

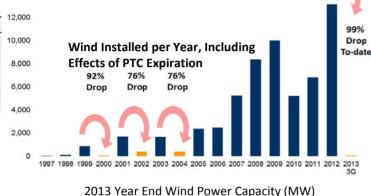
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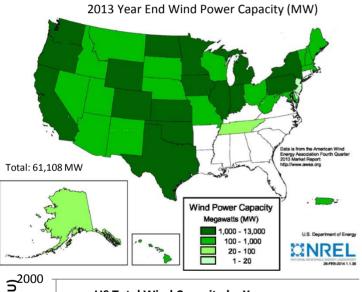
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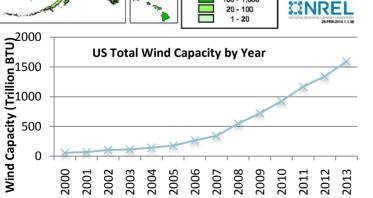
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State of the Industry

- ➤Total Installed Wind Capacity at end of 2013 is 61,108 MW
- >87,000 wind-related jobs at end of 2012
- ➤ Wind energy is economical, with prices at 4-6 cents per kWh
- >Wind energy provides 35% of all new power capacity since 2008
- ➤ Production Tax Credit is vital to generating more wind capacity. It expired in 2013 and the industry installed less than 1 GW that year, down from 13 GW in 2012.







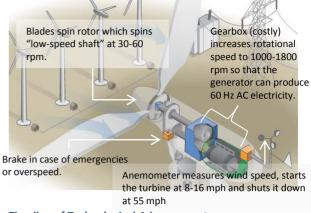
Common Areas of Concern

➤ Variability of wind conditions: Utility Wind Integration Group concluded that cost increases due to variability and uncertainty sum to less than 10% of value of energy generated. ➤ Wildlife safety: AWEA reports wind turbines account for only 0.0003% of human-caused avian fatalities.

➤ Sound: 40 dB at 400 meters, & homes are no closer than 300m.

➤ Property values: Study of 50,000 homes across 9 states near 67 wind facilities shows no depreciation of property value.

Technology



Timeline of Technological Advancements

1990: New Materials for Components for manufacturability

1991: Advanced blade designs produce 30% more energy

1995: First-in-industry systems demonstrated

2003: NuMAD software allows for computational analysis of blades, which leads to more efficient blades

2004: 1.5 MW permanent magnet drive train reduces cost of production by 12.8%

2005: STAR curved blade tips debuts, increasing efficiency

2007: GE 1.5 MW commercialized and wind resource maps available

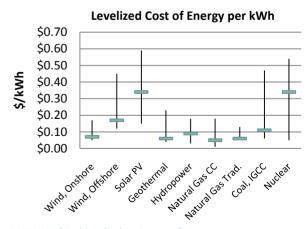
maps available

2008: 20% wind energy by 2030 report released

Compare to other Energy Sources

The US Department of Energy (DOE) Wind Program set a goal in 2008 to power 20% of the nation through wind energy. This means:

- 300,000 MW total capacity by wind, and therefore:
- √409,200,000 tons coal offset per year
- \checkmark 450,000,000 gallons water offset per year
- √6,360,000,000 cubic feet natural gas consumption offset per year
- ✓825,000,000 metric tons of CO₂ avoided cumulatively by 2030



Q: How much CO₂ can one 1.5 MW Wind Turbine displace in a year?

Assume 38% capacity factor, the 2013 average.

1.5 MW for 8760 hours in a year = 1.314×10^7 kWh x 38% = 4.9932 x 10^6 kWh produced Compare to NGCC at 55% efficiency and 54.5 HHV

 $4.9932 \times 10^6 \text{ kWh*} 3.6 \text{ MJ/kWh} = 1.798 \times 10^7 \text{ MJ produced} / 55 \% \text{ efficient} = 3.268 \times 10^7 \text{ MJ needed}$

 3.268×10^7 MJ/54.5 [MJ/kg] = 599684 kg NG * 0.74%C = 443766 kgC *3.667 = 1.62729 × 10^6 kgCO₂ A: 1,627.29 Metric Tonnes of CO, displaced by one wind turbine per year.



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