



### TAKE ACTION



#### **CURE Board Members and staff support acting on climate change.**

On June 2nd, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced a [proposed rule first-ever limits on carbon emissions](#) from existing power plants. The strength of the proposed rule depends on support and involvement from across the country, to chart a course toward a cleaner, healthier, more vital future.

The [Minnesota Environmental Partnership \(MEP\)](#) reported that "coal power plant air pollutants contribute to four of the top five sources of mortality in the U.S., including chronic lower respiratory disease, stroke, heart attack and cancer. In addition, coal is the largest of carbon pollution, overloading our atmosphere and driving climate change, which brings its own health threats to the nation and the Midwest." According to the American Lung Association, "EPA's Clean Power Plan will protect public health immediately, and in the future."

We are circulating a [petition](#) from the Center for Rural Affairs in support of the Clean Power Plan proposal. The petition will close at noon on Wednesday, November 26, just two days from now.

Today, we voice our support for strong standards that would reduce carbon pollution by 30% below 2005 levels by 2030, and protect the air and health of our communities by replacing the dirtiest power plants with clean energy and efficiency.

## FEATURED CURE BLOG POSTS



### [Thankful for our beginning farmers](#)

*Blog post by Ariel Herrod, CURE Water Program Coordinator. Photos by Sue Wika, Sustainable Farming Association (SFA).*

Thanksgiving is a time of reflection and gratitude, especially for the food that sustains us, the bounty of our soil. The work, thought, and decisions that go into farming are constantly awe-inspiring, and the impacts that these decisions have on our land and our bodies reminds us of the power that farmers have. I had an opportunity to reflect on this while I was taking the Farm Skills 101 class offered by the Sustainable Farming Association.

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## FEATURED NEWS ARTICLE



### ["Minnesotans Urge Approval of EPA's Clean Power Plan,"](#)

by John Michaelson, *Public News Service - MN.*

Organic farmer Marvin Boike from Chippewa County said he is backing it because reducing greenhouse gases is vital for the environment and economy.

## VIRTUAL TOUR



Photo by Wyatt Fraus

## Rural Climate and Energy Tour

The potential uses and benefit of renewable energy to rural communities are huge! In fact, they're already taking place as innovative people and organizations put ideas into action.

Take the tour!

### [Take the Rural Climate and Energy Tour](#)

From cost-conscious manufacturers to organic farmers, the innovative and can-do spirit of the Midwest has everyday people and their businesses addressing climate change and integrating renewable energy in the Midwest! Explore this virtual tour map to learn about some of these interesting and impactful people and efforts.

["Solar and Wind Energy Start to Win on Price vs. Conventional Fuels,"](#) by Diane Cardwell, *The New York Times*.

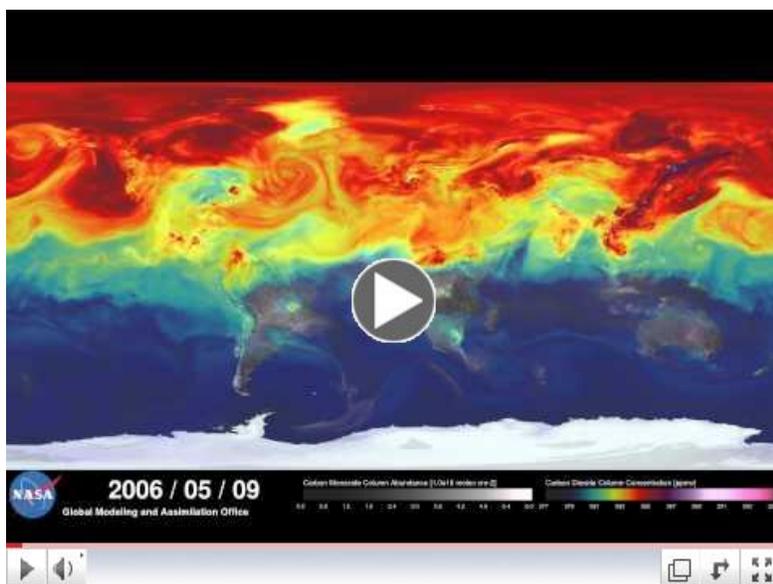
["No, it doesn't mean global warming is myth,"](#) by Chris Mooney, *Star Tribune*.

["Report: Feds must help communities adapt to climate change,"](#) by Dan Kraker, *MPR News*.

["Study: Minnesota can easily reach 10 percent solar by 2030,"](#) by Frank Jossi, *Midwest Energy News*.

["U.N. report: Promised cuts in carbon emissions not enough to prevent warming,"](#) by Joby Warrick, *Washington Post*.

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# NASA | A Year in the Life of Earth's CO2

Plumes of carbon dioxide in the simulation swirl and shift as winds disperse the greenhouse gas away from its sources. The simulation also illustrates differences in carbon dioxide levels in the northern and southern hemispheres and distinct swings in global carbon dioxide concentrations as the growth cycle of plants and trees changes with the seasons.

THANK YOU



Thank you to all who gave on Give to the Max Day

We'd like to thank those of you who helped us raise \$3,000 towards our \$15,000 goal on Give to the Max Day! We will definitely be able to purchase one new vessel and host some outdoor events in 2015. It was just the start of our Events & Adventures fundraising campaign so if you have not yet, we hope you will [consider making a donation in the near future.](#)

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