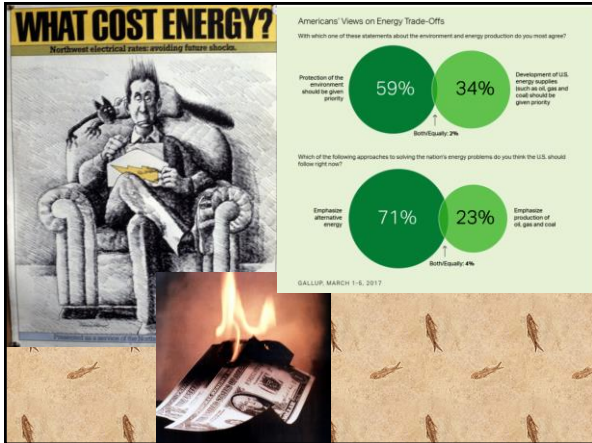
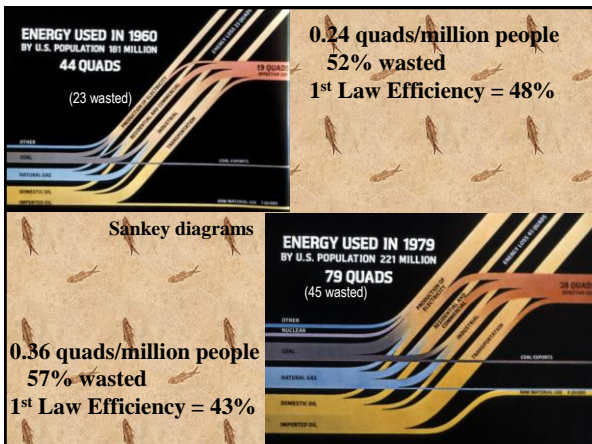


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The fossil fuel spike in historic perspective:

UK Just Went Without Coal Power for the First Time Since 1880s

April 24, 2017
By Anna Hrebniok and Andria Robinson, Bloomberg

- 50% gas
- 30% renewables
- 20% nuclear

So what's next?

The U.K. had its first full day without burning coal to make electricity since the Industrial Revolution more than a century ago, according to grid operator National Grid Plc.

Tuesday 21st April 2017 was the first 24-hour period since the 1880s when Great Britain went without coal-fired power stations, the National Grid control room said in a Twitter post confirming the achievement announced earlier.

The country is getting half of its electricity from gas power plants, 30 percent from renewables and interconnectors and the remainder from nuclear plants, according to Duncan Burn, head of operations at National Grid.

The U.K. was an early adopter of renewable energy and has more offshore wind turbines installed than any other country, as well as fields of solar panels with as much capacity as seven nuclear reactors. The government aims to switch off all coal plants by 2025.

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PROFILES OF CHANGE: from wood to nuclear

Combustion fuels have ruled...

An American energy chronology

1812 - First assembly line production of iron by means of rollers.
1825 - U.S. Congress passes first patent law as one aspect of its effort to stimulate economic growth and a variety of innovations.
1877 - Department of Energy established. Solar Energy Research Institute formed.
1916 - Bureau of Reclamation created.

1980 projection:
100 Quads in 2000

2015 generation:
97.5 Quads

Figure 2-4. U.S. Energy Consumption Patterns

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Historic and predicted energy sources 2016:




Energy consumption in the United States (1776-2040)

Annual Energy Outlook 2016 Reference case projection

petroleum
natural gas
coal
other
renewables
nuclear
biomass
hydroelectric

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Combustion Fuels


	Wood & Bio-Mass 4.72 – 4.83 Quads
	Coal 15.7 – 10.5 Quads
	Oil and Gas 63.7 – 76.9 Quads

2015 vs. 2021 values

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Wood and Bio-Fuels (4.83 Quads)

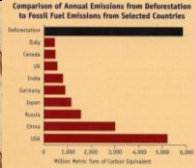


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Air Pollution and Deforestation

Comparison of Annual Emissions from Deforestation to Fossil Fuel Emissions from Selected Countries



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Hard Working Fireplaces

TESS Fireplaces work. The modular systems are designed to provide heat. TESS engineering has solved the "burn but inefficient" fireplace dilemma. Only a TESS Fireplace can offer you:

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Solutions:

- Higher efficiency stoves and fireplaces
- Use of timber industry wastes
- Bio-Fuel croplands

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Conflict between food and fuel

Farmers may need some native prairie grasses to produce ethanol fuel.

Fuel Made From Amber Waves of Grain

Homegrown ethanol can help solve our oil dependence and global warming

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How about algae? Or elephant grass?

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SIMONA DREVENSE, APRIL 15, 2011

Algae Can Replace 17 Percent of U.S. Fuel Imports, Study Says

Are Genetically Modified Algae a Threat?
 by Stephen Lacey, Editor | April 1, 2011 | 5 Comments

A number of companies are working on genetically modifying algae to speed growth, increase lipid content and favorably change the economics of fuel production. But some critics fear that gains in algae productivity could come at t... [Full Article](#)

PODCAST

Approximately 17% of the oil imported into the U.S. for cars, trucks and buses could be replaced by algal fuel by 2020, according to a study by the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory.

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Coal (10.5 Quads)

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Air pollution

"There's at least 300 years' worth of coal still in the ground—enough to raise atmospheric carbon dioxide to insanity high concentrations."
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Acid rain

Acid rain healing
 A switch to cleaner-burning fuels in Great Britain over the past few decades has allowed some of the nation's most sensitive lakes and streams to recover from the ravages of acid rain. The BBC reports that the conversion to natural gas from coal for power generation since 1970 has resulted in an 84 percent decline in emissions of sulphur and a 37 percent decline in nitrogen oxide. Those gasses are largely to blame for acid rain. Fish such as brown trout have begun to return to rivers and streams, and native algae and insects are also showing signs of recovery.

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Carbon Capture Outlook Grows Bleaker by the Day

The Global CCS Institute says carbon capture and sequestration is falling way behind the pace at which it needs to develop in order to be a meaningful contributor to worldwide CO2 reductions.



EARTHTECHLING, PETE DANKO: OCTOBER 17, 2012

Is it time to stick a fork in [carbon capture and sequestration](#)?

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The world's biggest carbon-removal plant just opened. In a year, it'll negate just 3 seconds' worth of global emissions.

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"Orca" Climeworks' new facility in Iceland, can capture 4,000 tons of carbon dioxide per year.
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Turning Carbon Dioxide into Fuel

Researchers are harnessing solar energy to convert carbon dioxide into carbon monoxide, which can be used to make fuels.

By Duncan Graham-Rowe

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Could concentrated solar energy be used to reverse combustion and convert carbon dioxide back into gasoline? That's what scientists at [Sandia National Laboratories](#), in Albuquerque, NM, aim to find out by building a novel reactor that can chemically "reenergize" carbon dioxide.

The device uses a two-stage thermochemical reaction to break down carbon dioxide to produce carbon monoxide, says Nathan Siegel, a senior member of technical staff at Sandia's Solar Technologies Department and one of the researchers developing the technology. "Carbon dioxide is a combustion product, so what we're doing is reversing combustion," he says. The carbon monoxide can then readily be employed to produce a range of different fuels, including hydrogen, methanol, and gasoline, using conventional technologies.

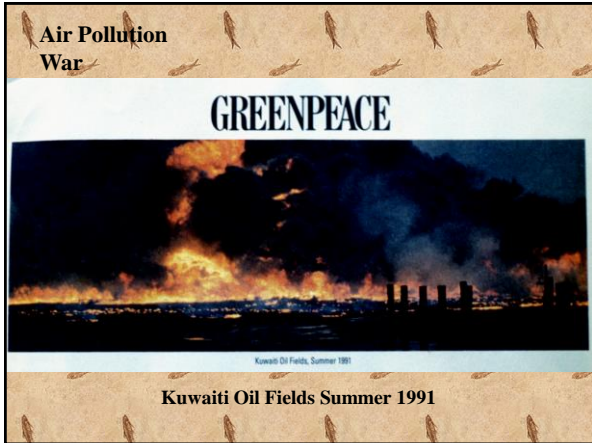
Within the Sandia reactor, invented by Sandia researcher Rich Diver, is a ring of a cobalt-ferrite ceramic material, which is essentially made up of iron oxide and cobalt. A parabolic solar concentrator directs sunlight onto the ceramic material, heating it to around 1,500 °C and causing it to give up oxygen.

Sun power: Putting the finishing touches on a giant solar collector, which researchers at Sandia National Laboratories will use to power a novel reactor capable of producing carbon monoxide from carbon dioxide. The carbon monoxide can then be used in the manufacture liquid fuels.
Credit: Sandia Monitor

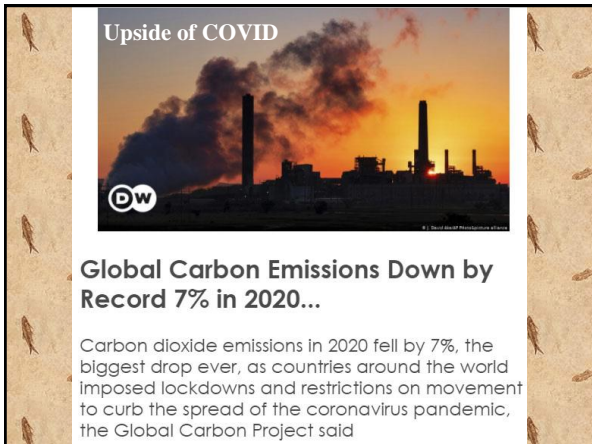
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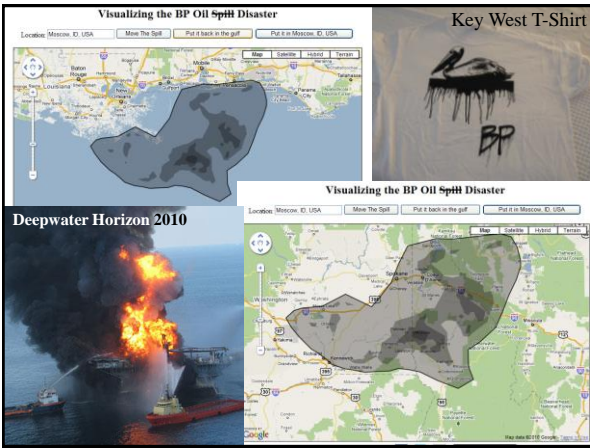
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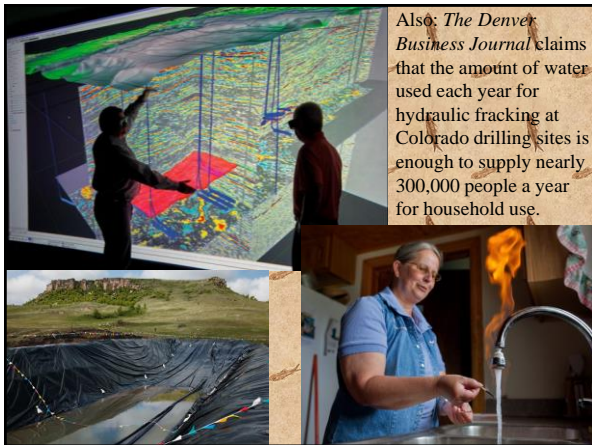
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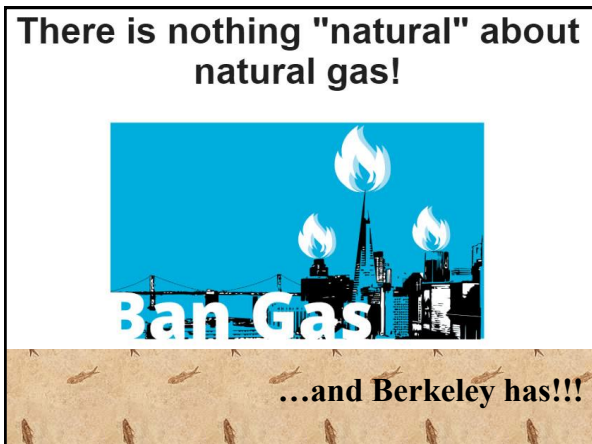
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Berkeley Says No to New Gas Connections



Although San Francisco has yet to institute a gas ban similar to the one recently enacted across the bay, in Berkeley, several residential projects there anticipate such restrictions, including Mithun's Maceo May Apartments, a 105-unit building for formerly homeless veterans and their families slated for completion in 2021.

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EPA Accused of Fracking Cover-Up

Instrument that measures fracking methane emissions allegedly reports wrong information.

AN ENVIRONMENTAL WATCHDOG ALLEGES THE Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has engaged in a years-long, systematic cover-up of the true data surrounding climate-warming methane emissions from fracking. That cover-up, the group says, was at the hands of at least one EPA researcher who accepted payments from the oil and gas industry.

The cover-up was discovered by NC WARN when it became aware that the inventor of the Bacharach *Hi-Flow* Sampler, an engineer named Touche Howard, had been attempting to blow the whistle for years on the crucial instrument's malfunctioning. The critical failure causes the instrument to under-report methane emissions "up to 100 fold," the organization wrote.

Studies have shown the EPA underestimated methane leaks from fracked gas production for years, and Howard's own research found the agency has been "aggressively underestimating" methane emissions specifically as a result of the faulty instrument, according to Common Dreams.

NC WARN filed an incendiary federal complaint with the EPA's Inspector General, the agency's internal watchdog.

Inaccurate reporting. A crucial instrument used in the fracking process allegedly under-reports methane emissions.

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Following our bad example?!?!?



Energy Conversations Will Fracking End Fretting?

Wednesday 13 March 2013, 6.30pm
The UK has a potentially huge source of energy on its doorstep. 'Fracking' has transformed the US energy market and now makes shale gas technology an attractive option for the UK energy market. Energy security and consistent lower prices could be significant gain for the UK economy. However, have we overestimated the quantities involved? Can the UK's physical, political and social environment withstand the impact of the technology, and should we be seduced by the attraction of cheap energy?

Speakers:

Professor Kevin Anderson, Professor of Energy and Climate Change,
University of Manchester
Professor Richard Selley, Petroleum Exploration, Imperial College
Nick Greatly, No Hot Air
Bill Bordass OBE, William Bordass Associates (Chair)

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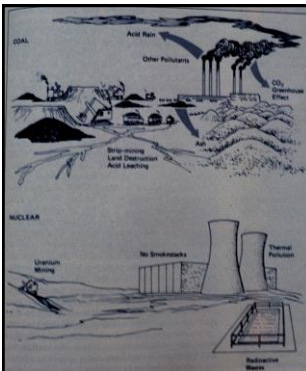
Annals of a Warming Planet

To Counter Climate Change, We Need to Stop Burning Things

Fossil Fuels, even Wood!

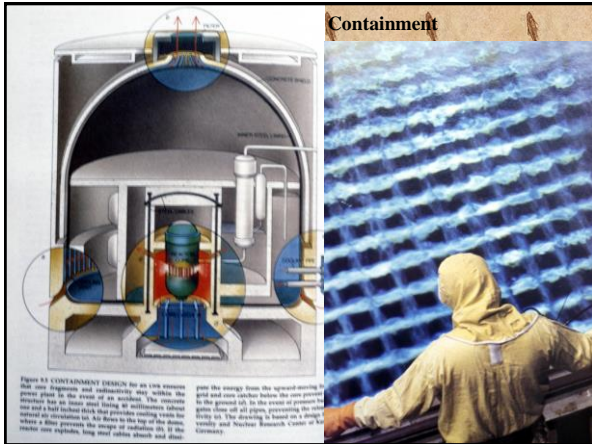
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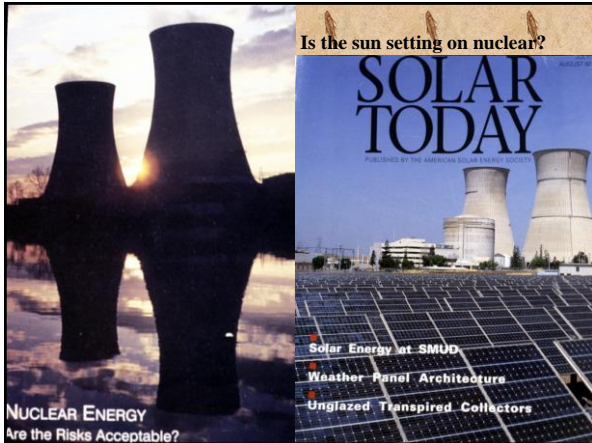


Nuclear Power (8.13 Quads) An alternative to combustion?

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**Rising misgivings
Rising costs**



By John Reynolds, FAIA


The United States should phase out nuclear power as soon as possible. Instead of nukes, we need a wholehearted commitment to renewable energy sources. Some of my ASES friends disagree with my nuclear skepticism. I acknowledge their point of view.

The threat of global warming has revived interest in nuclear power, because it apparently produces no gases that contribute to global warming. However, nuclear waste sits at each nuclear plant, even those now decommissioned. If we ever build that central waste depository under Nevada's Yucca Mountain, radioactive waste will then be shipped through our cities and farms. Until the

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Nuclear Power? No, Thanks.

Rising Cost of Nuclear Power Plants



1980 Dollars Per Installed Kilowatt

1971-74 1975-76 1977-80 1981-84 1985

Source: UCS

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US Government Issues Loans for the First Nuclear Reactors in 30 Years



All eyes are on Georgia to see if nuclear can launch a comeback in the U.S.

Katherine Tweed
February 20, 2014

Georgia Power

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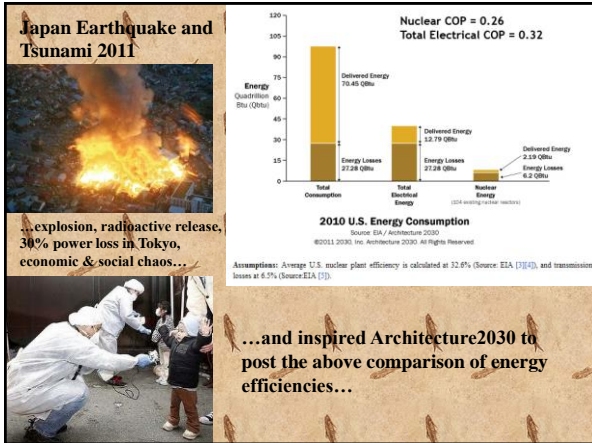
Two nuclear reactors are now under construction in the U.S., at Plant Vogtle in Georgia. They are billions of dollars over budget and years behind schedule.

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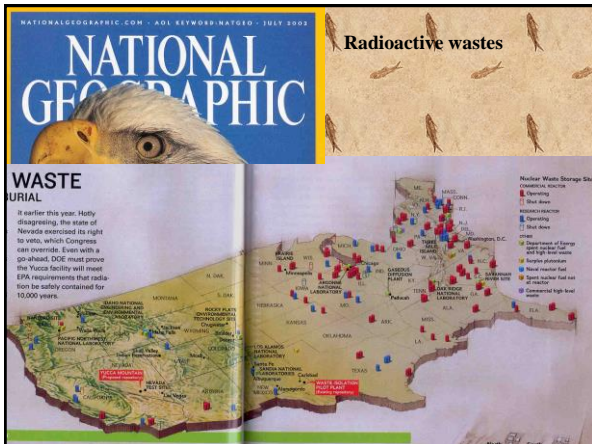
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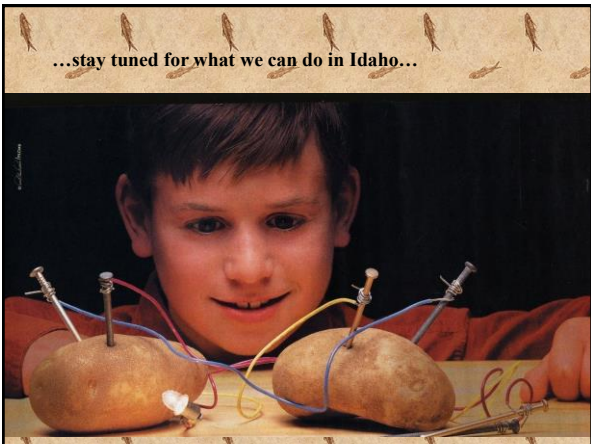
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