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[EnerNoc Expanding Into Carbon Management, Energy Services](#)

GreenTech Media - 12/5/2008

The company, which aggregates excess electrical capacity, now wants to use that infrastructure to reel in some industrial customers...

[Executive bonuses for making the CO2 cut,](#)

Business Green - 12/11/2008

As climate change and greenhouse gas emissions move to the forefront of corporate awareness, leading US businesses are starting to tie the non-financial performance of their companies to their compensation metrics, according to a 2008 study of S&P 500 companies...

[Sustainable Silicon Valley Targets Lower Emissions](#)

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SAN JOSE, Calif. -- Twenty-two members of the regional coalition have reduced carbon dioxide emissions more than 20 percent below 1990 levels...

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Fairwater Marine and Tricorona have announced the launch of GreenSea...

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[Gazprom, Marubeni Agree to Sell UN Emission Credits \(Update I\)](#)

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Japan's greenhouse gas emissions rose to 1.371 billion metric tons in the year through March, 8.7 percent higher than in 1990, according to official figures...

[Port Authority presents green policies](#)

Queens Chronicle - 12/4/2008

An offset is a financial instrument that represents the avoidance of one metric ton of carbon dioxide. The agency will offset greenhouse gas emissions it...

[Carbon Capital Markets to supply CERs to Crédit Agricole S.A](#)

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The CERs will be sourced from a United Nations approved CDM renewable energy and forest preservation project in Amazonas, Brazil...

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[ADB Commences Post 2012 Carbon Fund](#)

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The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has received financing commitments of over \$100 million for a new post-2012 carbon fund...

[Irish carbon deal to trigger EBRD sustainable energy investments in Poland](#)

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Ireland and Poland will jointly develop a Green Investment Scheme (GIS) to trigger a substantial increase in investments in sustainable energy projects in Poland, mainly in small and ...

[US venture capitalists optimistic on carbon market](#)

Reuters - 12/7/2008

The growth areas are less in traditional "green" businesses like solar panels and windmills and more in new infrastructure, such as a "smart" grid that would get alternative energy from where it's generated to where the customers are, said Martin Whittaker of Mission Point Capital Partners...

[Prefer IRR to DSCR for financial additionality: UNFCCC](#)

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DSCR is mainly for bankers and financiers...

FORESTS

[Green Banks: Paying Countries to Keep their Trees](#)

Time.com - 12/8/2008

"We'll compare forestry offsets to projects like renewable energy, and we have to make the best financial decision." Until then, REDD will remain a boutique carbon investment...

[Report offers options for negotiators seeking to craft critical accord on forests and climate change](#)

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Leading scientists say that technical options exist to address most challenges, and that the difficult choices will involve making trade-offs among effectiveness, efficiency and equity...

[WWF knocks Brazil's plan to cut Amazon deforestation](#)

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Brazil would like to see its proposal be used for a global model to reduce emissions from deforestation and forest degradation...

[European Union Debates 'Forest Offsetting'](#)

RedOrbit - 12/5/2008

The agreement would let nations pay for excess carbon emissions by subsidizing rain forest conservation...

[No Rights, No REDD](#)

It's Getting Hot In Here - 12/10/2008

Today, the US, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand opposed the inclusion of recognition of rights of indigenous peoples and local communities in a decision on REDD (Reduced Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation) drafted by government delegates at the UN Climate Conference...

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[Climate Change Reduction or 'Green Global Welfare'?](#)

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Even champions of the idea, however - called [R.E.D.D.](#), for Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation - admit they have reservations...

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[Renewables Academy Offers Transfer of German Know-How to Combat Climate Change](#)

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BUSINESS WIRE)--As part of the TREE scholarship program engineers and decision makers from a total of 14 countries in South America, Asia and Africa are being invited by the German Renewables Academy (www.renac.de) to seminars on renewable energy and ...

[Scientist says ancient technique cuts greenhouse gas](#)

Reuters - 12/5/2008

An ancient technique of plowing charred plants into the ground to revive soil may also trap greenhouse gases for thousands of years and forestall global warming, scientists said on Friday...

[Additionality Assessment- Two Types of Errors](#)

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Different approaches to address additionality...

POLICY

[Gore has Obama's ear on climate change](#)

San Francisco Chronicle - 12/10/2008

Obama said his "aggressive" efforts to slash greenhouse gas emissions, invest in clean energy alternatives and boost green-collar jobs will include a wide ...

[Money and Lobbyists Hurt European Efforts to Curb Gases](#)

New York Times - 12/11/2008

Beseeched by giant utilities and smokestack industries that feared for their competitiveness, the European Union scrapped the idea of forcing industries to buy their permits, with the money going to public coffers...

[Post-2012 deal should include reform and expansion of the global carbon markets: Report](#)

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Carbon Trust report suggests strong targets to create demand for reductions; and specific support for innovation and energy efficiency...

[Countries agree on goals for new UN climate treaty](#)

The Associated Press - 12/11/2008

Delegates from nearly 190 countries agreed Wednesday on a series of goals to be included in a global warming treaty, but the U.N. conference failed to make a real commitment to reduce the amount of carbon emissions...

[Scotland Targeting 50% Renewable Energy by 2050](#)

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A 500 per cent increase in the number of wind farms is needed for Scotland to hit its target of generating 50 per cent of electricity from renewable sources by 2020, according to a...

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[EU Debates Limits on Carbon Emissions](#)

Washington Post - 12/11/2008

Ironically, Poland has reduced its carbon emissions by 32 percent over the last 20 years as aging Soviet-era industries shut down, far outpacing the...

[Concern over EU measures to manage carbon market volatility: IETA](#)

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Fear over measures aimed at managing the carbon market could limit its ability to behave rationally and to implement effective risk-management measures...

[Obama Beware: Brinkmanship Over Carbon Trading in Europe](#)

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Led by Poland and Italy, a number of European governments are resisting plans to reform the EU Emissions Trading System, begun in 2005, to make utilities...

[California Role in Climate Policy Studied](#)

Imperial Valley News - 12/7/2008

Los Angeles, California - California's adoption two years ago of AB 32, a climate change bill that provides an ambitious framework for greenhouse gas...

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[Toshiba announces carbon capture pilot plant](#)

Energy Efficiency News - 12/5/2008

Japanese conglomerate Toshiba has announced plans to install carbon capture technology at Sigma Power Ariake's Mikawa coal-fired thermal power plant in...

[UN Envoys Drop Plan to Back Carbon-Capture Projects \(Update3\)](#)

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Using carbon capture in developing countries would only serve to export to poorer nations the risk of seepage of the carbon dioxide from underground...

[The Water Factor](#)

New York Times - 12/11/2008

The process for carbon capture and storage technology is both water intensive and energy intensive. The Department of Energy has said that power plants' consumption of water would nearly double by 2030 if coal-burning power generators had to install this carbon capture technology to combat global warming...

[Carbon capture decision delayed for a year](#)

The National - 12/11/2008

The delay was not surprising, given the political opposition that has greeted carbon capture and storage (CCS) from some quarters, and the slow-moving...

[Va. Tech center heads carbon capture test project](#)

Daily Press - 12/10/2008

The Virginia Center for Coal and Energy Research at Virginia Tech is directing a \$2.4 million project to design a large-scale test of carbon sequestration...

SEQUESTRATION cont'd

[Application quantifies carbon sequestration of urban trees](#)

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US Forest Service scientists at the Center for Urban Forest Research are providing online software that can show users how much carbon dioxide an urban tree...

[Partial carbon capture could be stepping stone to full capture and storage](#)

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This will generate the technical and operating knowledge both for capture and for storage (because the carbon dioxide from these partial capture plants...

[Another Way to Skin the Carbon Cat](#)

Cleantech Blog - 12/10/2008

It appears that the Earth is endowed with massive reserves of a particular type of rock called peridotite, which seems to be able to react quickly with carbon dioxide to produce carbonates...

[Bank Funds Carbon Capture Research](#)

Harvard Crimson - 12/5/2008

Bank of America announced yesterday that it will donate \$1.2 million to the Harvard University Center for the Environment over the next three years in order to fund research into carbon capture and storage...

[Underground storage of CO2 may displace groundwater](#)

Water Technology Online - 12/4/2008

Carbon capture and underground storage provide computer modeling challenges and opportunities, with implications for groundwater quality, according to National Ground Water Association (NGWA) 2008 Henry Darcy Distinguished Lecturer Michael Celia, according to a December 3 NGWA press release...

[Monitoring carbon storage `more effective than closing power plants`](#)

Environmental Expert (press release) - 12/4/2008

Using existing technologies to monitor carbon storage in developing country landscapes could save more carbon than closing 1400 coal-burning power plants, according to new research by the World Agroforestry Centre (ICRAF)...

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GAO Unable to Verify Effectiveness of International Carbon Markets...

[Europe's first auction of carbon allowances has been held](#)

Edie.net - 12/8/2008

On Wednesday, the UK Government opened up the auction for allowances under Phase II of the cap and trade scheme, which runs from 2008 to 2012...

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[Global carbon market soars](#)

Business Report, South Africa - 12/4/2008

President-elect Obama has set a goal of reducing US emissions to 1990 levels by 2020 and by 80 percent by 2050, using a cap-and-trade system and a 10-year programme worth \$150 billion in renewable energy. The talks in Poznan, running from December 1-12, gather the 192-member UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), tasked with furthering efforts to build a new climate pact beyond 2012...

[UN defends carbon-trading scheme from US criticism](#)

Christian Science Monitor - 12/7/2008

The GAO found that the cap-and-trade scheme successfully created a working carbon market, "but its effects on emissions, the European economy, and technology..."

[Europe's carbon trading system brings windfalls for some, with little benefit to client](#)

International Herald Tribune - 12/10/2008

...the carbon trading system has created a multibillion-euro windfall for some of the continent's biggest polluters, with little or no noticeable benefit to the environment so far. The lessons learned are coming under fresh scrutiny now, both in Europe and abroad. EU leaders will meet Thursday and Friday to work on the next phase of their system, seeking, they say, both to extend its scope and correct its flaws...

[Carbon Trading Market Requires Improved Infrastructure to Curb Greenhouse Gas Emissions on a Global Scale According to Bank of New York Mellon Report](#)

International Business Times - 12/10/2008

The development of a successful global carbon trading market that delivers real and cost-efficient greenhouse gas emission reductions will require an improved market infrastructure, according to a report issued today by The Bank of New York Mellon entitled, "Towards a Common Carbon Currency: Exploring the Prospects for Integrated Global Carbon Markets."...

[VER market continues to trade at steady levels: MF Global](#)

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The secondary CER Dec 08 contract closed down €1.30 on the week at €12.70. The slump in carbon prices resulted from a crash in oil prices to a four year low at below \$40/bbl...

[Domtar Corporation joins Chicago Climate Exchange\(R\) demonstrating commitment to sustainability](#)

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Domtar has made a voluntary, legally-binding commitment to achieve an absolute greenhouse gas emission reduction of 6% below its emission levels in year 2000, by the end of 2010...

[CO2 at \\$3 per ton in 2020?](#)

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Extrapolating from prior experience with the acid rain program, the EU ETS, and RGGI, there is a distinct possibility that under the proposed plan emission...

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A congresswoman from the Capital Region became the first individual in the country to help lock away pollution rights under a multistate program to fight global warming...

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Energy Central - 12/10/2008

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[RWE Chief Says Emissions Plan May Favor Rival EDF, FT Reports](#)

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8 (Bloomberg) -- RWE AG, Germany's second-largest utility, says making power companies pay for the carbon dioxide they emit would mean the end of fair...

[Dynegy Inc. Financial Guidance Call Transcript](#)

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A final cost performance driver is the implementation of RGGI and how it will impact our overall cost of operation. Our plan assumes we will purchase the...

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