President Barack Obama boasts about the progress of American energy independence in his weekly radio address.

(Newswire.net -- December 3, 2013) Miami, Florida -- U.S. President Barack Obama talked about the nation's progress in cutting dependence on foreign energy sources, saying that the United States is poised to control its own energy future.

Obama noted that for the first time in almost two decades, the U.S. is producing more oil than it purchases from other countries. Plus, there are also more jobs created in the energy sector.

"That's a big deal. That's a tremendous step towards American energy independence," Obama said.

The U.S. president believes that progress really means improving the economy by creating jobs while lessening environmental impacts.

"It proves that the old argument that we can't strengthen the economy and be good stewards of our planet at the same time is a false choice. We can do both," he said.

The president referred to his energy policies that have included new fuel standards for cars and trucks, and measures to make any place more energy efficient.

"Between more clean energy and less wasted energy, our emissions of dangerous carbon pollution are actually falling," Obama said. "That's good news for anyone who cares about the world we leave to our kids."

There are many types of renewable energy resources, and the sun is probably the most important source of green energy. While solar energy has been available for decades, it's only in recent years that the technology for green energy options gained the interest of top utility companies.

As its overall cost continues to decrease, more and more people are finding ways to build their own green energy systems to control their own energy future. When you do-it-yourself, apparently you cut your costs. For a step-by-step guide on how to build your own solar panel system, you can check out Green DIY Energy.