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James DeYoung Plant



MDEQ air permit for expansion pending for 3.5 years, while regulations to control air pollution from the operation of the coal-burning plants get stricter, now including CO2 on the list of pollutants.

Holland's Energy Choices are in the News!

Holland Sentinel says:

"State review criticizes Holland power plant proposal "

[Read full article: By ANDREA GOODELL The Holland Sentinel Posted Jul 08, 2010 @ 05:30 AMHolland, MI](#)

WZZM13 TV says:

"Regulators criticize Holland's plans to expand power plant"

[See news video: Original air date: July 8, 2010](#)

**Michigan Public Service Commission Report
July 7, 2010**

MPSC will share their findings with the Michigan Dept. of Natural Resources & Environment (MDNRE) for consideration of the HBPW's request for an air permit for the planned James DeYoung coal plant expansion.

"The result is that HBPW appears to have disregarded many opportunities for viable, advantageous renewable energy resources technologies to contribute more significantly to meeting HBPW customers' future energy needs." (p.58...see full MPSC report)

[Excerpts from the MPSC Report by Sara Leeland](#)

MPSC Staff reports these findings regarding the HBPW Electric Generation Alternatives Analysis (EGAA):

- Fails to show need for the JDY expansion based on load demands
- Does not include enough planning for use of alternative energy sources
- Does not demonstrate the necessary transparency to support their "modeling assumptions", which is of serious concern
- Underestimates the potential energy savings from implementing energy efficiency measures
- Inadequately explores renewable energy resources, over-estimating costs
 - 'Cost of wind and solar technologies steadily decreasing over the past two decades', (while cost of coal goes up).
- Could buy more power from outside sources for load management

About Us

WEST Says YES

to ideas for energy efficiency, conservation, sustainability, and significant lowering of energy production, making a difference locally with seven future generations in mind.

Summer Meeting Schedule

WEST planning meeting at
BTF Solar Showroom
486 B Century Lane
(behind front office building).

Tuesday, July 20th. at 7pm.

Tuesday, Aug. 24th. at 7pm.

Co-chairs: Don Triezenberg
and Sara Leeland
Treasurer: Russ Packard
Founders: Marty Dugan & John
Fulenwider
www.westmichiganenergy.org

BTF Solar



Join us for the WEST planning meeting convening at:

BTF Solar Showroom
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(behind front office building).

~~Tuesday, July 20th. at 7pm.~~

Tuesday, July 27th at 7pm

All welcome - bring your own chair
Come early to see the solar products on display, and the meter run backwards. Yes! Solar energy collection works in West Michigan!

Henry Pollack Coming to Holland

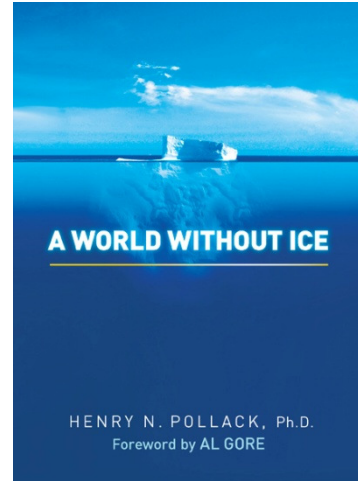
Holland District Library
Presents Meet the Author:

Henry Pollack, PhD.

**Meet Nobel Peace Prize Winner
and Author of *A World Without
Ice***

Saturday, July 17, 2010
10:30 AM

Herrick District Library Auditorium
300 S. River Ave., Holland, MI
www.herrickdl.org



A World Without Ice offers lucid insight into why ice matters, and how we humans are dramatically changing this critical component of our global environment.

Offshore Wind - Community Meeting -Eberhard Center - GVSU Campus



**Tuesday, July 20:
Eberhard Center, GVSU, Grand Rapids MI**

The Michigan Great Lakes Wind Council is hosting a series of meetings to get input from the public on its recommendations related to offshore wind energy development.

[GVSU Campus information](#)

[More information and downloads](#)

[Meeting Agenda](#)

****Take Action NOW****

[E-MAIL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE](#) AND
[E-MAIL CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS](#)

*Ask that a sustainable energy plan be adopted and be
in place BEFORE any decision is made about a new power plant*