

"Advanced Energy Systems, Rare Earth Elements, and Carbon Capture: DOE's Research and Development Priorities in Support of Coal Utilization Technologies"

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Life Expectancy and Energy





Human Development Index (HDI) and Energy





Populations without Energy

Population without access to electricity, 2017



Source: IEA - https://www.iea.org/access2017/

Is Coal Good or Evil?





The Past









The Past

































The Past





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Emissions Fell While Coal Use Increased





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USA is the World Leader in Low Particulates





GHG Emissions by Country 2005-2016

Rank	Country	MtCO2
1	United States of America USA	6132
2	China CHINA	5892
3	Russian Federation	1594
4	Japan OOOE	1308
5	India INDIA ZUUJ	1222

Rank	Country		MtCO2
1	China	CHINA	7025
2	United States of America	USA	6131
3	Russian Federation		1653
4	India INDIA	2007	1407
5	Japan	2007	1322

Rank	Country			MtCO2
1	China		CHINA	10151
2	United States of America		USA	5312
3	India	INDIA		2431
4	Russian Federation		2016	1635
5	Japan		2010	1209



Source—Global Carbon Atlas

Coal Fleet Efficiencies



Source: Energy Efficiency Indicators, World Energy Council 2014



The United States Department of Energy





Program Offices

Advanced Research Projects Agency

– Energy (ARPA-e)

Loan Programs Office

Cybersecurity, Energy Security, and Emergency Response

Electricity

Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy

Environmental Management

Fossil Energy

Indian Energy Policy and Programs

Legacy Management

Nuclear Energy

The DOE Office of Fossil Energy

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OTHER DOE LABS ASSOCIATED WITH THE FE OFFICE ALSO SHOWN



THE OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY (FE) CONSISTS OF -1,000 SCIENTISTS, ENGINEERS, TECHNICIANS AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF.



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Strategic Petroleum Reserves





(Not to scale)

National Energy Technology Laboratory

Administration Energy Priorities

- Boosting Domestic Energy Production
- Grid Reliability and Resiliency
- Job Creation
- Energy Security





"All of The Above Strategy"

What We Work On





ADVANCED ENERGY SYSTEMS

This program is focused on improving the efficiency of coal-based power systems, enabling affordable CO2 capture, increasing plant availability, and maintaining the highest environmental standards.

CROSSCUTTING RESEARCH

This program serves as a bridge between basic and applied research by fostering the development and deployment of innovative systems for improving efficiency and environmental performance through the research and development of instrumentation, sensors, and controls targeted at enhancing the availability of advanced power systems while reducing costs.

CARBON CAPTURE, UTILIZATION AND STORAGE R&D:

This program advances safe, cost effective, capture and permanent geologic storage and/or use of CO2.





Federal Investment in CCUS R&D



Carbon Capture R&D and scale-up technologies for capturing CO₂ from new and existing industrial and powerproducing plants



CO₂ Utilization R&D and technologies to convert CO₂ to value-added products



Carbon Storage Safe, cost- effective, and permanent geologic storage of CO₂





Coal FIRST Technologies

Flexible, Innovative, Resilient, Small, Transformative

Goal: Develop the coal plant of the future needed to provide secure, stable, and reliable power

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- capable of *flexible* operations to meet the needs of the grid;
- use *innovative* and cutting-edge components that improve efficiency and reduce emissions;
- provide *resilient* power to Americans;
- are *small* compared *to* today's conventional utility-scale coal;
- and will *transform* how coal technologies are designed and manufactured.



NETL Conclusion: Bomb Cyclone

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Exhibit ES-1. Fuel based generation resilience during the Bomb Cyclone, six ISOs

* 'Other' includes misc. categories, including other, refuse, solar, diesel, and multiple fuels

"During the worst of the storm from January 5-6, 2018, actual U.S. electricity market experience demonstrated that without the resilience of coal- and fuel oil/dual-firing plants—its ability to add 24-hour baseload capacity— the eastern United States would have suffered severe electricity shortages, likely leading to widespread blackouts. "

Rare Earth Elements (REEs)

REE's are a family of 17 high-value elements including: lanthanum (La), cerium (Ce), praseodymium (Pr), neodymium (Nd), promethium (Pm), samarium (Sm), europium (Eu), gadolinium (Gd), terbium (Tb), dysprosium (Dy), holmium (Ho), erbium (Er), thulium (Tm), ytterbium (Yb), and lutetium (Lu). The rare earths are also often considered to include the metals scandium (Sc) and yttrium (Y).

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Why are REEs Important?

Light Rare Earths	Major End-Use
Scandium	TVs, fluorescent and energy-saving lamps
Lanthanum	hybrid engines, metal alloys
Cerium	catalysts, metal alloys
Praseodymium	Magnets
Neodymium	catalysts, hard drives in laptops, headphones, hybrid engines
Promethium	watches, pacemakers
Samarium	Magnets
Europium	red color for television, computer screens

Heavy Rare Earths	Major End-Use						
Terbium	phosphors, permanent magnets						
Dysprosium	permanent magnets, hybrid engines						
Erbium	phosphors						
Yttrium	red color, fluorescent lamps, ceramics, metal alloy agent						
Holmium	glass coloring, lasers						
Thulium	medical x-ray units						
Lutetium	petroleum catalysts						
Ytterbium	lasers, steel alloys						
Gadolinium	magnets						



Why are REEs Important?

- The market for REE has been increasing since they were first mined in the mid-1900s. Historically, the U.S. has had a large market share, being the largest producer of REEs from the 1960s to the 1980s (Mountain Pass Mine – California).
- China began production in the 1980s and by 1988 secured the position of the world's leading REE producer. China has controlled the global market throughout the majority of the last 30 years
- In 2011, global production of REEs was approximately 132,000 metric tons (MT)—95 percent of which was supplied by China.
- On September 1, 2009, China announced plans to reduce its export quota to 35,000 tons per year in 2010–2015 to conserve scarce resources and protect the environment.
- On October 19, 2010, China Daily, reported that China would "further reduce quotas for rare earth exports by 30% at most next year to protect the precious metals from over-exploitation"
- In March 2012, the US, EU, and Japan confronted China at WTO about these export and production restrictions. China responded with claims that the restrictions had environmental protection in mind.
- In August 2012, China announced a further 20% reduction in production.
- (2014-2017) US imported 80% of its REE from China (Source: USGS)
- Estimated value of REEs imported by US in 2018: \$160M (Source: USGS)



What's the Link Between REEs and Coal?

REEs are found in the following locations:

- Ash Fly Ash, Bottom Ash
- Slag
- Coal
- Mining Strata Above/Below Coal Seams
- Coal Preparation
- Acid Mine Drainage and Sludge



Key Takeaways

- The strong global interest in developing an additional REE supply creates an investment opportunity for commercial firms seeking REEs recovered from coal and coal byproducts to find competitive entry points into the REE global value chain.
- REEs present in coal-based materials currently being mined for coal production represent potential savings when compared to production of virgin ore in a mine dedicated solely to REE recovery.
- The core challenges with REE recovery from coal and coal byproducts center on the large volume of material that must be processed to recover REEs.





Report on Rare Earth Elements from Coal and Coal Byproducts

Report to Congress January 2017

> United States Department of Energy Washington, DC 20585

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