



Spreading it around...Despite a general collapse of the wide-ranging federal **energy bill** just before adjournment, Congress okays a production tax credit for electricity from “biogas,” derived from livestock manure and seen as a clean generation source, beneficial waste disposal, and a boost to farm income.”**Spreading it around, II...**More Americans are buying on-site generators to power homes; an Electric Power Research Institute subsidiary finds **a million generators** sold for residential use in a recent 12-month period and one in five households “interested” in a home-based power source. **Take a deep breath...**the Environmental Protection Agency says U.S. air quality is cleaner than any time in the past three decades; aggregate total emissions of major pollutants is now **less than half the 1970 level**, despite major growth of activities (driving, electric generation, other industry) that produce them, EPA says. **Cleaner and cheaper...**the Wisconsin Public Service Commission approves **Environmental Trust Bonding** by utilities to finance environmental improvements; lower cost of borrowing will save ratepayers money on pollution abatement, the PSC says.