



Why 100% Clean?

The U.S. National Climate Assessment outlined the stark impacts of climate change and its dangers to our health, environment, and economy. Reports by the Department of Defense have long warned of the effects of climate change on national security and our troops. Extreme weather has wreaked havoc on local businesses and families.

To avoid the worst impacts of climate change, the world's top climate scientists agree we need to dramatically reduce climate pollution as soon as possible and transition to a 100% clean economy.

A 100% clean future means that by 2050, at the latest, the US and other advanced economies must produce no more climate pollution than we can remove – achieving net-zero emissions. The rest of the world needs to do the same soon after.

[There are a few different ways to achieve this goal.](#) The major options are:

- A national limit on climate pollution that makes the economy cleaner every year across all sectors of the economy.
- A fee on dirty sources of energy with an environmental backstop that ensures results.
- Giving EPA or states the authority to meet this goal.

Overall, getting to a 100% clean economy means dramatically increasing clean energy like wind and solar, reducing pollution in every way possible, and finding cost-effective ways to remove it from the air.

In just the last decade, solar energy prices have dropped nearly 90%. Wind power is almost 70% cheaper. Potential breakthrough technologies are on the horizon. Businesses are already committing to 100% clean targets, Congress is holding more climate hearings than ever, and there is a renewed call to take action. Now is the time to unleash that entrepreneurial spirit to create the 100% clean future that will protect our air and water, improve children's health, protect national security, and create millions of jobs for Americans.