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ENERGY

How we obtain and use energy has far-reaching implications for human health, fish and wildlife, and the Earth's climate. The Izaak Walton League's energy program works to reduce emissions of harmful air pollutants, prevent global warming, promote energy efficiency, and foster the use of renewable energy.

CLEANING THE AIR

The League has been a champion for clean air for decades, recognizing the vital link between air quality, human health, and the natural environment. Much of our work has focused on cleaning up coal-fired power plants—a major source of air pollutants that contribute to ozone, haze, and acid rain. These power plants also emit mercury and carbon dioxide, contaminating our fisheries and leading to global warming. In recent years, the League has helped establish new rules to reduce mercury emissions from Midwestern power plants. In addition, we are leading regional efforts to stop the construction of new coal-fired power plants and to promote cleaner sources of energy.

CURTAILING GLOBAL WARMING

A changing climate means a changing environment for both people and wildlife. In addition to documenting the effects climate change will have on wildlife and outdoor recreation, the League has been a leader in the fight to reduce emissions of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases. To help prevent global warming, we are working with a wide range of groups to implement new technologies that will not only reduce emissions but also capture and store carbon dioxide already in the Earth's atmosphere. Our success in the Midwest is serving as a model for regional and national action.

PROMOTING ENERGY EFFICIENCY

For years the League has recognized that the cheapest, cleanest way to address problems associated with energy use is to invest in energy efficiency. Our work has helped establish new requirements for utilities to capture untapped energy savings through conservation programs for customers. We also educate thousands of League members and others on steps they can take to reduce their own energy consumption.

ADVANCING RENEWABLE ENERGY

From wind to biomass to solar, renewable resources can have significant environmental benefits by producing clean energy. To reduce our dependence on foreign sources of oil and better protect our environment, the League believes electric utilities should be required to produce more energy from renewable sources. In addition, we work to identify and promote new sources of renewable energy that are on the cutting edge of current technology.

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