

August 12, 2022, RAWSEP news paraphrased

The U.S. Midwest

Kentucky

[Prescribed burn agreement between county, BG formalized | News | sent-trib.com](#)

Sentinel-Tribune

The Friends of the **Wood** County Parks is going to be offering \$200 in prizes for the Heritage Farm Fest scarecrow contest. Board member Dennis Parish ...

RAWSEP View: In Bowling Green, Kentucky, a prescribed burn was formalized between Bowling Green and the County.

Ohio

[Clinton County polluter, called 'environmental terrorist,' is sentenced to prison - Yahoo News](#)

Yahoo News

A Clinton County man called an “environmental terrorist” by a judge is on his way to prison for illegally **burning wood** paneling, drywall, ...

[Ohio 'environmental terrorist' gets 2 years in prison for illegal burnings | WANE 15](#)

WANE 15

Jason Wallace, 46, was found guilty in July of two counts of illegal open **burning** of solid waste after being caught **burning wood** paneling, ...

['Oblivious' Clinton County Polluter Sentenced to 2 Years in Prison - Ohio Attorney General](#)

Ohio Attorney General

(COLUMBUS, Ohio) — A Clinton County “environmental terrorist” who created significant public hazards by illegally **burning wood** paneling, drywall, ...

[Clinton County polluter, called 'environmental terrorist,' is sentenced to prison - WHIO-TV](#)

WHIO-TV

... to prison for illegally **burning wood** paneling, drywall, processed **wood**, ... He was found guilty on two counts of illegal open **burning** of solid ...

RAWSEP View: On September 30, 2020, in Wilmington, Delaware, the man was found burning numerous solid wastes by firefighters. The man claimed he was burning wood to clean up the property. A firefighter reported seeing wood paneling, drywall, processed wood, plywood, cardboard, plastic, a nylon bag and a hairbrush in the fire, and a charred wheel rim nearby. The firefighter testified in the first trial that Wallace had been warned previously not to open-burn solid wastes yet ignored the warnings. In February 2021 the man was again found burning plastic containers, soda cans and bottles. The man’s “history of poor decision-making” and “lengthy and significant criminal history” were cited by the judge as reasons for his prison sentence. The judge found the “defendant to be an environmental terrorist completely oblivious to the harm his misconduct causes to the community and his neighbors,” “The defendant shows no remorse” the judge wrote. The Ohio Attorney General commented “Some people just won’t learn that if you play with fire, you are bound to get burned,” and “I appreciate the help of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency in halting this illegal activity.”

RAWSEP View:

2.The U.S. Northeast

New York State

[Monroe County parks to get millions in upgrades - WHAM](#)

WHAM

... adding pickleball courts at Mendon Ponds and Black Creek, replacing **wood burning** stoves in park lodges, and constructing a synthetic ice rink, ...

RAWSEP View: In Monroe County, New York, what are they replacing wood burning stoves within park lodges? The cleaner possibilities are using the bridge fossil Fuel natural gas for a natural gas furnace or heat pump with natural gas insert. Or, since these are lodges presumably on large lots, solar panels or small wind turbines for heating energy generation?

3.The U.S. West Coast

4.Canada

5.Australia

6.New Zealand

7.The U.K.

[Burning imported wood in Drax power plant 'doesn't make sense', says Kwarteng | Biofuels](#)

The Guardian

Scientists and campaigners have long argued that **burning wood** to produce electricity is far from green and can even increase the CO₂ emissions driving .

RAWSEP View: Wood burning's adverse health effects from PM 2.5 particulate emissions is not mentioned in this article. The concept that biomass burning is NOT carbon neutral was discussed at this meeting "One MP at the meeting told Kwarteng: "It can take 100 years to grow a tree but 100 seconds to combust it. So, unless we actually have a measure of how much CO₂ is being released in the same period of time as is being sequestered by new growth, it seems to me ludicrous to say that this is carbon neutral." Summary of the article: Importing of wood to burn in U.K. Drax power station "is not sustainable" and "doesn't make any sense", the U.K. business and energy secretary, Kwasi Kwarteng, told a private meeting of MPs this week. The burning of biomass to produce energy has **received £5.6bn in subsidies** over the last decade. Scientists and campaigners have long argued that burning wood to produce electricity is far from green and can even increase the CO₂ emissions driving the climate crisis. *The (U.K.) Guardian obtained a recording of the meeting.* Kwarteng added: "I can well see a point where we just draw the line and say: This isn't working, this doesn't help carbon emission reduction, that's it – we should end it. All I'm saying is that we haven't quite reached that point yet." Drax's share price fell 10% in early trading on Wednesday, wiping about £280m off the value of the company. The European Academies Science Advisory Council said last year that burning wood in power stations was "**not effective in mitigating climate change** and may even increase the risk of dangerous climate change". Environmental campaigners also say harvesting the wood damages forests.

<https://uk.news.yahoo.com/burning-imported-wood-drax-power-112334451.html>

8.Germany in the European Union, and Europe

Poland

[Coal-rich Poland faces winter of energy discontent | Business | DW | 11.08.2022 - DW](#)

DW

Barbara Walesa from Deblin in Poland in front of her coal-fired oven ... Some households will probably also **burn** more **wood**," Derski said, ...

RAWSEP View: In Poland, coal, and even wood will be turned to, instead of cleaner fuels. Could U.S. plans to export natural gas, financed by the Inflation Reduction Act, help the U.S. supply natural gas to Poland? In Poland, a retired couple who lives in the small town of Deblin, 100 kilometers (60 miles) south of Warsaw, have recently shifted to natural gas as their main fuel source for heating. They use coal only as a top-up reserve when they need it. "It's up to about 2,500 zlotys (\$549.25, €549.25) for coal, about four times higher than last year," the wife told Deutsche Welle (DW), Germany's international broadcaster. "We are probably OK, but some won't be when it gets cold." "If the winter is frosty, the amount of garbage incinerated in homes will probably increase. Some households will probably also burn

more wood," a representative from the Polish energy publication Wysokie Napiecie told DW. To help Poland's more than 38 million population during the coming winter, the government in Warsaw is planning to offer households a one-off payment of 3,000 zlotys (\$659.10, €642.30). Coupled with other relief measures, the package is estimated to cost a total of 23 billion zlotys (\$5.053 billion, €5.053 billion). With wholesale prices now over 2,000 zlotys (\$430, €420) per ton for coal, plus transport and distribution costs, many Polish users are expected to fall into energy poverty when the winter arrives, meaning they can no longer pay their heating bills. At risk are those on the lowest incomes.

After banning imports of Russian coal in April, Europe's largest coal producer, Poland, is now suffering a shortage. As prices of coal soar, Warsaw is scrambling to find emergency solutions that could speed up its coal phaseout. Poland is coal rich, but Poland "used Russian coal because it was cheaper. Polish coal is very expensive to mine, because it is buried very deep," a spokesperson for environmental group Polish Smog Alert, said. A spokesperson for Forum Energii said Russian coal is of higher quality, containing less sulphur. Poland, finally and reluctantly, agreed to [phase out coal](#) in order to meet the EU's carbon emissions targets. In November 2021, [Poland also made a pledge to the COP26 Climate Conference in Glasgow to exit coal](#). The government plans to give end-users a one-off cash subsidy and is ordering state-owned coal companies Weglokoks and PGE Paliw to co-finance cheaper coal for Poland's poorest.

9.Nigeria in Africa

10.India in Asia

10.5 Research Papers and Technology

11.The Future