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### CLIMATE CHANGE & GREENHOUSE GAS MANAGEMENT

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#### **Topics**







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## 1. The Secretary on Climate Change

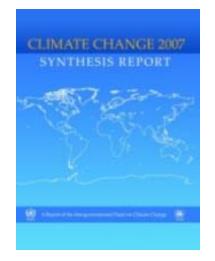


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"We're in the great ship Titanic, the Earth is, and it's going to take a half century to really turn the ship. But that doesn't mean we can't start doing it today, and we must..."





"...I urge everyone to do this: Google the IPCC report. The 100-year trend is unmistakable..."

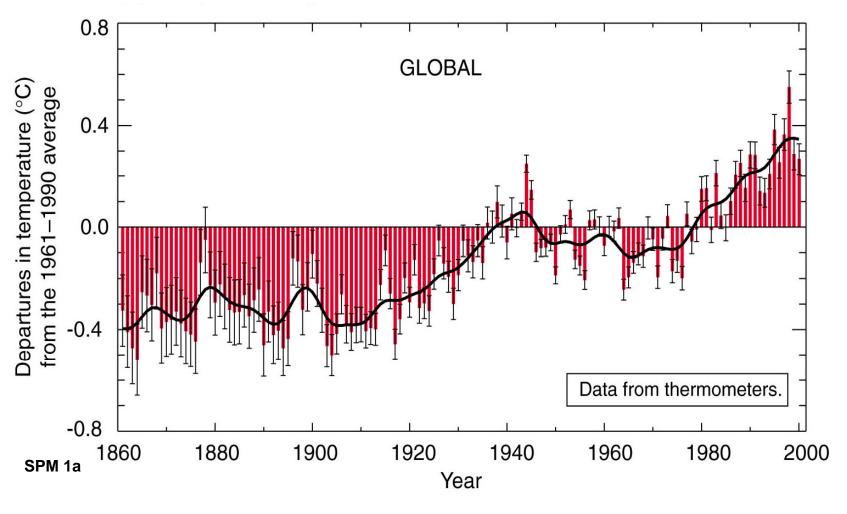
Secretary Chu Newsweek 4/11/09

### Earth's Surface Temperature



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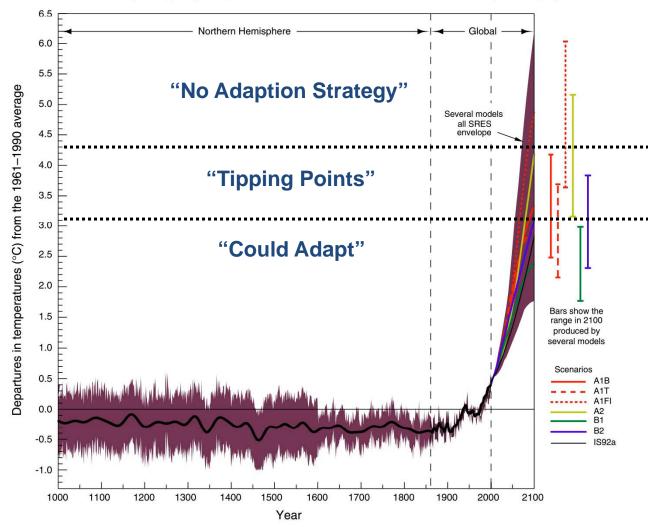


### Projections – This Century

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1000 to 1861, N.Hemisphere, proxy data; 1861 to 2000 Global, instrumental; 2000 to 2100, SRES projections



# 2. Climate Change & Global Warming



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- "Climate Change" is often used interchangeably with "Global Warming"
  - "Global Warming" is an average increase in lower atmosphere temperature...
- "Climate Change" (preferred) conveys greenhouse gas impacts beyond rising temperatures
  - "Climate Change" is a significant change in measures of climate (e.g., temperature, precipitation, wind) lasting an extended period (decades or longer)

### 3. What are Greenhouse Gases (GHGs)?



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- Greenhouse Gases (GHGs):
  - Gases in the Earth's upper atmosphere that trap heat and contribute to Global Warming and Climate Change
- GHG counted in a "Carbon Footprint"
  - Carbon dioxide, CO<sub>2</sub>
  - Methane, CH₄
  - Nitrous Oxide, N<sub>2</sub>O
  - Hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) and Chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) (covers 13 chemicals)
  - Perfluorocarbons, PFCs (covers 7 chemicals)
  - Sulfur Hexafluoride, SF<sub>6</sub>



# Not All GHGs are Equal







GHG	Global Warming Potential	Example	
Carbon dioxide, CO <sub>2</sub>	1	Combustion of Fossil Fuels	
Methane, CH <sub>4</sub>	21	Boiler Operations, Land Fills	
Nitrous oxide, N <sub>2</sub> O	310	Sewage Treatment, Boiler Flue Gases	
HFC 134a	1300	Refrigeration (Chillers)	
Sulfur hexafluoride	23,900	High Voltage Equipment	



All GHGs Converted to a CO 2 Equivalent

# A Sample GHG Calculation



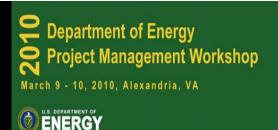
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Example Calculation - Converting to CO<sub>2</sub> -e

GHG	Emissions (Metric Tons)	Global Warming Potential	Metric Tons CO <sub>2</sub> -e
Carbon Dioxide	10,000	1	10,000
Methane	500	21	10,500
HFC 134a	1.0	1300	1300
Sulfur hexafluoride	0.06	23,900	1434
Total			23,234

### 4. What is a "Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Inventory"?

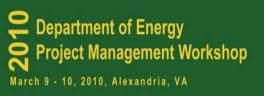


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#### GHG Inventory has three common aliases



### GHG Inventory – 3 Scopes



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### **GHG** Inventory

Scope 1: Direct Emissions Scope 2: Indirect Emissions (Purchased energy)

Scope 3: Other Indirect Emissions



Remember: There are three scopes to a greenhouse gas/carbon footprint calculation

### Scope 1: Direct Emissions



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 Includes: GHG emissions from sources that are <u>owned or controlled</u> by a Federal agency



- Combustion Sources
- Site owned vehicles
- On site electrical generation



- CFC and HFC losses from refrigeration equipment
- Sulfur hexafluoride losses from high voltage electrical equipment
  - Not a trivial issue for DOE







#### Scope 2: Indirect Emissions - Purchased



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 Includes: GHG emissions resulting from the generation of electricity, steam, high temperature water <u>purchased</u> by a Federal agency.

- Relatively easy:
  - Typically electricity
  - Could be steam or high temperature hot water
  - Could be negative
     (ex: electricity from landfill gas)





### Scope 3: Other Indirect Emissions



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 Includes: GHG emissions from sources not owned or directly controlled by a Federal agency but related to agency activities.

Can be difficult:

- Transportation of purchased material or goods
- Employee business travel
- Employee commuting impacts
- Outsourced work
- Emissions from finished products
- Transportation of waste
- Vegetation & Trees
- Scope 3 has various challenges
  - Boundary issues
  - Can be a <u>magnitude</u> higher than Scope 1 and 2
  - Costly value chain analysis



### Additional Important Terms



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#### Carbon Neutral

- "emitting no <u>net</u> carbon dioxide into the atmosphere"
- "emitting no carbon dioxide into the atmosphere. Also, employing a technique to absorb carbon dioxide so it is not emitted"

#### Carbon Negative or Carbon Net-Negative

- "a process that consumes more carbon dioxide than it emits"
  - Biomass

#### Net-Zero Energy Building

 "the amount of energy provided by on-site renewable energy sources is equal to the amount of energy used by the building"



Biomass Power Plant - Photo credit: U.S. Department of Energy, Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy Network (EREN)

## GHG Management Process





- Create the inventory
  - Establish a baseline typically in metric tons
- Set goals and milestones
- Prepare a management plan
  - Create a comprehensive portfolio of emission reduction activities
- Implement the plan
  - Update GHG Management Plan based on mission changes and incremental findings and results
- Measure success
  - Measure and verify projects to ensure GHG reduction
- Update inventory and plan

#### Buildings Matter...



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#### Each year a facility emits on average

25 lbs. of Carbon SF





Keep the real property portfolio as lean as possible....

## 5. Executive Order 13514



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On October 5, President Obama Signed Executive Order 13514, Federal Leadership in Environmental, Energy, and Economic Performance.



## Executive Order 13514





- Evenutive Order 12514 establishes rumanasısı
- Executive Order 13514 establishes numerous goals for Federal agencies
- EO 13514 represents a transformative shift
  - Establishes GHGs as the integrating metric for tracking progress in Federal sustainability
  - Requires a deliberative planning process
  - Links to budget allocations and OMB scorecards to ensure goal achievement
- E.O. 13423 Strengthening Federal Environmental, Energy, and Transportation Management (January 29, 2007) is not revoked by the new E.O.

## Executive Order 13514





- Achieve 30% reduction in vehicle fleet petroleum use by 2020
- Achieve 26% reduction in potable & 20% reduction in industrial, landscaping, & agricultural water consumption by 2020
- Comply with new EPA storm water management guidance
- Achieve 50% recycling & waste diversion by 2015
- Requires that 95% of all applicable procurement contracts will meet sustainability requirements
- Requires 15% of buildings meet the Guiding Principles for High Performance and Sustainable Buildings by 2015
- Design all new Federal buildings which begin the planning process by 2020 to achieve zero-net energy by 2030

## Executive Order 13514







- New construction and major renovation comply with the Guiding Principles for Federal Leadership in High Performance and Sustainable Buildings from <u>Federal Leadership in High</u> <u>Performance and Sustainable Buildings Memorandum of</u> <u>Understanding</u>
- Guiding Principles lead to:
  - Reduced total ownership cost of facilities
  - Improved energy efficiency and water conservation
  - Safe, healthy, and productive building environments
  - The promote sustainable environmental stewardship

# 6. Guiding Principles of Sustainability



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#### Employ integrated design principles

- Use a collaborative, integrated planning and design process
- Incorporate life-cycle cost-effective energy, water, and indoor environmental quality principles thru the building life
- Employ total building commissioning

#### Optimize energy performance

- For new construction, reduce the energy cost budget by at least 30% compared to baseline ASHRAE Standard 90.1-2004
- For major renovations, reduce the energy cost budget by at least 20% compared to a pre-renovations 2003 baseline
- Meter at the building level to track and optimize performance

#### Protect and conserve water

- Use 20% less potable water than the indoor water use baseline
- Reduce outdoor potable water consumption by at least 50%; reduce storm water and polluted water runoff

# Guiding Principles of Sustainability



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#### Enhance indoor environmental quality

- Meet ASHRAE Standards 55-2004, Thermal Environmental Conditions for Human Occupancy, and 62.1-2004, Ventilation for Acceptable Indoor Air Quality
- Implement a moisture control strategy to prevent mold contamination
- Achieve a minimum daylight factor of 2% in 75% of all space
- Specify materials and products with low or no pollutant emissions
- Protect indoor air quality during construction and after occupancy

#### Reduce environmental impact of construction materials

- Use recycled-content and biobased-content materials and supplies
- Recycle at least 50% of the construction, demolition, and land clearing waste
- Eliminate ozone-depleting compounds during and after construction

# 7. Departmental Compliance





- S-1 memo 2-29-08 and DOE O 430.2
  - Achieve U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold certification for all new construction and major building renovations in excess of \$5M
  - New lease space; preference for LEED Gold
- OMB A-11, Part 7 (section 300)
  - Report whether "sustainable design principles" have been incorporated into the project

## Departmental Compliance



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- CD-1: Document HPBS considerations ... in the conceptual design report and acquisition strategy, as appropriate
- CD-2: Incorporate Preliminary ... HPSB provisions into the preliminary design and design review
- CD-3: Incorporate Final ... HPSB provisions into the final design and the external independent review
- CD-4: Issue a checkout, testing, and commissioning plan that ... ensures that the equipment, systems, and facilities, including HPSB systems, perform as designed and are optimized for greatest energy efficiency, resource conservation, and occupant satisfaction

See DOE G 413.3-6 dtd 6-20-08 for HPSB implementation guidance

#### 8. Conclusions

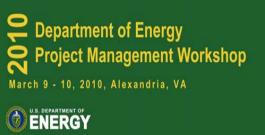


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- Greenhouse gas management is part of the mission
- Energy and greenhouse gas considerations need to be included in all phases of the project management process
- Designing to LEED Gold and incorporating the Guiding Principles is not optional







### Thank you!