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Our Energy Future 2012-11-27

a wiley survival guide on our energy future concerned about our energy future turn to this guide for easy to grasp and up to date coverage of the many aspects of the energy value chain oil and natural gas coal fossil fuels and the greenhouse effect energy from water biomass solar energy geothermal energy wind energy nuclear energy electricity energy storage transportation housing smart energy consumption hydrogen armed with the knowledge in this book students teachers decision makers politicians and consumers can form educated and informed opinions on the future of energy and its impact on the economy health and the environment

Our Energy Future 2009

over the past 30 years total energy consumption in australia has more than doubled while energy consumption per person has increased by almost 40 how will australia manage future increases in energy consumption when there is also a pressing need to reduce greenhouse emissions and slow down climate change the country s energy needs will have to transition from diminishing and polluting non renewable sources of energy to renewable sources so what is the future of fossil fuels can the mandatory renewable energy target of 20 of australia s energy supply by 2020 make a real difference topics in our energy future include carbon capture and storage clean coal technology peak oil nuclear power boosting australia s energy efficiency and productivity and household energy saving tips the book also explores the major renewables in detail solar wind hydroelectricity geothermal bio energy wave energy and the potential of hydrogen power chapter 1 energy generation use and efficiency chapter 2 future of fossil fuels and renewable energy glossary fast facts links index

Our Renewable Energy Future: The Remarkable Story of How Renewable Energy Will Become the Basis for Our Lives

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our renewable energy future focuses on clean energy technology evolution and where our energy system is going while its foundation is technology innovation it brings a unique perspective that technology alone is not what has brought about the explosive growth of renewable energy the book offers fresh insights into how technology economics social dynamics policy and geopolitics are forces at play affecting our energy future it builds off dr arent s lifelong passion for energy sustainable development and in particular renewable energy technologies dr arent s journey began in high school as a keen student of math and science watching the global oil crisis unfold in 1973 the us responded with a series of actions including establishing what was then called the solar energy research institute the idea of a renewable energy future stuck which dr arent follows as he covers the journey of technology evolution economics political economy and geopolitics of clean energy over the last 40 years and provides insights for the next decades from a technology perspective we ll trace the arc of recent innovations and synthesize innovations across multiple interacting perspectives into a description of our renewable energy future

Fueling Our Future: An Introduction to Sustainable Energy 2007-04-19

one of the most important issues facing humanity today is the prospect of global climate change brought about primarily by our prolific energy use and heavy dependence on fossil fuels fueling our future an introduction to sustainable energy provides a concise overview of current energy demand and supply patterns it presents a balanced view of how our reliance on fossil fuels can be changed over time so that we have a much more sustainable energy system in the near future written in a non technical and accessible style the book will appeal to a wide range of readers without scientific backgrounds

Electrify 2022-10-04

an optimistic but realistic and feasible action plan for fighting climate change while creating new jobs and a healthier environment electrify everything climate change is a planetary emergency we have to do something now but what saul griffith has a plan in electrify griffith lays out a detailed blueprint optimistic but feasible for fighting climate change while creating millions of new jobs and a healthier environment griffith s plan can be summed up simply electrify everything he explains exactly what it would take to transform our infrastructure update our grid and adapt our households to make this possible billionaires may contemplate escaping our worn out planet on a private rocket ship to mars but the rest of us griffith says will stay and fight for the future griffith an engineer and inventor calls for grid neutrality ensuring that households businesses and utilities operate as equals we will have to rewrite regulations that were created for a fossil fueled world mobilize industry as we did in world war ii and offer low interest climate loans griffith s plan doesn t rely on big not yet invented innovations but on thousands of little inventions and cost reductions we can still have our cars and our houses but the cars will be electric and solar panels will cover our roofs for a world trying to bounce back from a pandemic and economic crisis there is no other project that would create as many jobs up to twenty five million according to one economic analysis is this politically possible we can change politics along with everything else

Understanding Our Energy Resources 2015-01-01

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Climate Change 2018-10-30

this second edition of climate change is an accessible and comprehensive guide to the science behind global warming exquisitely illustrated the text is geared toward students at a variety of levels edmond a mathez and jason e smerdon provide a broad informative introduction to the science that underlies our understanding of the climate system and the effects of human

activity on the warming of our planet mathez and smerdon describe the roles that the atmosphere and ocean play in our climate introduce the concept of radiation balance and explain climate changes that occurred in the past they also detail the human activities that influence the climate such as greenhouse gas and aerosol emissions and deforestation as well as the effects of natural phenomena climate change concludes with a look toward the future discussing climate model projections exploring the economic and technological realities of energy production and presenting a view of the global warming challenge through the lens of risk each chapter features profiles of scientists who advanced our understanding of the material discussed this new edition expands on the first edition s presentation of scientific concepts making it ideal for classroom use for a wide swath of undergraduate and masters students with both science and nonscience backgrounds

Lighting the World *2015-08-25*

1 2 billion people on earth still don t have electricity even where cell phones are now common like sub saharan africa and parts of india villagers still walk miles to charge them but new large scale sustainable solutions will not only usher in a new era of light but be an important first step in lifting people from poverty and putting them on a road of sustainable economic development also a unique transforming opportunity for western thinkers and practitioners will be created these areas have largely skipped the analog stage of power development and have moved straight from the middle ages to the digital age they are not encumbered by existing infrastructure dependence on fossil fuels or too many outdated laws and regulations an ideal innovation incubator the developing world might just be the best way to make progress on our own energy issues at home jim rogers is leading a grand collaborative effort to bring sustainable clean electrical power to everyone who lacks it this reverse engineering he contends could solve the energy crises of america and europe while also making the world a cleaner smarter place but it won t be easy in lighting the world rogers details the bold thinking international cooperation and political will required to illuminate the future for everyone

Winning Our Energy Independence *2007-09-07*

winning our energy independence shares energy solutions from s david freeman a man who has spent his life at the forefront of energy policy

Our Energy Future *2016-02-16*

our energy future is an introductory textbook for the study of energy production alternative and renewable fuels and ways to build a sustainable energy future jones and mayfield explore the creation and history of fossil fuels their impact on the environment and how they have become critical to our society the authors also outline how adopting sustainable biofuels will be key to the future of energy stability and discuss a number of renewable energy options and biofuel feedstocks that are replacements for petroleum based products our society is consuming energy at an alarming rate and the authors warn that continuing fuel usage patterns could permanently damage the environment this book emphasizes the importance of

continued scientific agricultural and engineering development while it outlines the political and environmental challenges that will accompany a complete shift from fossil fuels to renewable energy and biomass our energy future is an accessible resource for undergraduate students studying biofuels and bioenergy

The Grand Energy Transition 2009-09-08

a groundbreaking book on solving our growing energy problems in this visionary book leading energy industry executive robert hefner puts forth a convincing case about how the world can move beyond its current dependence on oil and toward a new era of clean renewable energy written with the knowledge and authority of a major player in this industry hefner relates how misguided government policies and vested industry interests have contributed to our current energy problems and proposes a variety of measures that could encourage the use of natural gas solar wind and hydrogen convincingly makes the case that natural gas is the essential bridge fuel to a new era of clean renewable energy sources details how natural gas can help break our oil and coal dependency offers a sweeping historic picture of the world energy situation presents a compelling and provocative case that natural gas is key to our short term energy problems a well written and engaging book that mixes personal anecdotes and experiences with insightful analysis the grand energy transition is a powerful argument about how we can best solve our toughest energy problems

Energy Internet and We-Energy 2018-07-12

this book focuses on the framework and implementation of energy integration systems with energy and smart control technologies it describes in detail we energy a novel energy interaction mode based on a cyber physical economy energy model which can be adopted to solve the problem of energy supply and utilization it then analyzes the key devices and technologies for developing the energy internet such as converters energy conversion devices system level connection devices optimization control strategies cyber physical system security energy system stability communication technologies operating modes and distributed optimization algorithms to enable readers to gain a comprehensive understanding of the topic lastly it offers an outlook on the development of the energy internet providing a reference for cross integration between different disciplines the book is an indispensable resource for power enterprises manufacturers in the power supply industry and researchers in the field of energy internet application it is also useful for university and college teachers and students seeking to deepen their understanding of the energy internet as well as for readers interested in the energy internet correlation techniques

The End of Energy 2011-03-04

forty years of energy incompetence villains failures of leadership and missed opportunities americans take for granted that when we flip a switch the light will go on when we turn up the thermostat the room will get warm and when we pull up to the pump gas will be plentiful and relatively cheap in the end of energy michael graetz shows us that we have been living an

energy delusion for forty years until the 1970s we produced domestically all the oil we needed to run our power plants heat our homes and fuel our cars since then we have had to import most of the oil we use much of it from the middle east and we rely on an even dirtier fuel coal to produce half of our electricity graetz describes more than forty years of energy policy incompetence and argues that we must make better decisions for our energy future despite thousands of pages of energy legislation since the 1970s passed by a congress that tended to elevate narrow parochial interests over our national goals americans have never been asked to pay a price that reflects the real cost of the energy they consume until americans face the facts about price our energy incompetence will continue and along with it the unraveling of our environment security and independence

The ability of federal lands to meet our energy needs 2003

experts outline a plan to overhaul the u s energy innovation system for accelerated large scale adoption of reliable low cost low carbon energy technologies energy innovation offers us our best chance to solve the three urgent and interrelated problems of climate change worldwide insecurity over energy supplies and rapidly growing energy demand but if we are to achieve a timely transition to reliable low cost low carbon energy the u s energy innovation system must be radically overhauled unlocking energy innovation outlines an up to the minute plan for remaking america s energy innovation system by tapping the country s entrepreneurial strengths and regional diversity in both the public and private spheres business as usual will not fill the energy innovation gap only the kind of systemic transformative changes to our energy innovation system described in this provocative book will help us avert the most dire scenarios and achieve a sustainable and secure energy future

Unlocking Energy Innovation 2011-10-21

what you need to know now about america s energy future hi i m the united states and i m an oil oholic we have an energy problem and everybody knows it even if we can t all agree on what specifically the problem is rising costs changing climate peaking oil foreign oil public safety if the fears are this complicated then the solutions are bound to be even more confusing maggie koerth baker science editor at the award winning blog boingboing net finally makes some sense out of the madness over the next 20 years we ll be forced to cut 20 quadrillion btu worth of fossil fuels from our energy budget by wasting less and investing in alternatives to make it work we ll need to radically change the energy systems that have shaped our lives for 100 years and the result will be neither business as usual nor a hippie utopia koerth baker explains what we can do what we can t do and why the solution is really a lot of solutions working together this isn t about planting a tree buying a prius and proving that you re a good person economics and social incentives got us a country full of gas guzzling cars long commutes inefficient houses and coal fired power plants out in the middle of nowhere and economics and incentives will be the things that build our new world ultimately change is inevitable argues we re not going to solve the energy problem by convincing everyone to live like it s 1900 because that s not a good thing instead of reverting to the past we have to build a future where we get energy from new places use it in new ways and do more with less clean coal natural gas nuclear electric cars we ll need them all when you look at the numbers you ll find that we ll still be using fossil fuels nuclear and renewables for decades to come looks at new battery technology smart grids passive buildings decentralized generation

clean coal and carbon sequestration these are buzzwords now but they ll be a part of your world soon for many people they already are written by the cutting edge science editor for boing boing one of the ten most popular blogs in america

Before the Lights Go Out *2012-02-21*

realities of power company choices regulatory boundaries and stakeholder approvals expectations of the responsible investor environmental advocate and silicon valley companies including google facebook and stanford university surprising stories show how creativity innovation and planning can resolve some of the toughest choices facing electric power companies today although not in all cases building on the first volume sustainable electricity case studies from electric power companies in north america fox 2016 springer this book dives headfirst into the economic environmental and social tradeoffs power companies face as they strive to be sustainable with more than 40 contributing experts chapters include first hand power company stories case studies of leading silicon valley organizations socially responsible investor contemplations environmental advocacy arguments and regulatory realities the book provides a window into the choices companies make the tradeoffs stakeholders accept and the bottom line that comes with producing sustainable electricity it will be an important resource that will accelerate collective thoughts on what sustainable electricity means and what needs to be considered when the everyone wins outcome is elusive people have been able to fish hike camp and boat on a beautiful aep property that supports recreational activities for many years now aep has to generate income from this property do we build roads and drill to extract the natural gas do we sell the timber and keep the property do we sell the whole thing what about the fish deer and other wildlife tradeoffs will be made and not everyone will like them tim w lohner ph d environmental specialist american electric power chapter 3 companies are demanding access to clean energy and investors are pressing companies to source 100 renewable it is essential that utilities develop a comprehensive strategy to reduce climate impact and clearly articulate the plan and their progress customers and investors want to see this progress and utilities need to develop the right model for their particular business john streur ceo calvert research management chapter 4 at chevron we are continually examining the tradeoffs as we work to improve our energy efficiency and reduce our environmental footprint the complexity of our global shared challenge to electrify the world without undue compromise to the integrity of our planet is one that will require global action the experiences and perspectives detailed in this book are important to understand as we collectively work towards a sustainable energy future the one billion plus are counting on us kirsten s thorne global issues and public policy manager chevron forward

Sustainable Electricity II *2018-10-22*

thirty years ago our global energy landscape did not look remarkably different from what it does today three or four decades from now it certainly will dwindling oil reserves will clash with skyrocketing demand as developing nations around the world lead their citizens into the modern energy economy and all the while the grave threat of catastrophic climate change looms ever larger energy worries are at an all time high just how will we power our future with the powers that be scott l montgomery cuts through the hype alarmism and confusion to give us a straightforward informed account of where we are now and a map of where we re going starting with the inescapable fact of our current dependence on fossil fuels which supply 80 of all

our energy needs today montgomery clearly and carefully lays out the many alternative energy options available ranging from the familiar like water and solar to such nascent but promising sources as hydrogen and geothermal power what is crucial montgomery explains is understanding that our future will depend not on some single wondrous breakthrough instead we should focus on developing a more diverse adaptable energy future one that draws on a variety of sources and is thus less vulnerable to disruption or failure an admirably evenhanded and always realistic guide montgomery enables readers to understand the implications of energy funding research and politics at a global scale at the same time he doesn't neglect the ultimate connection between those decisions and the average citizen flipping a light switch or sliding behind the wheel of a car making the powers that be indispensable for our ever more energy conscious age

The Powers That Be *2010-07-15*

presents an overview on the different aspects of the energy value chain and discusses the issues that future energy is facing this book covers energy and the energy policy choices which face society the book presents easy to grasp information and analysis and includes statistical data for energy production consumption and simple formulas among the aspects considered are science technology economics and the impact on health and the environment in this new edition two new chapters have been added the first new chapter deals with unconventional fossil fuels a resource which has become very important from the economical point of view especially in the united states the second new chapter presents the applications of nanotechnology in the energy domain provides a global vision of available and potential energy sources discusses advantages and drawbacks to help prepare current and future generations to use energy differently includes new chapters covering unconventional fossil fuels and nanotechnology as new energy our energy future resources alternatives and the environment second edition is written for professionals students teachers decision makers and politicians involved in the energy domain and interested in environmental issues

Our Energy Future *2016-02-11*

one of the key tenets of the environmental movement is the need for greater efficiency in our use of dwindling natural resources especially coal natural gas and oil if our products are designed to be more energy efficient so the thinking goes our environmental impacts will be reduced and our fossil fuels will last longer in this surprising new look at sustainability and conservation environmentalist steve hallett argues that this thinking is fundamentally flawed in fact based on the example of coal use throughout the industrial revolution more efficiency leads to more consumption faster depletion of resources and ultimately more stress on the planet this is the efficiency trap how do we avoid this trap hallett suggests that we focus on protecting natural resources ecosystems and social systems by making them more resilient knowing that we have reached limits to growth we should work to decentralize energy delivery services to give homes and communities some measure of independence we can also build more sustainable food systems by diversifying the food production landscape to address the vulnerabilities of the current supply chain efficiency does have its place in specific areas such as recycling and home insulation but it will not work as a long term approach to our energy dilemma yet recognizing the inevitable limits to our growth and the shortcomings of our current approach to addressing our dwindling resources is a necessary first step toward the

establishment of sound environmental policy this realistic appraisal of current environmental thinking will challenge environmentalists and industrialists alike

The Efficiency Trap 2013-04-23

human beings depend on energy from burning wood to harnessing the atom we have relied on the consumption of natural resources as civilization grows and the demand for energy increases we must ask ourselves how to best meet our energy needs while responsibly stewarding our resources in abundant energy the fuel of human flourishing kenneth p green provides a brief history of our reliance on different sources of energy explores the viability of both current and potential future sources and offers a vision for the task of fueling human prosperity in the twenty first century

Abundant Energy 2011-10-16

over the next few decades we will see a profound energy transformation as society shifts from fossil fuels to renewable resources like solar wind biomass but what might a one hundred percent renewable future actually look like and what obstacles will we face in this transition authors explore the practical challenges and opportunities presented by the shift to renewable energy page 4 of cover

Our Renewable Future 2016-06-02

energy and us opens with an overview of energy and is followed with a detailed analysis of the production consumption uses reserves costs advantages and disadvantages of petroleum natural gas coal and uranium which are nonrenewable fuels a similar evaluation covers biomass geothermal tidal solar water and wind which are renewable sources of energy the readers then learn about electricity its uses and how it is generated the energy information administration in the department of energy divides our energy usage into residential commercial industrial and transportation sectors and glenn gibson examines these before discussing the pollution associated with energy global warming and the environment in general finally he presents an historic review of energy policy while not overly technical this book does require some knowledge of elementary chemistry to fully appreciate the data and so the history and science of energy is provided in an appendix for those who would like a refresher course a summary of the units of measure and the conversion between them is also included along with a list of acronyms and their meanings although the author offers possible solutions to problems these solutions are primarily based on data obtained from the energy information administration and bureau of transportation statistics in the department of transportation it is hoped that readers will assimilate the information says gibson and decide for themselves what we should do he believes it is predominantly our resistance to change not conservation or the lack of technology that will determine our energy future and our consequent standard of living it is unquestionable that many of our existing energy sources are limited and this illuminating and fact filled book is sure to increase awareness of how we use energy to maintain

our current living standards and why we need to change the way we actually acquire that energy as soon as possible

Energy and Us 2011-04-01

if technology is an undeniable catalyst for progress then energy is its inevitable basic food it is no coincidence that since the industrial revolution economic growth has been fuelled first by coal then by oil gas although energy intensity reserves are still sizeable in emerging economies and the technological catalyst can partially dematerialize growth it is unrealistic to separate growth from its basic food and even if the fossil energies share oil gas coal will lose a few percent to nuclear and renewable energies over the next decades all the indicators point to a world mix in which the fossil energy share will still top 75 by 2035 driven by growth in emerging countries the demand for oil and gas will continue to grow steadily even if there are enough oil and gas reserves to see us through the next three decades will the industry be able to exploit and produce new resources that are increasingly complex to develop at a sufficient rate and which are often located in politically unstable countries not to mention the added challenge of the growing numbers of stakeholders who are increasingly insistent on industrial safety environment and societal issues in particular will non conventional resources whose production growth could defer the oil gas peaks by several decades be able to withstand political and environmental lobbies the evolution of oil gas landscape over the past few years reveals a disturbing increase in the time required to develop large new fields and an accelerated decline of the production base due to the ageing of most of the mature field facilities this book aims to analyze all the critical factors technical political economic social and human that could potentially accelerate or delay the maintenance and redevelopment of mature producing fields as well as the discovery and development of new conventional and unconventional resources insofar as in 2035 oil and gas still account for more than half of the world primary energy consumption the appropriate management of these critical factors is crucial to ensuring at least in the medium term the grail of growth however the hope of achieving the 450 ppm targets of copenhagen has been shattered bad news for the human population which is becoming more concerned with ensuring its short term growth than with its long term survival our energy future is not set in stone contents 1 the food of growth 2 limiting the decline of the basement 3 the increasing complexity of new developments 4 reaching excellence in safety 5 obtaining an environmental and social license to operate 6 the energy of the energy 7 our energy future is not set in stone

Our energy future is not set in stone 2014-06-01

an informed look at the myths and fears surrounding nuclear energy and a practical politically realistic solution to global warming and our energy needs faced by the world's oil shortages and curious about alternative energy sources gwyneth cravens skeptically sets out to find the truth about nuclear energy her conclusion it is a totally viable and practical solution to global warming in the end we see that if we are to care for subsequent generations embracing nuclear energy is an ethical imperative

Power to Save the World 2010-12-01

energy is the lifeblood of human society you and i would not live in the advanced world that we live in without the abundant and energy dense fuels that we now have available to us in the 21st century we have a wide range of energy sources that power our devices and that enable our technological advances and our increasingly middle class population as a result we must not curtail energy rich fuel sources for political or ideological reasons switching to unreliable less efficient more expensive energy sources before those alternatives are ready to fill the shoes of being primary energy sources in our personal lives and economy is ill advised at best destructive and self defeating at worst this book dives into the good and the bad regarding environmentally friendly energy sources and discusses all the energy sources we have available to us conservation efforts and the politics of energy we also look at statistics regarding energy usage and production from the past present and projections for the future we even review possible future energy sources including some pie in the sky ones join the important discussion about energy and how our energy choices will shape our future

Energy: The Fuel of Civilization 2016-04-21

this guide explains today s important energy issues such as ways we can improve our energy efficiency in electricity use transport and the heating and cooling of our homes and workplaces it looks at the future of fossil fuels renewable energy and nuclear power and assesses what governments business and the rest of us can all do this book shows how we can rise to the challenges and keep the world moving while keeping the planet safe back cover

The Rough Guide to Energy and Our Planet 2008

the united states is on the brink of an energy crisis every day foreign oil and fossil fuels become more expensive and limited our energy needs increase while our power plants and power grids become more outdated our traditional energy sources damage the environment with all of these energy problems any clean renewable energy source is a viable option right in renewable energy a common sense energy plan bradford linscott addresses the impending energy problems our nation faces he covers our nation s renewable energy options while taking into account the economic feasibility of implementing them on a large scale linscott discusses the role foreign oil and fossil fuels play in our future and their environmental impact he shares his common sense energy plan which outlines a combination of clean renewable energy sources and nuclear energy to sustain the power needs of the united states find out about our renewable energy options and our country s past present and viable future energy resources and plans in renewable energy a common sense energy plan it is long past time for the united states to undertake an apollo like program to wean ourselves away from oil dependence and on to clean reliable and domestically abundant energy alternatives united states senator george voinovich ohio

Renewable Energy *2011-08*

american society with a standard of living unprecedented in human history can attribute a large measure of its success to increasingly sophisticated uses of energy but that condition has come at a cost to irreplaceable resources to the environment and to our national independence the goal of what you need to know about energy is to present an accurate picture of america s current and projected energy needs and to describe options that are likely to play a significant role in our energy future written for a general audience the booklet begins with a description of the status of energy in 21st century america including an account of our main sources of energy and a survey of the nation s energy demand versus the world s available supply it then looks ahead to the quest for greater energy efficiency and to a portfolio of emerging technologies

What You Need to Know About Energy *2008-04-25*

energy and the environment examine the tension between energy production and consumption and environmental conservation with the latest edition of this widely read text in the newly revised fourth edition of energy and the environment the authors deliver an insightful and expanded discussion on the central topics regarding the interaction between energy production consumption and environmental stewardship the book explores every major form of energy technology including fossil fuels renewables and nuclear power wrapping up with chapters on how energy usage affects our atmosphere and the resulting global effects the latest edition includes new figures and tables that reflect the most recent numbers on conventional and renewable energy production and consumption the history and current status of relevant u s and international governmental energy legislation is discussed along with the text readers will also find a thorough introduction to the fundamentals of energy and energy use in industrial societies including the forms of energy scientific notation and the principle of energy conservation a comprehensive exploration of fossil fuels including petroleum coal and natural gas along with their history world production and remaining future resources discussion of the pros and cons of nuclear power it s rise in china and it s fall elsewhere and a history of power plant accidents a practical discussion of heat engines including their thermodynamics energy content of fuels and heat pumps and engines in depth examinations of new innovations and rapidly increasing use of renewable energy sources including solar wind hydro geothermal and biomass energy along with updates on battery technology and alternative energy storage techniques detailed discussions of the atmospheric effects of our energy usage on scales both local and global reports from the international panel on climate change the carbon budget carbon capture and storage and geoengineering perfect for either graduate or upper level undergraduate students of physics environmental science and engineering energy and the environment is also an indispensable resource for anyone professionally or personally interested in climate change energy policy and energy conservation

Our Energy Future. The Role of Research, Development, and Demonstration in Reaching a National Consensus on Energy

Supply 1976

this three volume compendium begins with a review of our past dependence on fossil fuels as our primary energy source and our future needs to change how our energy is produced and utilized due to diminishing resources and environmental impact the first volume presents the major options for carbon free energy including hydroelectric and solar energy for both thermal applications and the production of electricity wind energy and biofuels as a replacement in the transportation industry yet all of these options will not work on a large scale without proper energy storage which is the topic of the second and third volumes the second volume reviews the possible methods of storing energy in the form of mechanical or thermal energy mechanical methods include those that make use of gravitational potential energy and the storage of energy by compressing air or by storing as rotational energy in a flywheel sensible heat storage is discussed in terms of its applications to residential heating community based storage solar ponds and thermal storage for grid integrated energy systems the third volume considers various methods of energy storage that make use of electrochemical reactions electric and magnetic fields and chemical reactions it outlines multiple types of batteries as well as supercapacitors pseudo capacitors and hybrid capacitors it ends with techniques in chemical energy storage and the use of hydrogen methane methanol and ammonia as energy carriers

Energy and the Environment 2022-04-05

in a world confronting global climate change political turmoil among oil exporting nations nuclear weapons proliferation nuclear plant safety and waste disposal issues the united states must assume a leadership role in moving to a zero co2 emissions energy economy at the same time america needs to take the lead in reducing the world s reliance on nuclear power this breakthrough joint study by the institute for energy and environmental research and the nuclear policy research institute shows how our energy needs can be met by alternative sources as wind solar hydrogen biomass microalgae geothermal and wave power are all part of the solution must reading for everyone concerned with energy politics and the planet s future carbon free is already making headlines

Renewable Energy 2020-02-05

transforming our energy supplies to be more sustainable is seen by many to be the biggest challenge of our times in this comprehensive textbook I d danny harvey sets out in unprecedented detail the path we must take to minimize the effects that the way we harness energy will have on future climate change the book opens by highlighting the importance of moving to low carbon technologies for generation then moves on to explain the functioning potential and social environmental issues around solar energy wind energy biomass energy

geothermal energy hydroelectric power ocean energy nuclear energy it also covers the options for carbon capture and storage and the contexts in which low carbon energy can best be utilized potential for community integrated systems and the hydrogen economy the book closes with scenarios that combine the findings from its companion volume concerning the potential for limiting future energy demand with the findings from this volume concerning the cost and potential of c free energy systems to generate scenarios that succeed in limiting future atmospheric co2 concentration to no more than 450 ppmv detailed yet accessible meticulously researched and reviewed this work constitutes an indispensable textbook and reference for students and practitioners in sustainable energy and engineering

Carbon-free and Nuclear-free 2007

the author of physics for future presidents returns to educate all of us on the most crucial conundrum facing the nation energy the near meltdown of fukushima the upheavals in the middle east the bp oil rig explosion and the looming reality of global warming have reminded the president and all u s citizens that nothing has more impact on our lives than the supply of and demand for energy its procurement dominates our economy and foreign policy more than any other factor but the energy question is more confusing contentious and complicated than ever before we need to know if nuclear power will ever really be safe we need to know if solar and wind power will ever really be viable and we desperately need to know if the natural gas deposits in pennsylvania are a windfall of historic proportions or a false hope that will create more problems than solutions richard a muller provides all the answers in this must read guide to our energy priorities now and in the coming years

Energy and the New Reality 2 2010-08-12

from the first spark created by human hands thousands of years ago mankind has grown dependent on nature s vast stores of energy to build explore and experiment our expanding knowledge and technologies have come from the felling of forests to the harnessing of wind and water from the burning of coal and oil to tapping the energy of the atom energy does more than heat our homes and fill our gas tanks it fuels our imaginations our future is inextricably linked to energy and in this groundbreaking book mark eberhart examines our historic quest for power and tackles the brutal realization that there are limits to the energy earth can provide in western society we treat energy as a given the background noise of modern life but as worldwide energy demand grows supplies are at best holding steady and at worst shrinking the implications of our dependence are enormous and while there is evidence that great cultures of the past the maya anasazi easter islanders collapsed when their energy resources were exhausted eberhart argues that we have the responsibility and the ability to develop renewable energy sources now eberhart leads us on a tour through the history of energy how it was formed and how it evolved and reveals how we became energy dependent creatures with an unblinking eye he takes a close look at the consequences of our energy appetite and most important imagines a secure energy future that we can all play a part in achieving enlightening bold and practical feeding the fire weaves together history science and current affairs to create an important and compelling thesis about humanity s energy needs and draws a hard line on the imperative need to avert the catastrophe that looms if we continue on our present course

Energy for Future Presidents: The Science Behind the Headlines *2012-08-06*

in powering the future nobel laureate robert b laughlin transports us two centuries into the future when we've ceased to use carbon from the ground either because humans have banned carbon burning or because fuel has simply run out boldly laughlin predicts no earth shattering transformations will have taken place six generations from now there will still be soccer moms shopping malls and business trips firesides will still be snug and warm how will we do it not by discovering a magic bullet to slay our energy problems but through a slew of fascinating technologies drawing on wind water and fire powering the future is an objective yet optimistic tour through alternative fuel sources set in a world where we've burned every last drop of petroleum and every last shovelful of coal the predictable fossil fuels will run out the present flow of crude oil out of the ground equals in one day the average flow of the mississippi river past new orleans in thirteen minutes if you add the energy equivalents of gas and coal it's thirty six minutes at the present rate of consumption we'll be out of fossil fuels in two centuries time we always choose the cheapest gas from the nineteenth century consolidation of the oil business to the california energy crisis of 2000 2001 the energy business has shown time and again how low prices dominate market share market forces not green technology will be the driver of energy innovation in the next 200 years the laws of physics remain fixed energy will still be conserved degrade entropically with use and have to be disposed of as waste heat into outer space how much energy a fuel can pack away in a given space is fixed by quantum mechanics and if we want to keep flying jet planes we will need carbon based fuels the potential animal waste if dried and burned the world's agricultural manure would supply about one third as much energy as all the coal we presently consume trash the united states disposes of 88 million tons of carbon in its trash per year while the incineration of waste trash is not enough to contribute meaningfully to the global demand for energy it will constrain fuel prices by providing a cheap supply of carbon solar energy the power used to light all the cities around the world is only one millionth of the total power of sunlight pouring down on earth's daytime side and the amount of hydropump storage required to store the world's daily electrical surge is equal to only eight times the volume of lake mead

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the three mile island accident the periodic occurrence of long gas lines until sufficient price increases are achieved our dependence on foreign powers for a large fraction of our energy supply and continual controversy in our government and concerned public groups all point to the real presence of an energy crisis even the government has finally publicly acknowledged the fact that our present fuel sources will run out soon enough to be of concern to us now this knowledge should raise many questions in the minds of our citizens when will our sources run out or at least become too expensive to afford what could replace them and which alternatives are best when we hear about these matters in the news media we get many contradictory opinions mainly concerning coal and nuclear energy most of us realize that the reintroduction of coal on a massive scale would give rise to considerable pollution difficulties many people are also waking to an awareness of the dangers of nuclear reactors when we turn to scientists for answers we find that each one seems to advise us that a single path to new energy sources is the best of course each scientist tends to advise his own path

America's energy needs as our national security policy *2005*

a revelatory look at our national power grid how it developed its current flaws and how it must be completely reimagined for our fast approaching energy future america s electrical grid an engineering triumph of the twentieth century is turning out to be a poor fit for the present it s not just that the grid has grown old and is now in dire need of basic repair today as we invest great hope in new energy sources solar wind and other alternatives the grid is what stands most firmly in the way of a brighter energy future if we hope to realize this future we need to reimagine the grid according to twenty first century values it s a project which forces visionaries to work with bureaucrats legislators with storm flattened communities moneymen with hippies and the left with the right and though it might not yet be obvious this revolution is already well under way cultural anthropologist gretchen bakke unveils the many facets of america s energy infrastructure its most dynamic moments and its most stable ones and its essential role in personal and national life the grid she argues is an essentially american artifact one which developed with us a product of bold expansion the occasional foolhardy vision some genius technologies and constant improvisation most of all her focus is on how americans are changing the grid right now sometimes with gumption and big dreams and sometimes with legislation or the brandishing of guns the grid tells entertainingly perceptively the story of what has been called the largest machine in the world its fascinating history its problematic present and its potential role in a brighter cleaner future

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