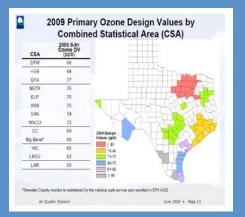
How New Air Quality Rules Will Affect Texas Power Generation



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NO_X and SO₂ Emissions Affect the Health of Millions of Americans and Our Environment

- NO_X contributes to the formation of PM_{2.5} and groundlevel ozone.
- **SO**₂ contributes to the formation of $PM_{2.5}$.
- PM_{2.5} has been linked to premature death, serious illnesses such as chronic bronchitis and heart attacks, and respiratory problems.
- Ozone has been linked to premature mortality, lung damage, respiratory symptoms, aggravation of asthma and other respiratory conditions.
- Sulfur deposition acidifies surface waters, and damages forest ecosystems and soils.
- Nitrogen deposition acidifies surface waters, damages forest ecosystems and soils, and contributes to coastal eutrophication.
- SO₂ and NO_X impair visibility, including at national parks and wilderness areas.



	Permit		Mega- CO ₂ Mil	CO. M3	SO ₂		NO _X (forms Ozone)		Particulate Matter		Mercury	
Plant	City, County	#	Status	Mega- watts	Tons/yr	Tons/yr	lb/MMBtu	Tons/yr	lb/MMBtu	Tons/yr	lb/MMBtu	lb/yr
TXU's Oak Grove 1 & 2 (2 units)												
unus) Bremond, Robertson		76474	Permitted - on Appeal	1,720	16.6	15,079	0.192	7,500	0.08	3,170	0.04	1,440
CPS Spruce												
San Antonio, Bexar		70492	Permitted - under construction	750	7.4	2,102	0.06	1,752	0.05	771	0.022	140
Sandy Cr	eek Energy		Permitted = under									
Riesel, Mo	Lennan	70861	construction	800	7.5	3,585	0.1	1,793	0.05	1,490	0.04	150
Formosa Plastics (2 Units)						1,091 to	0.083 to					
Point Con	afort, Calhoun	76044	Permitted	300	3.0	6,518	0.496	920	0.07	446	0.034	78
TXU's Sa	ndow 5 at Alcoa											
Rockdale,	, Milam	48437	Permitted	581	5.4	5,186	0.2	2,593	0.1	1,037	0.04	192
Calhoun Co. Nav. Dist. Point Comfort, Calhoun		45586	Permitted and									
			emissions settlement reached	300	2.6 (offset)	2,071	0.179	813	0.07	597	0.051	14
NRG's Li	mestone 3											
Jewett, Li	imestone	79188	Permitted - on Appeal	745	7.4	2,102	0.06	1,752	0.07	1,226	0.04	140
	Totals for Rec	ently Permittee	l Planis	5,196	49.9	36,643		17,123		8,737		2,154
Plants Still Being Pursued												
Tenaska					0.75 (w//							
Sweetwat	er, Nolan	84167	Draft Permit Issued	900	CCS)	2,183	0.06	1,819	0.05	1,092	0.03	124
White Sta	llion		Draft Permit									
Bay City,	Matagorda	86088	Issued	1,200	~10 (est.)	4,956	0.086	4,048	0.07	1,560	N/A	96
Las Brisa	S		Draft Permit		10.4							
Corpus Cl	aristi, Nueces	85013	Issued	1,200	(est.)	8,096	0.15	3,776	0.07	1,620	0.033	216
Coleto Cr	Coleto Creek		Draft Permit 778 Issued									
Goliad, Goliad		83778		650	6.0	1,753	0.06	1,461	0.05	935	0.0325	100
Totals for Other Plants Being Pursued			3,950	27.15	16,988		11,104		5,207		536	

Recently Permitted Plants (values are taken from permits or permit applications)



Threats from Coal

Toxins and **Pollution:**

NOx (Smog) SOx (Acid Rain) PM (infiltrates body) Mercury & other heavy metals

Air pollution from existing power plants in Texas is estimated to cause:

1,160 premature deaths

1,791 heart attacks

144 lung cancer deaths

33,987 asthma attacks

1,798 ER visits

1,105 hospitalizations



13 Lakes and Reservoirs & 3 Rivers in Texas and the Entire Gulf Coast have a consumption advisories due to Mercury contamination.





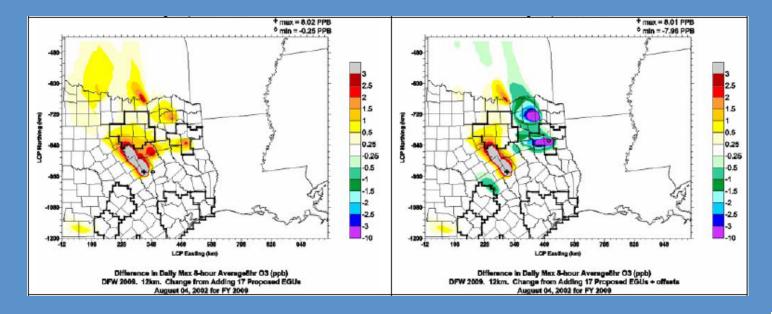
Upcoming Regulations



Action	Schedule
SO ₂ NAAQS	Final June 2010
Transport Rule	Proposed June 2010/Final June 2011 - 14-20% reduction?
Ozone NAAQS Reconsideration	Final DEC 2010 Reduction from 85 to 70? ppb
Utility Boiler NSPS and MACT	Propose March 2011/Final Nov 2011
Transport Rule II (NO _X)	Propose Summer 2011/Final Summer 2012
PM NAAQS	Propose Feb 2011/Final Oct 2011

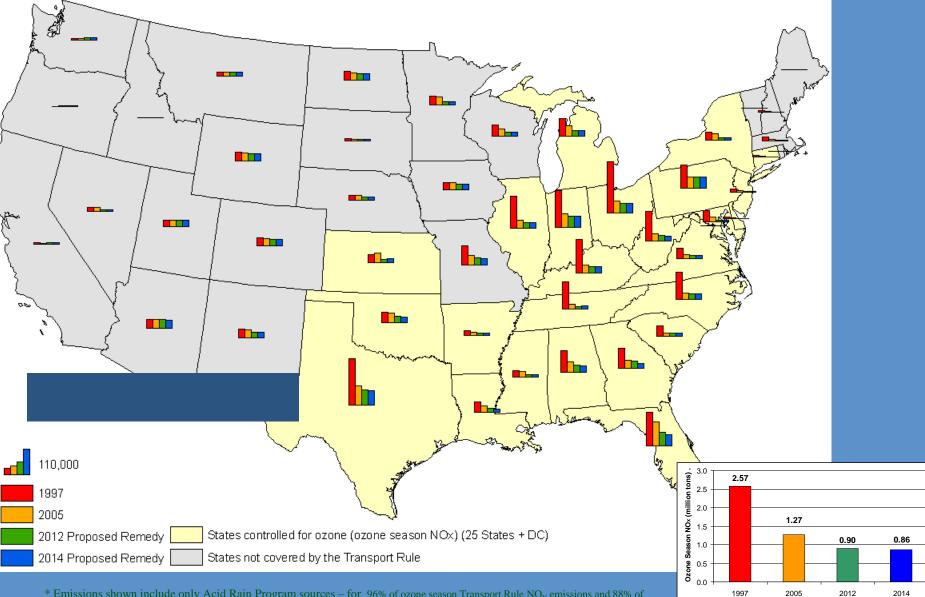
New EPA Smog rules may force Texas to reduce ozone by 7-20%

East Texas Power plants are a still the largest background sources of NOX





Ozone Season NO_X Power Plant Emissions reductions 1997-2014 * due to Clean Air Transport Rule



Year

* Emissions shown include only Acid Rain Program sources – for 96% of ozone season Transport Rule NO_X emissions and 88% of Transport Rule units in 2014.

Benefits Outweigh Costs

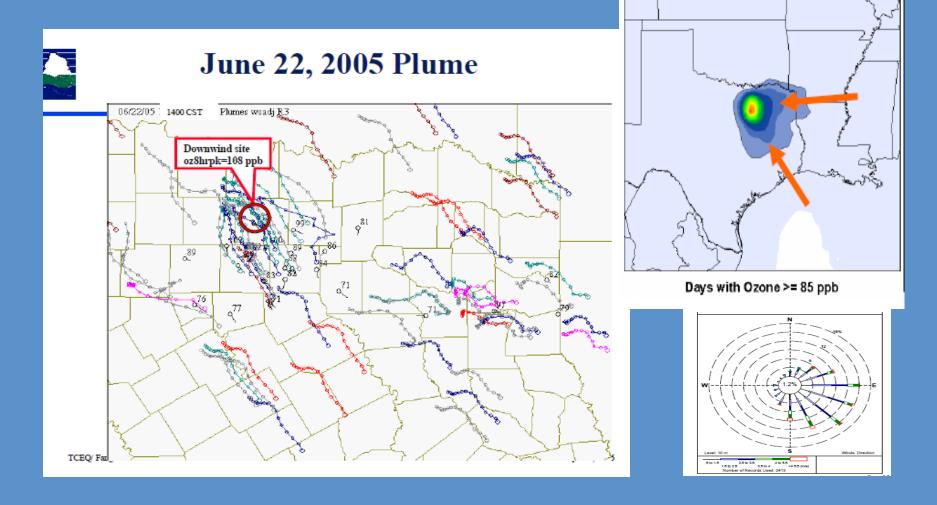
- EPA estimates the annual benefits from the proposed rule range between \$120-\$290 billion (2006 \$) in 2014.
 - Most of these benefits are public health-related.
 - \$3.4 billion are attributable to visibility improvements in areas such as national parks and wilderness areas.
 - Other nonmonetized benefits include reductions in mercury contamination, acid rain, eutrophication of estuaries and coastal waters, and acidification of forest soils.
- EPA estimates annual compliance costs at \$2.8 billion in 2014.
- Modest costs mean small effects on electricity generation. EPA estimates that in 2014:
 - Electricity prices increase less than 2 percent.
 - Natural gas prices increase less than 1 percent.
 - Coal use is reduced by less than 1 percent.

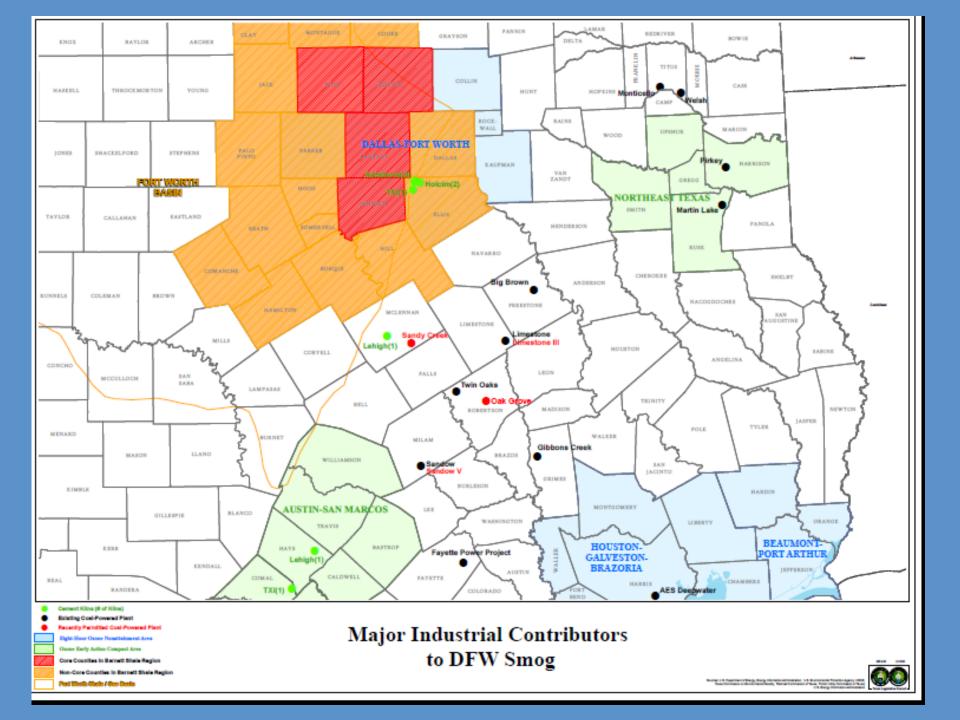
Health Benefits for Millions of Americans

Estimated Number of Adverse Health Effects Avoided Due to Implementing the Proposed Transport Rule*

Health Effect	Number of Cases Avoided			
Premature mortality	14,000 to 36,000			
Non-fatal heart attacks	23,000			
Hospital and emergency department visits	26,000			
Acute bronchitis	21,000			
Upper and lower respiratory symptoms	440,000			
Aggravated asthma	240,000			
Days when people miss work or school	1.9 million			
Days when people must restrict their activities * Impacts avoided due to improvements in PM _{2.5}	11 million and ozone air quality in 2014			

How power plants affect air pollution in the DFW area

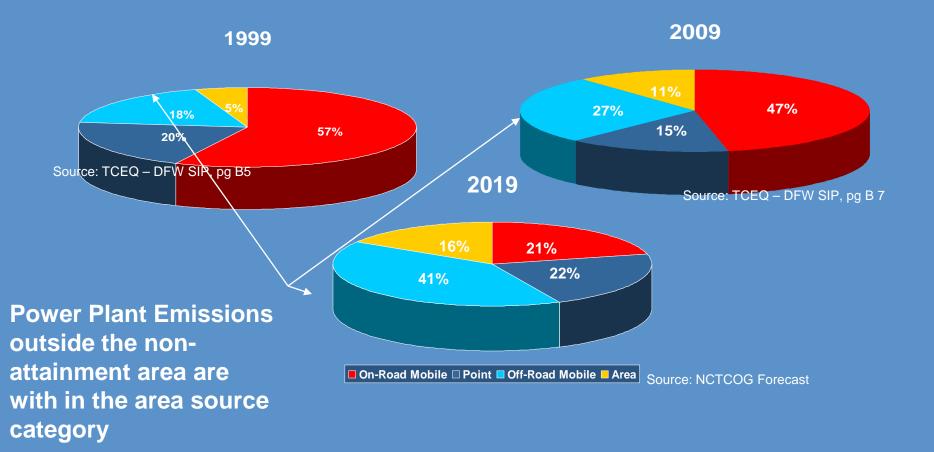




Where does DFW's smog pollution come from?

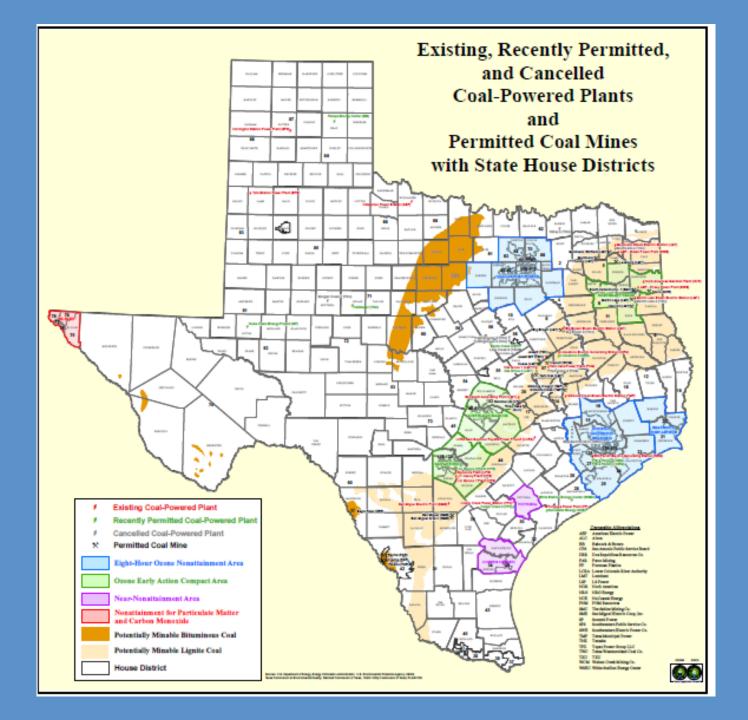
AIR QUALITY: OZONE

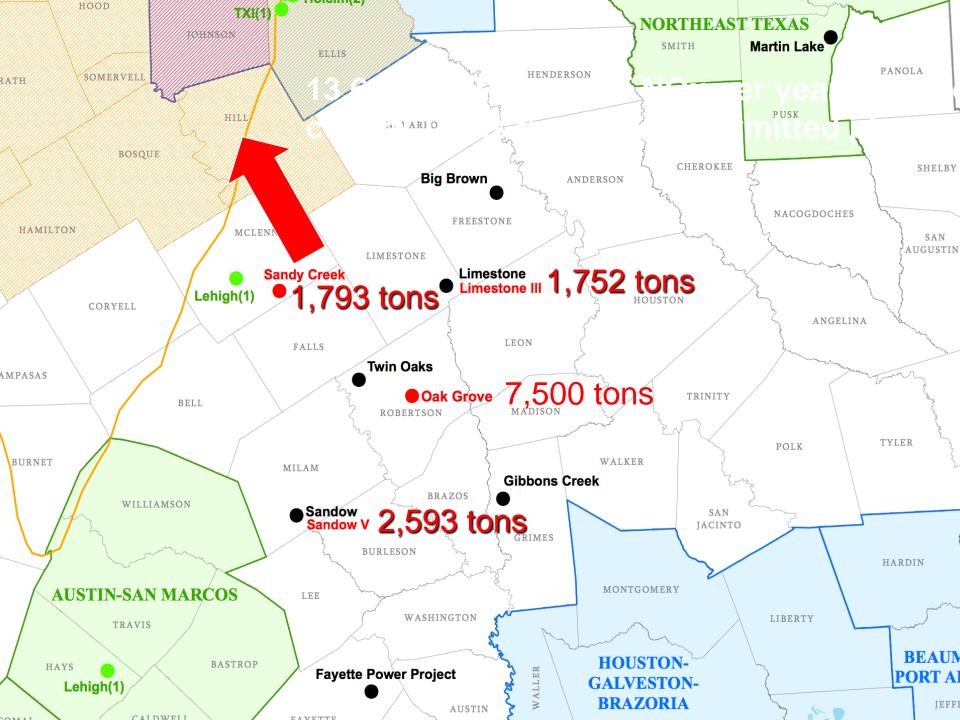
DFW Past, Present, Future NOx Projections





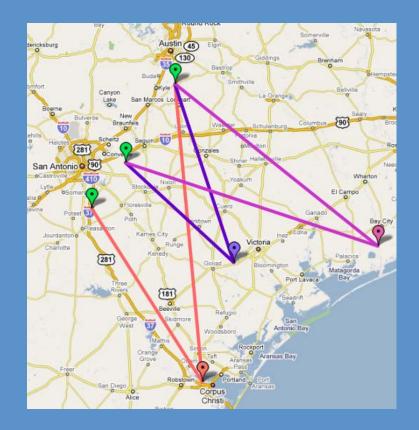
Plant Name	CO ₂ (million tpy)	NO _X (tpy)	SO₂ (tpy)	Pb (lbs/year)	Hg (lbs/year)
Martin Lake	19.57	15,703	71,842	69,314	1,836
W A Parish	19.21	5,060	42,502	25,143	1,248
Monticello	17.31	11,938	58,265	32,064	1,564
Limestone	13.36	12,019	20,849	44,145	2,074
Sam Seymour (Fayette)	12.51	6,222	27,551	2,291	307
Welsh	11.74	10,145	27,372	534	432
Spruce/Deely	9.33	6,177	17,934	1,837	456
Big Brown	8.88	5,777	55,547	17,224	1,725
Harrington	8.13	7,525	22,150	417	346
Tolk	7.6	7,164	22,641	239	303
Coleto Creek	5.38	4,198	21,453	5,187	275
Sandow	5.07	4,912	25,594	18,110	602
Pirkey	3.92	3,328	4,363	45,898	1,510
San Miguel	3.76	3,169	11,064	57,798	1,273
Gibbons Creek	3.52	2,114	11,931	1,341	275
Oklaunion	3.23	5,057	2,684	461	163
Twin Oaks	2.52	1,479	4,706	7,420	568
Totals	155.04	111,987	448,448	329,423	14,957

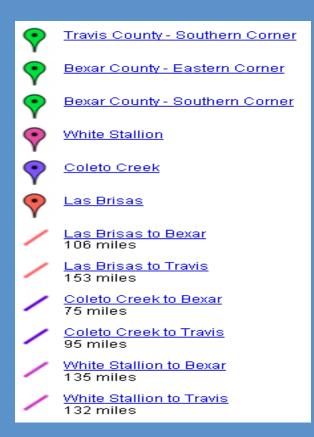




New power plants will have an impact on air quality in Austin, San Antonio, Corpus and Victoria

Distances From Newly Proposed Gulf Coast Power Plants to Travis and Bexar County Lines







EPA released proposed coal ash disposal regulations in April

Coal ash is the leftover waste from coal-fired power plants. The ash is a concentrated mix of toxic pollutants.

- This waste is the nation's second largest waste stream.
- Ash landfills leach pollution into drinking water supplies, greatly increasing cancer risks for nearby communities
- living near ash ponds increases the risk of damage to the liver, kidney, lungs and other organs
- Risk of being exposed to toxic metals like cadmium, cobalt, lead, and other pollutants at concentrations far above levels that are considered safe
- EPA estimated that up to 1 in 50 nearby residents (a risk 2000 times the EPA's regulatory goals) could get cancer from exposure to arsenic unlined waste ponds that mix ash with coal refuse.
- EPA typically considers cancer risk to be unacceptable when environmental exposures result in more than one additional cancer per 100,000 people.



Texas Ranks #1 in Coal Ash Waste Disposal

Source: NRDC

Estimated tons

of texic metals

1.372

612

569

459

459

459

167

136

4,233

Tons of toxic metals

1,903

561

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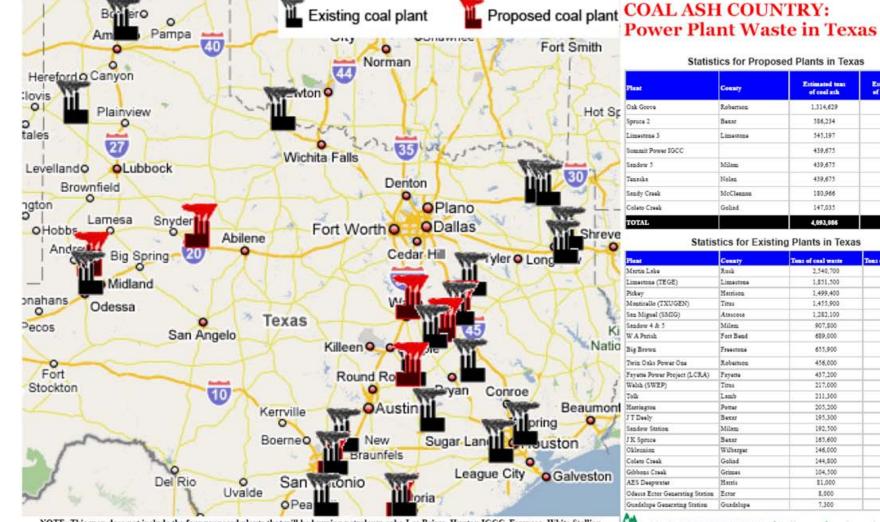
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State Name	Rank in Waste	Nacte		Toxic	Waste in	Tons of Waste in Landfills	Waste	Waste	Waste
Texas	1	13,454,000	1	8,915	576,810	6,490,800	148,480	1,321,800	4,916,110
Pennsylvania	2	11,057,650	4	5,639	1,076,700	2,536,500	586,050	1,018,000	5,840,400
Kentucky	3	8,599,400	6	4,853	2,298,000	3,409,900	470,400	926,900	1,494,200

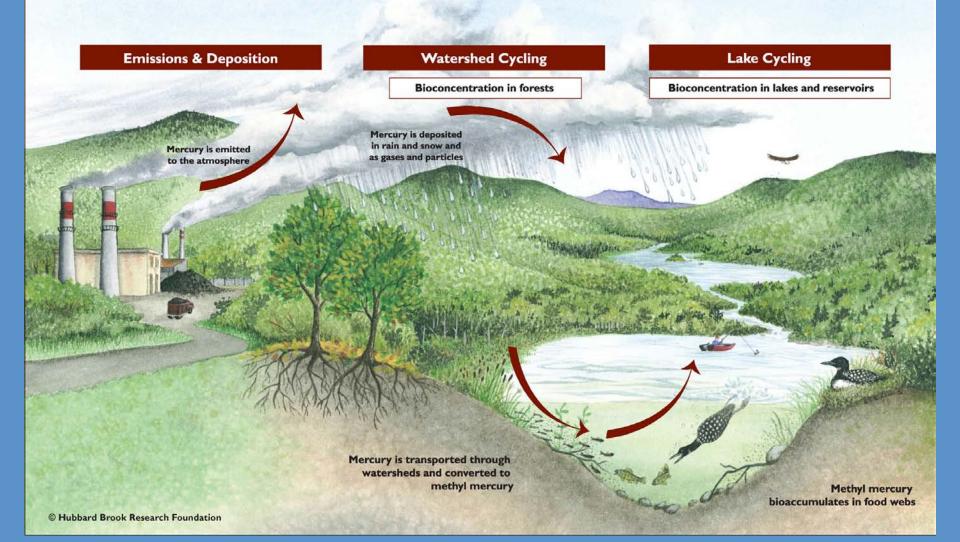


NOTE: This map does not include the four proposed plants that will be burning petroleum coke-Las Brisas, Hunton IGCC, Formosa, White Stallion

NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL http://www.mrdc.org/energy/coalwaste.

Nercury is a Potent Neurotoxin

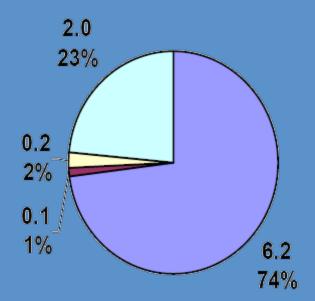
Quicksilver Clouds: How Mercury Enters, Cycles, and Impacts Ecosystems



74% of Mercury Emissions in Texas Comes From Coal Plants

Distribution of Mercury Emissions from Man-Made Sources in Texas

In Tons and Percentage of State Total – 2006 Data



Electric Generating Units
 Waste Incinerators
 Non-Utility Coal Combustion
 Other

Source: TCEQ, 2006





Norcury and Autism

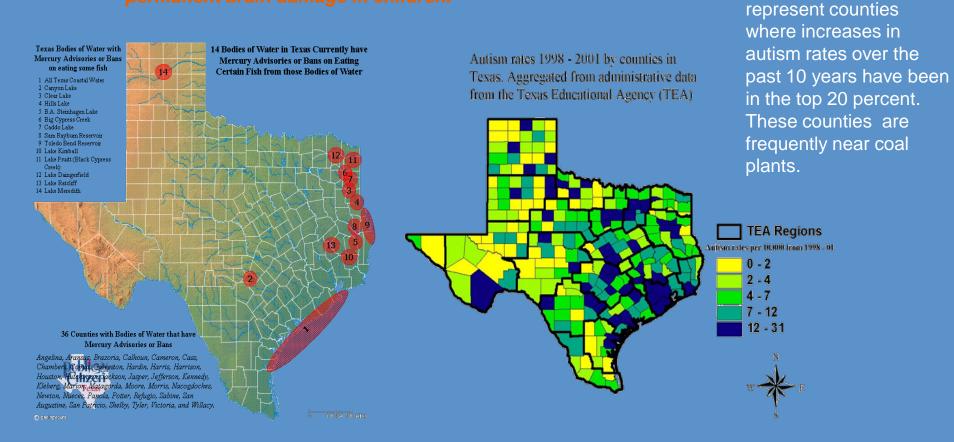
The University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio published a new study on April 25th, 2008 showing:
 "a statistically significant link between pounds of industrial release of mercury and increased autism rates." – Science Daily

Texas Estuaries, Bays and Coastlines that are already contaminated by mercury.

Source: TCEQ, 2002 Draft 303-D List, October 2002

The darkest patches

Shark, Swordfish and King Mackerel from the Texas Gulf already contain high levels of mercury. Exposure to mercury leads to learning disabilities and permanent brain damage in children.





Cost of Clean Up \$5.5 billion?

First Order Intern Work

NOx

Selective Catalytic Reduction

\$175/kw

SO2

Scrubbers and Baghouses

■ \$500/kw @ 90%

∎ Hg

Removal

\$60,000/lb

- **CO**2
 - Removal
 - \$20/lb

Thermoelectric power plants dominate "withdrawal" in Texas:

(bright yellow pie wedge)

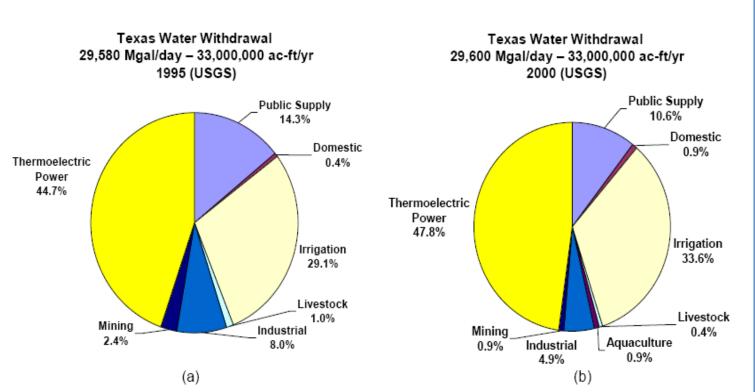
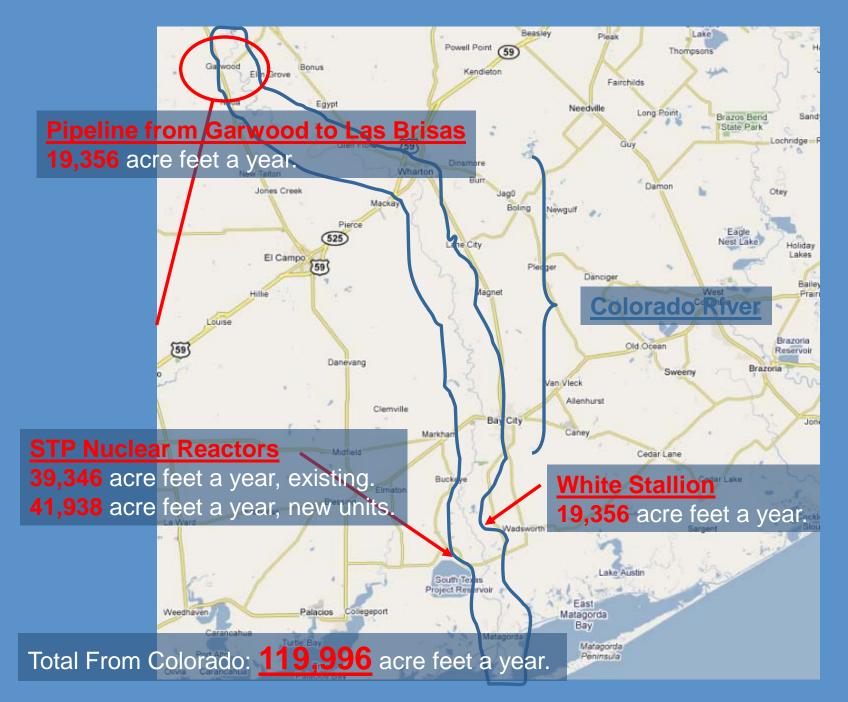
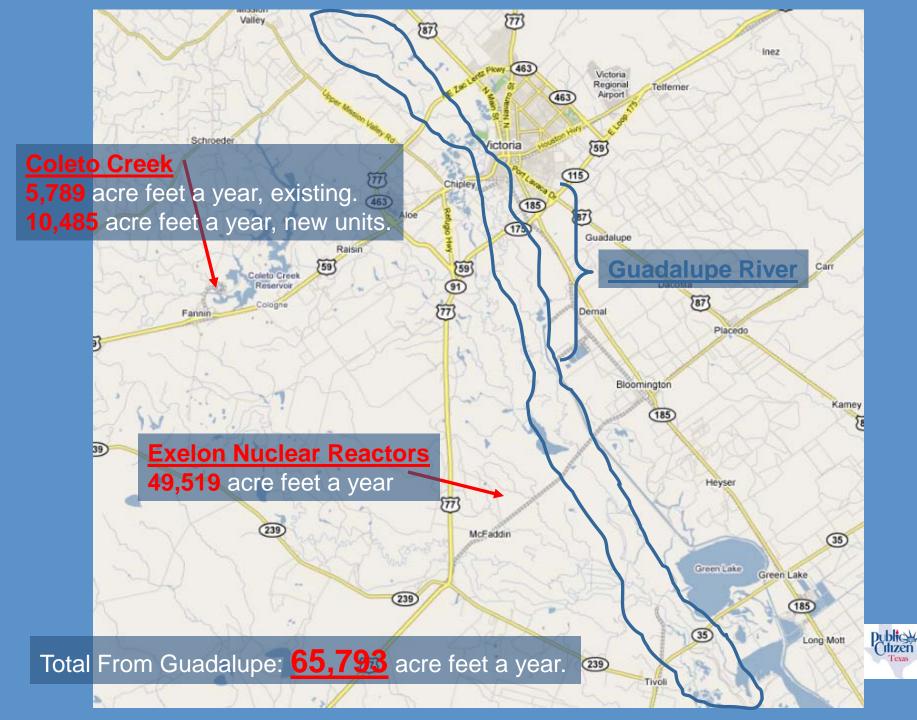


Figure 1.8. Texas (a) and United States (b) water withdrawals in 2000 by sector as reported by the USGS [USGS, 2004].











<u>Nukes, Natural Gas, and Coal All Use Large Amounts of Water</u> While Wind and PV Solar Use Practically None

Concentrating Solar (CSP) does use significant water comparable to fossil fuel plants: "For cooling towers connected to CSP systems, the estimated water consumption is 0.72-0.90 gal/kWh." - TWDB Report

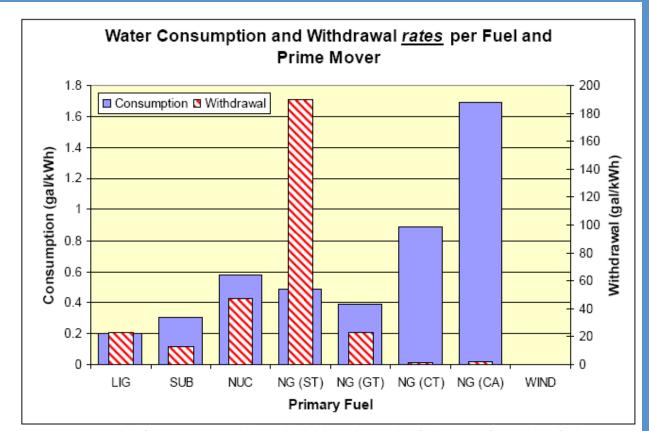


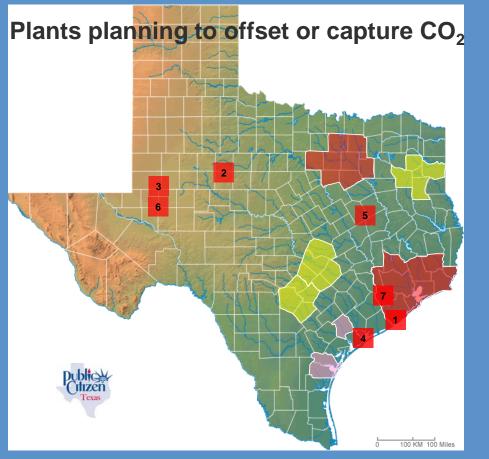


Figure 1.14. Trends of water consumption and withdrawal rates by fuel source for various fuel sources used in Texas [EIA, 2005]. ST = steam turbine, GT = gas turbine not in combined cycle, CT = combustion turbine of combined cycle, CA = steam section of combined cycle.

77 Million Tons of New CO₂

will be added to our atmosphere if all newly proposed plants in Texas are permitted and built.

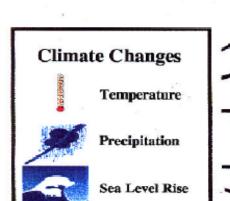
There are 7 facilities being built or proposed in Texas already planning to capture or offset part of their CO2 emissions. If we required 90% capture, this would reduce emissions to only 7 million tons of CO₂.



1. Hunton Gasification Facility	90% capture
 Tenaska Trailblazer Energy Center 	85-90% capture
3. Summit IGCC planned near Midland	90% capture
4. Calhoun County	100% offsets
5. NRG Limestone	50% offsets
6. West Texas Energy Project	90% capture
7. NRG Parish 60MW Experimental CCS	90% capture

What's at Stake in Texas?

Potential Climate Change Impacts





Health Impacts Weather-related Mortality

Infectious Diseases Air Quality-Respiratory Illnesses



Agriculture Impacts Crop Yields Irrigation Demands

Forest Impacts

Geographic range of forests Forest health and productivity

Water Resource Impacts

Water supply Water quality Competition for water Impacts on Coastal Areas

Erosion of beaches Inundation of coastal lands Additional costs to protect coastal communities

Species and Natural Areas Loss of habitat and species



CO2 Implementation

EPA has stated GHG regulation will be tiered and gradual

2010: rules for tailpipe emissions, creating new CAFE standards with Dept of Transportation

2012-2013: rules for power plants which emit more than 100,000 tons of CO₂e
 2016: rules for sources which emit more than 75k tons of CO₂e

<u>p://www.nytimes.com/2010/02/23/business/energy-environment/23epa.html</u> p://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/02/22/AR2010022204829



What about "Clean" Coal?

Increased stack controls

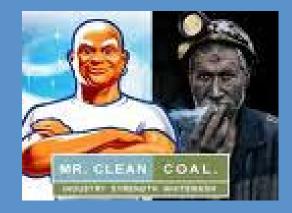
more concentrated coal ash

Increased water use
Expensive

Separation Equipment \$1B
Gasification & CCS \$1B

Will sequestration work?
What about mining issues?





Carbon Capture and Sequestration (CCS) can greatly lower a plant's efficiency, and thus increase it's water use, as you can see by the chart below:

The **<u>red</u>** and **<u>black</u>** lines show two water use scenarios in which CCS would be implemented into many plants due to a carbon tax.

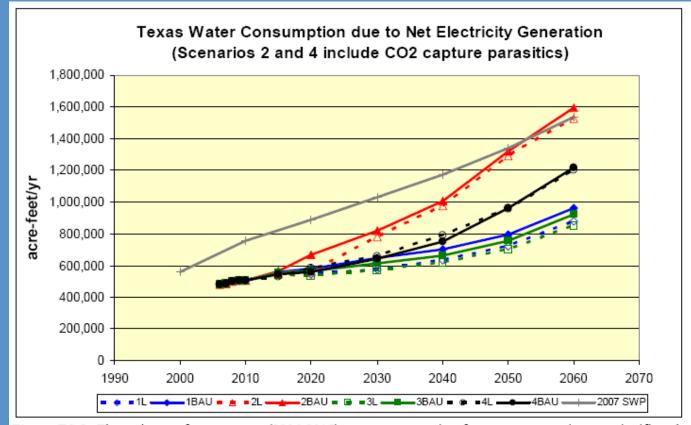


Figure ES-1. The estimates for near term (2006-2015) water consumption for power generation are significantly below the current 2007 State Water Plan (2007 SWP). The water projection for Scenario 2 (involves high natural gas prices and carbon capture systems) results in significantly more water consumption than the other three scenarios.

Texas CO2 Would have been Reduced by 8% by Renewables and Efficiency if it were not for the coal plants

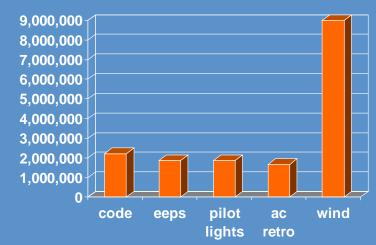
estimated reductions through 2017

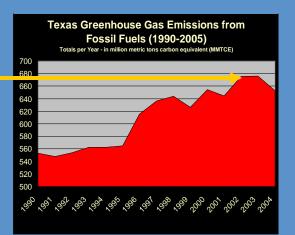
Texas CO₂ Emissions: 625 million tons per year

Current emission reductions

- Bldg Code 2,213,759 2001 IRC
- Efficiency 1,862,524
- Pilot Lights 1,865,452
- AC Retro 1,673,521
- Wind (Current) 9,000,000 16,700,000 roughly 2.5%

• If you add	
Wind (CREZ)	27,517,667
TOTAL (8%)	43,000,000





Growth in Texas' GHG Emissions

Source: *Energy Information Administration*.



An example of a CCS plant is the proposed Tenaska power plant in West Texas, near Sweetwater. This plant is located in an arid region known for droughts.

<u>Tenaska</u>

Summit IGCC

West Texas Power Project

Lubbock?

Though they are considering dry cooling, such technology doesn't work as well in hot regions and may not prove sufficient. They may end up needing 10 million gallons of water a day or more if they use wet cooling.

It is unlikely that such regions can sustain such a high demand of water for electric generation.





What about Tenaska?

765 MW pulverized coal plant (600 net) with 85-90% CO2 capture using an amine wash technology

Plusses

- 1st in the country to develop a PC separation project
- If it works it can be retrofit Problems
- Co2 not in permit
- Coal ash pit may leach into Abilene water supply watershed
 Water2
- Water?

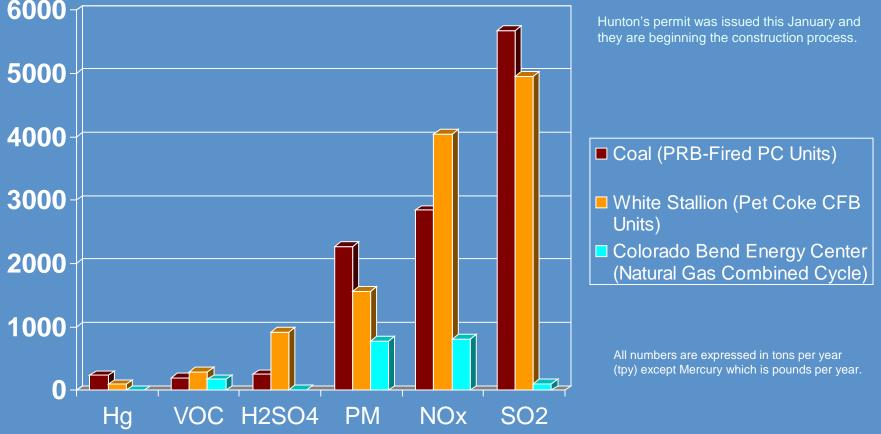




Gasification vs. Conventional Power

Emissions comparison between IGCC and other technologies currently in use.

White Stallion claims to use the "*Most environmentally advanced, cleanest, commercially proven, emission lowering technology available*," but as shown below this is clearly not the case. The Hunton IGCC facility in Houston is a gasification plant which heats petroleum coke to produce a synthetic gas comprised almost entirely of methane. This gas will be pumped into natural gas pipelines and can be burned at natural gas plants, including brand new, state-of-the-art plants similar to the Colorado Bend Energy Center just south of Wharton. This syngas will have emissions virtually identical to traditional natural gas. This results in a fraction of the emissions compared to conventional burning of pet coke like what's being proposed at White Stallion. During the gasification process, Hunton is able to separate out and sell off the toxic pollutants that would otherwise be released into the atmosphere (like mercury and sulfur) to chemical plants and other industries. This generates more revenue streams and profit for their plant.



Hg = Mercury, VOC = Volatile Organic Compounds, H2SO4 = Sulfuric Acid, PM = Particulate Matter, NOx = Nitrogen Oxides, SO2 = Sulfur Dioxide

Sources: Emissions from White Stallion are from their TCEQ draft permit. PRB-fired PC emissions were obtained from previously submitted permit applications for Big Brown 3, Lake Creek 3, Martin Lake 4, Monticello 4, Morgan Creek 7, Tradinghouse 3 & 4, and Valley Unit 4. Emissions from Colorado Bend Energy Center were taken from their permit. **Emission levels are adjusted for a plant size of 1200 MW, the size of the proposed White Stallion petroleum coke plant.**

Lawsuits that May Affect Action on Global Warming

Public Citizen v TCEQ

 Hearing in January 2011

 Texas v EPA

 DC Appellate Court

 Petition to Reconsider

 Endangerment Finding
 If denied this will create another pathway to the appellate court







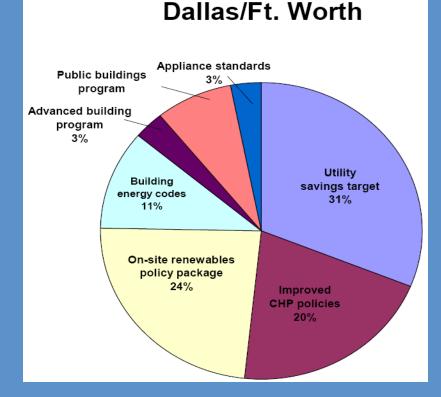
Efficiency could meet most of demand for energy. Renewables, CHP on site solar and natural gas could meet the rest

Could Avert 101% of Need for New Power Plants

PUC Report on Energy Efficiency potential in Texas (*the Itron Report*) -Reduction of 23% of peak demand costeffective

American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy (ACEEE) 2007 Report -76-101% of demand growth can be met with efficiency, CHP, onsite renewable energy

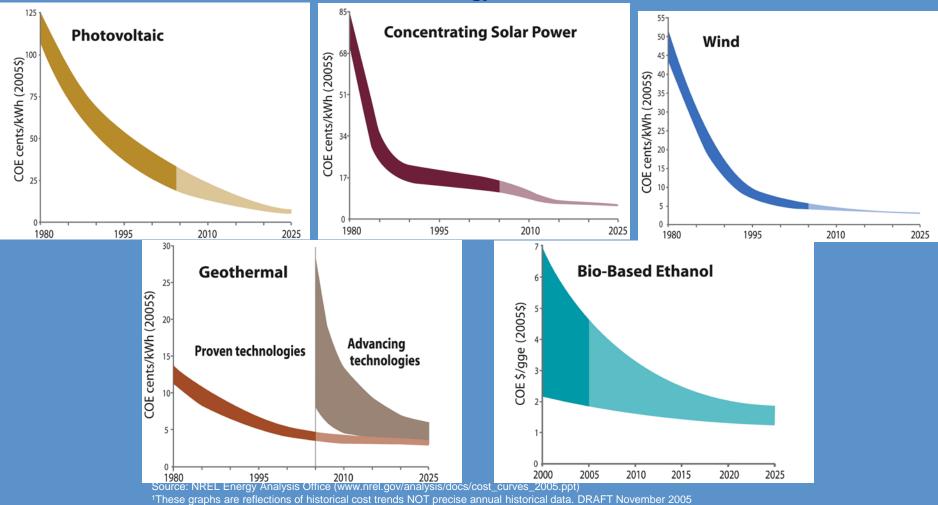
-23,000+ jobs in DFW, Houston area alone





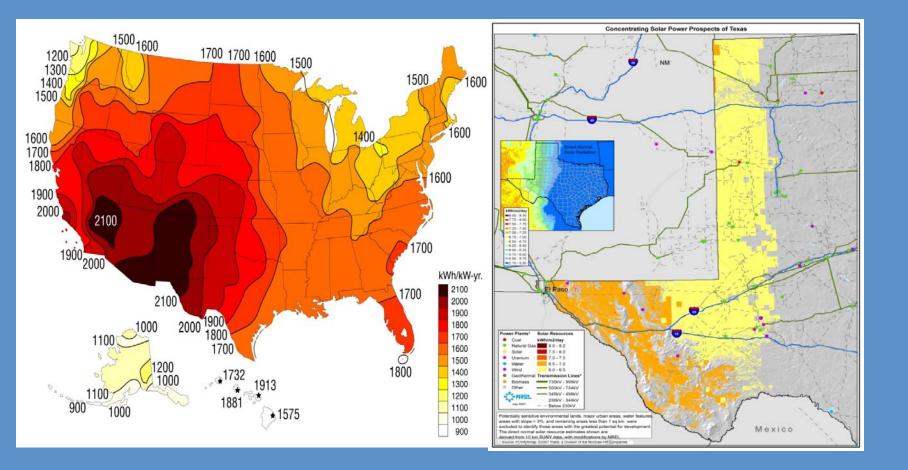
Renewable Energy Cost Trends

Levelized cost of energy in constant 2005^{\$1}



R&D and Market Growth Lower Costs - Setting a 5,000 MW goal by 2025 will assure prices drop further and that developers are assured of a market

Solar is abundant in Texas



New Solar Plants in Texas are Popping Up all Over

San Antonio Blue Wing Sun Edison three 10 mw projects Austin Pflugerville San Marcos





Tap Geothermal for Base Load Energy Potential

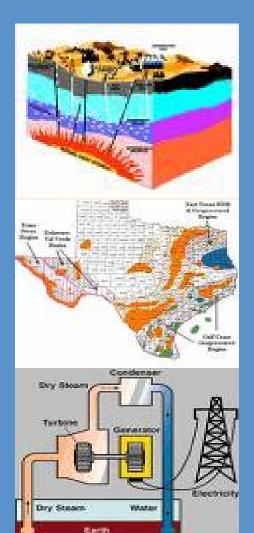
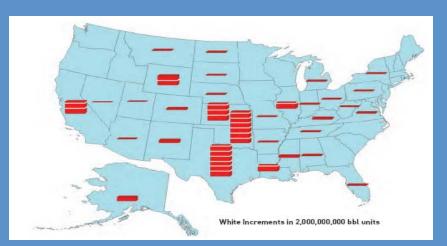


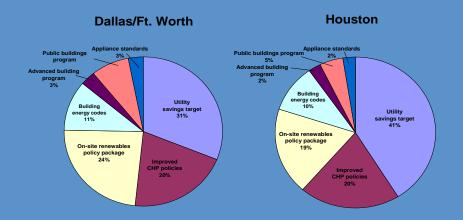
Table 2.3 Equivalent geothermal power from coproduced hot water associated with existing hydrocarbon production in selected states (a complete listing is given in Appendix A.2.2).

State	Total Water Produced Annually, in 1,000 kbbl	Total Water Production Rate, kGPM	Equivalent Power, MW @ 100°C	Equivalent Power, MW @ 140°C	Equivalent Power, MW @ 180°C
Alabama	203,223	18	18	47	88
Arkansas	258,095	23	23	59	112
California	5,080,065	459	462	1,169	2,205
Florida	160,412	15	15	37	70
Louisiana	2,136,573	193	194	492	928
Mississippi	592,518	54	54	136	257
0klahoma	12,423,264	1,124	1,129	2,860	5,393
Texas	12,097,990	1,094	1,099	2,785	5,252
TOTALS	32,952,141	2,980	2,994	7,585	14,305



Combined Heat and Power Plants can provide 20-25% of our future energy needs using 1/3 the energy





Recycle energy 3 times 1. For electricity 2. For hot water 3. For cooling

Perfect for:

- Hospitals
- Hotels
 - Campuses
 - Some light industrial



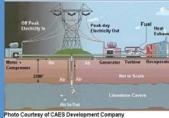
•<u>Storage:</u>

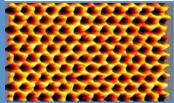
- it's cheaper than coal or nukes
- turns "intermittent" energy into a reliable peak performer

<u>Storage can take</u> <u>many forms,</u>

- 1. Batteries
- 2. Thermal Heat and Ice
- 3. Compressed Air Energy Storage
- 4. Super Capacitors
- 5. Flywheels





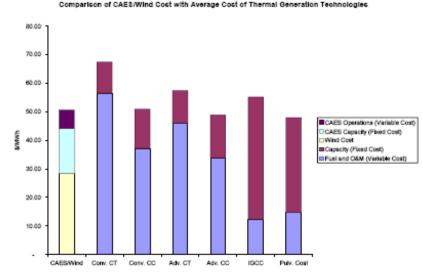




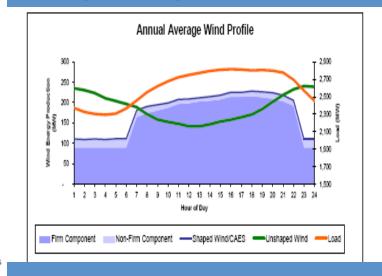
Energy Storage can help

SECO study found CAES storage: Cost less than gas or coal with CO₂ Turns night-tim

Turns night-time wind to peak performer







Cheaper, Cleaner, Cooler Ways to ReEnergize Texas

Texas is at a fork in the road, and we are about to spend billions on retrofitting old plants to meet Texas's energy needs.

The Governor's Council on Competitiveness studied energy options for Texas and found that increased energy efficiency could result in the deferral or elimination of 21,899 megawatts, or almost all new generation needed to meet expected demand through 2030.

High risk: coal and Nuclear, are all very expensive and destructive to human health and the environment.



Better Building Codes



A national group of architects developed the 2030 challenge to increase building efficiency by 50%, which was also adopted by the U.S. Council of Mayors, the League of Cities, ASHRE and AIA

Insulation

Homes lose an average of 26% of their air conditioning due to leaking duct work

Window Improvements



Approximately 30% of the unwanted heat that enters homes comes in through windows

Solar Water Heating



Can save average of 50-80% on heating bills

Air Conditioning



Efficient air energy conditioners can reduce use by 38%.

<u>Lower Risk</u>







A geothermal heat pump can cut electricity costs by 30-60% and they deliver 3-4 times more energy than they consume

Efficiency

- Decreases waste
- Increases competitiveness
- Creates jobs at home

Renewables

- No carbon cost
- Free fuels
- Needs new energy storage tech

Combined Heating & Power (CHP)



- Can generate electricity and heat at 70-80% efficiency, twice that of a new coal plant, while emitting less pollution
- Provides electricity, hot water and cooling



Next Session

Power plant emissions reductions will play a big roles

Smog, coal combustion wastes, mercury, CO2

Efficiency will become more of a player

- stimulus funds,
- Building codes
- Expanded PUC programs

Renewables/ Solar will continue to drop in costs

- End of European subsides
- Increased silicon production
- Geothermal will become a player

Storage will become a major issue

- CCNs
- Storage portfolio Standard

