

Renewable Thermal: Pursuing the Policy Pipeline in New England



THERMAL ENERGY: CHALLENGE & OPPORTUNITY



Thermal energy comprises 1/3rd (or more) of energy consumption, representing a significant source of fossil-fuel based emissions and import dependence.



¹Does not include biofuels that have been biended with petroleum—biofuels are included in "Renewable Energy."

² Excludes supplemental gaseous fuels.

- ² Includes less than 0.1 quadrillion Btu of coal coke net exports.
- * Conventional hydroelectric power, geothermal, solar/PV, wind, and biomass.
- ⁸ Includes industrial combined-heat-and-power (CHP) and industrial electricity-only plants.

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⁷ Electricity-only and combined-heat-and-power (CHP) plants whose primary business is to sell electricity, or electricity and heat, to the public. Includes 0.1 quadrillon Btu of electricity net imports not shown under "Source."

Notes: Primary energy in the form that it is first accounted for in a statistical energy balance, before any transformation to secondary or tertiary forms of energy (for example, coal is used to generate electricity). • Sum of components may not equal total due to independent rounding. Sources: U.S. Energy information Administration, Annual Energy Review 2010, Tables 1.3, 2.1b-2.1f, 10.3, and 10.4.

CLIMATE PLANNING: WORLD GHG EMISSIONS REDUCTION SCENARIO











"Renewable heating technologies...are amongst the *lowest cost options* for both reducing CO2 emissions and fossil fuel dependency."

- International Energy Agency

RENEWABLE THERMAL: SOLAR HOT WATER



Collectors capture heat from sun and transfer it to hot water storage tanks and building distribution system

- Hot water and space heating
- Space cooling
- Pool heating
- Process heating
- District energy

RENEWABLE THERMAL: GROUND-SOURCE HEAT PUMPS

Collectors loop captures ground heat and compresses and transfers it to building distribution system

- Hot water and space heating
- Space cooling
- District energy





Biomass chips and pellets burned in high efficiency boiler or furnace to create heat for building

- Hot water and space heating
- Process heating
- District energy



RENEWABLE THERMAL: COLD CLIMATE AIR SOURCE HEAT PUMP

Uses a refrigerant system involving a compressor and condenser to absorb heat from air in one place and release it in another

- Hot water and space heating
- Space cooling



RENEWABLE THERMAL: BIOGAS AND BIODIESEL

Other technologies include renewable fuels like biogas or biodiesel

Applications:

 Hot water and space heating



Biogas

Thank you!

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