

Webisode 57DHYAFZZFLA March 4 2026 The UK Drax plant will stop burning controversial Canadian wood

The UK Drax power plant will stop importing and burning controversial Canadian wood
What makes the imported wood controversial is that it is old growth wood
Also the Canadian government put tariffs on its imports to the UK of wood
Drax will replace Canadian imports beginning in 2027 with United States wood
Drax may continue to produce wood pellets in Canada but these will be exported to third-party buyers, primarily in Asia. Drax also suggests carbon captured will work to reduce emissions of Carbon Dioxide and PM 2 point 5 during plant work
But after decades of experimentation and funding Carbon Capture does not work
Drax said its Canadian pellet plants caused impairment and face a challenging outlook
Deciding that after 2027 that Drax would burn only wood pellets from the US! Sigh!
Despite the write down, Drax shares soared to give the company 20-year highs a market value of about 3 billion pounds after it reported better than expected full-year earnings of 947 million pounds for 2025 and raised shareholder dividends by 11 point 5 percent. The UK government the Drax subsidies curtailed by offering a new contract covering the period of 2027 to 2031 that will entail a limited amount of biomass generation at a set price. Drax has proposed plans to generate extra electricity for AI data centers built on its North Yorkshire expanse. A subsidy extension from 2027 to 2031 was originally proposed as a “bridging mechanism” before Drax began earning subsidies from its plan to fix carbon capturing technology to the plant. Drax said it would pause to develop the project in the near to medium term owing to a lack of government certainty. Drax is reported to impair 48 million pounds from the decision. Drax limping along with 947 million pounds from 2025. Drax will not get UK funds to continue developing unworkable Carbon Capture jive
So does this have anything at all to do with curtailing air pollution?
Drax is making its wood pellets import partner the United States nation
Drax will continue to burn young trees not old growth forests. The PM 2 point 5 is the same
From young tree burning as from old tree burning. The health effects of PM 2 point 5 are the same
The Carbon Dioxide from young tree burning is the same as from old tree burning. The same
Pollution will be happening. Carbon Capture does not work. The UK subsidies to the Drax game
Could be better spent on developing more Wind Solar and Geothermal. Drax from 2027
To 2031 will continue to rake in the money and the people of the UK and eventually even
The world will continue the march toward Climate change and unnecessary illnesses
And early deaths. Artificial Intelligence will be used as an excuse to burn and amass
More profits for Drax and more dirty energy on the UK power grid into the near future.
The BBC 2022 documentary decrying burning old growth forests won but pollution endures.
A report from November 2025 finds that a single carbon removal project planned for
Drax Power Plant could cost 30 billion pounds in subsidies, more than the entire
UK budget set aside for carbon capture, use and storage. Drax already receives 744
Million pounds per year in subsidies for burning biomass on average, which for
Now until 2031 will continue, although subsidies will reduce from 2027. If bioenergy
with carbon capture and storage (BECCS) is built at Drax, the plant would continually
receive subsidies for burning woody biomass for power generation alongside additional
subsidies for carbon removal. These removals are far from guaranteed, given eventual
lengthy timeline and unclear efficacy of sequestering carbon by replanting. It takes
decades for a newly planted tree to attain the stature to be a large carbon dioxide rake.
Drax is the UK’s largest emitter, since burning woody biomass emits more carbon than coal.

Drax has also drawn controversy by allegedly sourcing feedstock from forest majestic in North America. Wasting time and money on carbon removal tech at Drax is a risky business, The UK Carbon Capture tech that may never deliver. The clock is ticking on cutting emissions. Just do not burn wood to begin with. Put your money on clean energy and an electric phalanx that extends to all rural areas and subsidize heat pumps for homes instead of handouts to Drax.