

## **Senator hopes to pass climate legislation this year**

Feb. 4 -- Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., hopes to pass new climate change legislation out of the Senate environment committee "as soon as possible," but definitely before the end of the year.

However, she refused to speculate as to emissions reductions targets that might be contained in the bill, saying she wanted to wait to hear an update on climate change science. The environment committee, which Boxer chairs, will hold a hearing within a couple of weeks to hear new information from the scientific community, she said.

The senator said her committee and the Senate would push ahead with climate change legislation despite economic challenges facing the country.

"We all understand the urgent need for action," she said. "We believe this legislation will reinvigorate the economy."

Boxer predicted climate change legislation could "create millions of green jobs."

Contact Waste & Recycling News senior reporter Bruce Geiselman at 330-865-6172 or [bgeiselman@crain.com](mailto:bgeiselman@crain.com)