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# Evaluating the problem and understanding the possible solutions



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#### **Energy Market Overview**

- The U.S. goal of energy independence, the concern for unmet energy demand, and a growing awareness for the environmental impact of high consumption, are the leading drivers behind strengthening interests in net-zero buildings and renewable energy generation.
- A growing population and improved economic conditions in the United States will raise energy consumption during the next decade by a forecasted x.x percent from 2010 consumption levels.
- Electricity demand is expected to increase by xx percent, compared to an insufficient x percent growth of generation capacity by 2020.
- U.S. government objectives of net-zero buildings and the renewable energy generation have influenced national policy to include strict mandates to meet reduced energy consumption targets and increased renewable energy goals at the federal and state levels.
- Areas for technology development to reduce carbon dioxide emissions include coal upgrading, improved efficiency in existing power plants, integration gasification combined cycle (IGCC), and carbon capture and storage (CCS).

#### **Energy Market Overview (continued)**

- Increase in renewable energy sources for electricity, from xx.x percent in 2010 to xx.x percent in 2020, will be at the demise of oil usage, mostly due to oil price volatility and environmental concerns. Further driving renewable energy growth are financial incentives that make such technologies more affordable.
- Hydropower will continue to be the leading renewable energy source, but wind and solar are the fastest growing technologies for 2020.
- Though the United States is a leader in geothermal energy production, this source is economically unattractive to satisfy unmet energy demands.
- Coal, oil, natural gas, and nuclear fuel are the predominant traditional energy sources. Though nuclear power comprises less than xx percent of actual electricity generation, it is forecasted to be the fastest growing among conventional sources.
- U.S. policy recommendations to overcome energy challenges include a continued focus on renewable energy generation and extended energy efficiency goals to all commercial buildings, rather than the current focus on government buildings.

## **Evolution of the Global Energy Market**

Key Takeaway: Significant increases in energy consumption and the need for improved efficiencies are global issues.

	2010	2015	2020	2025	2030	
Major Issue						
Fuel Supply And Costs	Continued acceleration of coal-fired power in emerging economies	Demand for liquid fuel falling after 2015	Energy from waste in emerging markets Grow	/th of natural gas	Coal reaches nearly xx percent of energy consumption, following growth in	
	Acceleration of natural gas	Resurgence of nuclear	kept	in check by high gas prices	India and China	
Global Energy	Growth dominated by India and China	Substantial investment in Russia	Develop econom	ing ies	Global energy demand almost doubles xxxx levels	
Demand	Growth resumed in all regions	Deceleration a maturation o European Unic	nd exceed xx pe f electricity de	rcent of emand Electricity passes xx,x	y generation <del>xx billion kWh</del>	
Environment	China overtook the United States as the world's biggest emitter of CO2	Accelerated investment in carbon capture and storage	Renewable end to reach xx perd e in Europe	ergy cent New altern	Global CO2 emissions reach xx ative gigatons (Gt)	
Issues	Global renev growtł	wables	the market		reduce	

## **Electricity Consumption Breakdown**



Note: \*Other end users represent 0.2 percent and include the transportation sector.

Note: All figures are rounded. The base year is 2010.

## **Electricity Consumption Breakdown (continued)**

Key Takeaway: Lighting and space cooling consume the greatest amount of electricity in the residential sector, and are appropriately the focus for efficiency gains.

Energy Challenges: Residential Sector Electricity Consumption Forecast, U.S., 2010-2020 CAGR: (x.x%)



- Electricity consumption by the residential sector is expected to decrease significantly from its 2010 level, despite population growth at a x.x percent CAGR, because of improved efficiency measures.
- A federal ban on inefficient incandescent lighting is among the major initiatives driving energy efficiency in this sector.