



Introduction to U.S. Climate Change Policies – PFC, HFC, and SF<sub>6</sub> Partnerships

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# Organization

- Purpose: Provide framework for panel discussion
- Dynamic Policy Landscape
  - International Policies
  - U.S. Policy 3 elements
    - 1) Slow emissions growth
    - 2) Advance climate science and technology
    - 3) Enhance international cooperation
  - U.S. State & Regional Policies

Conclusion

H NOV. 21 power company executives from all over the country apacted in the Pii, a spacios General Electric auditorium in Couorville, NX, to meet with GE CLO Jeffrey R. Immeht and his team. The day was overcast and cold, but the discussion was about the warming elimate, At one point in the meeting, David J. Slamp, Gil Energy's chief martering executive, saked for an informal vote. How many of the 30 or so utility and GB business executives thought that, once President George W. Bush was no longer in office, the U.S. would impose mandatory cutbe on the emissions of carbon dizoide and other greenhoase gases linked to global warming? Four out of five of them agreed. "Ponget the science debate," says Cinergy Corp. CEO Jams E. Rogers, who was at the insecting. "The regulations will change someday. And if we're not ready, we're in touble."

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#### The New. Greening Of America

H'S GITMO WARNINGS A BOOMER MUSIC QUIZ

rom **Politics** to **Lifestyle**, Why Saving The Environment Is Suddenly Hot

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How top companies are reducing emissions of CO<sub>2</sub> and other greenhouse gases EY ADAM ASTON AND BURT HELM



A THREAT GRAVER THA TERRORISM: GLOBAL WARMING How much of New York, Washington, and other American cities will be underwater?

#### GEORGE CLOONEY, JULIA ROBERTS, JULIA ROBERTS, ROBERT F. KENNEDY JR, AND AL GORE and the call for A NEW AMERICAN REVOLUTION EXCLUSIVE BOOK EXCERPT! THE BOSTON STRANGLER MY MOTHER'S BRUSH WITH DEATH BY SEDASTINA JUNGER ...

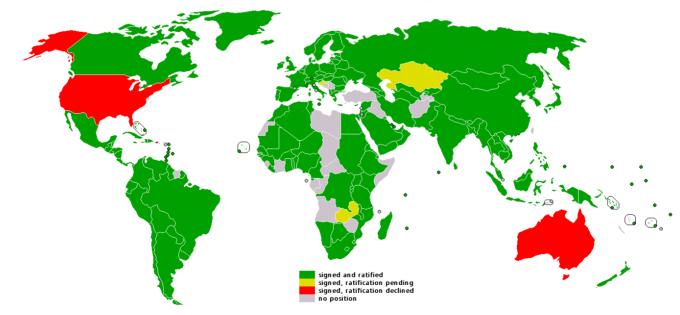
GREEN ISSUE

"Changing attitudes towards climate change is not like selling a particular brand of soap – it's like convincing someone to use soap in the first place"

>>Futerra, www.futerra.co.uk

#### International Coordination

- Kyoto Protocol entered into force on Feb. 16, 2005
  165 countries
  - 1<sup>st</sup> commitment period 2008 2012
  - 61.6% of Annex I (developed) country GHG emissions



Map courtesy of Wikipedia: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Image:Kyoto\_Protocol\_participation\_map\_2005.png

#### Three Elements of U.S. Climate Change Policy

Slow domestic GHG emissions growth
 Partnerships challenge businesses (and government) to reduce emissions

- High global warming potential (GWP) industries
- Advance climate science and technology
  Annual investment of \$5.5 billion for science, technology, and tax incentives

Enhance international cooperation

# U.S. Policy – Slow GHG Emissions Growth

- Reduce U.S. GHG intensity by 18% from 2002 by 2012
  - 2002 = 183 metric tons GHG/\$1 million GDP
  - 2012 = 151 metric tons GHG/\$1 million GDP
- Voluntary partnerships with industries
  - All major sources of PFCs, HFCs, and SF<sub>6</sub>
  - Climate VISION February 2003, 15 sectors
  - Aluminum
  - Business Roundtable
  - Chemical Manufacturing
  - Forest Products
  - Lime
  - Minerals
  - Oil and Gas

- Semiconductors
- Auto Manufacturers
- Cement
- Electric Power
- Iron and Steel
- Magnesium
- Mining
- Railroads

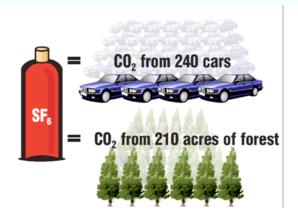


# Powerful Global Warming Gases

#### TABLE 25. GLOBAL WARMING POTENTIALS (GWPS) AND ATMOSPHERIC LIFETIMES OF GREENHOUSE GASES

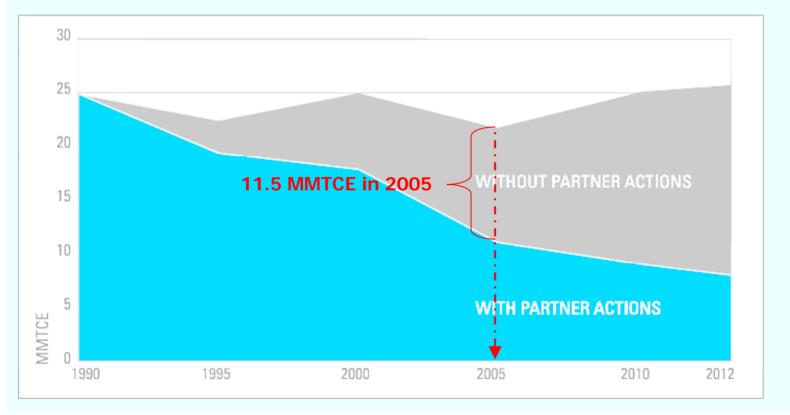
GREENHOUSE GAS	GLOBAL WARMING POTENTIAL FOR 100 YEARS	ATMOSPHERIC LIFETIME (YEARS)
Carbon Dioxide	1	50-200
Methane	21	12± 3
Nitrous Oxide	310	120
Hydrofluorocarbons	140-11,700	1,5-264
Perfluorocarbons	6,500-9,200	3,200-50,000
Sulfur Hexafluoride	23,900	3,200

Source: IPCC 1996



#### High GWP Industrial Partnership Achievements

FIGURE 19. PARTNER ACTIONS ARE PROJECTED TO MAINTAIN EMISSIONS OF HIGH GWP GASES BELOW 1990 LEVELS THROUGH 2012





#### EPA's Voluntary Climate Change Programs





A stronger economy. A healthier environment.







SmartWay Transport Partners DELIVER.

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Transport Partnership



SF6 Emission Reduction Partnership for the Magnesium Industry









### Advance Climate Science and Technology

- U.S. Climate Change Science Program (CCSP) responsible for coordinating research across agencies
  - National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) are the primary climate science agencies
- CCSP is preparing 21 "Synthesis and Assessment Products" on key climate science issues
  - EPA has lead on 4 reports and contributes to several others
- EPA's Climate Change Division is responsible for broad communication on climate science
  - Website, print materials, and technical conferences
- www.epa.gov/climatechange
- www.climatescience.gov
- www.climatetechnology.gov

#### **Enhance International Cooperation**

- U.S. committed to mutual goals of sustainable development and economic growth
  - EPA participates in negotiations under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)
- Engages in bilateral relationships with key nations
- Supports international efforts:
  - Asia-Pacific Partnership on Clean Development and Climate
  - World Semiconductor Council PFC / Climate Partnership
  - Capacity building
  - Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)





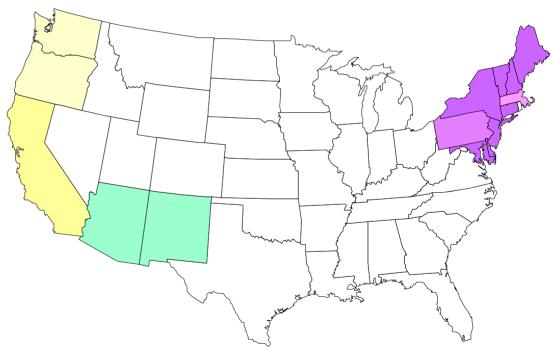




#### U.S. Regional, State, & Local Climate Change Strategies

#### States Forming "Climate Coalitions"

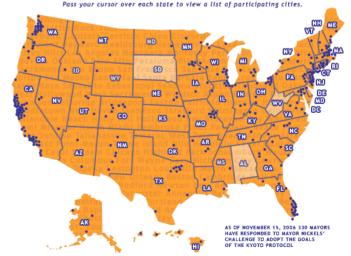
- Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI)
- West Coast Governors' Global Warming Initiative
- Southwest Climate Change Initiative
- 23 States and D.C. have renewable portfolio standards (RPS)
  - NY seeks 24% by 2013



#### State & Local Climate Change Policies

- California August 2006
  - Reduce emissions 25% by 2020
  - World' s 12<sup>th</sup> largest emitter
- U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement
  - 330 cities, >53 million citizens
  - Meet or exceed Kyoto goal
    - 7% below 1990 level by 2012
- Boulder, Colorado "Carbon Tax"
  - Reduce carbon emissions by 350,000 metric tons in 2012





### Conclusion – Industry Leadership Critical for Success

- Dynamic Policy Landscape
  - Variety of approaches and mechanisms
  - From local to global in scale
- 2012 U.S. will review progress toward goal and take additional action if necessary
- Today's greatest environmental challenge requires global cooperation

Public and private sectors

 Industry leaders have opportunity to improve and advise effective and consistent climate protection policy