

Dear Colleagues,

Every day, employees like you support innovations that are moving us to a clean energy future. In celebration of Earth Day, I wanted to send along a note highlighting some of our most recent accomplishments and thanking you for your work.

In case you missed it, here is a recap of our successes from the last few weeks:

- [Reached a major Cold War cleanup milestone at the Savannah River Site](#)
- [Offered funding for a research competition that will develop next generation energy storage technologies](#)
- [Launched our first-ever “Apps for Energy” competition](#)
- [Offered funding to demonstrate biomass-based oil supplements that can be blended with petroleum](#)
- [Announced the finalists that will compete in the 2012 National Science Bowl in Washington, D.C.](#)

In recent weeks, the White House has highlighted the Department’s work to [spur development of offshore wind projects](#).

Your work is making a difference *within* the Department as well, where we are making our operations more sustainable – saving both energy and taxpayer dollars. Thank you for your hard work and for helping to make the Department more efficient and our country cleaner and more energy independent. If you are looking for opportunities to “go green” or volunteer on Earth Day, visit whitehouse.gov/earthday for information and links.

Sincerely,
Brandon Hurlbut
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