

International Paper Response

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Business & Human Rights Resource Centre invited International Paper to respond to the following blog post: <https://www.nrdc.org/experts/companies-did-or-did-not-defend-paris-agreement>

In response, International Paper sent the following statement:

IP's Position on the US Withdrawal from the Paris Climate Agreement

IP's vision is to be among the most successful, sustainable and responsible companies in the world. To pursue this vision, we remain committed to continuously reducing our environmental footprint—not only by reducing greenhouse gas and other air emissions—but also through responsible forestry and water stewardship practices.

"Nothing changes for us; we are continuing on our current sustainability path. We don't agree with all decisions made by elected officials, but we believe that it's best to continue to engage with the administration to work constructively toward the best possible outcomes." – Mark Sutton, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

We generate nearly 75% percent of the energy used in our global mill system using renewable, carbon-neutral biomass and manufacturing residuals, which allows us to minimize the use of fossil fuels and to ensure healthy and productive forest ecosystems for generations to come.

Commitment to our Vision 2020 Goals

We established our Vision 2020 Goals using a 2010 baseline. Among other sustainability objectives, we pledged to reduce absolute direct and indirect GHG emissions by 20%, to reduce other air emissions by 10%, and to increase purchased energy efficiency by 15%.

Through 2016, we have reduced GHG emissions by 19%, or 3.2 million tons of CO₂ annually. We have reduced other air emissions by 23%, and we recently set a new goal of a 30% reduction in other air emissions by 2020. We have also increased purchased energy efficiency by 6.4%, or 14 trillion BTU annually.

Addressing the IECA Letter

We were not involved in the development of the letter and do not agree with the organization's decision to send it. We participate in IECA mainly to access the organization's vast reservoir of energy data and reports.