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ACTION ALERT



WESTERN ORGANIZATION OF RESOURCE COUNCILS

Hi Ralph,

On Tuesday, May 13, the Senate will vote on an amendment to the Flood Insurance Bill (S. 2973) by Senators Mitch McConnell and Pete Domenici that would:

- Promote more oil shale and liquid coal production.
- Increase greenhouse gas pollution.
- Do nothing to protect the interests of the Westerners who are on the front lines of energy development.

It's time to stop the failed policies of the past. Instead, it's time for common sense solutions to expand use of energy efficiency and renewable energy sources.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Contact your Senators right away and urge him or her to oppose the McConnell-Domenici dirty fuel amendment to the Flood Insurance Bill.
- You reach your Senators by calling the Capitol Switchboard, 202-224-3121, and asking for your Senators' offices. (You will need to make two separate calls.)

WHAT YOU CAN SAY WHEN YOU CALL

- Give your name and town.
- I'm calling to urge Senator _____ to vote against the Dirty Fuel Amendment #4720 to the Flood Insurance Bill.

BACKGROUND

Oil Shale

The McConnell-Domenici amendment would end the moratorium prohibiting commercial leasing for oil shale until the Bureau of Land Management fully analyzes the development potential and likely impacts of oil shale development. Rep. Mark Udall (D-CO) sponsored the moratorium to protect Western Colorado if a premature oil shale boom goes bust, as it did in 1982.

Liquid Coal

TAKE ACTION!

**Call Your Senators
Today to Oppose the
Dirty Fuel Amendment**

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[Senate website](#)

Sections 211 and 232 encourage the use of liquid coal. These sections would create a mandate for liquid coal and let the Department of Defense enter into 25-year contracts to buy liquid coal.

This expensive process would consume massive amounts of water and produce nearly twice the greenhouse gas emissions of conventional gasoline. Not only does the McConnell-Domenici amendment do nothing to limit greenhouse gas emissions from liquid coal, it would end the restriction on purchases of high-carbon fuels by federal agencies.

More Perks for the Oil, Gas and Coal Industries

The McConnell-Domenici amendment would also streamline permitting for refineries and liquid coal plants, eliminate fees on federal oil and gas permits, and open the the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and new off-shore areas to drilling.

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