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Emissions from coal fired power Generation

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Demand for coal has been growing faster than any other energy sources.



Source: IEA Statistics

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iea Share of boilers in major countries for each steam condition

Large amount of sub-critical plants are still being operated. It is possible to increase global average efficiency by adopting currently available Ultra super-critical, in particular, in China, US and India.





Share of electricity generation in India by resources (2009)



2009	Coal &Peat	Oil	Natural gas	Nuclear	Hydro	Biofuels &waste	Other Renewables	Total (TWh)
India	617	26	111	19	107	2	18	899
World	8119	1027	4301	2697	3252	288	370	20054

(IEA statistics)

Breakdown of coal-fired plant capacity in India: **Energy Agency**

A large amount of new capacity has been added over the decade. Will this capacity increase continue to 2020 or after 2020? How much share of super-critical will be occupied after 2020?



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In order to reduce CO2 emissions, two actions will be employed. One is an action by the measure of policy & regulation. The other action is the development of technologies.





For coal generation, reducing non-GHG pollutant emissions (SO2, NOx, PM) is significantly important. In HELE roadmap, following three points will be focused on.







USC plants: Commercially available. A-USC plants: R&D is intensively going on EU,Japan and US.





TEPCO Hitachinaka No.1, Japan (Boiler; Babcock-Hitachi) (600°C/600°C 25MPa 1000MW) (Operation; 2003/12-)



Basic design for E.ON 50plus Project, Germany (Boiler; Hitachi Power Europe) (700°C/720°C 35MPa 500MW) International Energy Agency

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Low emission technology for non-GHG pollutants

Emissions of NOx, SO2 and PM far lower than regulated in most areas are possible, using standard systems. For NOx minimization, flue gas treatment systems are used and low-NOx combustion technology in boiler also helps to reduce NOx formation . PM are removed by electrostatic precipitators or fabric filters, and SO2 is controlled by scrubbing with limestone slurry in a flue gas desulphurisation.



SCR: Selective Catalytic Reduction Wet-FGD :Wet-Flue Gas Desulfurization EP: Electrostatic Precipitator

International Energy Agency NOx emissions from coal generation; regional status

Reducing NOx and SO2 has been major technical change over the decades and in some OECD countries like Japan and Germany, air pollutant has been drastically reduced by employing the flue gas treatment system. A certain policy action and regulation is needed to deploy currently available technologies.



Figure: Trend of average NOx emission from thermal power plants

Source: Federation of Electric Power Companies, INFOBASE2010

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BAT :Best Available Technology



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Key messages

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•In the near term, coal will be dominant in electricity generation.

Future perspectives

- •To achieve Blue Map scenario, both technology development and strong policy actions are indispensable.
- •USC for new installation and retrofit will be largely deployed and RD&D of higher efficiency plants (A-USC, IGCC) will be intensively promoted.
- •Policies enacted to lead to closing of old existing plants. Replacing coal plants by gas and renewables to be promoted.

Power generation

High efficient technology (A-USC, IGCC) can contribute to reduce CO₂ up to 670g/kWh. For further CO₂ abatement, CCS is the only measure.
In clean coal technology, reduction of non-GHG pollutant emissions (SO2, NOx, PM) is indispensable and deployment of best available flue gas treatment technologies should be intensively promoted.



Supplements





Key point: Although non-fossil electricity generations increased contributed to CO2 reduction, growth of generation from fossil fuel continues over the decade.



A large amount of new capacity is due to be added over the decade in China & India.



Source: Platts database

Case of carbon Lock in

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Newly install power stations, in the absence of policies to encourage their early retirement, will continue to operate and emit large quantities of CO2 until 2050. Thus, even if no coal plants are built after 2015, total emissions from all coal-fired plants would be almost equivalent to 2000 level. Without no CCS, total CO2 emission from these plants would definitely exceed the level of BLUE Map target.



Figure D.x: Projection of carbon lock in from coal generation

Approximate influence of coal moisture on plant efficiency

Removing moisture from lignite is an important to improve efficiency in lignite power plant. Lignite drying can increase efficiency and reduce CO2 emissions substantially if the technology used employs low grade heat and recovers as much energy from the drying as possible.



Source: IEA Power Generation from Coal **Key point: Removing moisture from lignite is an important technology to improve efficiency in lignite power plant.**



Figure : Trend of efficiency improvement in coal-fired power plants

