

Dear INFORMers,

With the election less than 2 weeks away, we are dedicating this issue of INFORM's bulletin to politics and the environment. Enclosed is a quick overview of the 2 candidates' positions on several issues of critical importance to the environment. We hope that this quick look will help you "cast a vote for the environment" on November 4. May the next President have the courage to pursue innovative policies that lead the U.S. and the global economy in the direction of sustainability.

At the Intersection of Environment and Politics

Senators John McCain and Barack Obama on Environmental Issues



Be an INFORMed voter on November 4th!

Here's what you need to know about Senator Obama and McCain's environmental platforms come election day. [Read our quick facts.](#) [\[Link to full article, to be posted on website\]](#)

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Test your Eco-Knowledge!

What are biofuels?

What is Clean Coal? It sounds like an oxymoron...

What is the Cap-and-Trade System?

Anchor each question with the appropriate answer below

Biofuels: solid, liquid or gas fuel derived from recently dead biological material (such as photosynthetic plant remains and corn) as distinguished from fossil fuels, which are derived from long dead biological material. [More.](#)

Clean coal: This term refers to technologically improved forms of

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producing and burning coal while capturing and storing CO2 emissions that contribute to climate change. While touted by candidates from both parties, “clean coal” presents significant challenges. [Read more.](#)

Cap-and-Trade System: Regulatory system in which a standard for the amount of carbon dioxide emissions is set. All companies are provided with a certain percentage of allowable emissions. Those companies producing more efficiently (by lowering carbon emissions substantially) can trade (for profit) their extra carbon credits. [More.](#)

PROFILE: State Assemblyman William Colton

At the forefront of Environmental Politics



In this month’s profile, we salute William Colton, a former New York City teacher, community organizer, and presently a New York State Assemblyman who for decades has tirelessly advocated for community and environmental policies. A strong believer in INFORM through the years, he has worked for electronic waste recycling, more efficient solid waste management and the banning of plastic bags, among other things. [Read about his influence throughout Brooklyn, New York City and the New York State.](#) [\[Link to full article\]](#)

Intro 650 Is All Wrong: Civil Liberties Will Be Gone!

[Intro 650](#) is a New York City Council bill, introduced at the request of the Mayor, which aims to regulate chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear weapons detectors. The bill would give the New York City Police Department expansive powers that could limit the freedom of individuals or organizations to engage in monitoring without undue interference. Intro 650 will have a chilling effect on environmental testing. [Read more](#) and [watch the video.](#)

Making the Right Call: INFORM in the News

Quoting INFORM’s Director of Programs [Brian Ohl](#), Andrea Rodi of Boston University’s *The Daily Free Press* cites the effects of improper disposal of electronics as a huge factor in hazardous waste pollution streams throughout the world. She also highlights the detrimental effects of mining

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for new metals found in cell phones on humans as well as wildlife in foreign countries, such as canaries and gorillas. [Read article.](#)

INFORM on Planet Green

On October 8th, Discovery's new environmental channel, Planet Green, featured INFORM's work on cell phone recycling with interviews from Senior Fellow Betty Fishbein and Program Advisor Lloyd Hicks. Betty and Lloyd spoke eloquently to Discovery audiences about the need for recycling, legislation and incentives, as described in our [Secret Life of Cell Phones](#) video and our [Cell Phone Take Back Survey](#).

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