

Global warming war

USA TODAY's global warming report failed to recognize the positive role the waste-to-energy (WTE) industry plays in combating global warming ("Making sense of global warming," News and Life, May 30).

Independent studies of the solid waste industry have concluded that combustion of trash in America's WTE plants avoids the release of about 30 million tons of greenhouse gases per year. Today's modern WTE plants avoid greenhouse gases by disposing of trash, generating renewable electricity and recycling metals far more effectively than if that waste were sent to a landfill. The environmentally progressive European Union has recognized the significant greenhouse-gas benefits of waste-to-energy. It's time the USA caught up.

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