

Subject: final NRDC comment on ETAAC report

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Hi Steve,

If it's not too late to provide one more comment on the draft ETAAC report, it would be great if you could include this. Leah Fletcher, cc'ed here, will be at the ETAAC meeting tomorrow to make comments for NRDC.

NRDC also has concerns with section V. L of the draft report, which suggests developing and encouraging waste conversion technologies. Waste conversion is a blanket term covering some widely different and largely underdeveloped technologies for "converting" waste to energy. These technologies range from traditional incineration to gasification and other non-combustion technologies to anaerobic composting. We believe that many of these technologies are largely unproven and frequently compete with or undermine recycling efforts for paper and other combustible materials. According to the EPA, increasing recycling may save energy and reduce global warming emissions compared to many of these technologies. While we are open to the possibility of a specific technology developing that may help, we prefer recycling and reduction and methods to handle waste.

Thanks!

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