



Climate Change and Renewable Energy

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The Nature Conservancy

The mission of The Nature Conservancy is to preserve plants, animals and natural communities that represent the diversity of life on Earth by protecting the lands and waters they need to survive.

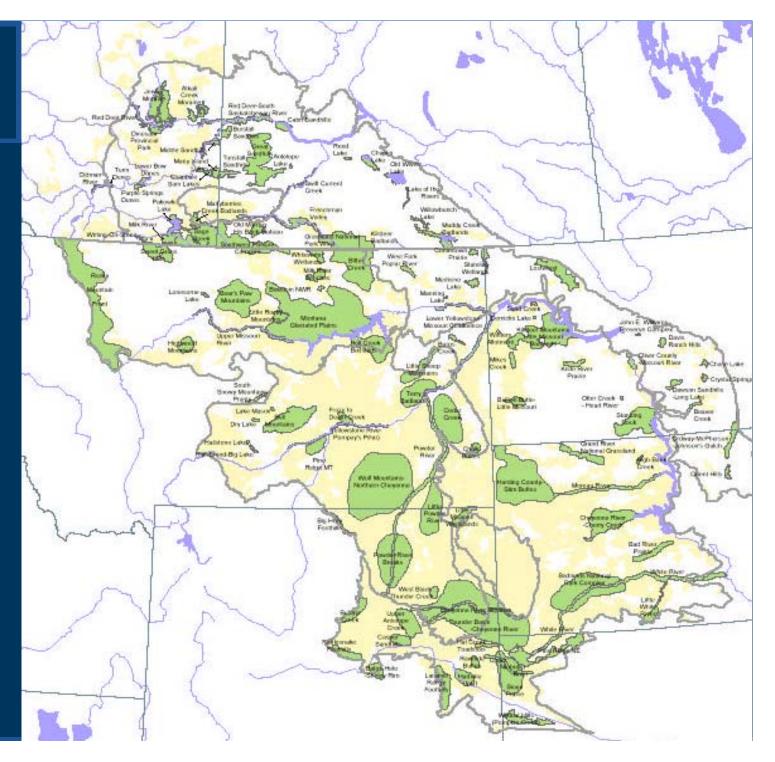
- > Founded in 1953 as a land trust
- > All 50 states; 30 countries
- > 1400 preserves
- Protected 119 million acres
- > Protected 5000 river miles
- > 700 scientists
- Natural Heritage programs



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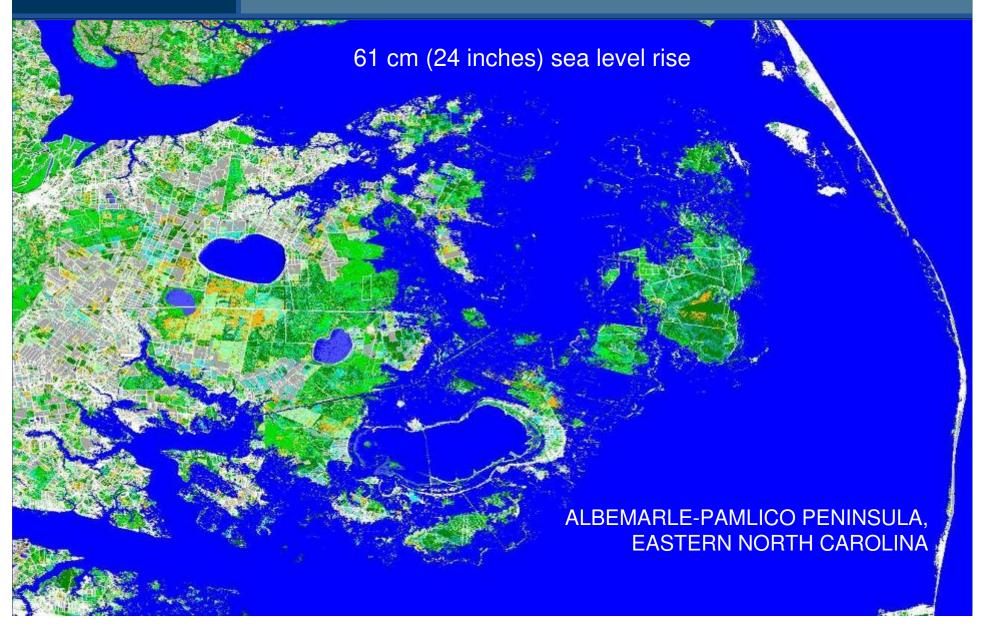


Northern Great Plains Steppe



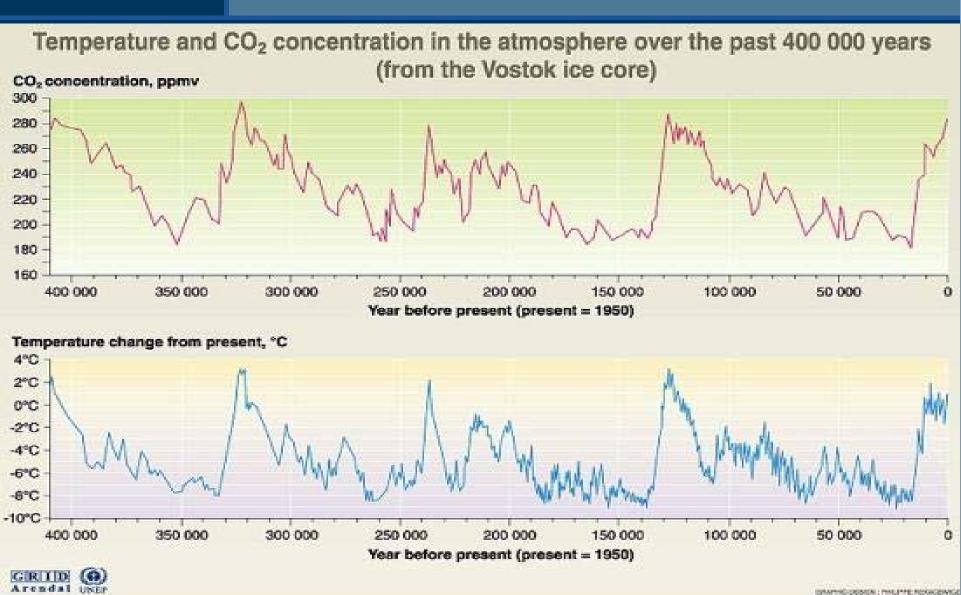


Albemarle Peninsula



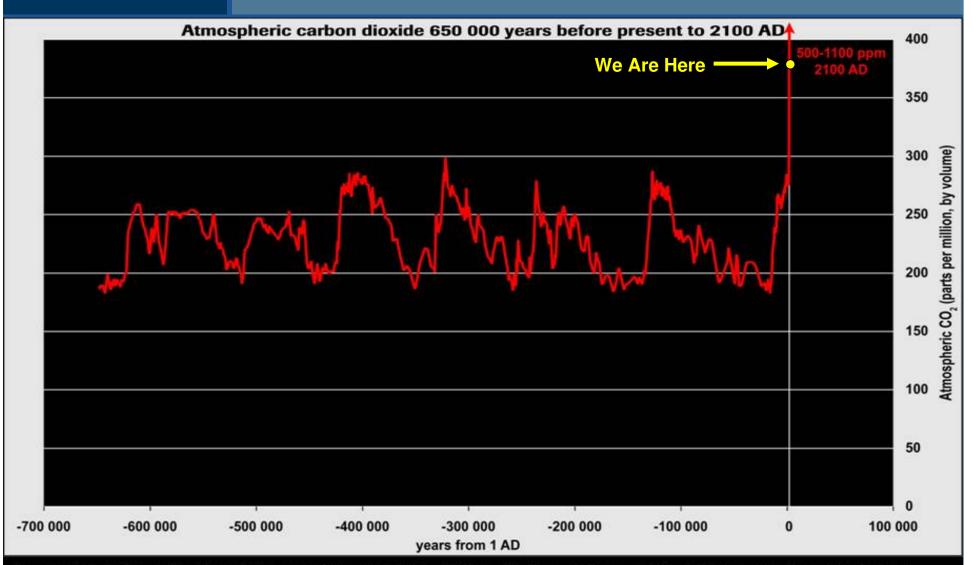


CO2 and Temperature





Atmospheric CO2 Concentrations



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UNFCCC Goal

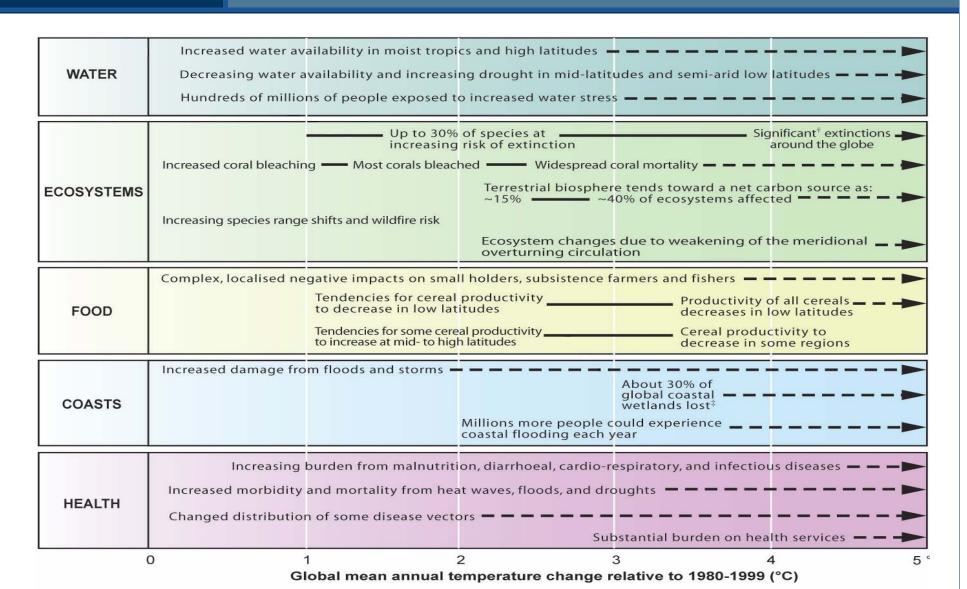
➤ United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change signed in Rio in 1992:

to achieve "stabilization of greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere at a level that would prevent dangerous anthropogenic interference with the climate system"



Climate Change Impacts

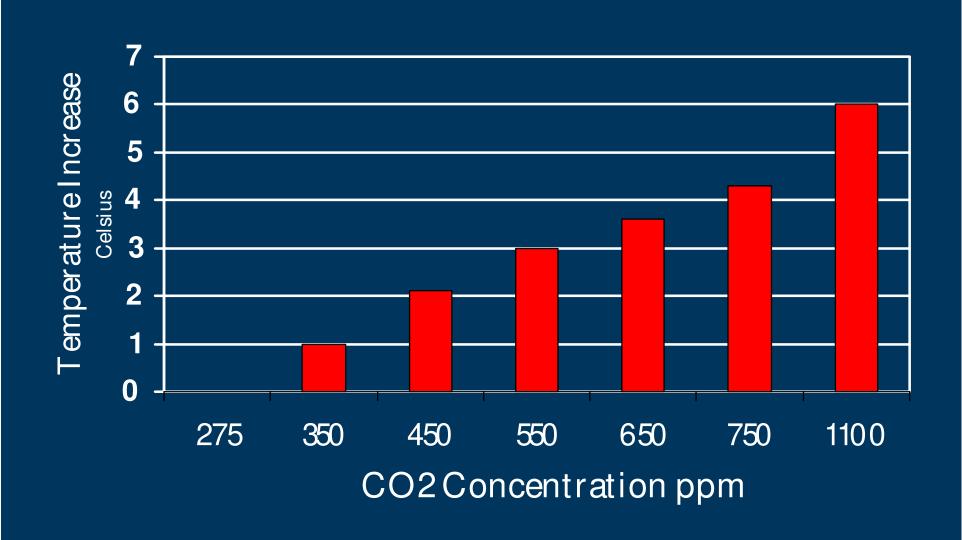
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G8: Stabilizing at 450 ppm CO2

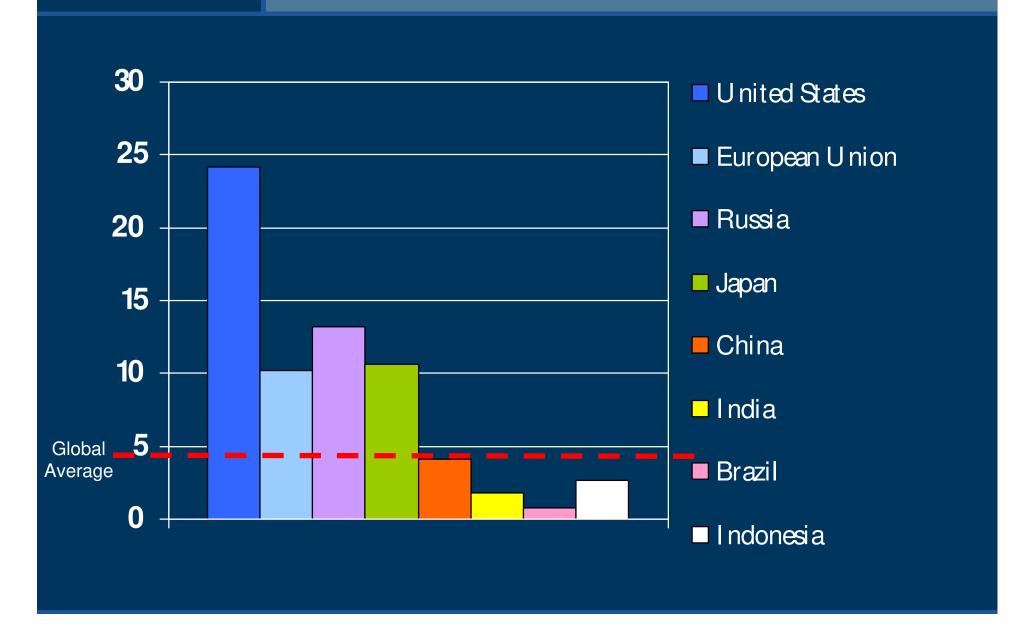
Global; International Energy Agency 2008





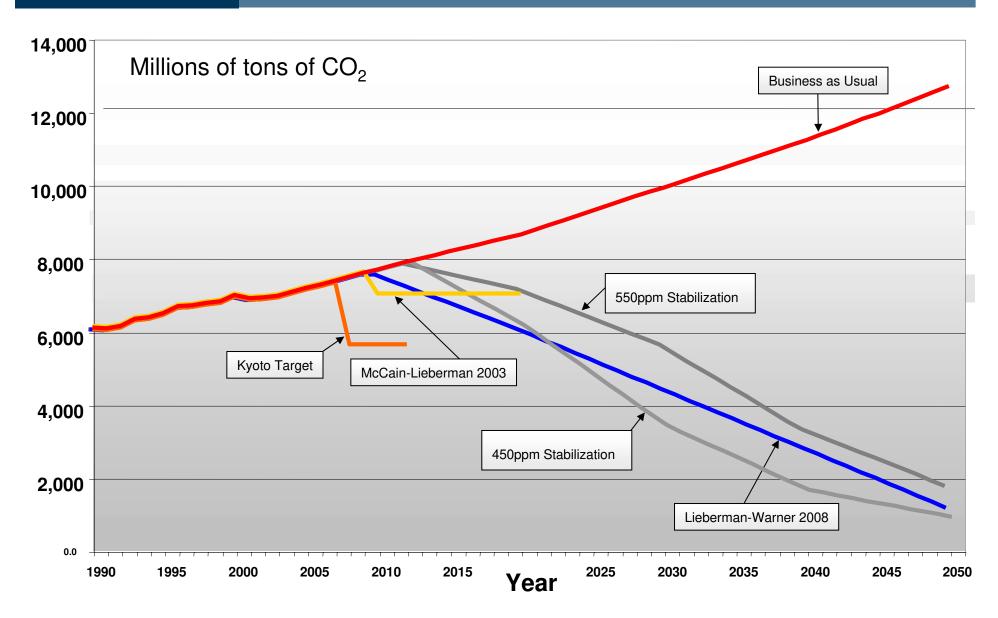
Emissions Per Capita by Country

2000—Tons of CO2/person; Without Land Use Change





U.S. GHG Emissions Reductions



US Climate Action Partnership



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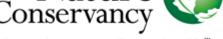












































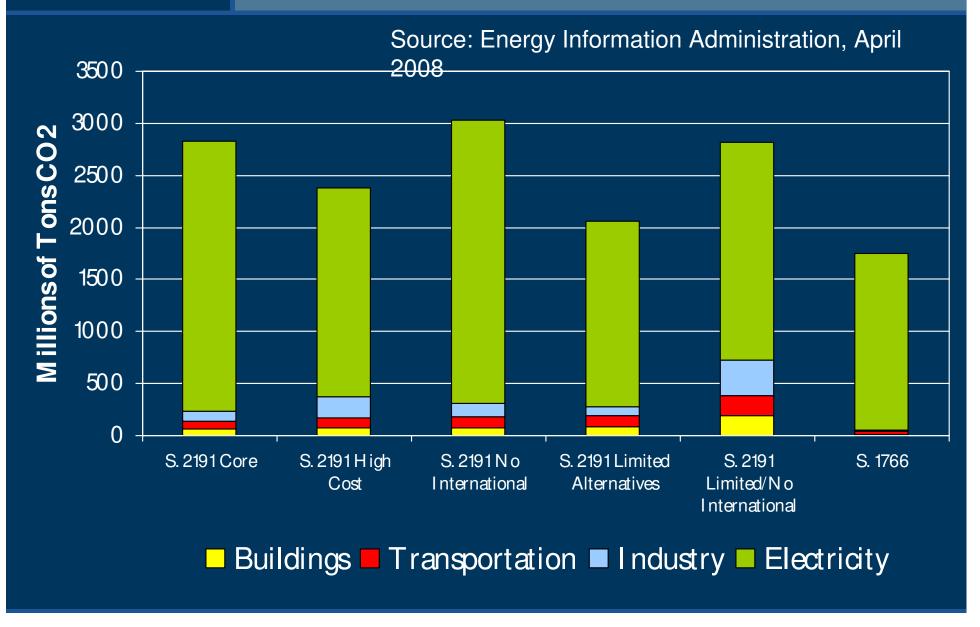


Major Issues for Legislation

- > Allocation or auction of allowances?
- > 2020 cap (size of reduction)
- Role of offsets (3 billion tons/yr?)
- Complimentary measures (RES; LCFS; efficiency)
- Cost containment (safety valve mechanism)
- Disposition of auction revenues
- State preemption (CA tailpipe standards; RGGI)
- > Sanctions on non-participating nations

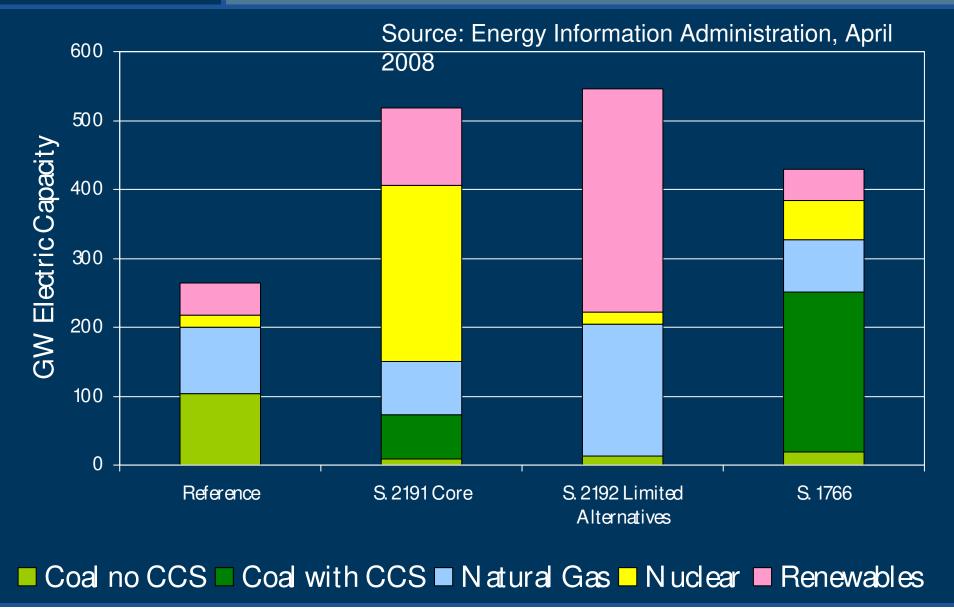


Emissions Reductions from a Cap Projections for 2030





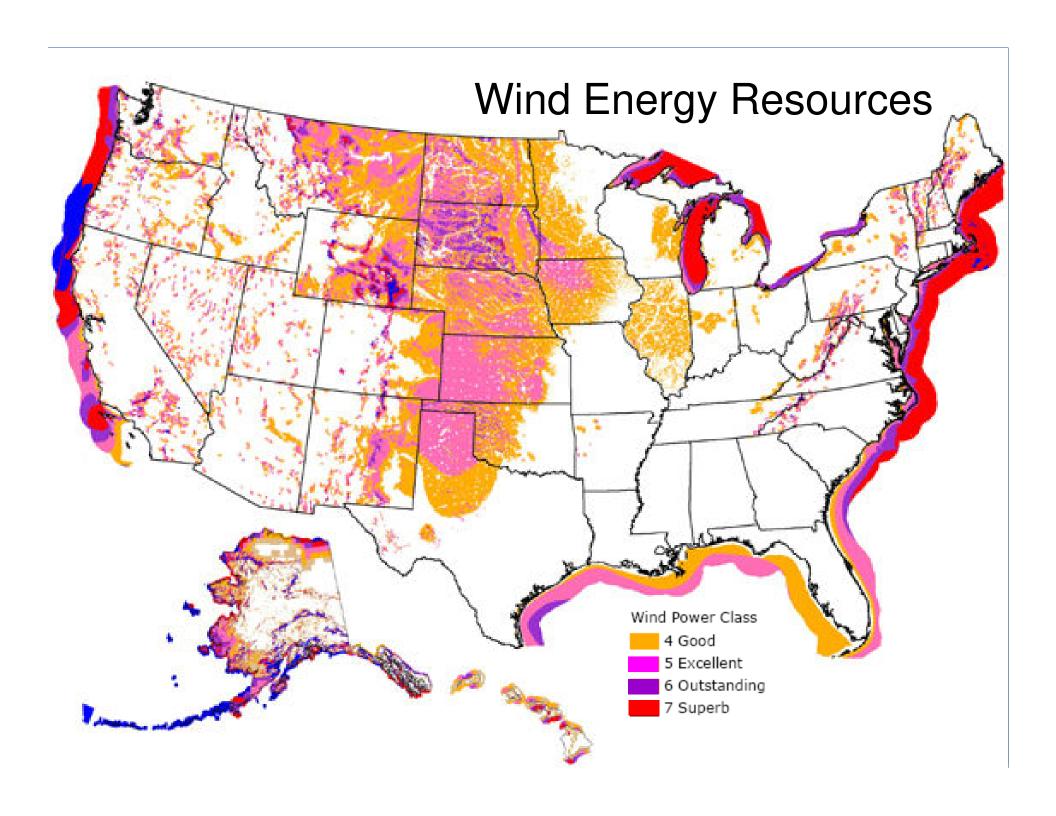
Additions to Generating Capacity Projections for 2030

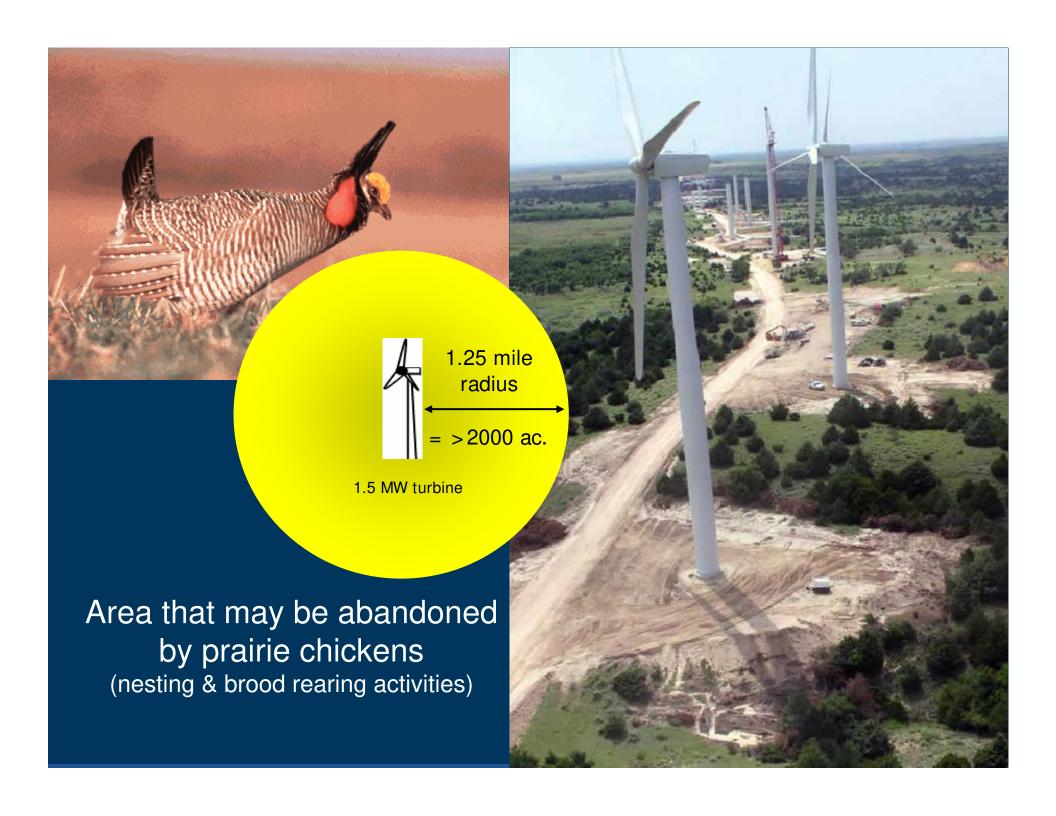


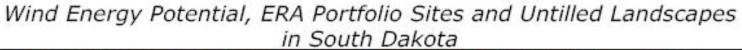


Renewable Energy Issues

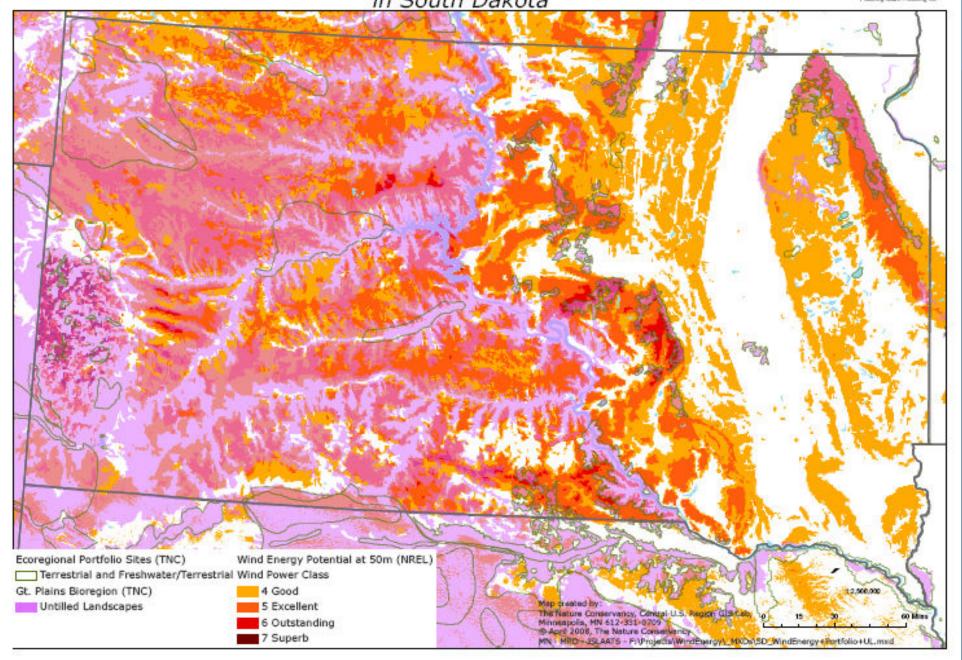
- > Intermittent production (low capacity factor)
 - ➤ Wind = 30-35 percent capacity factor
 - ➤ Solar = 20-25 percent capacity factor
- > Located in sparsely populated areas
- > High land requirements (low power density)
- > Not cost competitive without taxpayers subsidies

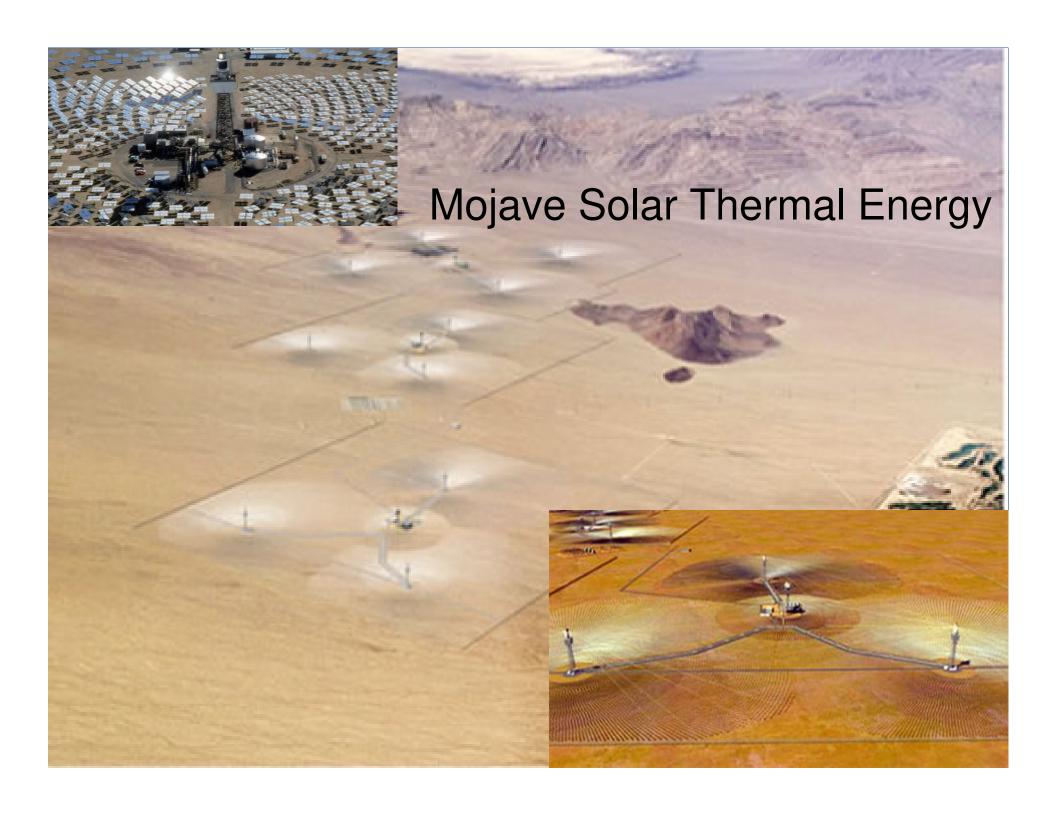














Energy Sprawl

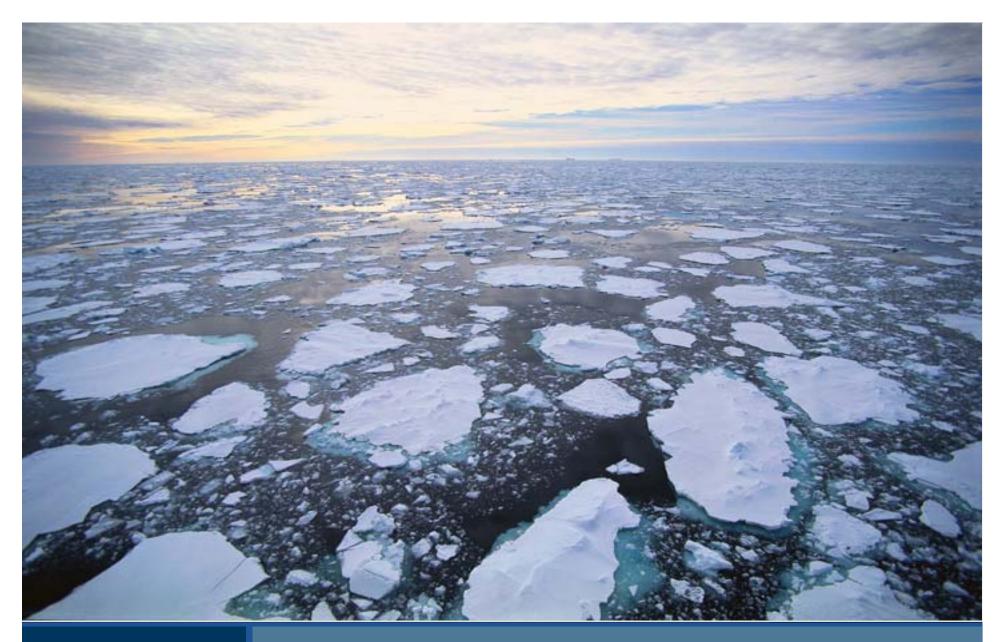
Generation equivalent to 1000 MW nuclear plant:

- ➤ Nuclear = 250 to 1000 acres
- Fossil fuel = 350 to 2500 acres
- \triangleright Solar PV = 30 to 90 sq miles (53,000 acres)
- Wind = 100 to 300 sq miles (200,000 acres)
- Dedicated energy crops = 1500 to 2600 sq miles (1,700,000 acres)



Energy-from-Waste

- Renewable source of energy
- Cost competitive today
- > Located at electrical load centers
- Baseload capacity
- Reduces land use requirements for waste disposal

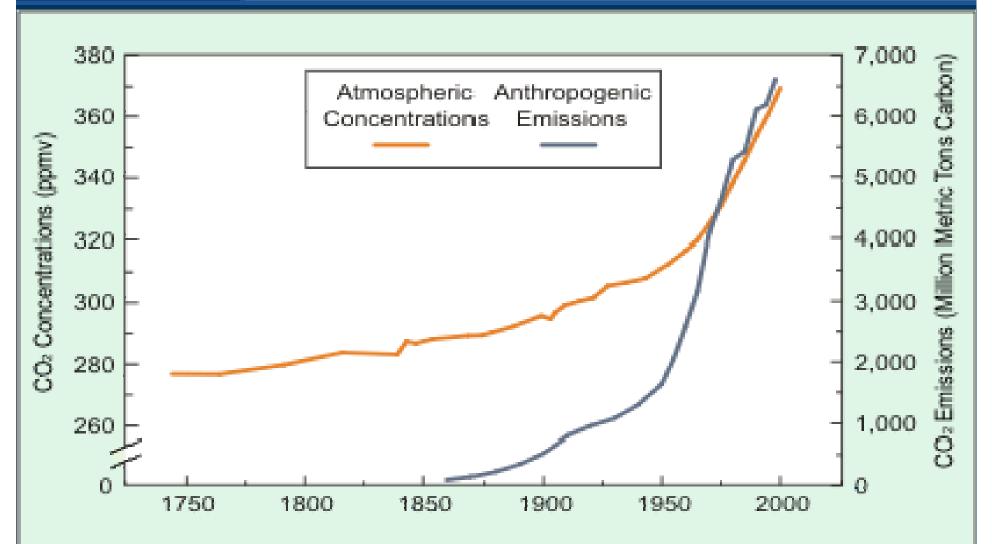




Comments or Questions



CO2 Emissions and Concentrations



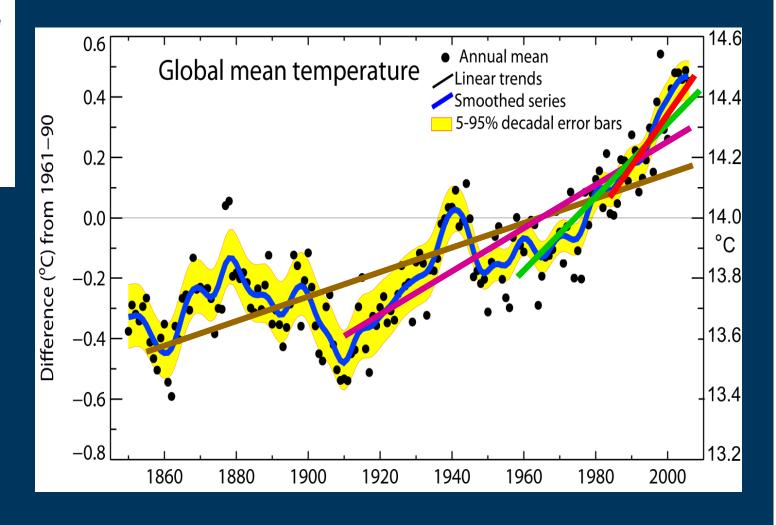
Source: Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Carbon Dioxide Information Analysis Center, http://cdiac.esd.oml.gov/.



Increasing Rate of Change

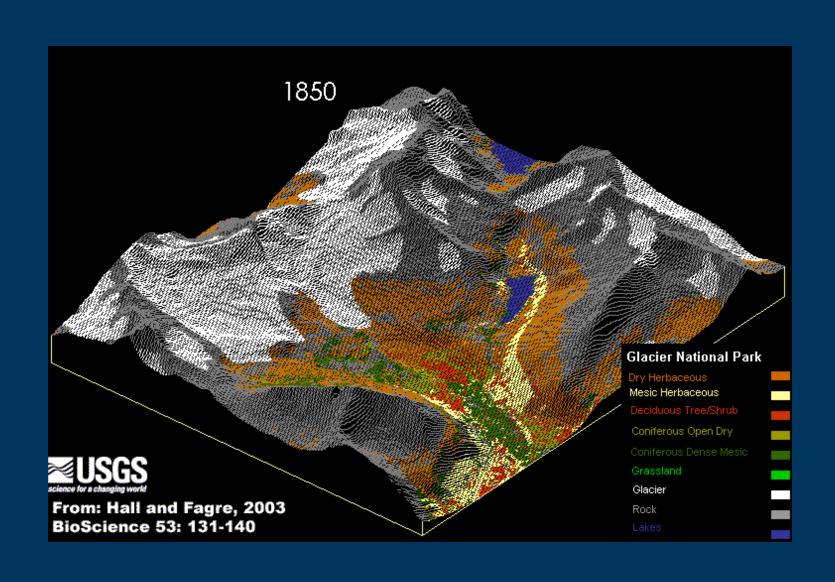
Period Rate Years °C/decade

25 0.18±0.05 50 0.13±0.03 100 0.07±0.02 150 0.05±0.01





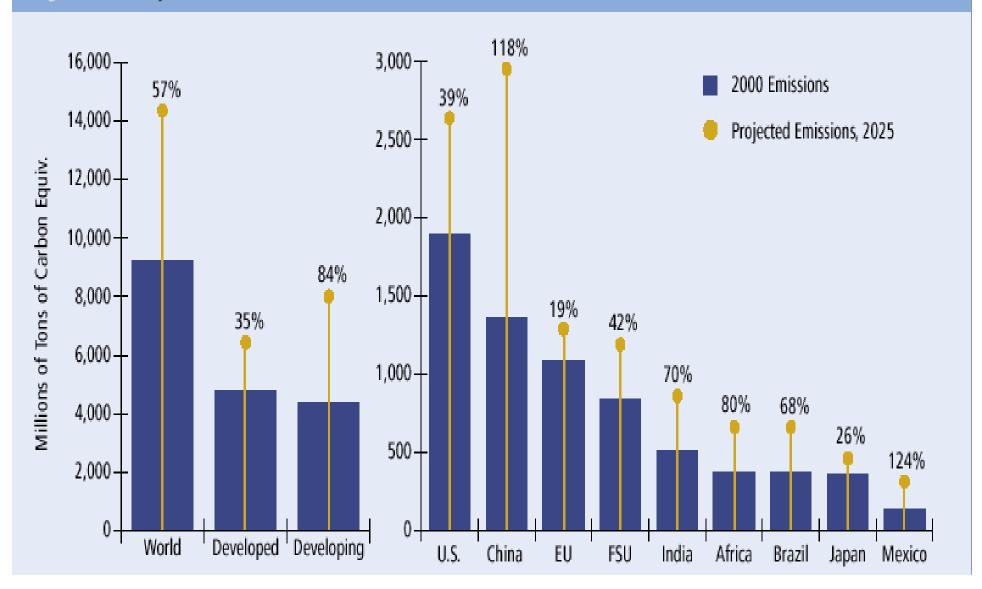
Habitat on the Move





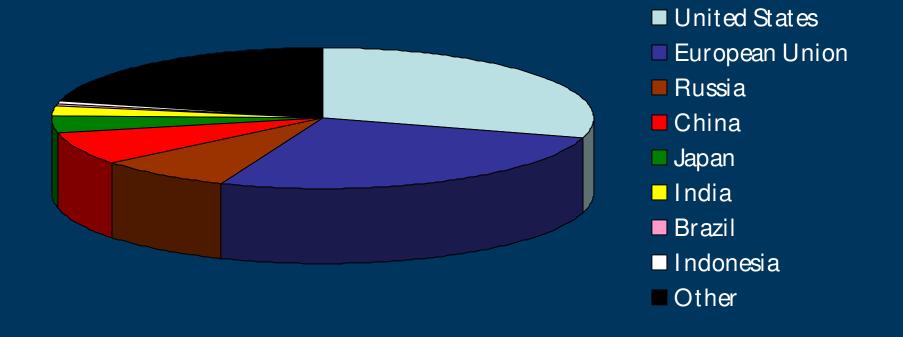
Annual GHG Emissions by Country

Figure 3.1. Projected Emissions of GHGs in 2025





Cumulative Emissions by Country 1850-2000--Percent of World





One Family's Carbon Footprint

18 tons allowed; 65 tons total; U.S. average 110 tons

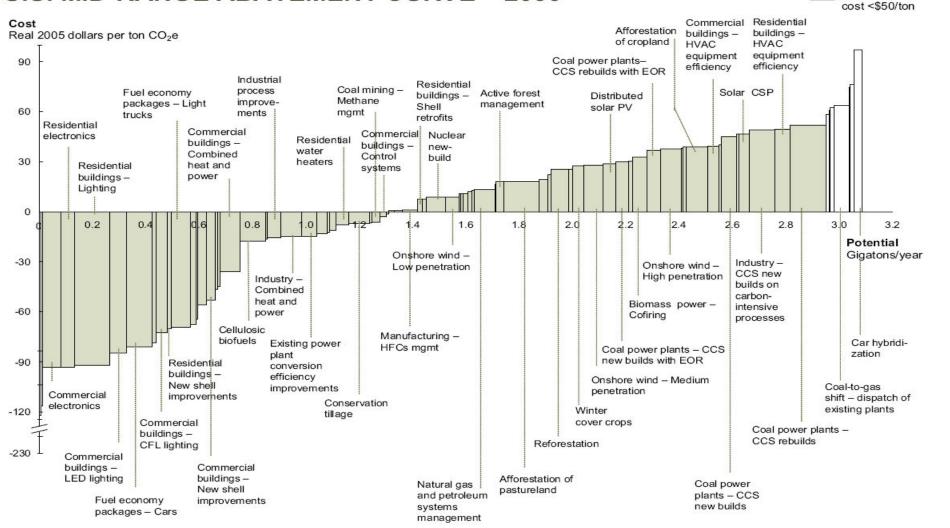
- Single-family detached 3-bedroom home in Virginia
 29 tons for household energy use
- One mid-size car going 10,000 miles/year 7.5 tons
- 8 plane trips (4 short, 4 long) 10.4 tons
- Food (very little organic) 16 tons
- Waste (recycle and compost everything)2.1 tons
- Recreation (cross-country skiing)
 Priceless



Emissions Reductions Cost Curve

Abatement

U.S. MID-RANGE ABATEMENT CURVE - 2030



Source: McKinsey analysis



CAA v Cap v Tax

- > CAA source-by-source technology regulations
- Cap and trade with allocation

Certain emissions limit

International integration

Uncertain price for allowance trades

Polluter windfall

Central planning inefficiencies

Cap with auction

Certain emissions limit

International integration

Uncertain price for allowances in auction

Inefficient revenue recycling

Carbon tax

Certain long-term cost impact on emitters

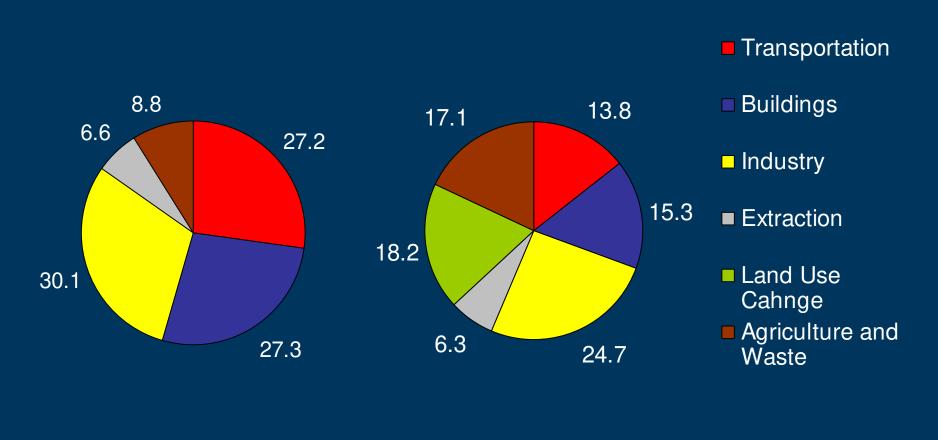
Uncertain total emissions

No international integration

Inefficient revenue recycling



Avoided Deforestation



United States

World



A Strategic Option for Electric Power

Sources: EIA; Mckinsey Group 2008

