



# Advocacy Update

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## **Sustainable Consumption and Production**

“Sustainable Consumption and Production: Learning to Live Together,” adopted by WRJ’s 48th assembly, urges us to work towards a sustainable economy by supporting governmental and business policy changes based on innovative solutions developed through scientific and other sound research. Concern about the impact of climate change on availability of essential resources such as food and water is powerfully expressed in the scientific community and by development analysts.

*The New York Times* wrote about one such report in its April 7, 2012 editorial, “Sustainably Feeding a Changing World.” Noting that this issue is “one of the biggest challenges facing this planet,” the editorial states that the new report clarifies this complex problem and indicates that changes in how we grow, distribute and consume food need to be made soon. [Read the editorial and the report, "Achieving Food Security in the Face of Climate Change,"](#) and share them with your sisterhood members. Refer to the March 28th Social Justice e-mail for sustainability project ideas to implement in your community.

### **And you can take important advocacy action right now...**

Environmental advocacy organizations have informed us that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued draft standards on March 27th to limit carbon pollution from new power plants under the Clean Air Act. The Carbon pollution emitted by power plants increases global warming and endangers our health and environment.

The new standards are regrettably facing attack. Some energy companies are pressuring the administration not to adopt the standards and legislation to block or delay them has been introduced in Congress.

[Click here](#) to support the draft standards and urge the EPA to adopt its historic national clean air standards to limit carbon pollution from new coal and gas-fired power plants.

### **Take action now!**

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