



Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

On the heels of the major tragedies in our nation's coal mines and now the BP disaster in the Gulf coast, it is time to move our country off dangerous and dirty forms of energy. Investing in clean energy will revitalize Ohio's middle-class, save consumers money and protect our environment.

Clean energy will put Ohio back on the map as a leading force in the global economy and produce thousands of jobs. Energy efficiency and renewable energy (like wind and solar) revitalize Ohio manufacturing base, reduce air and water pollution, and protect consumers from rising energy costs.



Benefits of Energy Efficiency

- Ohioans can enjoy the same quality of life and productivity at a reduced expense.
- Reduction of total energy used state-wide.
- Since Ohio gets most of its energy (nearly 90%) from coal, reducing its use means fewer health and environmentally hazardous emissions will be created.
- Ohio has a unique opportunity to revamp our economy and put our skilled labor force back to work through Energy Efficiency. These jobs include: materials manufacturers, construction, energy auditors, sheetmetal workers, HVAC technicians, engineers, roofers, and more.

Benefits of Renewable Energy

- Wind and solar are far cleaner than coal and nuclear energy sources.
- Home and small business owners can use these sources to meet their energy needs, saving them money.
- Individuals and businesses can also sell excess power to the grid or large utility.
- Ohio is uniquely positioned to use our existing manufacturing infrastructure to put thousands back to work building the components needed for wind turbines and solar panels.

Investments in energy efficiency and renewable energy help solve energy, economic, and environmental issues – all at the same time!



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