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***Green Energy (Grades 4-6)***

The pros and cons of solar energy

[http://www.clean-energy-ideas.com/articles/pros\\_and\\_cons\\_of\\_solar\\_energy.html](http://www.clean-energy-ideas.com/articles/pros_and_cons_of_solar_energy.html)

An article on one negative effect of alternative energy sources, from Fox News

<http://www.foxnews.com/scitech/2011/11/05/wind-farms-disrupting-radar-scientists-say/>

National Geographic video on alternative energy

<http://video.nationalgeographic.com/video/player/environment/energy-environment/alternative-energy.html>

An article about President Obama's promotion of clean energy

<http://www.scholastic.com/browse/article.jsp?id=3756003>

An article about urban farms

<http://www.sciencenewsforkids.org/2008/10/farms-sprout-in-cities-2/>