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## Green Company Solyndra May Be Improperly Disposing Toxic Waste (Video)

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Solyndra, the solar energy company that went bankrupt after receiving a loan guarantee from the Department of Energy, "may be trying to abandon toxic waste," according to CBS San Francisco. This discovery was three months after the same news team discovered the company was discarding "millions of dollars worth of brand new glass tubes," which were [purchased](#) by taxpayers from a German company (a company, by the way, to whom the failed "green company" stills owes 8 million dollars).



The [local news](#) reports that the "next phase of the company's liquidation" process includes discarding "the heavy metals left inside the building that were used to make the panels." The news team found "discarded buckets half filled with liquids and barrels labeled "hazardous waste" in one of the firms' buildings in Milpitas where the cleanup "is in limbo, because Solyndra doesn't want to pay." It seems that this company is not very responsible with taxpayers' money or with the environment.

The story continues, "The building's owner...claimed in court documents, 'there may be serious environmental, health and safety issues' at the premises, which include include, 'numerous containers of solvents and chemicals...and processing equipment contaminated with lead.'"

The failed green company had a [\\$535 million loan](#) guarantee to produce solar panels and received a \$25.1 million tax break from California's Alternative Energy and Advanced Transportation Financing Authority before filing for bankruptcy. Rep. Joe Barton, a member of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, "expressed incredulity over the fact that a federal bankruptcy judge would approve \$400,000 in bonuses for executives at the failed company."

In a trip to the facility, President Obama declared that "companies like Solyndra are [leading the way](#)," a year before they declared bankruptcy in 2011.

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In yet another instance of [President Obama](#) mocking opponents, he called those who do not support yet more failed green stimulus in favour of drilling for domestic oil, "Flat Earthers," during a speech at a [college](#) in Maryland in March, 2012. President Obama said, "We've heard this kind of thinking before. Let me tell you something. If some of these folks were around when Columbus set sail, they must have been founding **members of the Flat Earth Society**," he continues, "...I guess they like gas guzzlers. They think that's good for our future. We're trying to move towards the future, they want to be stuck in the past!"

Respectfully, it is not about being "stuck in the past" and it is not about "hating the environment", it is about *exploring green alternatives while using the plentiful resources available in America. Throwing money at failing companies is not working.*

America's economic meltdown is being pushed forward by the administration that has *repeatedly stated that the high cost of gas is better for the environment.* It is an effort to "nudge" Americans into fuel-efficient alternatives. This is not speculation; this is based on the words of the President and those in his administration. At a Senate Energy and Natural [Resources](#) Committee hearing in March, Senator Mike Lee (R-Ut.) challenged [Energy Secretary Steven Chu](#) on his statements about the *benefits of the high cost of fuel.*

He asked Chu, "So are you saying you no longer share the view that we need to **figure out how to boost gasoline prices in America?**" Chu responded: "I no longer share that view." *This is astonishing!*



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Rep. Joe Barton makes the case for making domestic energy our first priority, by freeing up land and offshore areas, to "instruct the [EPA](#) to back down on some of the regulations that they've been proposing that have the impact of shutting down coal plants and refineries or making it much more expensive for them to operate."

When Jay Carney was questioned about the failed company, he said that "you cannot measure the success based on one company or another." Unfortunately, it is not just one company. The Obama administration has already spent billions on 'green energy' companies, with many of them resulting in bankruptcy and massive layoffs. **Ener1**, First Solar, SunPower, Abound Solar, Amonix, The Willard & Kelsey Solar Group, Mountain Plaza Inc., Babcock & Brown (an Australian company), A123 Systems, Eastern Energy, Fisker [Automotive](#), The National Renewable Energy Lab, **Nevada Geothermal Power**, Beacon Power, Evergreen Solar Inc., Olsen's Mills, and SpectraWatt also filed for bankruptcy or had layoffs.

Watch Jay Carney's response:

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**John S. (arizona)** May 1, 2012, 3:26pm EDT

The city will probably get stuck with the clean-up/disposal? I found the link to a "White Paper" (PDF file) in that local news story somewhat interesting too. I didn't really know all that went into making solar power cells, or the hazardous wastes involved etc. I assumed they lasted longer too, but never really thought about it much I guess.



**Renee Nal** May 1, 2012, 3:42pm EDT

It reminds me of the new light bulbs being imposed on us, they are not very environmentally friendly either!

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**Ryan S.** May 1, 2012, 6:43pm EDT

Yep some companies claim to go "green", but just stick to the same thing they were doing before.



**Renee Nal** May 1, 2012, 6:57pm EDT

This infuriates me. I am frustrated that the green movement may be sincere, but for too many, it is only about \$\$.

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