

excerpts from

***The 100 Day Action Plan to Save the Planet:
A Climate Crisis Solution for the 44th President***

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“After 11 months of intensive research, consultation, and writing, we released the preliminary action plan on December 4, 2007. It contained more than 300 specific proposals for federal policies, programs, executive orders, and legislation across fourteen topic areas—among them, climate policy, energy, economics, stewardship, state and local adaptation, transportation, and buildings. Among other goals, these three hundred policies were designed to achieve:

- Zero carbon buildings by 2030
- Dramatic cuts in oil use for transportation
- An economy-wide drive to improve America’s energy efficiency
- An 80 to 100 percent reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by midcentury
- An end to federal subsidies of carbon-intensive fuels
- A moratorium on new, conventional coal-fired power plants
- Carbon neutrality for the world’s biggest single energy consumer, the U.S. government
- An active and constructive role by the United States in the international effort to control greenhouse gas emissions

. . . “What we intend to demonstrate—and what I hope to convey in this book—is that global climate change will not be solved with a single bill in Congress, or with the President’s bully pulpit, or by hoping the marketplace will work its magic with no help from the federal government. The Presidential Climate Action Plan is based upon the idea that an adequate response to this most complex of problems will require every tool in the toolbox—in the White House, the Congress, state and local governments, the business sector, on Main Street, and in households across America.”

The full Presidential Climate Action Plan was delivered to President-elect Obama and his transition team shortly after the November 4th, 2008 election.