

R & D Needs for Industry

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Energy Productivity

- Energy generation is non- [or minimally] polluting
- Energy is used and re-used [by industry; and others]
- Energy is affordable [job retention/creation]
- How does R and D fit in?



Energy Options

- Solar
- Wind
- Natural Gas
- Nuclear
- Coal



Solar and Wind

- Maturing Technologies
- Intermittent and Regional
- Transmission a Hurdle
 - Access; NIMBY
 - Cost of transmission infrastructure
- The ceiling for wind and solar may be determined by the availability of new transmission infrastructure

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Natural Gas

- Increasing abundance on shore
- Needs new distribution capacity but it's underground [you can't see it]
- Important part of future US energy equation



Nuclear

Time will tell

 Unlikely to be significant impact [more than 20-30 GW] until beyond 2030



How do you make the math work?

- CCS?
- The "capture" part is possible if not probable
- What about the "S", storage/sequestration?
 - Underground
 - HUGE liability issues

The Research Component

- Sequestration:
 - in another product/compound
 - Let algae eat it
 - Other ideas?
- A viable sequestration option is the key and should be the challenge we take up





Industry Leadership on GHG Reductions



EPA, 1990-2007







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Summary—R & D Needs

- Sequestration Technologies [as coproducts] for energy generation and industrial sectors
- Breakthrough [transformational] Industrial processes

