



Upton, Inhofe Offer Latest in Parade of Polluter Loopholes

Washington, DC (February 3, 2011) – Today, U.S. Sen. Jim Inhofe (R-Okla.) and U.S. Rep. Fred Upton (R-Mich.) introduced a proposal that undercuts the ability of the U.S. EPA to protect public health from harmful carbon pollution.

The proposal from the two lawmakers was introduced on the same day that EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson re-affirmed that Obama Administration would resist attempts by Congress to hamstring its ability to regulate harmful pollutants such as carbon dioxide.

Commenting on the proposal by Sen. Inhofe and Rep. Upton, **Adam Kolton, executive director of the National Wildlife Federation's National Advocacy Center in Washington, D.C.**, said:

“Rep. Upton and Sen. Inhofe have introduced the latest in a parade of polluter loopholes to roll back America’s bedrock environmental laws. Congress should reject the premise that our kids need to breathe polluted air and drink toxic water in order for our economy to prosper.

“This proposal is a huge step backward for people, wildlife and our economy. It is an attack on clean air and would undermine our ability as a nation to protect public health, not to mention our ability to compete in the clean energy economy.

“The American people want Congress to put forward solutions that create jobs, protect public health and position our nation as a global leader in the clean energy economy. Policies that support clean air, energy independence and a strong economy are within reach—if Congress embraces this as our ‘Sputnik moment’ and acts decisively to win the race in the clean energy economy.

“Americans want common-sense steps to strengthen our energy security and clean up our air. They don’t want special favors for polluters that put our health at risk.”

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