



## North Dakota Judge Finalises \$345 Million Judgment Against Greenpeace

Nearly a decade after protests over the Dakota Access oil pipeline drew global attention, a North Dakota judge has finalised a \$345 million judgment against Greenpeace. The lawsuit, brought by pipeline developer Energy Transfer, relates to demonstrations near the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe's reservation. A jury initially awarded about \$667 million in damages before the judge reduced the amount and entered it as a final order.

Greenpeace has criticised the ruling and plans to seek a new trial or appeal to the North Dakota Supreme Court. The group says it cannot afford the penalty and maintains its role in the protests was lawful. Energy Transfer says the judgment holds Greenpeace accountable for disruption linked to the pipeline's construction.

The decision underscores ongoing tensions between environmental activism and energy infrastructure development. The appeals process will be closely watched for its implications on protest rights and future climate related campaigns.



## China's Emissions Fall as Energy Demand Rises

China's carbon dioxide emissions fell by 0.3 per cent in 2025, marking the first annual decline since 2022 even as energy demand continued to grow. This rare reduction suggests the world's largest emitter may be beginning to slow its emissions growth while still powering economic activity, a shift highlighted by independent analysts tracking the data.

The decline was driven in part by drops in emissions across major sectors including power generation, transport, and industry, alongside a surge in renewable energy deployment. Solar, wind, and nuclear capacity helped offset the rise in demand for electricity, reducing reliance on coal even as new fossil fuel plants continued to come online. Despite this progress, experts warn the trend remains fragile, and China still faces challenges in meeting its long-term climate goals.

Continued support for clean energy and stronger efforts to curb emissions in sectors such as chemicals will be essential to sustain declines and move toward peak emissions and net zero targets.



## US Hit by Powerful Winter Storms Again

A powerful winter storm swept across parts of the United States, bringing heavy snow and strong winds that disrupted travel and left 300,000 homes and businesses without power. Several states declared emergencies as utilities and emergency crews worked to restore electricity and clear roads.

The storm reflects a wider pattern of increasingly frequent severe weather. It underscores the need for resilient infrastructure, reliable energy systems, and stronger emergency planning to limit the human and economic costs.

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