

Discussion: Week 2.

### Evaluating green actions

- (1) What green actions were mentioned in reading? Are they effective? Would they be useful in meeting Kyoto Protocol greenhouse gas emission reduction requirements? (and Why? How?)
- (2) What other types of green actions could you as an individual pursue?
- (3) What would happen if everyone in the US followed these activities? (e.g. planting trees to compensate for carbon emissions; running cars on used cooking oil)  
[n.b. Sustainability International sells carbon credits (via a Swiss nonprofit, MyClimate) that don't include tree planting, because they doubt the science behind tree planting; their actions are focused more on sustainable development---weatherizing housing for people who can't afford it, installing solar hot water heaters to replace diesel systems in developing countries, etc.; even these actions are presumably finite in number---eventually all the low-hanging fruit will have been picked]
- (4) How can we set regulations that encourage specific actions that are environmentally positive, without over-legislating?
- (5) What criteria should we seek in “green actions”, whether individual, government-regulated, or business?