

# Re: OT: Global Warming? New Data Shows Ice Is Back

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On 25 Feb, 21:26, "Judson McClendon" <[ju...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:ju...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote:

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Alistair wrote:

So why are we not building solar energy power stations. The principles are already established and there is plenty of desert land to build upon, although that will introduce further problems (maintenance where vegetation grows in the shade of solar panels).

Solar power is very expensive. It does not work at night, invoking the problem of storage, which is also expensive and inefficient. It is also greenhouse negative for at least 3 years, because of the energy required to produce all the gear involved.

Solar sourced energy can be stored in liquid sodium vats. Also, the sun is always on somewhere in the world.

The cost of building a solar generating system that would produce a substantial portion of our energy needs would bankrupt the world economy, and create environmental side effects the likes of which no one has seen or contemplated. The concept is just not practical. Far better to use secondary effects like wind and tide generators

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where they're practical, and generously fund a "Manhattan Project" type effort to develop fusion energy, then we'll be done with energy production concerns for a thousand years. Be good idea to look at energy distribution as well.

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"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

I think the world economy could afford solar arrays as the do nothing approach is not acceptable. If we did create fusion reactors I wonder how long it would be before we were all walking around talking in squeaky voices?

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