



## **CCL Monthly Conference Call Saturday, May 5, 2012**

**Groups meet at 9:45am PT/12:45pm ET**

**The international conference call starts at 10:00am PT/1:00pm ET**

**The conference call part of the meeting is a little over an hour and the groups meet for an additional hour after that to plan actions.**

**Call-in number: 1-866-642-1665. Pass code 440699#**



### **Guest Speaker: Major Gen. Anthony L. Jackson, USMC, retired**

Major General Jackson recently retired from the United States Marine Corps after 36 years of service. Prior to his retirement, Major General Jackson served as the Commanding General, Marine Corps Installations West. Mindful of the strategic risks inherent in petroleum-based fuels, Jackson has been a strong advocate of Defense Department initiatives to use more energy from clean, renewable sources and less from fossil fuels. His personal decorations include the Navy Distinguished Service Medal, the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit Medal (w/two gold stars for second and third award), the Bronze Star Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (w/two gold stars), and the Navy Commendation Medal (w/one gold star).

**From Barracks to Battlefield: Clean Energy Innovation and America's Armed Forces**

### **Actions:**

Canadian Action Items for May:

- 1) Use the laser talk and the Broken Earth Day editorial packet to help you write letters to the editor (LTE) post Climate Impacts Day on May 5.
- 2) Special Instructions for Federal Environment Week in Ottawa, June 5-8

MAY LASER TALK

## **Extreme weather shows need to address climate change**

As the Cowardly Lion said after waking up in a snow-covered poppy field, “Unusual weather we’re having, ain’t it?”

All across North America and the world, we’re seeing extreme-weather events that are occurring with ever greater frequency – prolonged droughts, intense rainfall that causes disastrous floods, record-breaking heat waves.

Scientists are now connecting the dots between our warming climate and the increasing frequency of these extreme weather events. They tell us that our “juiced” climate has loaded the dice and increased the odds that such events will happen.

As the weather becomes more unpredictable and dangerous, everyone will feel the impacts – floods and droughts, storms, rising insurance premiums, rising food prices, water shortages.

We need to reverse the process that is heating up our planet and increasing extreme-weather events. We need to put a price on carbon that reduces our greenhouse gas emissions.

Can we meet with <Name of your Member of Parliament> to discuss support for a tax on carbon-based fuels that returns the revenue to Canadian households?

## Action #1

### **1) Write to letters to the editor about extreme weather and climate change post Climate Impacts Day, May 5, 2012**

After “Climate Impacts Day” on May 5 write letters to the editor pointing out the connection between extreme-weather events and climate change. Use this month’s laser talk for points you can raise in your letter as well as the Broken Earth Day Editorial Packet. Here are three points you can focus on:

- You can cite examples of extreme weather in your area that may have been exacerbated by global warming.
- You may point out that a [new poll](#) shows a majority of Americans believe that weather- related disasters have been made worse by climate change.
- [New research](#) also suggests that global warming is causing the cycle of evaporation and rainfall over the oceans to intensify more than scientists had expected, an ominous finding that may indicate an even higher potential for extreme weather in coming decades.

Action #2

## 2) Special Instructions for Federal Environment Week

The Climate Action Network Canada and Citizens Climate Lobby will be in Ottawa lobbying during Federal Environment Week, June 5-7, 2012 to lobby for climate action.

If you plan to go to Ottawa during Environment Week please **FIRST** inform Cathy Orlando [cathy@citizensclimatelobby.ca](mailto:cathy@citizensclimatelobby.ca) by May 15 and tell her who your MP(s) is/are. Please wait until Cathy checks a list before you call and ask to meet with your MP (s).

The Climate Action Network Canada has contacted over 50 MP's on four different committees (Finance, Environment, Natural Resources and Climate Caucus) to ask for meetings to discuss three things related to climate change (to be determined soon). We will be lobbying with our Climate Action Network Partners in Ottawa on June 6 and 7 and attending an All-Party Climate Caucus event on June 7.

If you do not plan to go to Ottawa, arrange meetings between you and your MP for Friday, June 8, 2012 or thereafter during the summer recess in your home riding to lobby for the Carbon Fee and Dividend Act. Ask that they support steps to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, such as putting a tax on carbon-based fuels with revenue returned to the public.

In preparation, practice the laser talk and use it to help you get meetings with your MP.

*If possible*, ask your MP and perhaps even your MPP (if you have established a relationship) to read a climate petition aloud every day in Parliament during Environment Week . Various incarnations and versions the petitions can be found here: <http://citizensclimatelobby.ca/content/parliamentary-petition-project>

Please make sure the petition is formatted correctly, carefully follow the instructions and print the petition. It has to be on legal-sized paper (8.5 x 17) with three lines for three signatures on the first page.