

Scharff named to Wisconsin Task Force on Global Warming

Wisconsin Rapids, Wis., April 12, 2007 – Thomas Scharff, director of power & energy for Stora Enso North America Corp., recently was named to the State of Wisconsin Task Force on Global Warming. The task force was created on April 5, 2007, by an executive order signed by Governor Doyle.

The Global Warming Task Force brings together a prominent and diverse group of key Wisconsin business, industry, government, energy and environmental leaders to examine the effects of and the solutions to global warming in Wisconsin.

Using current national and local research, the task force will discuss and analyze possible solutions to global warming challenges that pose a threat to Wisconsin's economic and environmental health. It is charged with creating and delivering to the Governor a state action plan that will reduce the state's contribution to global warming.

Regarding the Task Force on Global Warming, Scharff says, "Global warming is attracting the highest level of attention, generating a range of opinions on its potential impact. How future legislation is developed to address this issue will affect our company's future competitiveness. Being asked to participate demonstrates that the Governor realizes the importance of our industry to the economy in the state, as well as our potential to assist in developing solutions to reduce global warming in Wisconsin."

Scharff also served as co-chair of Wisconsin's Consortium on Biobased Industry, which last year provided recommendations to Governor Doyle on what Wisconsin needs to do to support the development of renewable fuels, energy, and biobased products.

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- An active founding member of the Chicago Climate Exchange®, a voluntary, legally binding program for reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions through market-based trading.
- A member of Climate Leaders, a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency industry-government partnership in which companies set corporate-wide GHG reduction goals and inventory their emissions to measure progress in developing long-term, comprehensive climate change strategies.
- Through the American Forest & Paper Association, a partner in Climate VISION, a U.S. Department of Energy initiative launched to contribute to the goal of reducing GHG intensity – the ratio of emissions to economic output by American industry – by 12% from 2000 to 2012 without sacrificing economic growth.
- An active member of the Global Roundtable on Climate Change, an initiative of the Earth Institute at Columbia University. The Roundtable is a consensus-building forum of stakeholders and experts to explore issues critical to shaping public policies on climate change. This post-Kyoto framework lays out a strategy for action in meeting the challenges of climate change, with a focus on creating sustainable energy systems necessary for sustaining economic growth.

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