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Earth Day - April 22nd - is right around the corner. The intent of Earth Day is to encourage environmentally sensitive behavior by prompting us to think about how our individual actions affect the environment. On this year's Earth Day we should also be considering how our behavior (individual and corporate) might be impacted by the actions of our representatives in Washington, DC.

US Senate action on Climate Change is expected soon. Senators Kerry, Graham and Lieberman have been working hard on draft legislation. Kerry, Lieberman and Graham met April 13th with Interior Secretary Ken Salazar, White House climate adviser Carol Browner and several Democratic Senators. Kerry also met with House Energy and Commerce Committee Chair, Henry Waxman (D-CA), and Global Warming Subcommittee Chair, Ed Markey (D-CA).

While not yet entirely clear, the pending legislation is expected to incorporate many of the concepts in S.1733 that had stalled in committee. This pending draft Senate legislation may be an important evolution in US environmental regulation, certainly something to think about on Earth Day.

A link to information on The Clean Energy Jobs and American Power Act (S.1733)
<http://kerry.senate.gov/cleanenergyjobsandamericanpower/intro.cfm>

Did you know...

- The EU is reporting that carbon emissions are falling faster than expected following the implementation of its cap and trade program.
- The Tokyo Metropolitan Government has launched a mandatory cap and trade program in Tokyo. Some believe that this could be a precursor to a central state scheme.

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