

Dirty Energy Hunt: May 15-30

Thanks for signing up to take action and show Americans how close dirty energy resources are to their own backyards.

As we've all in the last month, the cost of our addiction to dirty energy has become appallingly high. The Gulf Coast Catastrophe threatens to be the worst ecological disaster to ever occur within America's borders. Other recent events, including the Massey Energy coal mining disaster in West Virginia and the massive coal ash spill in Tennessee two winters ago, show that we are putting our immediate health and safety in jeopardy as well as the long term future of our planet by continuing our addiction to dirty fossil fuels.



From May 15-30, we'll show that every community is at risk by creating a powerful, nationwide visual statement about moving off of a dirty energy economy with the Dirty Energy Hunt. By standing in front of sources of dirty energy that currently run through our communities, we will demand that our leaders acknowledge the problem and work towards solutions. We will stand together to protect the Clean Air Act as a tool to fight dirty energy, move forward on bold comprehensive climate action, and fight to ensure that our children have a future without events like the Gulf Coast Catastrophe or the Massey disaster.

So how are we going to do it?

First, start with doing a little bit of research on the absolute most egregious sources of dirty energy in your community. For example, Dennis in Philadelphia is going to stand in front of a coal plant that was actually shut down because it had so many violations. Adam in St. Louis is going to the headquarters of a major coal company to take a photo with some interesting visuals (see details below). The main idea is to identify coal mine sites, oil drilling sites, mountaintop removal sites, coal ash sites, oil refineries, and power plants.

Here's where you can find your dirty energy site:

- View our map at www.1sky.org/dirty-energy-map to search through more than 1,300 oil refineries and coal plants across the U.S.
- To find a coal plant in your state, **visit CoalSwarm's website:** http://www.sourcewatch.org/index.php?title=Existing_U.S._Coal_Plants.
- Another site where you can find local energy sites is: <http://tonto.eia.doe.gov/state/> (The **U.S. Energy Information Administration** (EIA) is the statistical and analytical agency within the U.S. Department of Energy)
- Do a Google search for your town and energy sources, coal, or oil refineries, and see what comes up!

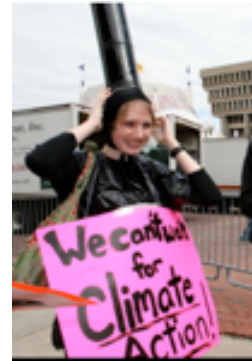
This type of action is more fun when done in teams, but can definitely be done on your own as well. Remember the most important thing is taking a photo in front of a dirty energy source and sending that photo back to us.

If you can pull together a team, have a planning meeting to research the site, figure out props and signs, and choose a date and time for your action.

When you're planning visuals, here are some ideas you can use:

- Gas Masks, Inhalers, or a pile of coal
- Signs with statistics on coal and that particular coal plant
- Wearing nurses or doctor's clothes or smokestack hats

On the designated day, show up at the site and take several photos and video footage (when possible) with all your visuals and signage demanding your leaders fight to protect you from the impact of dirty fossil fuels. Please feel free to [download our signs](#) or use your own.



This footage and photography is absolutely key, because we'll be presenting this to your congressional representatives in Washington, D.C., to show how much support there is for cracking down on dirty energy by protecting the Clean Air Act, taking comprehensive action on climate, and making sure that events like the Gulf Coast Catastrophe never happen again.

Get other organizations involved!

Local dirty energy issues affect a wide variety of stakeholders. Be sure to reach out to faith congregations, health groups, environmental justice groups, and your local Sierra Club chapters that may be already working on these particular sites.

To send in your photos:

Once you have transferred your photos to your hard drive, either

- A. Send them to us by email at info@1Sky.org
- B. Or, if you have a [Flickr](#) account:
 1. Upload the pictures you want to share with us to your Flickr account
 2. Select "add a tag" on the right side of the screen
 3. Tag your photos with both "1Sky" and "dirty energy hunt"
 4. Send us an email at info@1Sky.org to let us know to look for them.

If you don't have a flicker account you can create one at <http://www.flickr.com/>

To send in video:

Before you get ready to send 1Sky your video file make sure that it is saved to your computer's desktop or somewhere you can find it easily. Then,

1. Go to <https://www.yousendit.com/>
2. On the left side of the screen type in your email address into the "From" prompt
3. On the "To" prompt type in the "info@1sky.org" email address
4. Click on the "Select file" button
5. Select the video file on your computer you wish to send to us.
6. Once you have done all this, you will be prompted for a password. Type in any password you wish to have and re-type it to confirm it.
7. Then, click "Send It" to send us your video file.