
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