

EAC: Stop burning biomass

The Ecology Action Centre wants the provincial government to impose a five-year moratorium on burning newly cut forest biomass for electricity. Jamie Simpson, the forestry program co-ordinator with the Halifax centre, said more study is needed to determine the effect of taking up to a million tonnes of material from forests for use as a designated renewable energy source.

Calling biomass renewable means it counts toward provincial green energy targets. Simpson said the centre is not opposed to biomass burning that is already taking place, such as sawmills using sawdust and bark from their products to generate electricity. But it doesn't want any new cutting of underused or low-value trees only for energy production.

<http://thechronicleherald.ca/NovaScotia/1181103.html>