

Addenda #100 – July 2026

Re: Ch. 8, 2050 Net-Zero Emissions; Impossible!!

Ch. 15, Sustainable Living

SDG 12: Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns

SDG 13: Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts

Red heat alerts issued in France, Italy and Spain as 40C temperatures forecast

Red heat alerts have been issued in France, Spain and other nations across western and central Europe as heatwave conditions are forecast to intensify in the coming days with highs of more than 40C.

More than half of France's regions are currently under the harshest weather warning, with hundreds of schools ordered to close and highs of 42C hitting Bordeaux on Monday, forecaster Météo-France said.

Similar red warnings have been issued by the authorities in Germany, Italy, Switzerland and Luxembourg.

BBC, June 22, 2026

The ‘sirocco wind,’ is a hot wind that originates in the Sahara Desert and travels north over the Mediterranean and into southern Europe. The sirocco has been bringing warmth and moisture to these areas for centuries, helping crops to grow but also creating hot, sticky and dusty weather conditions lasting for days. This current heatwave caused by the sirocco, has resulted in record June temperatures (40°C or 104°F) throughout its path. Meteorologists, climatologists and supporters of Agenda 2030 are quick to blame global warming (climate change) for these extreme temperatures. In 2024, a heatwave with temperatures reaching 46.8°C (116.2°F) in countries Southern and Eastern Europe was responsible for at least 62,775 heat-related deaths between June 1st and September 30th. The Barcelona Institute for Global Health 2025 study noted that the large elderly population in European cities contributed to the high death toll, with the mortality rate of people over 75 years old being 323% higher than all other age groups. What the study *did not* show, is that in many of the countries with high death tolls, the percentage of households having air conditioning is low and use is discouraged or restricted.

In Italy, which had more than 19,000 heat-related deaths, about 56% of households had at least one air conditioning unit. Many apartment buildings have no air conditioning and hotels set temperature limits or specific hours where AC units are allowed to operate. Electricity prices in Italy being the highest among European countries also contribute to low use of air conditioning and heat-related deaths during these heatwaves. In Spain, where more than 6,700 heat-related deaths were recorded, about 41% of all housing units have air conditioning units. European countries facing high electricity prices and restrictions due to the EU’s Energy Efficiency Directive to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, have even lower levels of air conditioning use. Although AC use has grown steadily along with rising temperatures, just 20% of European households have air conditioning units. In comparison, approximately 90% of all U.S. households have air conditioning units.

Air conditioning creates political divide after France records hottest day

With temperatures soaring, France is being forced to re-think its longstanding reservations about one possible answer to climate change: air-con.

This week debate about la clim (climatisation) has once again burst out, with Marine Le Pen on the populist right urging a mass subsidised roll-out and traditionally hostile Greens conceding that some air-conditioning may now be inevitable.

BBC, June 24, 2026

Tuesday, June 23, 2026, was the hottest day ever recorded in France, with temperatures reaching as high as 42°C (108°F) in the southwestern city of Bordeaux. Heat alerts were issued in France, Spain and other European nations, schools were closed, electric powered train services were reduced. The BBC reported 1,300 *known* heat-related deaths have occurred and more than 68,000 homes were without power due to heat related blackouts from an EU electrical grid not up to the task for increased usage. The Associated Press reported that funeral businesses and morgues are reported as being “overwhelmed” by the spike in “excess deaths,” more than 80% involving people aged 65 and above. And, of course, it’s all America’s fault...

In France, Paris deputy mayor for international relations Audrey Pulvar went on an angry rant, looking to deflect blame for deaths due to the countries strict regulations on installing new AC units in order to meet the EU Commissions 2030 net greenhouse gas emissions goal. “As the second-largest emitter of greenhouse gas emissions in the world, you bear a significant amount of responsibility for global warming and the consequences we, in France, are experiencing.” In Germany, where record breaking temperatures also reached 40°C levels, public radio broadcaster ARD pushed an anti-AC hysteria campaign, claiming that while air conditioners cool people down, they heat up the earth. There were approximately 2,500 heat-related deaths recorded in Germany last year, mostly among older adults, and several deaths have already been reported this June, but public radio is more concerned with warning about the dangers of air conditioning use!

The United States lags behind much of the developed world in reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. The U.S. has the world’s largest economy as measured by Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and is the second largest consumer of energy and the second largest CO₂ emitter, being passed by China in consumption and emissions in 2006. Although the U.S. signed on to the Paris Agreement in April 2016, efforts to meet climate goals have been based on partisan politics since then. Democrat administrations have gone full bore on funding and regulations (mandates), while Republican administrations override them. The United States must have carefully planned responses to reduce GHG emissions by reducing fossil fuel usage and implementing pollution standards, while at the same time increasing renewable energy production sources and use of zero-emissions vehicles *where practical*. As the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Climate Portal notes, “The U.S. and other developed nations became rich by burning fossil fuels, and cumulative U.S. emissions are the biggest driver of climate change to date. And while all nations are suffering from climate change now, less-wealthy countries will bear the brunt of the impacts.”

In 2023, the European Union adopted a series of proposals to reduce net greenhouse gas emissions by at least 55% by 2030 and become “climate neutral” by 2050, something I continue to state is impossible. The EU has strict rules for monitoring and reporting progress to achieving those emissions goals through regulations put in place by the proposals, with air conditioning use being one of them. It should be noted that stricter regulations on energy use comes with a price; slower economic growth and a higher cost of living being just two of them. Since the EU began to move away from reliable fossil fuel energy sources, economic growth has slowed considerably, and energy prices and record high inflation have caused the European Central Bank to raise interest rates in response. Actions always have consequences, even if politicians refuse to acknowledge them.

The Consumer Choice Center, a global non-partisan consumer advocacy group, just published a policy paper on EU regulations preventing its citizens to access air conditioning that helps save lives. Titled “Keeping it Cool: Removing Hurdles for Air-Conditioning Availability,” key Points at the beginning of the report state,

- Europe kills tens of thousands annually in heat waves while simultaneously making it harder for consumers to protect themselves
- AC penetration stands only at 19% (vs. 90% US, 91% Japan). This is not a cultural inevitability but a regulatory outcome
- Patchwork of facade rules, heritage permits, condominium consent requirements, inspection mandates, and noise ordinances across EU member states creates a de facto barrier to a life-saving product

The authors of the report show that over regulation prevent citizens from installing air conditioning, leading to needless deaths. Many EU nations require AC installation approval by a majority of community homeowners and/or government officials. Installations may require municipal permits, a long approval process, and are subject to noise rules among other restrictions. *“The problem is not that cooling technology is unavailable. It is that a product that can protect people during extreme heat is often kept behind a bureaucratic wall... This is a regulatory failure. Europe cannot call extreme heat a public-health threat while making the most direct household protection against it legally difficult to access.”*

Questions I ask myself...

Are EU restrictions on the use of air conditioning about reducing greenhouse gas emissions and achieving the goals of Agenda 2030? Or are they only about CONTROL?

Are restrictions really about protecting the “historical look” of buildings that are hundreds of years old? Drilling a hole through a 300-year-old limestone wall to install a split-system unit is a criminal offense in some European municipalities. Is historical preservation really more important than the comfort of citizens and the loss of lives?

Are restrictions about forcing people to live more sustainable lifestyles in their best interests, or simply about changing society and the economy to placate climate alarmists?

Are the restrictions, which result in the deaths of tens of thousands of elderly people, a cohort expected to more than double over the next 75 years, a means of population control of the elderly?

Addenda #2 – June 2023, Update July 2026

Re: Ch. 9, Progressive States Climate Policies

SDG 11 – Make cities safe, resilient and sustainable

“New York State Passes Historic Ban Affecting Gas Appliances (Stoves Included)”

yahoo!news, May 4, 2023

On May 3, 2023, NY governor Kathy Hochul signed the FY2024 state budget. Included in that budget was the executive enacting of a 2021 policy known as the “All Electric Buildings Act”. This bill was proposed by Progressive Democrats during the 2021-2022 legislative session but never came up for a vote.

Source: A Clear and Present Danger – Threat #2: U.N. Agenda 21/2030, Addenda #2 – June 2023

Progressive Democrats in the New York State Senate failed to pass Governor Kathy Hochul’s *All-Electric Buildings Act* during the 2021-2022, 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 legislative sessions, so Hochul took matters into her own hands and incorporated the mandate into her 2023 fiscal year Executive Budget. The policy enacts a statewide ban on natural gas or propane gas connections in all new residential and most new commercial construction, beginning in 2026. Consumers would no longer be able to use gas-fueled stoves, water heaters, dryers, fireplaces, furnaces or boilers in their new homes or most businesses, once her plan took effect. While there was no official written policy saying that future purchases of these gas fueled appliances will be banned in the state, politicians left the door open for this in the future.

“If you have a gas stove in your home currently, nothing changes. In fact, you can go out and purchase a new one whenever you’d like. But moving forward, future development in New York will have to consider what’s best for people and the climate.”

yahoo!news, May 4, 2023

Fossil fuel companies, construction trade groups and developers immediately filed a lawsuit against the Act. District and federal courts issued conflicting rulings, leading Governor Hochul to delay the mandate in November 2025 until the lawsuit could be settled. On June 30, 2026, a federal appeals court sided with New York State, saying the *All-Electric Buildings Act* does not interfere with federal law. Environmental groups and Democrat legislators applauded the courts decision, saying its time New York State began constructing healthier, more sustainable and affordable homes New Yorkers deserve.

The upfront costs of building electric homes may be cheaper because they don’t require natural gas infrastructure, heating by natural gas furnaces and boilers during cold winter months in New York State is historically cheaper as is cooking by gas.

The science is on our side. The economics of affordability for people with their utility bills are on our side.

New York Senator Elizabeth Krueger (D), July 25, 2025

In April 2025, regulators approved a second, three year, double digit rate increase for electric and natural gas service delivery costs for my utility provider, estimated to cost the average household an additional \$600 per year by the end of the third year. National Grid confirmed in its press release that the increase was necessary to upgrade its transmission and distribution system in order to meet the states climate goals.

New York State is ranked as having the third highest cost of living in the continental United States and has the fourth highest electricity rates of the lower 48-states. While there are other factors pushing up the cost of living in New York, it is undeniable that states with the highest cost of living also have high electricity costs driven by green energy mandates. Utility companies in New York State identified 113 major transmission and distribution projects in a 2020 study, requiring upgrades to meet increased loads required by mandates and renewable energy generation. These upgrades will cost ratepayers \$6.8 billion over a 10 year period to complete. The second phase of upgrades required for increased electricity use by homes and business was estimated to cost \$10.5 billion.

Source: Appendix C to Initial Report on the New York Power Grid Study, New York State Public Service Commission, January 19, 2021: Phase 1 and Phase 2 LT&D Proposed Project Estimates, Pages 5 and 6

These estimates were prepared in 2019, using pre COVID Era inflation projections. The actual costs are likely to be two to three times more expensive than the Utility Transmission & Distribution Investment Working Group Study estimated, given current material and labor costs for high-and-medium voltage utility projects.

“Since taking office, my administration has prioritized energy affordability, particularly for our most vulnerable...”

Statement from Governor Kathy Hochul Denouncing National Grid Rate Hike; August 14, 2025

Governor Kathy Hochul and Democrat legislators are directly responsible for higher costs resulting from climate mandates like the *All-Electric Buildings Act*, yet they continue to claim they’re concerned about energy affordability for their constituents and the cost of living in this state. The reality is that mandates equal **control**. Control over how we must live, the types of homes we live in, the types of vehicles we drive, the types of appliances we purchase and the quantity and type of energy we must use. I’ve said this before, and I’ll say it again... Agenda 21 / 2030 was never about saving the planet or about public health. It was always about CONTROL!

Climate alarmists and state Democrat leaders continue to push an agenda that can never be realized without impoverishing middle-class households and causing immense suffering of the population. Their useful idiot supporters are either complicit with the agenda, or they’re too ignorant to realize it.

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