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Environment America Responds to President's State of the Union Address

Washington, DC—Tonight, President Obama delivered his State of the Union address. Environment America's Federal Global Warming Program Director Nathan Willcox issued the following statement in response:

“Tonight, President Obama talked about the importance of clean water and clean air, and the critical role that commonsense safeguards have played in protecting the nation's health. We applaud the President for his commitment to protecting these landmark programs—especially given that his leadership will be essential to defending the Clean Air Act against attacks by polluters and their allies in Congress.

“We also applaud the President's commitment to putting 1 million electric cars on the road by 2015 and to cutting subsidies to Big Oil, which will help break America's dependence on oil, create jobs and cut global warming pollution.

“President Obama's vision for clean energy is commendable, but we need to commit to truly clean energy like solar, wind and energy efficiency, which don't threaten our public health or our environment. So-called “clean coal” and nuclear power in fact, create more pollution and put our environment and our health at risk.”

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