

Ohio Valley Environmental Coalition

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What You Can Do To Help Stop Mountaintop Removal

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Contact Politicians

<u>Ask your U. S. Representatives to cosponsor the bipartisan Clean Water Protection Act</u> and ask your friends in other states to do the same. The Clean Water Protection Act would nullify changes to the Clean Water Act that the Bush administration made on behalf of the coal industry, one of its main campaign contributors. The bill would shore up the original intent of the Clean Water Act by prohibiting the dumping of former mountaintops into most waterways. Nationally, this bill would prohibit industries from dumping all manner of waste into streams and waterways. You can find contact information for Representatives on line at: www.ohvec.org/contact/index.html#legis. Or write:

Representative (Name) House Office Bldg. Washington, DC 20515

<u>*Tell* other state and national politicians</u> about mountaintop removal and why you think it should be banned (eco-cide, loss of water, loss of communities, forests, our very futures!). Ask Senator Byrd to create a stunning legacy by helping to bring alternative energy R & D and manufacturing to West Virginia. We need lawmakers who can lead us into the post-coal era, into the new hydrogen economy.

Senator Robert C. Byrd 311 Hart Bldg. Washington, DC 20510

Gov. Joe Manchin III 1900 Kanawha Boulevard, E. Charleston, WV 25305 Toll-Free: 1-888-438-2731 E-mail: <u>Governor@WVGov.org</u>

Educate yourself and others

Write letters to the editors of local, statewide and out-of-state newspapers. Tell them about mountaintop removal. See <u>http://newslink.org/</u> to find the address for about any paper in the country. Find almost all West Virginia media at: <u>www.wvmediaguide.com/list.cfm</u>.

Tell your friends about mountaintop removal and what they can do to help stop MTR!

Know What Mining Impacts Surround Your Home See OVEC's maps at: <u>www.ohvec.org/issues/mountaintop_removal/maps/index.html</u>. *Share* our maps with students, legislators, your neighbors, friends and family.

Stay Informed by E-mail Join OVEC's Action Alert! e-mail list by sending an e-mail with "join list" in the subject line to <u>StopMTR@ezwv.com</u>. This is not a discussion list, so you won't be swamped with e-mails. You'll probably get 4-10 Action Alerts! per month, chock full of useful info.

Stay Informed by Phone If you don't have or don't like e-mail, call the OVEC office at 304-522-0246 and ask to be put on our Call List. We'll need your name and phone number. Don't worry – we will only call to let you know about major events or actions.

Stay Informed by Web See <u>www.ohvec.org</u> frequently for news and action updates.

Cut your electricity consumption

Easy: <u>Switch to Wind Power at Home and at Work</u>. Call the OVEC office for info, or see www.ohvec.org/newsletters/woc_2002_11/article_05.html.

Not that Hard: <u>Do All You Can to Conserve Energy</u>. Change your incandescent light bulbs to energysaving compact fluorescent or halogen light bulbs. Urge local, state and national governments to adopt conservation policies for their buildings. Learn more by visiting <u>www.ase.org/powersmart/index.html</u>, <u>www.rmi.org/sitepages/pid167.php</u> and <u>www.awea.org</u>.

Harder and Pricey (for now): Go Off-Grid with your own Solar / Wind System! See <u>www.ohvec.org/galleries/people_in_action/2002/06_11/index.html</u> for ideas.

Join OVEC

OVEC is a non-profit group. Our dues are on an "as can pay" basis, and donations are always welcome. Our suggested yearly membership dues are \$10-\$30. Call us at 304-522-0246, or send us a note, telling us you'd like to join and you'd like to receive our newsletter. Our address is other side of this flier.

OVEC's mission is to organize and maintain a diverse grassroots organization dedicated to the improvement and preservation of the environment through education, grassroots organizing and coalition building, leadership development and media outreach.

West Virginia Wild and Wonderful OR... Wasted?

Together We <u>Can</u> Stop Mountaintop Removal Ohio Valley Environmental Coalition 304-522-0246 www.ohvec.org