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HW

Durham, NC  
July 18th, 2009  
9:34 am

In April, I replaced my roof, opting for the Energy Saver white asphalt shingles to replace my black asphalt shingles. When my Duke Energy bill for May arrived, I found that compared to May of last year, my average daily KWh had dropped from 26 to 13. Wow! My roof is not shaded by any trees, which means stains from leaf-fall isn't much of a worry. My roofer advised that should cleaning ever be required, avoid pressure washing as this is destructive to asphalt shingles.

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Danny Bloom  
Cyberspace  
July 20th, 2009  
11:36 am

Andy,  
One of the Dot Earthlings here, Mary Susan MacDonald, did a very good cartoon here on tightening to noose around coal and other fossil fuels, she took the quote from Dr Jesse Ausubel that you highlighted a year ago. Everyone take a look at this talented artist in Canada, here:

<http://northwardho.blogspot.com...>

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Tenney Naumer  
Vitoria da  
Conquista, Bahia,  
Brazil  
July 20th, 2009  
9:13 pm

Pablo Campa et al.: Surface temperature cooling trends and negative radiative forcing due to land use change toward greenhouse farming in SE Spain

Pablo Campa (Escuela Politécnica Superior, Universidad de Almería, Almería, Spain), Monica Garcia (Estación

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