- 1. Nuclear reactor meltdown in Japan.
- 2. EPA issues new rules limiting mercury emissions by power plants.
- 3. Durban climate summit produces modest progress, as developing countries begin to acknowledge the need for binding limits on their carbon emissions.
- 4. White House kills scheduled new regulations of ozone.
- 5. California adopts cap-and-trade system under AB 32.
- 6. White House announces stringent new fuel efficiency standards for cars and trucks.
- 7. GOP Presidential candidates embrace anti-science, anti-regulatory positions.
- 8. House of Representatives passes a slew of anti-environmental bills and riders, which with few exceptions die in the Senate.
- 9. Australia adopts a carbon tax.
- 10. IPCC report links climate change and extreme weather.