



PPRC Position Paper on Green Jobs & Green Energy

The Forest Products Industry is the best provider of Green Jobs and Green Energy.

The Forest Products Industry:

- Absorbs and stores carbon dioxide equal to 10 percent of annual U.S. carbon emissions.
- Generates 65 percent of their energy needs from renewable biomass.
- Has more carbon neutral and co-generation capability than all other industries combined.
- Has reduced its use of carbon-intensive fossil fuels and purchased energy per ton of product by 19 percent since 2000.

The Pulp and Paper industry has a 10 to 1 employment advantage over a standalone biomass to energy plant.

The PPRC recommends Congress:

- Issue fully tradable credits in a Renewable Electricity Standard (RES) to forest products facilities for the renewable power they generate whether used onsite or sold onto the grid.
- Ensure that the definition of eligible biomass used in an RES includes the renewable biomass used by the forest products industry to manufacture its products and generate its power.
- Biomass fuels should include bark, scrap wood, wood residuals and wood extractives from the pulping process instead of some of this waste being diverted to landfills.
- Require that wood biomass used in an RES be developed under sustainable forest management practices.

The PPRC urges our elected officials to preserve existing "green" jobs in the forest products industry by providing equal treatment for the forest products industry's power in the tax code and in renewable Electricity mandates. Any proposed legislation such as RES or Cap & Trade should be structured to preserve and promote Green jobs such as ours and not eliminate them.

The PPRC is a grassroots organization representing the interests of the nation's pulp, paper, solid wood products, and other natural resource-based workers. The U.S. forest products industry is vitally important to our nation's economy, employing 1.5 million people. We rank among the top 10 manufacturers in 42 states with annual sales exceeding \$230 billion, which accounts for 7 % of the U.S. manufacturing shipments. We are people dedicated to conserving the environment while taking into account the economic stability of the workforce and surrounding community.