

RSS for Posts Follow on Twitter Connect on Facebook Member/Donate

Search in site... 



SUA Breaking News » Three-time 'Firearms Salesman of the Year'

[Home](#) [About](#) [Contact](#) [Partners](#) [SUA Store](#) [History Docs](#) [Soldiers Memorial](#) [Toons 4'R Times](#) [Kitchen Cabinet](#)

[Homeland](#) [Loc/Nat News](#) [Politics-DC](#) [World Events](#) [Economy](#) [Terror](#) [MidEast](#) [Corruption](#) [Iran](#)

Steven Chu must go – Energy Dept. Disaster

March 19, 2012 | Filed under Corruption | Posted by SUAAdmin

Editor's Note – SUA has been watching the Secretary of Energy, Steven Chu and his abysmal testimony before Congress, the scandals he allowed like Solyndra, gasoline prices (which he flip-flopped on), Chevy Volts, and the disastrous "green agenda" of the Obama Administration for the past three plus years and it is now clear, Steven Chu must go. Just like our call for Eric Holder's resignation, Chu is inept, a pawn for 'crony capitalism', and a disaster to our economy and energy independence.

GOP Says Energy Dept. Cut Corners to Lend Az. Solar Firm \$1.6 Billion

By [MATTHEW MOSK](#)
[ABC News](#)

House Republicans are preparing to grill [Energy Secretary Steven Chu](#) this week over \$1.6 billion in loans to finance two massive [solar energy](#) projects planned for the desert Southwest, saying investigators have found evidence suggesting the administration cut corners in order to get the loans approved.

"The Department of Energy manipulated analysis, ignored objections from career



Steven Chu - Energy Secretary and Obama

professionals, and strategically modified loan evaluations in order to force project funding out the door," House Oversight and Government Reform Committee Chairman Darrell Issa, R-California, said in a statement provided to ABC News.

U.S. National Debt Clock



[SUA Theme – Please listen as you view!](#)

PAID ADVERTISEMENT



The First All Titanium Rifle - Chambered in .308

Search in Archive

Select a date
Select Month
Select a category
9/11 Anniversary
Search with Google

The Department of Energy says Chu will have plenty of material with him to rebut those allegations Tuesday when he comes to the Hill to testify before Issa's committee. Agency officials continued to characterize criticism from House Republicans as misleading attacks that are aimed at scoring political points.

Energy Department spokesman Damien LaVera accused the committee of "inventing false and misleading controversy."

"Decisions made on loan applications were made on the merits after extensive review by the experts in the loan program," LaVera said. "In this case, the Department backed loans for two innovative solar projects that will support hundreds of jobs and provide clean power to tens of thousands of homes."

Two separate House committees have been investigating the Energy Department's loan program for more than a year. Their efforts gathered steam last fall when the first company to receive a federal green energy loan, Solyndra, filed for bankruptcy. This latest review delves into highly technical aspects of the administration's sizeable bet on solar energy and the complex rules set up to help the administration pick the best projects to support.

Energy officials told ABC News the department followed a rigorous process to evaluate each applicant, and the two projects being scrutinized by Issa's committee are some of the most exciting solar ventures underway in the United States. If successful, the massive generating facilities would be by far the largest of their kind in the world — comprised of more than five million solar panels and 35,000 metric tons of steel.

Republicans say they sifted through tens of thousands of pages of internal records turned over by the Energy Department in response to their requests.

Investigators with the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform said the documents they reviewed have raised new questions about the administration's decision to grant multiple loans to the solar energy giant First Solar, an Arizona-based company that both makes solar panels and assembles enormous solar generating facilities that are then turned over to utility companies to operate. Two of the company's largest projects won federal loans — generating facilities called Agua Caliente, in Arizona, and the Antelope Valley Solar Ranch in California. (One more First Solar facility also qualified for another \$1.5 billion in loan guarantees, making the company one of the nation's largest beneficiaries of the Obama administration's green energy initiative.)

In order to receive the loan money, First Solar had to provide evidence that each project would employ new and innovative technologies to generate energy. Republican investigators said Friday the records they reviewed raised doubts about whether the solar facilities actually do that. Among the documents they cite is an email from a top technical expert inside the department, written less than six weeks before the loans to First Solar were approved, in which he argues that one of the supposed advances — use of something called a "single axis tracker" — was actually not all that new.

"Be clear this is not an innovation," wrote Dong K. Kim, the director of the loan program's technical division. "The record will show we did not grade this as an innovation."

Further, Kim writes that "someone keeps changing" internal documents to hold out the tracking technology as innovative. And he warns that "whoever continues to make this change needs to understand that Technical does not support [identifying the trackers] as an innovative component."

• share:

- [Bookmark on Delicious](#)
- [Digg this post](#)
- [Recommend on Facebook](#)
- [Buzz it up](#)
- [Share on LinkedIn](#)
- [Mix it up](#)
- [share via Reddit](#)
- [Share with Stumblers](#)
- [Tweet about it](#)
- [Subscribe to the comments on this post](#)



Shortlink: <http://www.standupamericaus.org/?p=5865>

Posted by SUAadmin on March 19, 2012. Filed under Corruption. You can follow any responses to this entry through the RSS 2.0. You can skip to the end and leave a response. Pinging is currently not allowed.

[Bookmark on Delicious](#)

[Digg this post](#)

[Recommend on Facebook](#)

[Buzz it up](#)

[Share on LinkedIn](#)

[Mix it up](#)

[share via Reddit](#)

[Share with Stumblers](#)

[Tweet about it](#)

[Subscribe to the comments on this post](#)



ADVERTISEMENT

BEST AMMUNITION PRICES ON THE WEB!

AMMUNITION DEPOT

WWW.AMMUNITIONDEPOT.COM



Join The Cause Today



Leave a Response

Your email address will not be published. Required fields are marked *

Name *

Email *

Website

Comment

You may use these HTML tags and attributes: <abbr title=""> <acronym title=""> <blockquote cite=""> <code> <del datetime=""> <i> <q cite=""> <strike>

Socialize



SUA friends visit wounded U.S. troops at National Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland



A group of Stand Up America friends visited the U.S. National Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland on December 2 to spend time before Christmas with several severely wounded American troops from Afghanistan War. Those who risk life and limb in service to country are owed a great debt of gratitude by all Americans, especially during the holiday season. Pictured in photo from left to right at hospital lobby are Wayne Simmons (Fox News Analyst), Diana West (Washington Examiner Columnist), Chuck Nash (Fox News Analyst), Jed Babbin (former Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense in Reagan administration), Fred Gedrich (SUA Kitchen Cabinet Member), and Navy Corpsman HM1 Young.

Who We Are:

The Stand Up America US Project (SUA) was founded in 2005 by MG Paul E. Valley, US Army (Ret), as a multi-media organization that involves publishing, radio, television, speaking engagements, web site, writing articles for publication as well as books.

This site is meant as a resource for education, based upon the values and principles set forth by our founding fathers. It is our goal to inform, clarify, and speak truth to power.

We are a network of patriotic Americans from all walks of life including former members of the military, former federal, state, and local employees of government, analysts, writers, world leaders, and our group extends across the globe.