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YOU Can't Save the Planet

Some things defy logic. My example of that today is about a job we completed a couple weeks ago. We removed a perfectly good natural gas furnace and installed a heat pump backed up by electric heaters. The reason it was done is so the customer could get a federal tax credit. Most people would jump for joy if natural gas was available in their neighborhood because outside of town, most people can't get natural gas. Propane does not count in this conversation because it is more expensive than natural gas and has to be delivered to a tank on your property. In my opinion a 96% efficient gas furnace is the best you can do for heat if you want to save the planet. No heat at all would be better yet but I doubt anyone wants to save the planet that badly. Electricity does not grow on trees and it should, in my opinion, be reserved for things that other fuels can't do. Gas lighting and oil powered clothes dryers just don't seem safe. You also can't spin a motor with gas or oil so that makes electricity the exclusive choice for those tasks. Making electricity is not a clean operation and not necessarily a safe one either. It seems that older generating plants are being closed at a fast pace because of their emissions. Nothing is replacing them with equal capacity and the need for electricity is growing rapidly. Charging the electric vehicles that are being pushed on us will require a huge amount of electricity. The power grid is not really built for that kind of load so I'm sure upgrades will be in order. You know we will pay for those upgrades in our electric bills and that will be painful, I'm sure. It may eventually be determined that there is a better way to clean up the air or even that gas furnaces weren't destroying the rain forests. I will continue to use all of the information at hand to make decisions for myself and I don't have any problem spending money on something for higher efficiency. I do have a problem taking a step backward to get a tax credit and I did attempt to explain that to my customer, politely of course. But it wasn't my call and if I refused to do the job, I would not be helping anyone, especially myself.

There are hundreds of millions of inefficient fossil fuel appliances in this country and most owners don't care one bit about updating them. That's who the tax credit should have been aimed at.

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As you can see from the pictures, their school house is now very humble and without a solid roof.

Because they are now entering the "rainy season" in Haiti, we need to quickly raise the funds to get them a tin roof to help keep their space and supplies dry.

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