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Sustainability in the Energy Sector: Dealing with Greenhouse Gas Emissions

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Outline

- **The climate change challenge & What has to happen**
 - Energy demand & emissions projection
 - Where the emissions are currently & where the growth takes place
 - Energy technology critical: CCS, nuclear??, solar, geothermal
 - Capital stock turnover & cost
- **Canada's GHG emissions & Kyoto target**
- **Kyoto v. what needs to happen internationally**
 - Kyoto in perspective: small coverage, target will be met in aggregate, distribution uneven
 - Multiple approaches to global issue, initial stage will be uneven effort
 - Need to start – countries have to take initial steps, make their contribution to what has to happen to reduce GHG dramatically over this century
- **What kind of policies can get us going? A politically realistic answer for Canada & other countries**
 - End use consumers: regulatory standards – buildings, autos, appliances
 - Direct funding of investment to advance technology
 - GHG price & cost signal for industry: improve emission performance, contribute to technology advancement

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The Climate Change Challenge:

Energy use will continue to rise, fossil fuels continue to dominate primary energy

Shell Group 2001: Spirit of the Coming Age, Abundant Energy Supplies in a Fuel Cell World

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CO₂ emissions from Hydrocarbon Energy

Approximation for Shell Scenario: Spirit of the Coming Age, Abundant Energy Supplies in a Fuel Cell World

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Countries with Kyoto targets are on track to meet targets, in aggregate

Projected emission growth is in countries without Kyoto targets

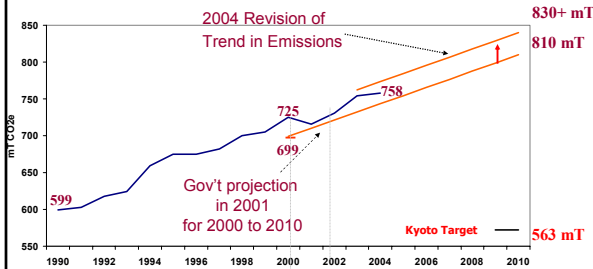
US EIA Projected CO₂ emissions by country to 2025

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Canada's GHG Emissions 2004

Total 758 mT CO₂e

Canada's Kyoto gap



International cooperation: what's wrong with Kyoto?



- **Unequal allocation of targets:**
 - Very unequal allocation of effort among those with targets
- **Poor template for future steps**
 - Exclusion of countries where major increases will occur
 - International system not ready for system of emission rights
 - Creating, allocating and trading of emission rights premature for the state of monitoring, lack of consensus on problem, effectiveness of international cooperation
 - Bureaucratic CDM process for involving developing countries
- **UN process not effective for designing cooperative action on climate change**
 - inefficient, slow, costly, too many bit players, conflicting agendas

International cooperation on Climate Change action



UNFCCC: 2 tracks for discussions of post-2012

- **UNFCCC 4 workshops over next 2 years**
 - Includes the US with all other parties in the Framework Convention in a discussion of a future international framework
- **Kyoto Protocol parties**
 - Discussions as part of Protocol process to start at meeting in May
 - Goal is to complete in order to provide continuity beyond the 1st Kyoto period (2008-12)
- **Two non-UNFCCC significant processes:**
 - **G8 plus developing countries – Gleneagles Dialogue**
 - G8, EU, China, India, Brazil, Mexico, Indonesia, South Africa, S. Korea, Poland
 - **Asia Pacific Partnership**
 - US, Japan, Australia, China, India, S. Korea

Opportunity to steer toward pragmatic, inclusive, international framework focused on technology & programs

What kind of policies could work for Canada's contribution at this stage?



- **Canada should:**
 - align the Canadian effort with the required global effort
 - recognize that initial efforts will be uneven internationally
 - push industry to improve its performance without undermining international competitive position
 - take part in and promote first steps at international cooperation
- **Kinds of policies that could work**
 - Efficiency standards for buildings, autos, appliances
 - Direct investment in technology development
 - e.g. clean coal power, CO₂ capture & storage in oil sands
 - Price & cost signal for industry
 - Improve emission performance
 - Contribute to investment in technology advancement