INDIGENOUS ENVIRONMENTAL NETWORK

Carbon Markets’ & Geo-Engineering’s Big Sky Lie

Net-Zero Emissions INCREASES Pollution
Compounds Climate Chaos

**NET-ZERO emissions is NOT ZERO emissions**

She can do the math. Can you? Net-zero emissions is the new buzzword to cover up the climate fraud of corporations, governments and the United Nations’ Paris Agreement. Net-zero emissions sounds like it cuts emissions to zero but it does not. Net-zero emissions pretends to “remove” pollution with false solutions to climate change to justify polluting more. Net-zero emissions does not reduce pollution, it increases pollution. Net-zero is NOT Zero.

**Oil Giants claim Net-Zero Emissions**

Shell, BP, Exxon-Mobil and other oil giants all claim to be moving towards net-zero emissions so they can increase drilling and burning fossil fuels and wash their hands of their responsibility for the climate crisis. These climate criminals pretend they can cut their pollution with carbon markets and carbon pricing, which has allowed pollution to increase. They also pretend to “remove” their pollution with carbon offsets, Carbon Capture, Use and Storage (CCUS), fracking and other bogus techno-scams like geo-engineering. Supposedly, these dangerous false solutions turn the oil industries’ emissions into nothing. But we are not fooled.

For example, Italian oil company Eni Agip infamous for its environmental racism in the Amazon and Nigeria, has pledged to reach net-zero carbon emissions for its operations by 2030, despite announcing plans to increase oil and gas production by 14% in the next four years. Eni says it is going to achieve net-zero emissions by grabbing a chunk of Africa the size of the State of South Carolina and planting trees. Families will be at risk of getting kicked off their land and going hungry, so that Eni can drill and burn more fossil fuels and pretend that 19 million acres of trees is going to absorb the resulting pollution. This is quintessential carbon colonialism and must be stopped.

**net-zero emissions = more pollution + land grabs**

**Net-Zero Emissions is the Goal of Green New Deal**

The Green New Deal sounds like an environmental, innovative bargain. But, unfortunately, the Green New Deal is the same Dirty Old Steal. According to House Resolution 109, the goal of the Green New Deal is “to achieve net-zero greenhouse gas emissions.” The so-called Green New Deal is not like the New Deal designed to create jobs during the Great Depression. In fact, the term “Green New Deal” comes from the 2009 United Nations report called “A Global Green New Deal” for the Green Economy Initiative. The Green Economy is the next phase of capitalism based on profits from privatizing Nature.
The Green Economy includes conservation and biodiversity offsets as well as carbon markets, carbon pricing and carbon tax, which buy and sell the air that we breathe.

**Indigenous Environmental Network’s Position on Net-Zero Emissions**

The primary goal of most Green New Deal (GND) statements is to “achieve net-zero greenhouse gas emissions”. We reject net-zero emissions language (as well as carbon neutral and zero-carbon) because it implies the use of carbon accounting that includes various types of carbon pricing systems, offsets and/or payment for environmental services (PES). The use of this language opens up space and opportunity for fossil fuel industries to continue the business-as-usual practices of extraction, transport and combustion. In addition, the industry’s most responsible for climate change – fossil fuel industries – obtain more profits through the use of market mechanisms built into carbon pricing systems that include offsets and PES. This language is the opposite of what we have been demanding. It appears that the policymakers who use this language are failing to listen to us. First and foremost, if we are to stop climate change, we must create a plan to keep fossil fuels in the ground that includes cutting off subsidies and tax breaks.

Furthermore, net-zero emissions and carbon neutrality inherently imply that the reduction of carbon and other greenhouse gases (GHG) emissions can be met through carbon market systems and other techno-fixes. Even though IEN acknowledges the many find points of the AOC-Markley resolution, it includes financing for green infrastructure which is undefined in the document. Geoengineering technologies such as Carbon Capture Sequestration (CCS), Carbon Capture Use and Storage (CCUS) and Bioenergy with Carbon Capture and Storage (BECCS) are examples of techno-fixes that can be claimed as producing net-zero emissions as well as building green infrastructure. However, these techno-fixes are expensive, unproven, unjust and do not address the root causes of climate change nor support environmental justice. BECCS opens the door for biomass energy, afforestation and more forest offset systems such as REDD+. Carbon trading allows polluters to buy and sell permits to pollute instead of cutting air pollution at source. Carbon trading privatizes the air that we breathe. It turns the atmosphere into the private property of polluters.

**GREEN NEW DEAL = GREEN ECONOMY**

**PRIVATEZITATE NATURE**

Green New Deal = False Solutions to Climate Change

= Extractivism, Carbon Pricing, Carbon Offsets + Carbon Colonialism

No emissions cuts at source; Does not keep fossil fuels in the ground

Green New Deal’s “net-zero emissions” and “remove pollution” =

- carbon markets, carbon trading, carbon pricing, carbon tax – Sky selling
- carbon offsets, REDD+, land grabs, human rights violations and carbon colonialism
- carbon farming, counter agrarian reform, perverts growing food into pollution offsets
- fracking, nuclear power, uranium mining and radioactive dumps
- Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS), Carbon Capture Use and Storage, Biomass and CCS (BECCS)
- geo-engineering – dangerous techno-fixes that don’t fix

**Just Transition to Peoples’ GREEN REAL DEAL!**

We have the solutions! System change not climate change! No war no warming!