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▶ IN A DIRTY AND HIGH CONSUMPTION ECONOMY THERE IS POVERTY, AND A CONSTANT GAP BETWEEN RICH AND POOR



▶ PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT GENERATES EMPLOYMENT!

○ Global

○ Warming

○ WORKING GROUP

Climate *justice*

WE MUST DEMOCRATICALLY DEVELOP ECONOMIC SOLUTIONS THAT ARE ENVIRONMENTALLY AND SOCIALLY JUST.

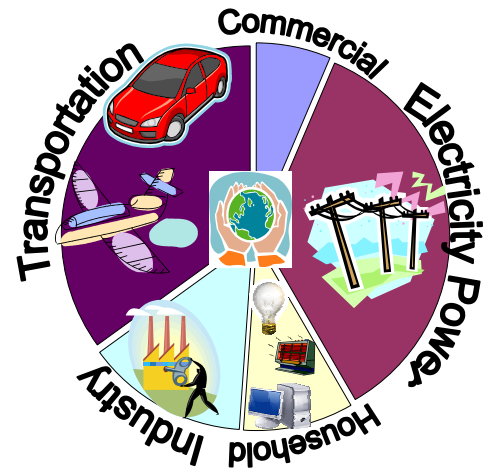
Ensure Just Transition for Workers and Communities

A just transition creates opportunities for all people and communities to participate in development of the new economic order. A just transition compensates for job loss, increases in energy prices, loss of tax base, and other negative effects felt by displaced workers, low-income, Indigenous and communities of color.

Creating a Just and Sustainable Economy!

It is **ESSENTIAL** that any proposals for **Green Economies** produce living wages, healthy and safe work environments, employment and reduced poverty, meaningful work, affordable and energy-efficient housing, high job satisfaction, and environmental sustainability.

If a job improves the environment, but doesn't provide a family-supporting wage or a career ladder to higher skilled and paying jobs, with an opportunity for **EVERYONE**, it **CANNOT** and **SHOULD NOT** be classified as a Green Job.



A **JUSTICE**-based Green Economy is one that sustains **ALL** communities.

Eco-privilege will not be tolerated.



MN "GREEN" EQUITY WATCH

Joblessness and unemployment severely affects the poor and the disadvantaged, and creates hopeless communities. Developing a Green Economy that builds a flow of living wage and upwardly mobile, attractive jobs is a priority. New jobs and enterprises that reinforce economic inequities and leave less desirable, dangerous and low-paying jobs to poor and communities of color is a form of "eco-privilege"



“All people regardless of race, ethnicity, class, or nationality have the right to a clean and healthy environment.”

West Harlem Environmental Action, Inc.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

5.3 MILLION: A recent study conducted by Management Information Services, Inc., found that in 2005 the environmental industry nationwide generated more **than 5.3 million jobs**, \$341 billion in sales, and \$47 billion in tax revenues.

6.3 MILLION: Employment forecasts direct and indirect jobs created by environmental protection will reach **6.3 million** and at total of \$448 billion in real expenditures by 2015.

100 PERCENT: Renewable energy creates **twice as many jobs per unit of energy** than traditional fossil fuel-based technologies.

14 BILLION: Green technology investment will reach at least **\$14 billion** by 2010, and possibly as much as \$19 billion. This will result in the creation of between 400,000 and 500,000 new jobs. .

TEN: The environmental industry **employs 10 times more workers** than the pharmaceutical industry.

CLIMATE CHANGE IS THE RESULT OF UNJUST SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIONS.

IT'S TIME FOR JUST SOLUTIONS!

GREEN JOBS FOR ALL
Equity in Green Community Development



For more information on what you can do to support a Just Transition to a Green Economy

Environmental Justice Advocates of Minnesota
www.ejamn.org

Women's Environmental Institute
www.w-e-i.org



Global Warming Working Group
Environmental Justice Advocates of Minnesota - Women's Environmental Institute
Center for Earth, Energy and Democracy at the Institute for Trade and Agriculture Policy