

Happy Holidays from [Green Light Group](#)!

In 2012, people and businesses began to more fully appreciate the stark implications of a changing climate, scientific evidence indicated that environmental trends were getting worse, and political processes remained troublingly polarized and deadlocked. Within that context, the dire need for enhanced leadership from businesses, philanthropic foundations, and non-profit groups became clearer than ever – and [Green Light](#) sought to spur and support such leadership over the past year with research, analysis, writing, and strategic guidance. Working both independently and in conjunction with [David Gardiner & Associates](#), some of [Green Light](#)'s major activities this year included:

- Producing a [guide](#) (released by Oxfam America, Calvert Investments, and Ceres) for companies and investors on disclosing and managing **physical risks from climate change**, focused on seven sectors: agriculture, food, & beverage; apparel; electric power; insurance; mining; oil & gas; and tourism.
- Serving as rapporteur for the Aspen Institute's [Clean Energy Roundtable](#) in Aspen, CO.
- Helping advise the Edwards Mother Earth Foundation on its **state-level energy efficiency** grants, including monitoring grantee progress and helping to organize a forum for its grantees.
- Producing a [white paper](#) for Ceres about **investor risks from oil shale** development, and presenting on the paper at a Congressional staff briefing.
- Advising Climate Law & Policy Project on how best to hone and present a **new domestic climate change policy strategy** known as Climate Emission Reduction Targets (CERTs), including helping to craft an overview paper and meeting with thought leaders.
- Helping Ceres prepare the [final report](#) on the 2012 **Investor Summit on Climate Risk and Energy Solutions** held at the United Nations HQ.
- Helping research, write, and present to the press NRDC's sixth annual [report ranking states' gasoline price vulnerability and solutions to reduce oil dependence](#).
- Co-authoring a [report](#) with Ceres analyzing the **disclosures of major oil & gas companies** to the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) regarding climate risk and deepwater drilling risk.
- Helping the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) prepare a [white paper](#) reviewing how **transit agencies have been on the cutting edge** of adopting clean technologies and fuels, as well as a forthcoming white paper reviewing the impacts of extreme weather events on public transit agencies.
- Researching the **impacts of global air, water, biodiversity, and other environmental trends on ten business sectors** for the UN Environment Programme and SustainAbility, and drafting a report to be released in 2013.
- Interviewing experts on behalf of the Energy Foundation and other foundations to identify **what is needed to significantly scale up energy efficiency retrofits in commercial buildings**, and drafting a report to be released in 2013.

[Green Light](#) looks forward to helping its clients continue these efforts in the year ahead. As always, if [Green Light](#) can be of service to you in your work, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

With best wishes for a very happy holiday season,



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