

## Example Op-Eds for Clean Local Energy

*Focused on renewable energy and the power system, the following op-eds outline the various benefits of a cost-effective transition to clean local energy. These op-eds discuss successful CLEAN Programs and the power of clean local energy to enhance grid reliability and efficiency within local communities.*

### **1) It's Time to Invest in a 21st-century Power System (Renewable Energy World), 5/30/2013**

Renewables have been proven to be reliable. This op-ed highlights how countries like Denmark and Germany have significant levels of renewables and world-leading grid reliability.

Link: <http://www.renewableenergyworld.com/rea/blog/post/2013/05/its-time-to-invest-in-a-21st-century-power-system>

### **2) Keeping Iowa's Energy Dollars In-State (Midwest Energy News), 4/2/2013**

CLEAN Programs provide significant in-state economic benefits. Implementing a CLEAN Program would create a new revenue stream for Iowans farmers while enhancing energy security.

Link: <http://www.midwestenergynews.com/2013/04/09/commentary-keep-iowas-energy-dollars-in-state/>

### **3) Fostering Energy Competition Through Municipalization (Daily Camera), 3/3/2013**

Boulder is in the midst of pursuing municipalization of its electric utility service. This op-ed details the most compelling reasons why municipalization – instead of continuing its relationship with Xcel, an investor-owned utility – may be the better choice for Boulder to deploy renewables and protect ratepayers from volatile fossil fuel prices.

Link: [http://www.dailycamera.com/guest-opinions/ci\\_22699556/guest-opinion-fostering-competition-through-municipalization](http://www.dailycamera.com/guest-opinions/ci_22699556/guest-opinion-fostering-competition-through-municipalization)

### **4) An Energy Lesson from Ontario (Huffington Post), 2/13/2013**

The province of Ontario – which consumes as much power as a large U.S. state – implemented a CLEAN Program to phase out coal. This successful transition from coal to renewables provides relevant lessons for the U.S.

Link: [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/craig-lewis/energy-lesson-from-ontario\\_b\\_2672366.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/craig-lewis/energy-lesson-from-ontario_b_2672366.html)

**5) Distributed Generation - A Key Piece of the Energy Puzzle (Huffington Post), 10/23/2013**

The role of distributed generation (DG) in the global renewable energy market is rapidly growing. Streamlining DG in the United States, which boasts significantly stronger renewable resources than Germany, will put the nation on a path towards lasting energy independence.

Link: [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/craig-lewis/distributed-generation-a-\\_b\\_2006180.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/craig-lewis/distributed-generation-a-_b_2006180.html)

**6) Solving California's Nuclear Dilemma (Huffington Post), 9/13/2012**

State policymakers have an opportunity to significantly expand the use of distributed renewable energy resources to offset the lost generation capacity caused by the shutdown of southern California's San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station.

Link: [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/craig-lewis/solving-californias-nucle\\_b\\_1881859.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/craig-lewis/solving-californias-nucle_b_1881859.html)

**7) Every Community Should Get “Clean” (Metering International), 12/29/2011**

CLEAN Programs have emerged as the premier policy mechanism for deploying vast amounts of cost-effective renewable energy while delivering economic benefits to the areas that adopt them.

Link: [http://www.clean-coalition.org/site/wp-content/uploads/2012/12/Dec2011\\_Metering\\_International.pdf](http://www.clean-coalition.org/site/wp-content/uploads/2012/12/Dec2011_Metering_International.pdf)