



ALL SAINTS PARISH

Environmental Stewardship

Why Green Electricity?



Most of today's electricity in Massachusetts comes from coal, oil, and natural gas power plants. These power plants are typically loud, dirty, and often use obsolete technology. Even under the best of circumstances, "clean" is relative. In any event, coal, oil and gas are not renewable sources.

Most importantly, "clean" for electricity generation means that the environment is not polluted in creating the electricity. "Dirty" (coal, oil, natural gas) means pollution, with the most significant impact being health consequences for those "downwind" from the plant. The neighborhoods most often impacted are those whose residents low-income persons of color. Currently in Massachusetts "dirty" electricity is about 80% of the total, nuclear about 12% and "clean" the remaining 8%.

When you, your friends, your employer and ASP buy "clean" electricity, you are requiring that the supplier purchase the kWh you buy from a clean electricity provider. Think of the electricity grid as a swimming pool. The pool can have dirty water or clean water. When you buy "clean" electricity, you are ensuring that the pool gets cleaner, making our "swim" that much healthier. The more of us you buy "clean" electricity, the cleaner the pool. And as with other economic activities, demand gets attention.

At home you can buy clean electricity from NSTAR by simply checking off this choice on your bill, or calling NSTAR at 800-592-2000.



America's Biggest Polluters

Carbon Dioxide Emissions
from Power Plants in 2007

