

# Jeff Goodell Quotes

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In reality, studies show that investments to spur renewable energy and boost energy efficiency generate far more jobs than oil and coal.

~Jeff Goodell

The biggest tab the public picks up for fossil fuels has to do with what economists call 'external costs,' like the health effects of air and water pollution.

~Jeff Goodell

Ethanol doesn't burn cleaner than gasoline, nor is it cheaper.

~Jeff Goodell

But Big Oil and Big Coal have always been as skilled at propaganda as they are at mining and drilling. Like the tobacco industry before them, their success depends on keeping Americans stupid.

~Jeff Goodell

Extracting oil from the tar sands is a nasty, polluting, energy-intensive business.

~Jeff Goodell

So if you want to know how Exxon Mobil can make \$10 billion profit in 90 days, just look around. The whole world was built for them.

~Jeff Goodell

Coal boosters like to tout coal as cheap and plentiful - well, not anymore. At least not in China.

~Jeff Goodell

When it comes to global warming, coal is the gorilla in the room.

~Jeff Goodell

If we drill the hell out of everything, including protected public lands and fragile regions like the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, America can

emerge as an 'energy superpower.'

~Jeff Goodell

When it comes to energy, cost isn't everything - but it's a lot. Everybody wants cheap power.

~Jeff Goodell

The coal industry is an even larger part of the Australian economy than it is of the American, and it has an enormous amount of political power.

~Jeff Goodell

For better or worse, the bulk of coal industry jobs are in Appalachia - and when that coal is gone, so are the jobs.

~Jeff Goodell

Although most Americans don't know it, the U.S. gets more oil from Canada than it does from the entire Middle East.

~Jeff Goodell

Geoengineering - the deliberate, large-scale manipulation of the earth's climate to offset global warming - is a nightmare fix for climate change.

~Jeff Goodell

In the U.S. alone, weather disasters caused \$50 billion in economic damages in 2010.

~Jeff Goodell

Not since the days of George W. Bush's 'Clear Skies' and 'Healthy Forests' initiatives has America been presented with a project as cravenly corporate and backward-looking as the Keystone XL pipeline.

~Jeff Goodell

Have we failed to slow global warming pollution in part because climate and environmental activists have been too polite and well behaved?

~Jeff Goodell

One thing you can say about nuclear power: the people who believe it is the silver bullet for America's energy problems never give up.

~Jeff Goodell

Bill Gates is a relative newcomer to the fight against global warming, but he's already shifting the debate over climate change.

~Jeff Goodell

Bloomberg's \$50 million is not going to revolutionize the electric power industry. But his willingness to fight is already inspiring others to see Big Coal differently.

~Jeff Goodell

Among all the tests President Obama faced in his first term, his biggest failure was climate change.

~Jeff Goodell

This Dewdrop World is a beautiful, courageous, intimate film about love and loss. It may also be the deepest meditation on climate change that I've ever seen.

~Jeff Goodell

When it comes to climate and energy, Gates is a radical consumerist. In his view, energy consumption is good - it just needs to be clean energy.

~Jeff Goodell

Obama wants to be thought of as the president who freed us from foreign oil. But if he doesn't show some political courage, he may well be remembered as the president who cooked the planet.

~Jeff Goodell

Some studies suggest that the Arctic Ocean may be ice-free by the end of the century.

~Jeff Goodell

Some studies have shown that natural gas could, in fact, be worse for the climate than coal.

~Jeff Goodell

Climate change is a global issue - from the point of view of the Earth's climate, a molecule of CO2 emitted in Beijing is the same as a molecule emitted in Sydney.

~Jeff Goodell

If you think Wall Street firms have it good, you haven't looked closely at Big Oil.

~Jeff Goodell

Bloomberg is famously impatient with beltway politics and believes that to get anything done you need to work from the ground up.

~Jeff Goodell

In the Arctic, things are already getting freaky. Temperatures have warmed three times faster than the global average.

~Jeff Goodell

In the United States, we do a pretty good job of protecting iconic landscapes and postcard views, but the ocean gets no respect.

~Jeff Goodell

In the world of energy politics, the sudden vanishing of the word 'coal' is a remarkable and unprecedented event.

~Jeff Goodell

It may be too late for West Virginia to save itself from the ravages of Big

Coal. But it's not too late for America.

~Jeff Goodell

Nowhere has the political power of coal been more obvious than in presidential campaigns.

~Jeff Goodell

Obama's record on climate issues is not all bad.

~Jeff Goodell

President Obama is in no danger of being judged by history as an eco-radical.

~Jeff Goodell

Maybe more climate activists will think about the climate change not as an international problem to be resolved in an air-conditioned meeting hall, but as a guerilla war to be fought in the streets.

~Jeff Goodell

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