Six “Easy Steps” Towards Energy Sustainability

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Science and technology for a low GHG emission world.
Carbon dioxide emissions have risen dramatically over the past two hundred years…

…leading to the buildup of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere.

This causes global warming.
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2. Conserve energy where possible
3. Use more renewable sources of energy for electricity
4. Sequester CO₂ emissions when they are avoidable
5. Understand and minimize “life-cycle” environmental impacts
6. Encourage investment in research to develop lower cost clean energy systems
Conservation

Lighting

Transportation

Heating and Cooling
Exergy sources scaled to average consumption in 2004 (15 TW)
Carbon dioxide can be scrubbed from power plant emissions and pumped underground.

Carbon dioxide emissions from air travel can be offset by growing or preserving well managed forests.
Understanding and Minimizing Lifecycle Emissions

Education

Informed Decisions

Conscious Choices
Research will Provide More Choices and Lower Costs

Solar Energy

High-efficiency thin-film concepts

Batteries

Initial Substrate
Nanowires
After Cycling
Lithium Nano-Wires for Battery Electrodes

Advanced Combustion

High-efficiency internal combustion engines

Hydrogen

Bio-hydrogen

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