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Why addressing anthropogenic CO2 and fossil fuel energy insecurity is the key to selling space solar power

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Space solar power concept



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Sunrise – January 20, 2017

Anthropogenic CO2

Energy independence



President Trump – March 28, 2017, EPA Headquarters

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Ozone depletion over Antarctica

1985

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Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer

1987



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Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer

President Reagan:

"I am pleased to sign the instrument of ratification for the Montreal protocol on substances that deplete the ozone layer. The protocol marks an important milestone for the future quality of the global environment and for the health and well-being of all peoples of the world. Unanimous approval of the protocol by the Senate ..."



6,000 km-----

Ozone depletion over Antarctica

ozone concentration (Dobson units)

satellite swath

500

elevation density ozone density profile x10¹² ozone per cm³ 10 km 0 South America

40 km

NOAA/NASA





Credit: A. Snead









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Natural atmospheric CO2 variation (Parts per million by volume–PPM)



Source: World Data Center for Paleoclimatology, Bolder, and NOAA Paleoclimatology Program, retrieved 2016 and 2017

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What maximum CO2 concentration will NOT cause dangerous interference with the climate system?

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Paris Climate Agreement



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Barrels of Oil Equivalent (BOE)

42 gallons of crude oil



1 ton of coal



1,000 cubic feet of natural gas



1 BOE

3.45 BOE

0.18 BOE

U.S. annual fossil fuel and non-fossil fuel energy use (1850–2015) ^{ISDC 2017} (Billion BOE per year)



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U.S. oil production and total consumption (Billion barrels per year)















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U.S. 2016 technically recoverable fossil fuel endowment

Fossil fuel	Native units	BOE (Billion)	% Unproved
Oil	274.2 billion barrels ¹	274.2	87
Natural gas	2,474.4 trillion cu. ft. ²	438.5 ⁴	86
Coal	254.9 billion short tons ³	879.4 ⁵	
Total		1,592.1	

- 1. U.S. Energy Information Administration, Table 9.1, Technically recoverable U.S. Crude oil resources as of January 1, 2014, Chapter 9, Oil and Gas Supply Module, Assumptions to the Annual Energy Outlook 2016, page 132, January, 2017.
- 2. U.S. Energy Information Administration, Table 9.2, Technically recoverable U.S. dry natural gas resources as of January 1, 2014, Chapter 9, Oil and Gas Supply Module, Assumptions to the Annual Energy Outlook 2016, page 133, January, 2017.
- 3. U.S. Energy Information Administration, Table 15, Recoverable Coal Reserves at Producing Mines, Estimated Recoverable Reserves, and Demonstrated Reserve Base by Mining Method, Annual Coal Report 2015, November, 2016.
- 4. 1 cu. ft. natural gas = 1,028 Btu; 1,000,000 cu. ft. = 177.2 BOE
- 5. 1 short ton of coal = 19.988 million Btu; 1 short ton = 3.45 BOE

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Fossil fuel	2015 remaining endowment BOE (Billion)	2015 consumption BOE/year (Billion)	2015 life (Year)
Oil	274.2	6.1 (45%)	2060
Natural gas	438.5	4.9 (36%)	2105
Coal	879.4	2.7 (20%)	2341
Total	1,592.1	13.7	

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Natural gas	218	4.9	2105
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U.S. population projection to 2100 (Millions)



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Nuclear





Ground solar

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5000 1-GW plants

100,000 people/GW

Wind



4 turbines/sq. mi.

200 people/sq. mi.

2.5 million sq. mi.



Ground solar



225,000 sq. mi. of actual solar farms





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2-GW

THURSDAY.

United States

1000 stations

60,000 sq. mi.

2% of U.S.



United States

1000 stations

60,000 sq. mi.

2% of U.S.

The world

10,000 stations

600,000 sq. mi.



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New protocol



Mirrors

Transmitter

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Solar arrays



