

## Fuel needed to run a 100-W light bulb for one year (876 kWh, or 3153.6 MJ)

*(The fuel quantities below assume 100% conversion efficiency. As most power generation/distribution systems only achieve 30% - 35% efficiency, the actual quantity of fuel used to power a 100 W light bulb in your home will be about three times the quantity shown.)*

- 166 kg of wood
- 117 to 210 kg (257 to 462 lb) of coal
- 73.34 kg (161.6 lb) of kerosene
- 78.8m<sup>3</sup>, of natural gas
- 58 kg of Methane
- .006 kg (.014 lb) of uranium

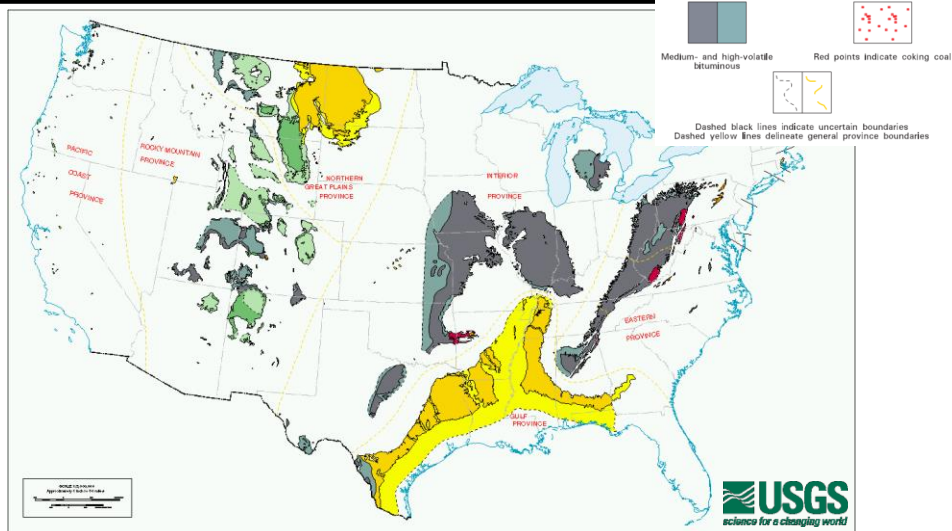
## Types of Coal (in order of C Content)

- Anthracite
  - Carbon content (86-98%); Heat value = 15,000 BTUs/lb
  - Most frequently associated with home heating
  - 7.3 billion tons of reserves in the U.S.; mostly in 11 northeastern PA counties
- Bituminous
  - Carbon content = 45-86%; Heat value = 10,500 – 15,500 BTUs/lb
  - Most frequently used to generate electricity and make coke for steel industry
  - Most plentiful form of coal in U.S.
- Sub-bituminous
  - Carbon content = 35-45%; Heat value = 8,300 – 13,000 BTUs/lb
  - Lower sulfur content than other types = cleaner burning
  - Reserves in half-dozen Western US states and Alaska
- Lignite
  - Carbon content = 25-35%; Heat value = 4,000-8,300 BTUs/lb
  - Mainly used for electric power generation
  - Sometimes called brown coal; Geologically young

## U.S. Coal Regions

U.S. Proved recoverable coal reserves at the end of 2006

- 111,338 million tonnes of Bituminous & Anthracite
- 135,035 million tonnes of Sub-Bituminous & lignite



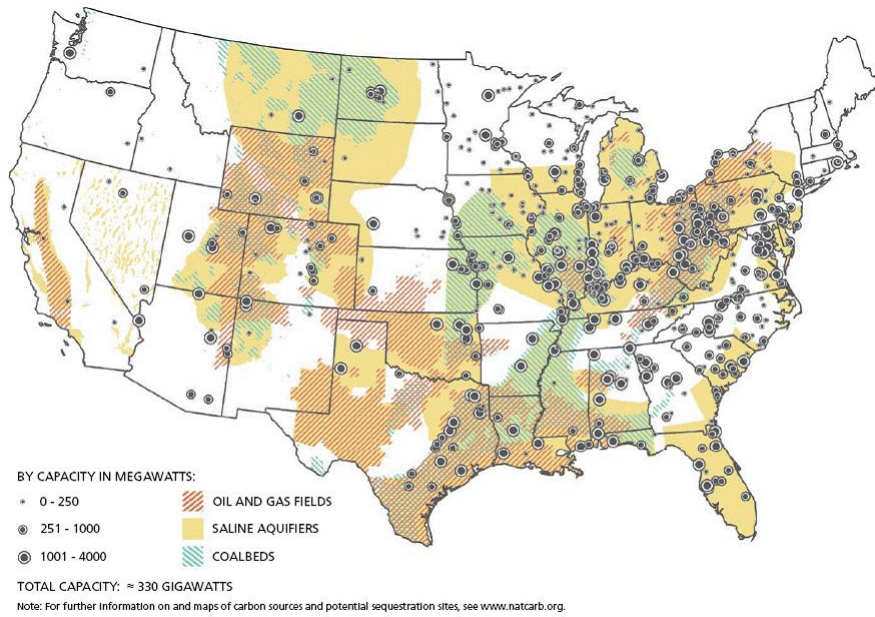
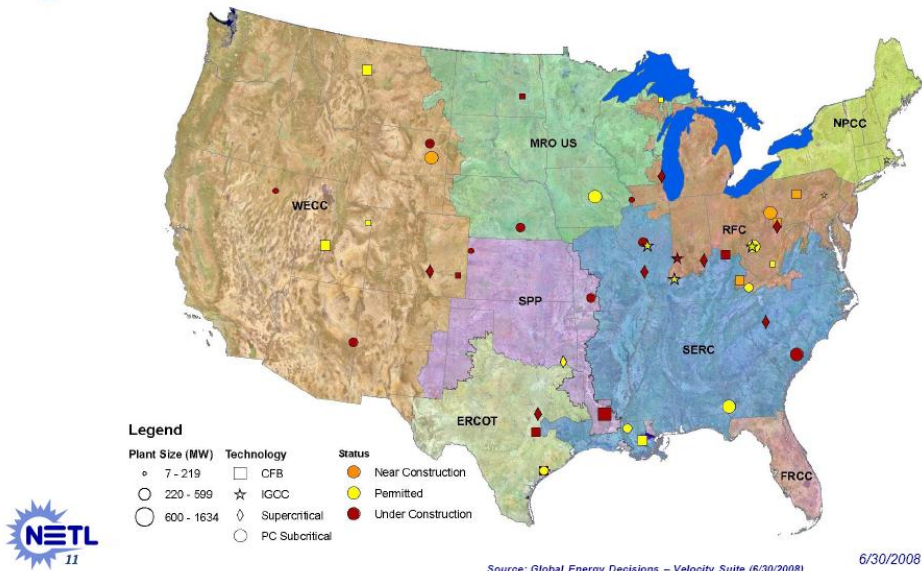
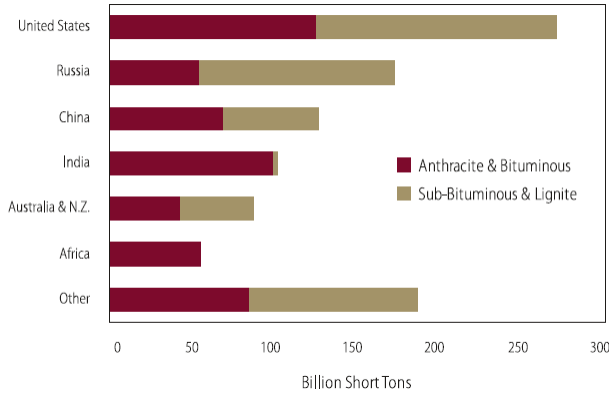
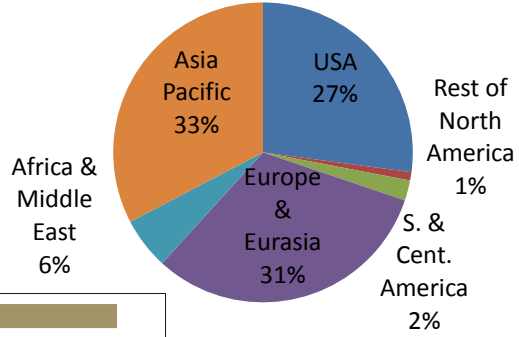


FIGURE 5-3. U.S. Coal-Fired Power Plants (2000) and Potential Sequestration Sites

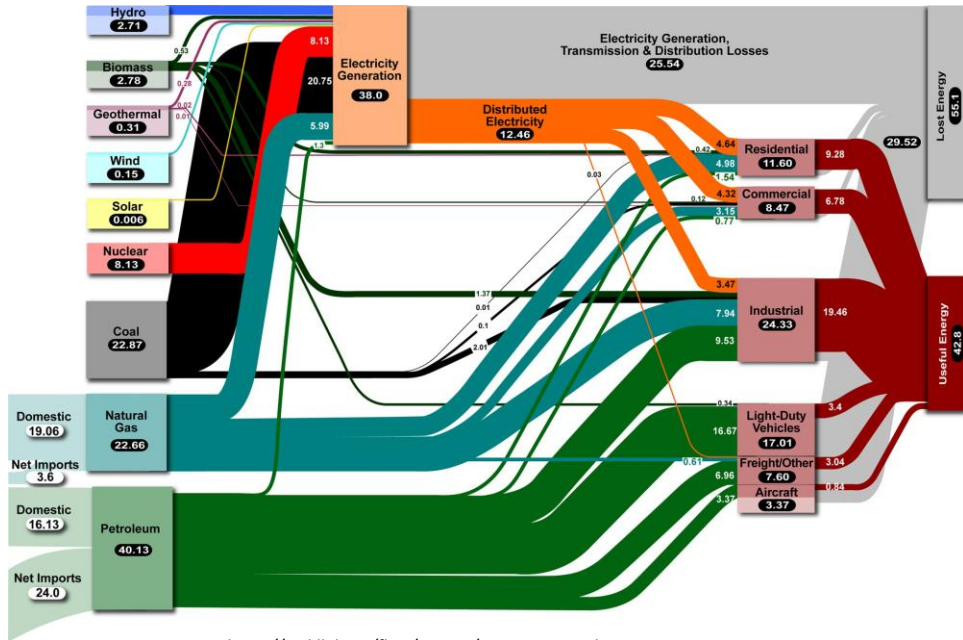
## Geographical Map by NERC Regions: Coal-Fired Plants (Permitted, Near Construction, and Under Construction) Figure 4



Global Distribution of Coal Reserves

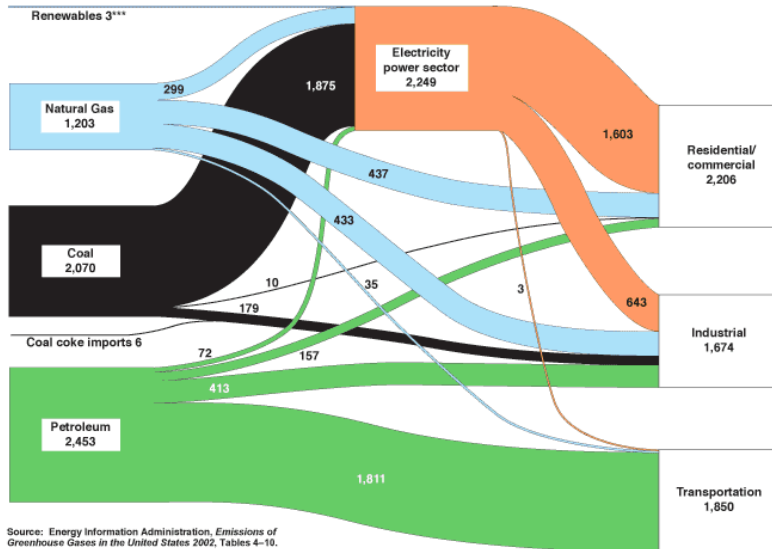


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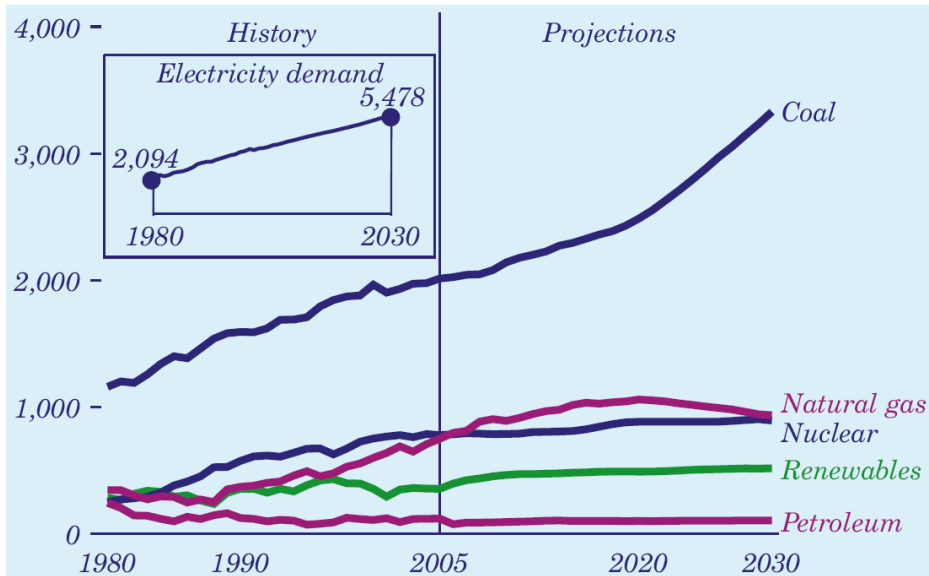
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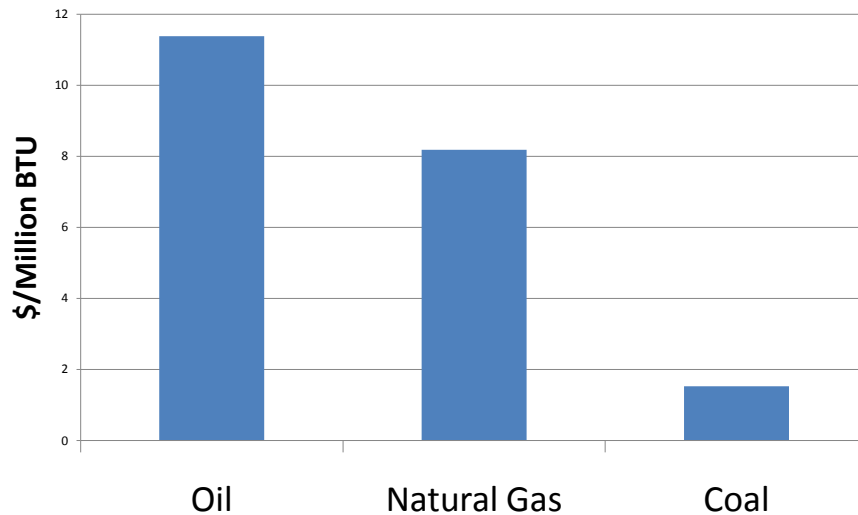
### U.S. 2002 Carbon Dioxide Emissions from Energy Consumption – 5,682\* Million Metric Tons of CO<sub>2</sub>\*\*



Source: Energy Information Administration, *Emissions of Greenhouse Gases in the United States 2002*, Tables 4–10.  
 \*Includes adjustments of 42.9 million metric tons of carbon dioxide from U.S. territories, less 90.2 MMT CO<sub>2</sub> from international and military bunker fuels.  
 \*\*Previous versions of this chart showed emissions in metric tons of carbon, not of CO<sub>2</sub>.  
 \*\*\*Municipal solid waste and geothermal energy.  
 Note: Numbers may not equal sum of components because of independent rounding.

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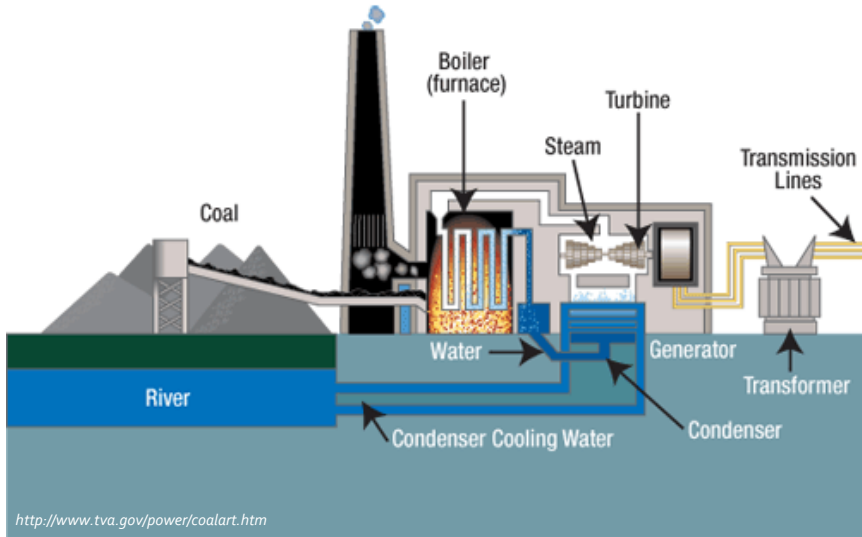
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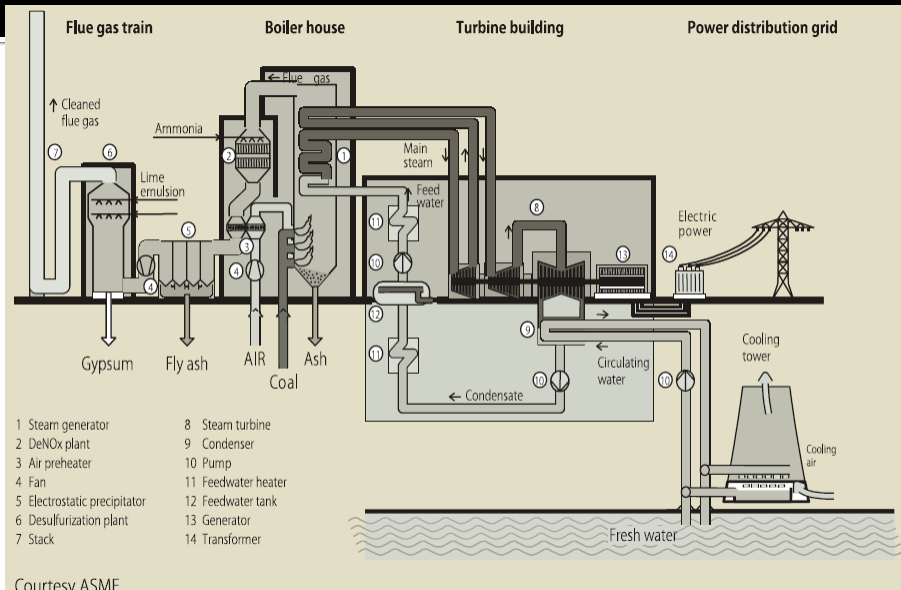
- Carbon intensity of Coal is Very High (92g CO<sub>2</sub>/MJ)
- One typical plant = 3 million tons/year CO<sub>2</sub>
- US produces 1.5 billion tons/year from coal burning power plants
- If 60% of the US CO<sub>2</sub> from coal were captured for sequestration, it would be **20 million barrels a day**

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# Sub-critical Coal-Fired Power Plant



# Sub-critical Pulverized Coal System



# Generating Efficiency

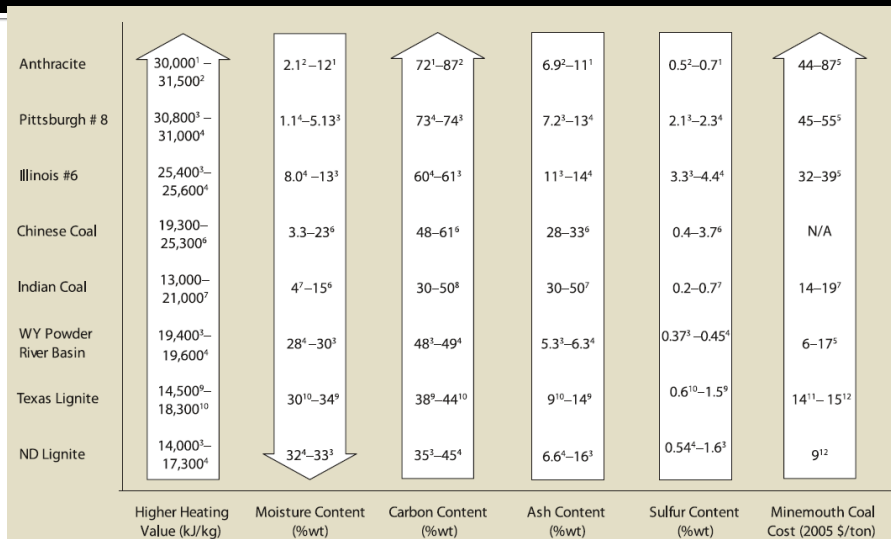
## Thermal Energy in Fuel Electricity Produced

Influenced By:

- Fuel Source
- Plant Design
- Environment

Lower efficiency = More coal burned per unit electricity produced.

## Coal Types



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