Today's News - Tuesday, March 30, 2010

- Six ways we've already geo-engineered the earth, creating "a geological age of mankind's making" (amazing - if depressing - visuals).
- Forget L.A. and San Francisco - it's the Pacific Northwest that's "most vulnerable to a mega-quake like Chile's" (this from an engineer/earthquake consultant).
- Hosey on the potential for Wal-Mart to "revolutionize supply chains and utterly redefine the green building market."
- Austin Williams gives a lively report on a fiery, sometimes ill-tempered debate about architecture and climate change (even Ken Yeang ticked people off).
- A radical architect says "sustainable" is not a good enough word for what he wants to build.
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"I.M. Pei: Building China Modern": Eight years in the making...explores the defining conflicts of our age – the lure of the modern versus the pull of history...a surprisingly revealing and intimate portrait of the man who set as his goal nothing less than the redefinition of architecture in modern China; on PBS American Masters March 31...will stream online for 3 months...[links, video] - PBS

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