

**U.S. Position on World Bank's investment in
Clean Air Through Greening Residential Heating Project in Poland
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The United States supports this operation for thermal renovations and non-coal boiler replacements in order to improve air quality, contributing to Poland's Nationally Determined Contribution. The United States looks forward to lessons learned for de-carbonizing residential heating and cooling around the world.

The United States is reviewing all MDB projects with the goal of ending international financing of carbon-intensive fossil fuel-based energy while simultaneously advancing sustainable development and a green recovery. The United States is committed to supporting developing countries to achieve a clean and sustainable future that is consistent with their development goals and the goals of the Paris Agreement. The MDBs should prioritize clean energy, innovation, and energy efficiency and should only consider fossil fuels if other options are unfeasible.

In this case, the United States recognizes the importance of improving residential heating systems as a critical element of Poland's efforts to address the needs of its citizens. The United States is reviewing residential heating projects on a case-by-case basis and appreciates the efforts made in this case to incentivize away from biomass, such as wood, or coal. The United States will continue to review residential heating carefully and will expect all efforts to be made at the MDBs to help ensure that fossil fuel usage is extremely limited, well measured, and is consistent with Paris alignment.

