

North Dakota's Clean Economy Profile

- North Dakota has **7,146** jobs in the clean economy.
- Each clean economy job in North Dakota produces over **\$61,299** in exports.
- North Dakotans working in clean economy jobs earn over **\$3,500** more than the average North Dakota worker.¹
- As a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, former Senator Dorgan secured funds to commit the government to obtaining 5% of its energy needs from wind resources by 2010. Referring to this achievement, he told North Dakotans, "The development of wind energy is a valuable and viable path toward greater energy independence. The federal government clearly stated its intention to lead the way. We must now lead the way with actions."²



Fastest Growing Clean Economy Sectors

Segment	Annual Average Job Change 2003-2010 (%) ³
Wind	+27.9%
Biofuels/Biomass	+19.8%
Remediation	+19.1%
Energy-saving Building Materials	+7.9%
Conservation	+7.8%

Key Votes for ND's Environment

Rep. Berg has earned a **6% lifetime score** on LCV's National Environmental Scorecard.

- **Oil Subsidies**
 - Rep. Berg repeatedly voted for taxpayer-funded subsidies for large oil companies. [HJRes44, [House Vote 153](#), 3/1/11; HRes245, [House Vote 293](#), 5/5/11]
 - Rep. Berg supported Paul Ryan's destructive 2013 budget plan, which would protect \$40 billion in tax incentives and loopholes for the oil industry. [HCR112, [House Vote 151](#), 3/29/12]
 - Rep. Berg supported a massive giveaway to Big Oil in voting for H.R. 3408. This bill irresponsibly increases our dangerous dependence on oil and threatens our nation's special places and coasts. It also included an "oil shale boondoggle" giving away America's public lands and mandates leasing in return for no expected taxpayer revenue as oil companies attempt a drilling process for oil shale that is not even commercially viable. [[H.R. 3408](#), [House Vote 71](#), 2/16/12]

¹ Mark Muro, Jonathan Rothwell, and Devshree Saha, "Sizing the Clean Economy," prepared for The Brookings Institution, 2011. p. 50. http://www.brookings.edu/~media/Files/Programs/Metro/clean_economy/0713_clean_economy.pdf

² "DORGAN ANNOUNCES NEW WIND ENERGY PROJECTS, SAYS NORTH DAKOTA AIR FORCE BASES WILL SOON PURCHASE LOCALLY-GENERATED WIND POWER." Central Power, 28 Mar. 2008. Web. 13 June 2012. <http://www.centralpwr.com/DorganPressrelease.htm>.

^{3 3} Ibid., p. 50.

- Rep. Berg voted against an amendment that would fix an error that allows oil companies to avoid paying royalties while drilling off our nation's coasts. The amendment would recoup over \$53 billion in taxpayer dollars. [HR1, [House Vote 109](#), 2/18/11]
- **Clean Energy Investments**
 - Rep. Berg supported the drastic Cut, Cap and Balance budget plan which would cap federal spending at 18% of GDP-leading to a 70% decrease in clean energy funding. [HR2560, [House Vote 606](#), 7/19/11]
 - Rep. Berg supported Paul Ryan's destructive 2013 budget plan, which would drastically cut funding for clean energy research, development and commercialization. The Ryan plan would cut \$3 billion in clean energy funding in 2013, and invest far less in clean energy programs over the next five years combined than is being invested in 2012 alone. [HCR112, [House Vote 151](#), 3/29/12]
 - Rep. Berg voted for the 2011 Continuing Resolution, which would cut funding by \$1.1 billion (almost half of previous levels) for energy efficiency and renewable energy programs. [HR1, [House Vote 147](#), 2/19/11]
- **EPA: Public Health Protections for Our Air and Water**
 - Rep. Berg voted for the TRAIN Act, the single biggest assault on the Clean Air Act in its forty year history. It guts the public health underpinning of the Clean Air Act and blocks two key clean air rules that reduce harmful pollution from power plants, meaning tens of thousands of lives lost each year and over 200,000 asthma attacks each year. [HR2401, [House Vote 741](#), 9/23/11]
 - Rep. Berg voted for legislation to dismantle the Clean Water Act, allowing polluters to contaminate our drinking water, oceans and rivers. The bill takes away EPA's authority to enforce rules or update state water quality standards. [HR2018, [House Vote 573](#), 7/13/11]
 - Rep. Berg voted to block rules limiting toxic air pollution from cement plants, the nation's 2nd largest source of mercury emissions. He also voted against reducing toxic pollution from boilers and incinerators, the nation's 3rd largest source of mercury emissions. [HR 2681, [House Vote 764](#), 10/6/11; HR2250, [House Vote 791](#), 10/13/11]
 - Rep. Berg voted for the 2011 Continuing Resolution, which would cut the EPA's funding by almost one-third, or \$3 billion. [HR1, [House Vote 147](#), 2/19/11]
 - Rep. Berg voted for an amendment blocking the EPA from protecting streams from mountaintop removal coal mining. [HR1, [House Vote 129](#), 2/19/11]
- **Land Conservation**
 - Rep. Berg voted for an amendment to decrease funding for land conservation (LWCF) by 90%. [HR1, [House Vote 61](#), 2/16/11]

