



SANTA'S NAUGHTY AND NICE LIST

Thursday, November 15, 2007
Days left for passage of EIS: 27

Dear Boys and Girls,

Santa is very sad that there hasn't been any more movement for passage of the Energy Independence Strategy, and some very naughty children aren't helping. Those **bad boys and girls at the [American Petroleum Institute](#)**, which now calls itself just API (are they trying to hide something? Hmm), are trying to stop the PennSecurity Fuels Initiative from passing. Santa thinks he knows why – he was taking the reindeer out for a trial run in Lititz the other day, and he saw this sign:



If Santa's sleigh weren't reindeer-powered, I know where we'd fill up – and I'd want all of Pennsylvania's good little girls and boys to be able to cut their energy costs, too, and buy energy that was made in Pennsylvania.



But the American Petroleum Institute is **very, very naughty**. As President Bush said, "America is addicted to oil." That is bad for America but good business for the oil industry. America consumes more oil every day than any other country. And some of that oil inevitably gets spilled. Oil is making many creatures sick, killing some, and really hurting the planet. Last week, 58,000 gallons of toxic bunker fuel spilled from a container ship into San Francisco Bay in 30 minutes, killing thousands of birds, closing beaches, destroying both commercial and recreational fishing and creating a real mess. This week, a single hull tanker ship broke apart in very heavy weather near the Black Sea. That dumped 560,000 gallons of fuel oil, killing birds and fish and destroying the environment for years to come. Fighting biofuels helps to keep America addicted to oil and all of its dangers. API is now at the top of the naughty list.

Santa is very happy that there are **so many good boys and girls in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives**, many of whom joined him yesterday in announcing the plan to pass the Energy Independence Strategy **before anyone gets a holiday break**. The main sponsors of the EIS legislation — **Robert Freeman** (D-Northampton), **Eugene DePasquale** (D-York), and **Carole Rubley** (R-Chester, Montgomery), appearing at the request of **Chris Ross** (R-Chester), all were there. (One of the sponsors, **Michael Gerber** (D-Montgomery), had to meet with the leadership, but he wanted to be there.)



But a whole lot of good girls and boys who are supporting the energy plan were there too, including **Camille (Bud) George** (D – Clearfield), Chair of the House Environmental Resources and Energy Committee, **Joe Preston** (D-Allegheny), Chair of the House Consumer Affairs Committee, **Greg Vitali** (D-Delaware), **Kate Harper** (R-Montgomery), **Bryan Lentz** (D-Delaware), **Jan Moyer** (R-Montgomery), **Patrick Harkins** (D-Erie), **John Payne** (R-Dauphin), **John Hornaman** (D-Erie), **Marguerite Quinn** (R-Bucks), **Chris King** (D-Bucks), **Mike Vereb** (R-Montgomery), **Daylin Leach** (D-Montgomery), **Tony Payton** (D-Philadelphia), and **Rick Taylor** (D-Montgomery). Another good boy who is on the nice list, **Jake Wheatley** (D-Allegheny), couldn't be there because he was chairing the Renewable Energy Caucus meeting (Santa really likes that!), but that scamp, **Katie McGinty** (DEP) unexpectedly showed up, displaying her smiling support.

If you think you should be on the nice list, send Santa an email – Santa@PennFuture.org. And remember, I'm a 21st Century Santa; you can hear my podcast at www.pennfuturepodcast.org. Look for another list tomorrow!

Love, Santa (D&R-North Pole)