

KEEP TAR SANDS OUT OF EUROPE



Tar sands are the most climate hostile energy source in commercial production today. Producing oil from tar sands emits on average 3 times more greenhouse gases (GHGs) than conventional oil production.

Tar sands exploitation also destroys pristine boreal forest and peatlands, produces huge quantities of toxic waste, pollutes air and water, devastates local wildlife and threatens the traditional livelihoods of indigenous communities.

The EU proposal for limiting the GHG emissions of transport fuels - Article 7a of the Fuel Quality Directive - sets a legally binding 6% reduction target. However, the current proposal for its implementation risks undermining the whole purpose of this legislation. It does not give any carbon penalty to oil products from high carbon sources, treating oil produced from tar sands like conventional oil sources.

We urge European decision makers to show global climate leadership by ensuring that the Fuel Quality Directive takes into account the real carbon footprint of tar sands.

Join the Debate: **Tar sands - undermining EU climate ambitions?** In the European Parliament, 5th May 2010, 09.30-12:30, Room: P4B001 and let your voice be heard. Registration via: www.foeeurope.org