

## Carbon emission targets delayed by government row

*The Department of Industry is correct ... the prior targets have gone with the wind.*

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The government's strategy to cut carbon dioxide emissions in the battle against climate change has been paralysed for seven months by a dispute between two Whitehall departments.

Labour has pledged in three successive manifestos that by 2010 it will cut the UK's CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 20% below 1990 levels. The promise has reached almost totemic status in the party.

But publication of a programme to meet the targets has been held up, with the Department of Trade and Industry arguing that emissions have risen at such a rate over the past two years that it is unlikely Britain can meet the target. The DTI's latest projections show that, on current measures, CO<sub>2</sub> will have been reduced to "only around 10% below 1990 levels by 2010".