



# 100% Clean Renewable Electricity for New Mexico



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# Clean Renewable Energy Means Economic Growth for New Mexico

- New Mexico needs to **revive our economy**, help preserve a **livable climate** and make the state a **healthier** place to live.
- How? A bold new Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) for electricity.
  - Current RPS maxes at 20% by 2020. Extend to 100%
- The electricity RPS has **NO IMPACT on oil** jobs or oil revenue, since **oil is not used** in NM to generate electricity. <7% NM nat. gas for electricity.



# Why

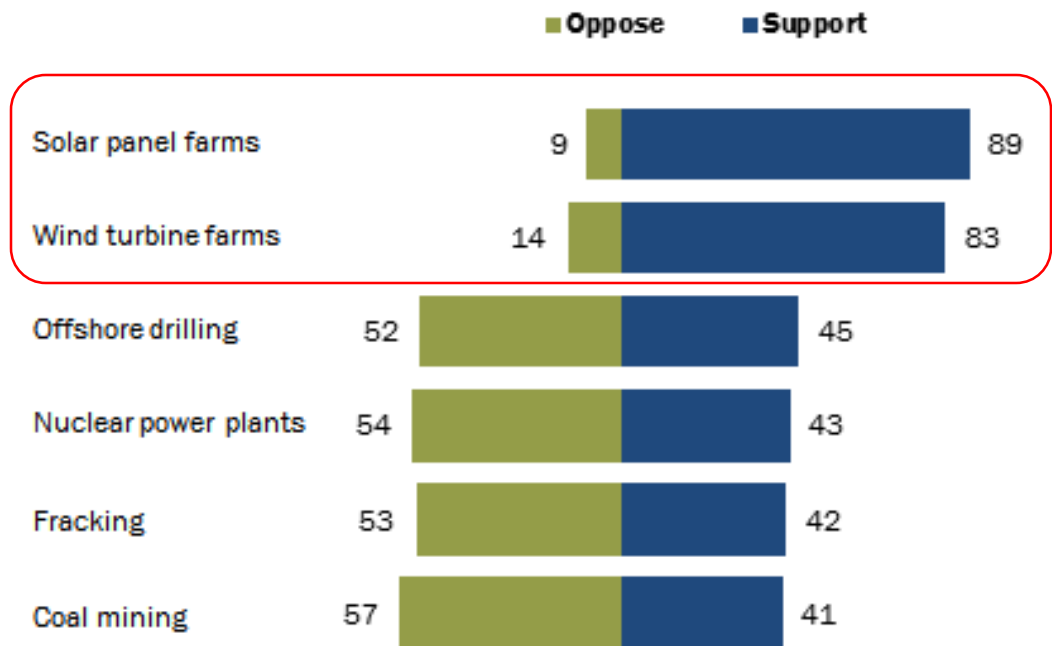
# 100% Clean Renewable Energy?

# 86% Support More Clean Energy

- **HUGE** majorities support expanding Solar and Wind energy, **by 7:1**
  - Bipartisan support includes 75% of Trump voters
- And strong majorities oppose expanding fossil fuel and nuclear energy.

## Strong public support for expanding solar power

*% of U.S. adults who say they favor or oppose expanding each energy source*



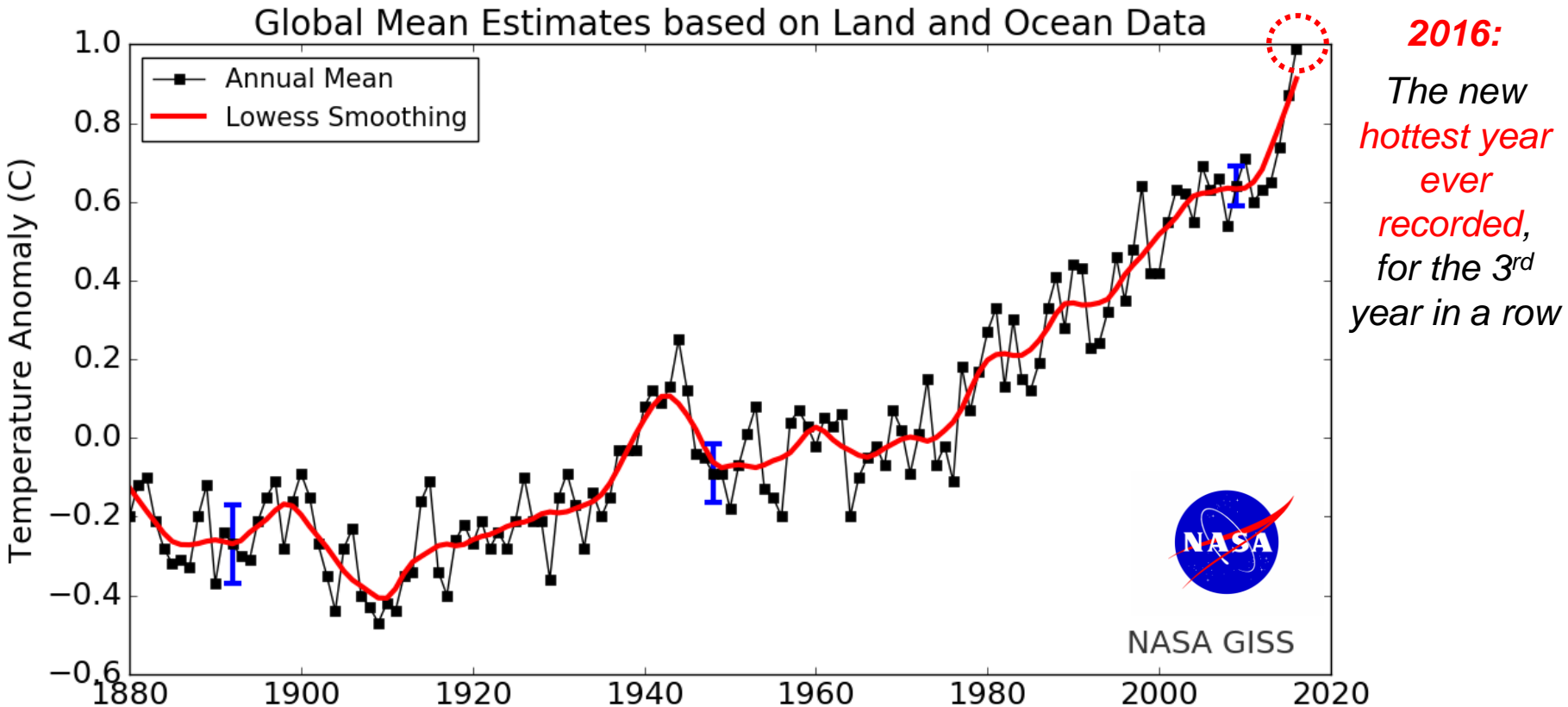
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Source: Survey conducted May 10-June 6, 2016.

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**June 2016**

# Warming is Happening Now



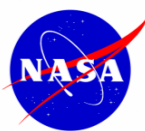
- **2016 – The warmest year on record, by far**

● <https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2017/01/170118112554.htm/>

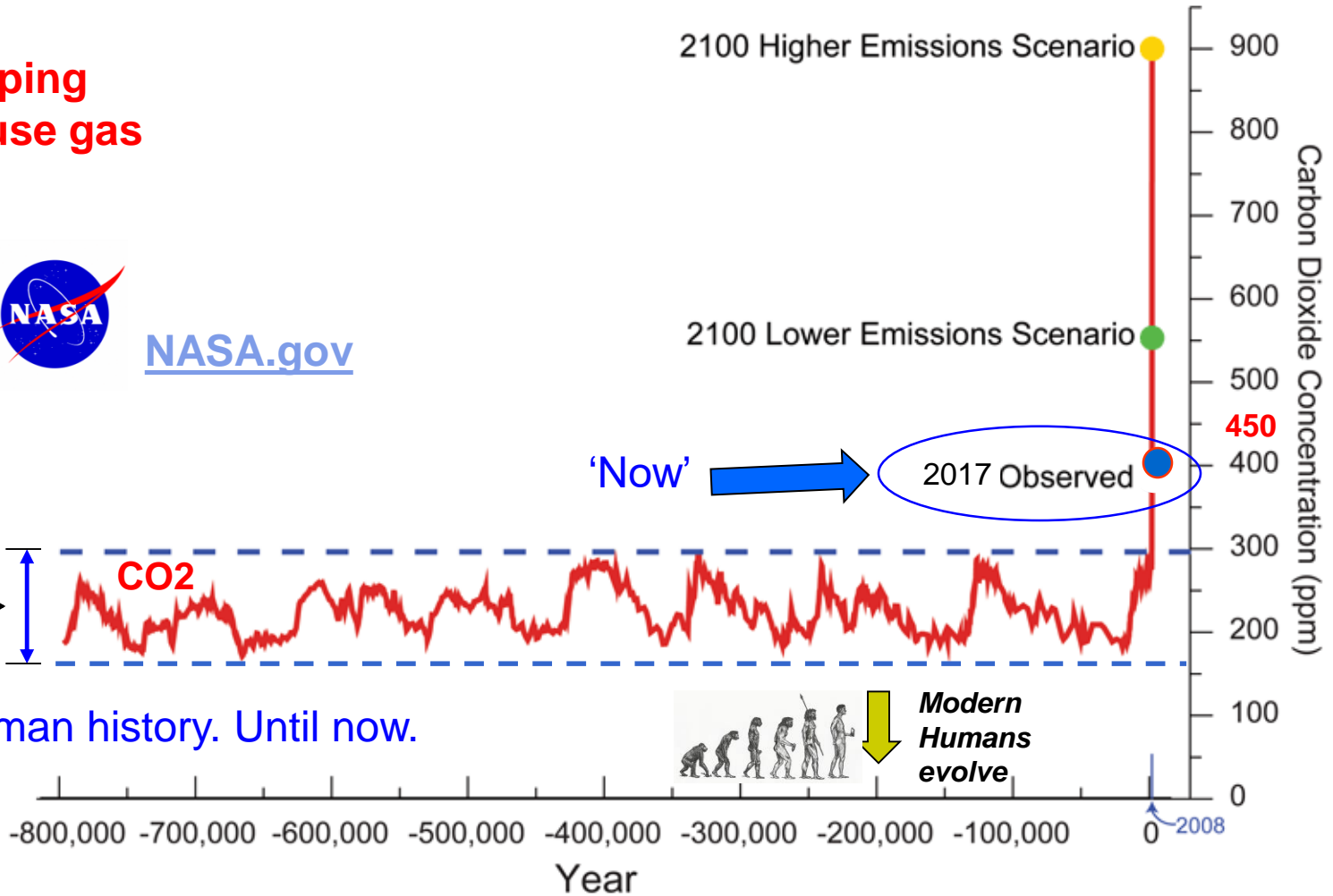


# CO2 Levels: Higher Now Than Any Time in Human History

CO2 is a heat-trapping greenhouse gas



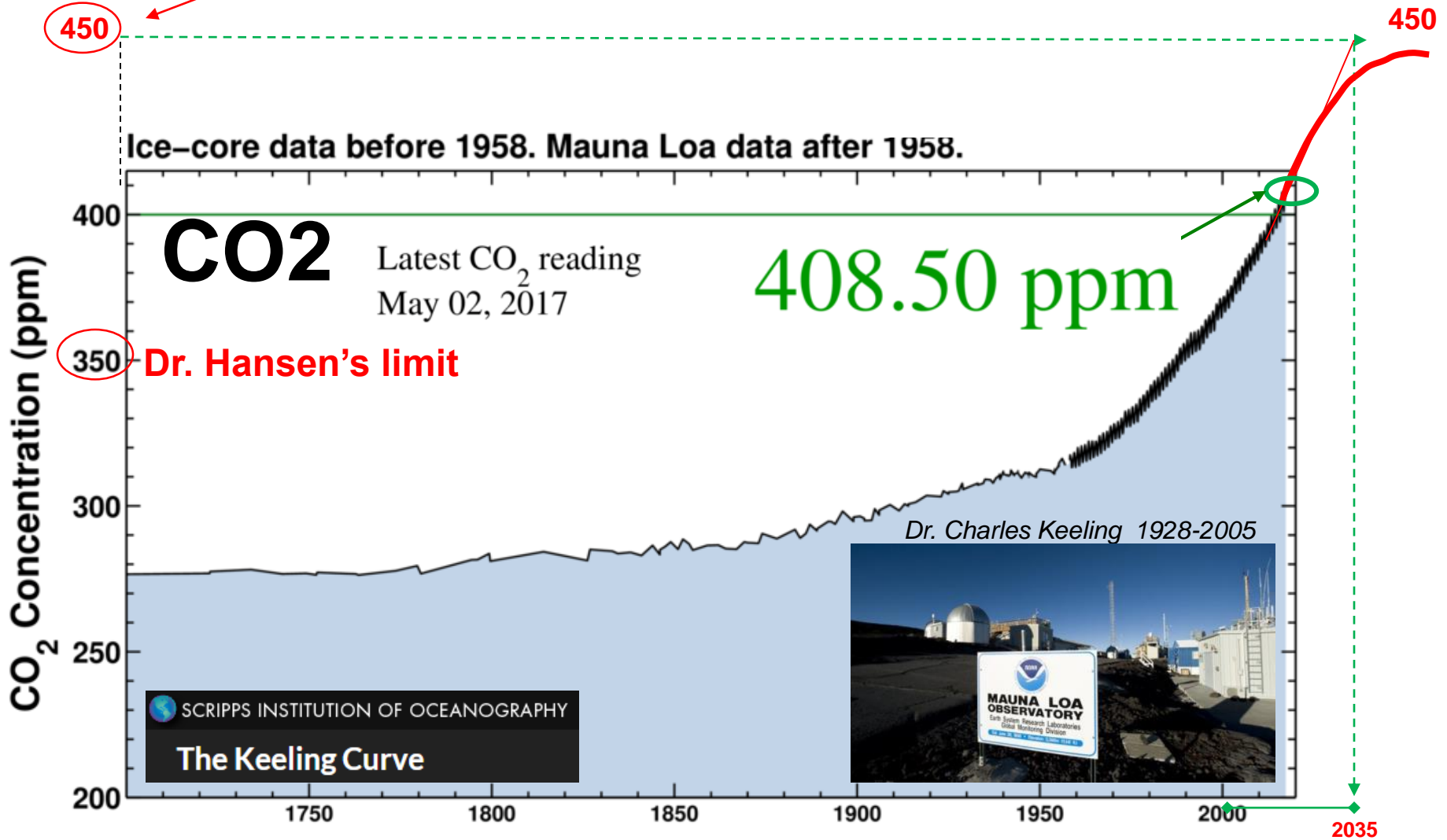
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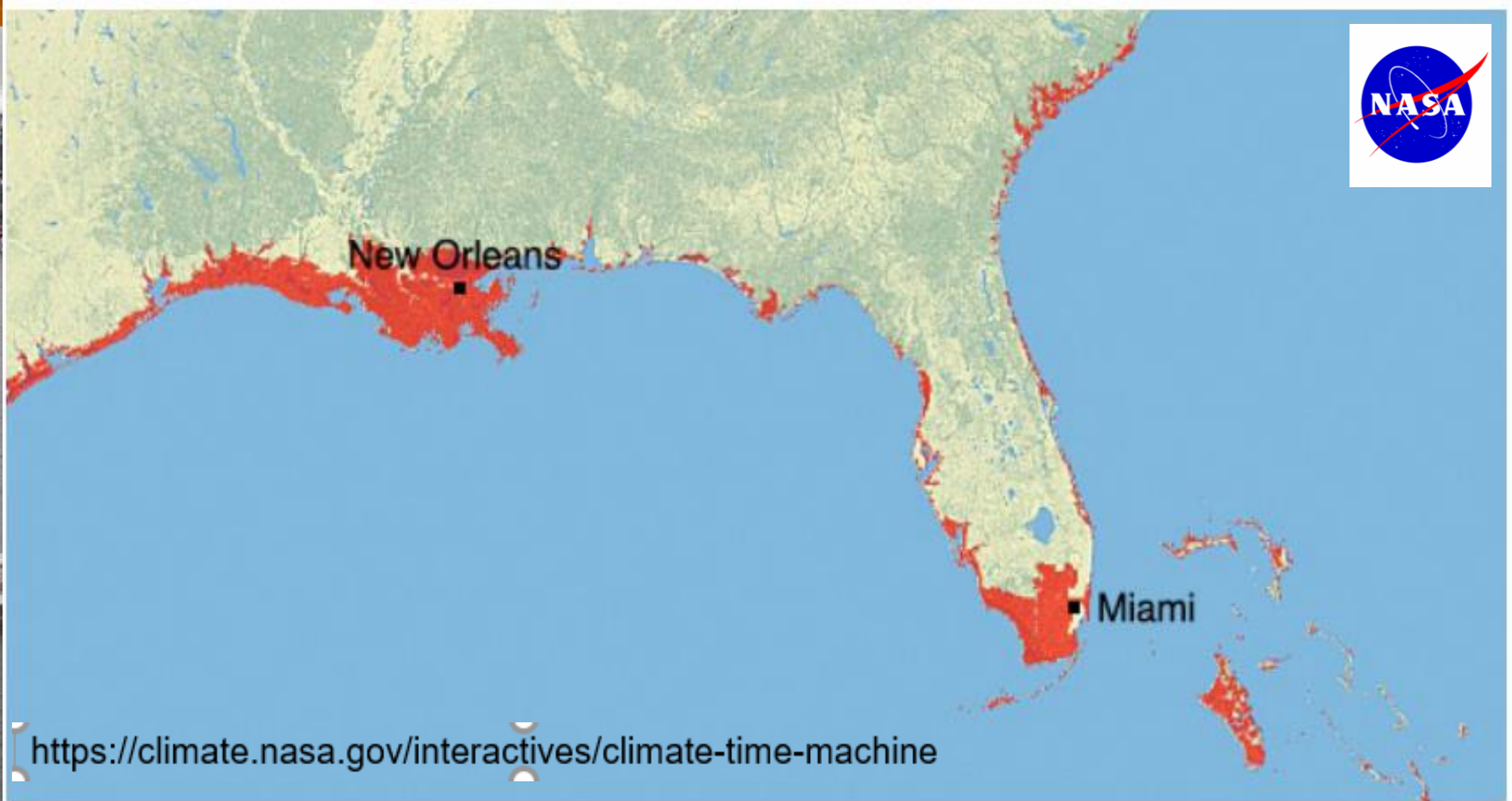
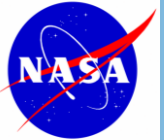
<https://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/indicators/>  
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<https://scripps.ucsd.edu/programs/keelingcurve/>

# Our Current Path: 450ppm by ~2035

450ppm CO<sub>2</sub> is cited as driving dangerous 2.0C warming



# Impacts Are Being Felt Now



<https://climate.nasa.gov/interactives/climate-time-machine>





# Superstorm Harvey Aug 2017

*Houston, TX*

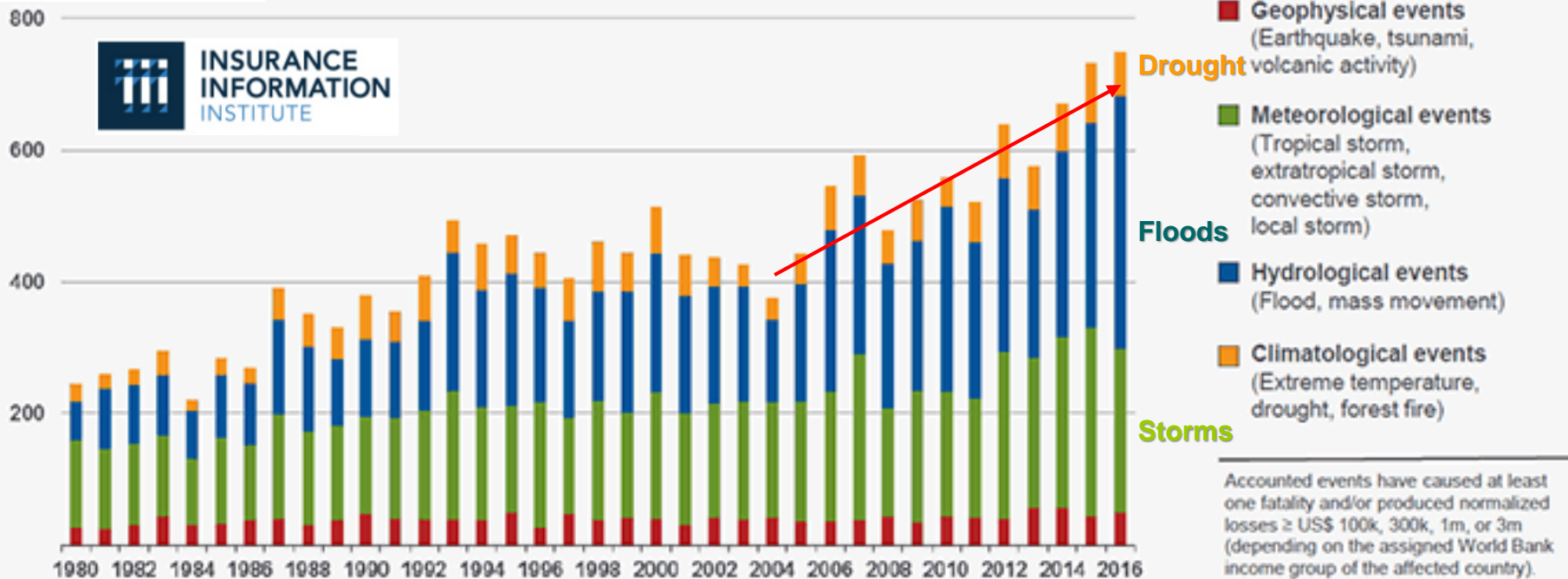


# Climate Disasters Up 3X Since 1980

## Number Of World Natural Catastrophes, 1980-2016

Insurance Information Institute

Number of loss events



Source: © 2017 Munich Re, Geo Risks Research, NatCatSERVICE.

Insurance Information Institute <http://www.iii.org/fact-statistic/catastrophes-global>



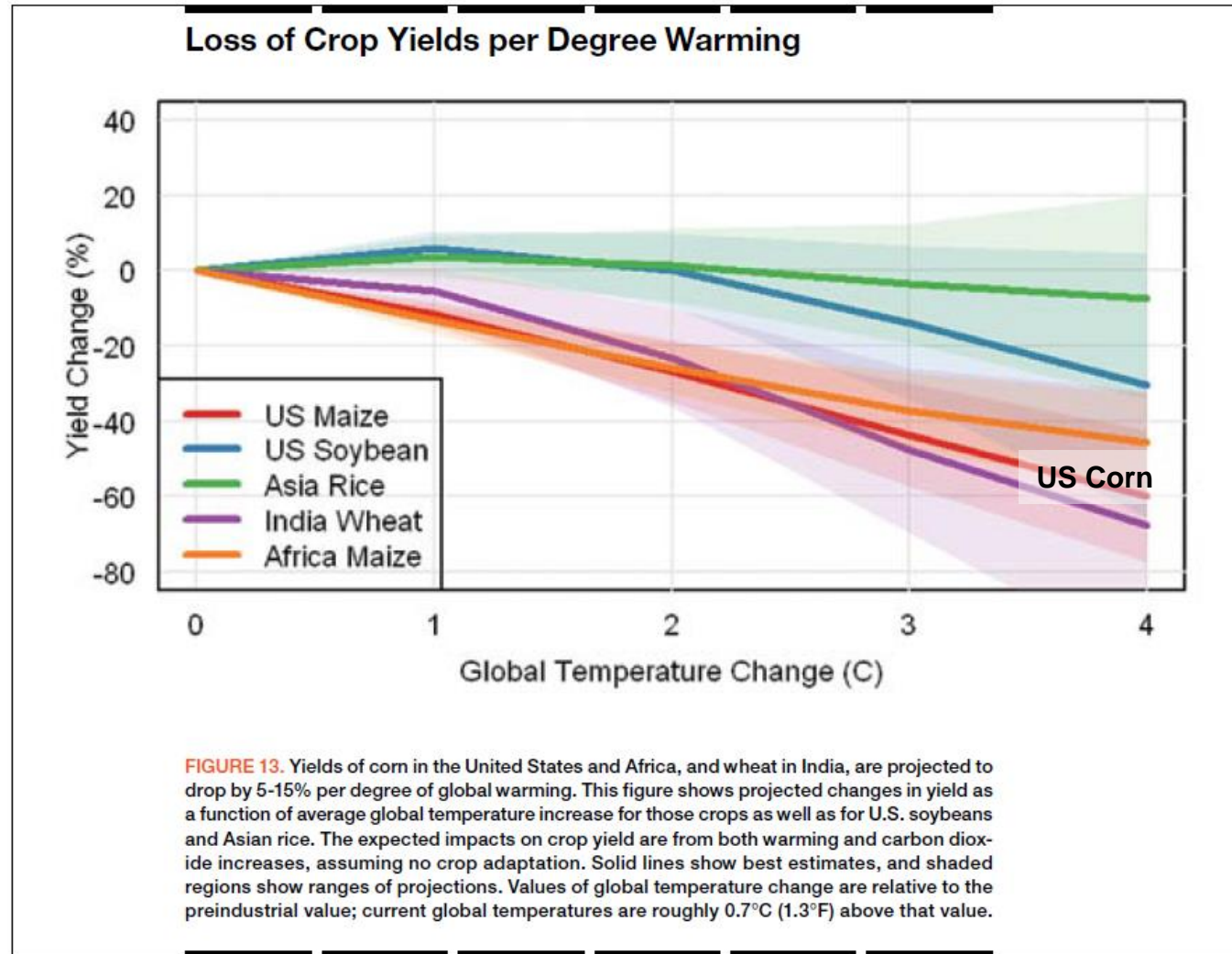
# Global Food Shortages, Then Famine



## Worst Case Timing

Year / °C warming	% Loss in Crop Yields
2020's / 1°C	-10%
2040's / 2°C	-30%
2050's / 3°C	-40%
2060's / 4°C	-60%

Tyndal says 4C by 2050



**Source: The National Academy of Sciences –  
Warming World: Impacts by Degree 2011**



# Future Warming, by Degree

**Worst case, if we don't rapidly change course**

Read more in New York Magazine, July 9, 2017. [The Uninhabitable Earth](#)

Decade	Warm- ing °C	% Loss in Crop Yields	Commentary
2020's	<b>+1°C</b>	-10%	2x-4x worse wildfires, drought in SW, coastal flooding
2030's	<b>+1-2°C</b>	-20%	Major food shortages (corn, wheat); coral reefs dying; increasing extreme weather. <b>Miami 1m underwater.</b>
2040's	<b>+2°C</b>	-30%	Most summers hotter than 2003 EU <b>heat wave</b> . 30% <a href="#">species risk</a> extinction. Mountain <b>ecosystems dying</b> . 4x-8x worse <b>wildfires</b> . Pervasive drought in sub-tropics. <b>Extensive starvation.</b>
2050's	<b>+3°C</b>	-40%	40%-70% species extinction. Amazon & boreal forest dieback. Decline in all cereal crop yields in Africa. Release of CO2 and methane from permafrost, tripling from 1.5C. <b>Wars. Mass starvation.</b>
2060's	<b>+4°C</b>	-60%	<b>Game over.</b> Ecosystem supports <1 billion people. Climate likely past tipping points for further warming.

**From: National Academy of Sciences, 2011, the US National Climate Assessment, 2014 & UK Met office**



# What Must We Do Instead?

**Urgently mobilize  
to convert our energy system  
from fossil fuels to  
carbon-free renewables.**

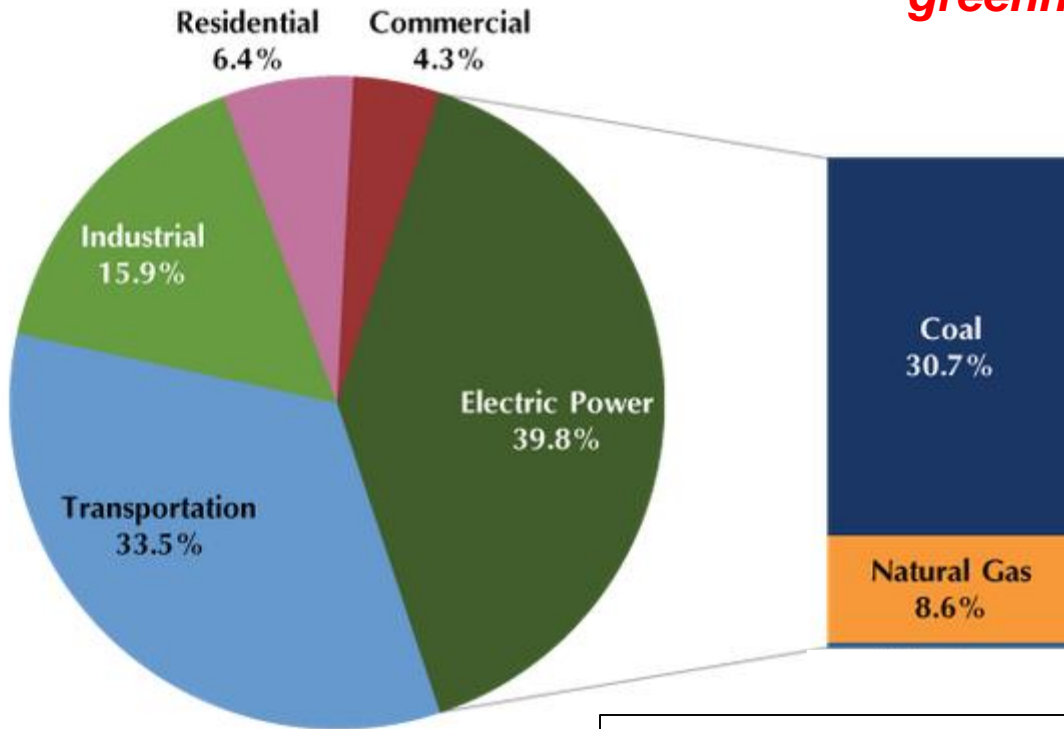
**Priority 1: Renewable Electricity**



# CO2 Emissions in the US



Figure 1: 2013 U.S. CO2 Emissions

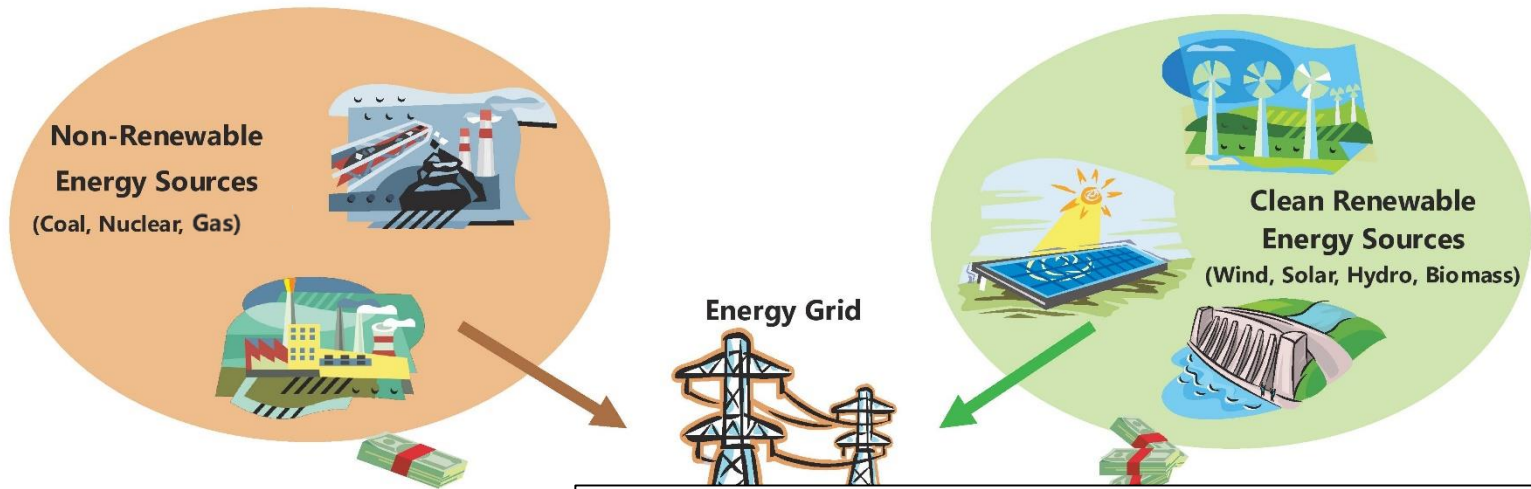


**CO2 is a heat-trapping greenhouse gas**

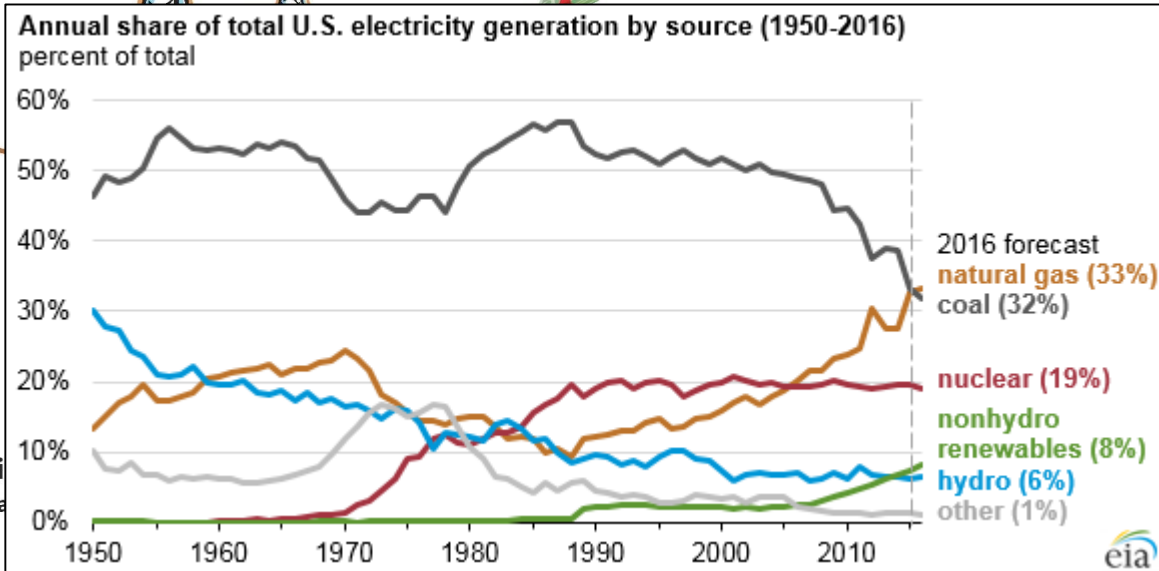
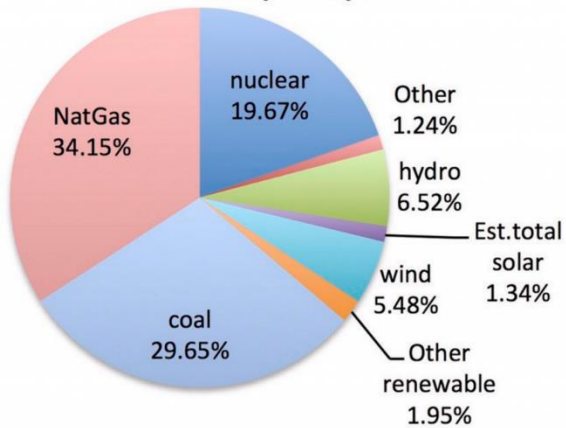
Source:  
US Energy Information  
Administration

- CO2 emissions from fossil fuels must **cease worldwide** by 2050 if we hope to avoid catastrophic global warming of 1.5-2.0°C.
- The #1 source of CO2 emissions is **burning coal and natural gas** to generate electricity.

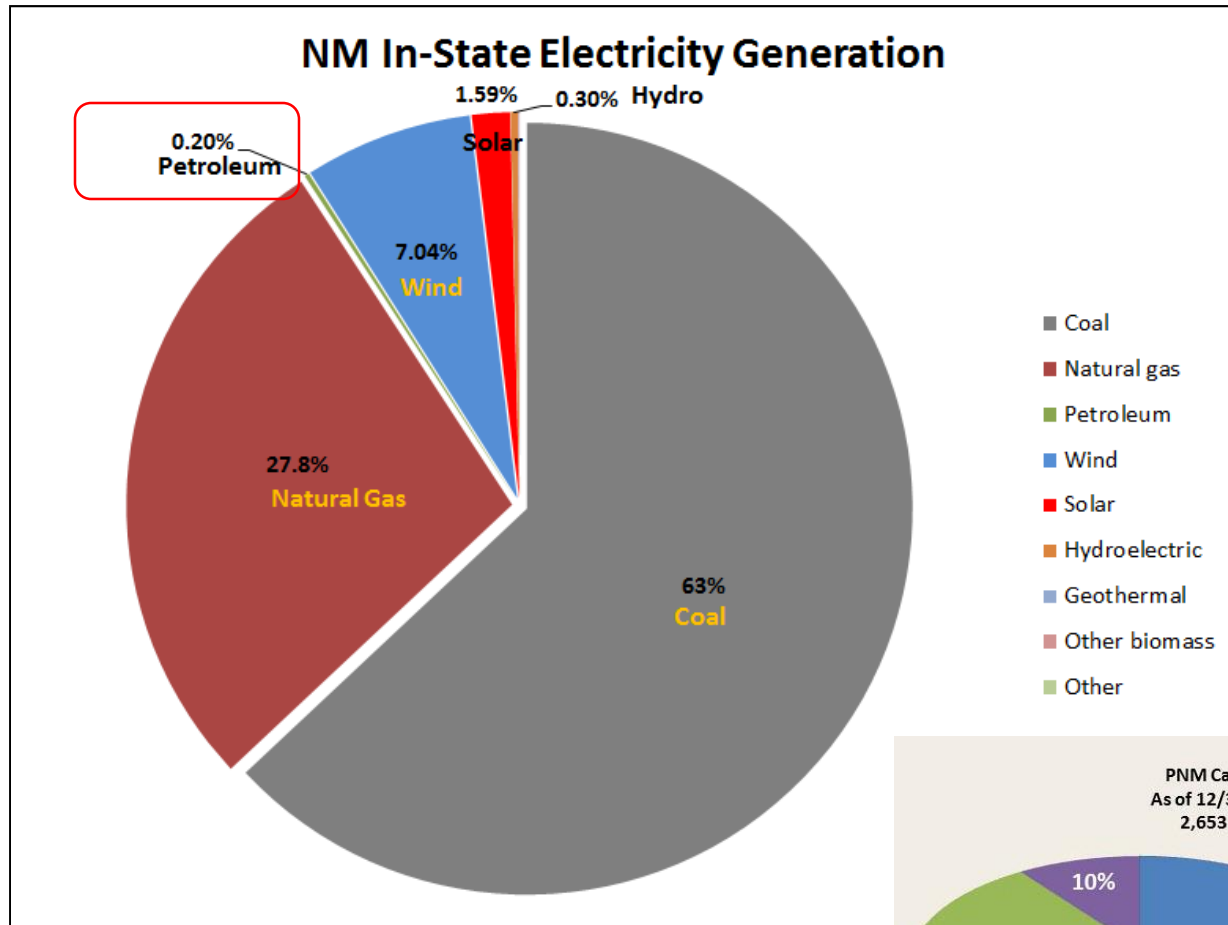
# Where Does Electricity Come From?



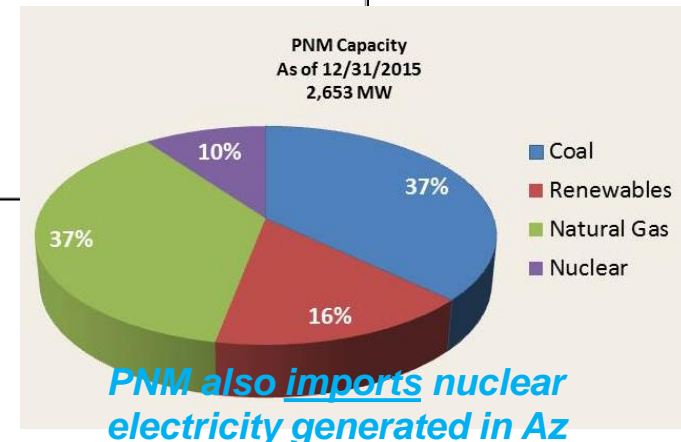
US Power Generation: EIA, rolling 12mo, Nov, 2016



# NM Electricity Generation by Source



- **63% coal, 28% natural gas.**
- **0.20% from petroleum**







# Amend the NM 'Renewable Energy Act' for 100% RPS

- Current RPS requirements peak & hold in 2020 at 20%
- The proposed schedule keeps the RPS increasing to reach 50% by 2030, towards 100% by 2050.

Year	RPS
2020	20%
2025	35%
<b>2030</b>	<b>50%</b>
2035	65%
<b>2040</b>	<b>80%</b>

3% per year

Current law

- Then 2% per year 2040 to 2050
- **SB312** was a 2017 bill for 80% by 2040. It passed the Senate Conservation comm.

# Ten States Have Better RPS Policy Than NM

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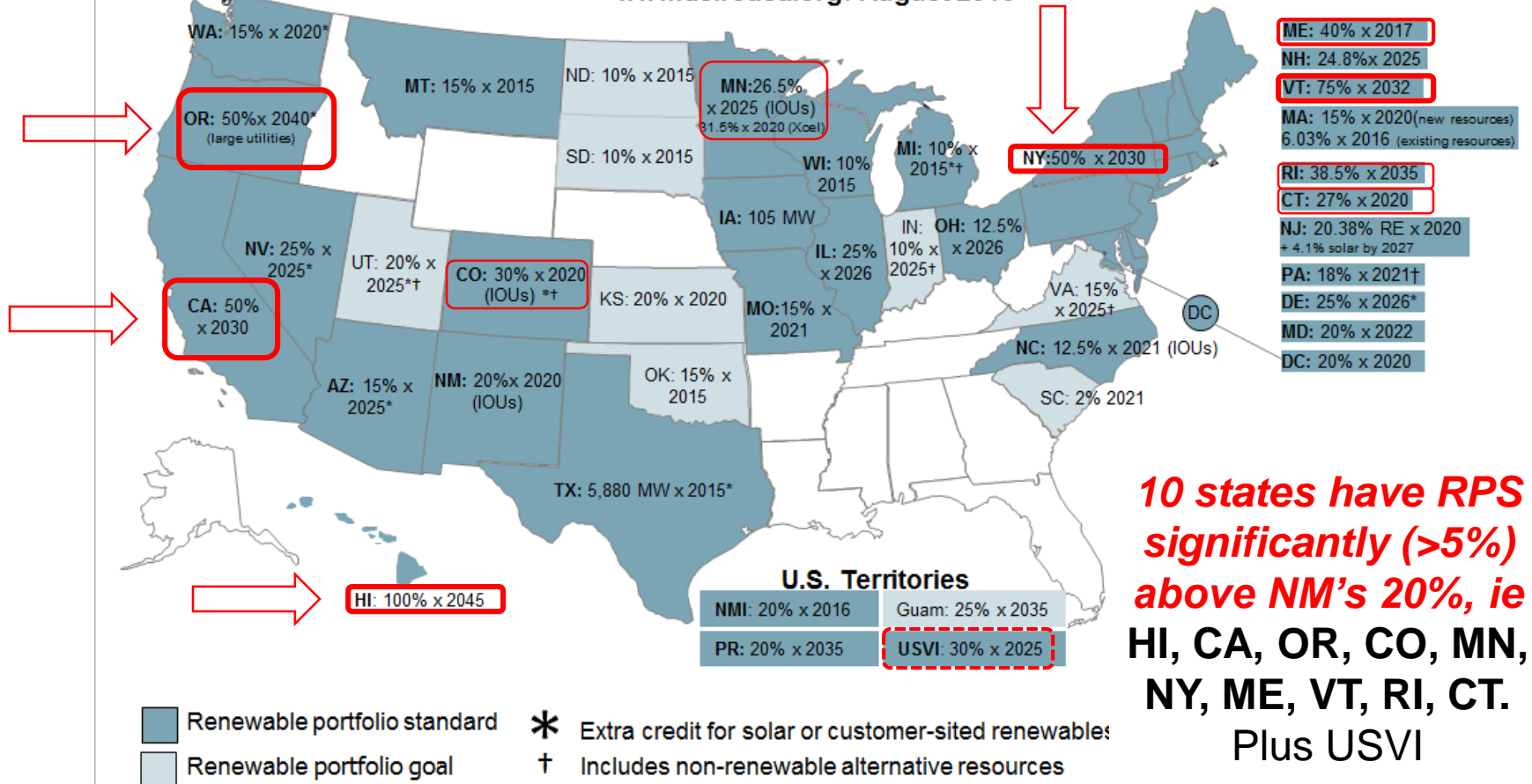
NC CLEAN ENERGY TECHNOLOGY CENTER



Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy

## Renewable Portfolio Standard Policies

www.dsireusa.org / August 2016



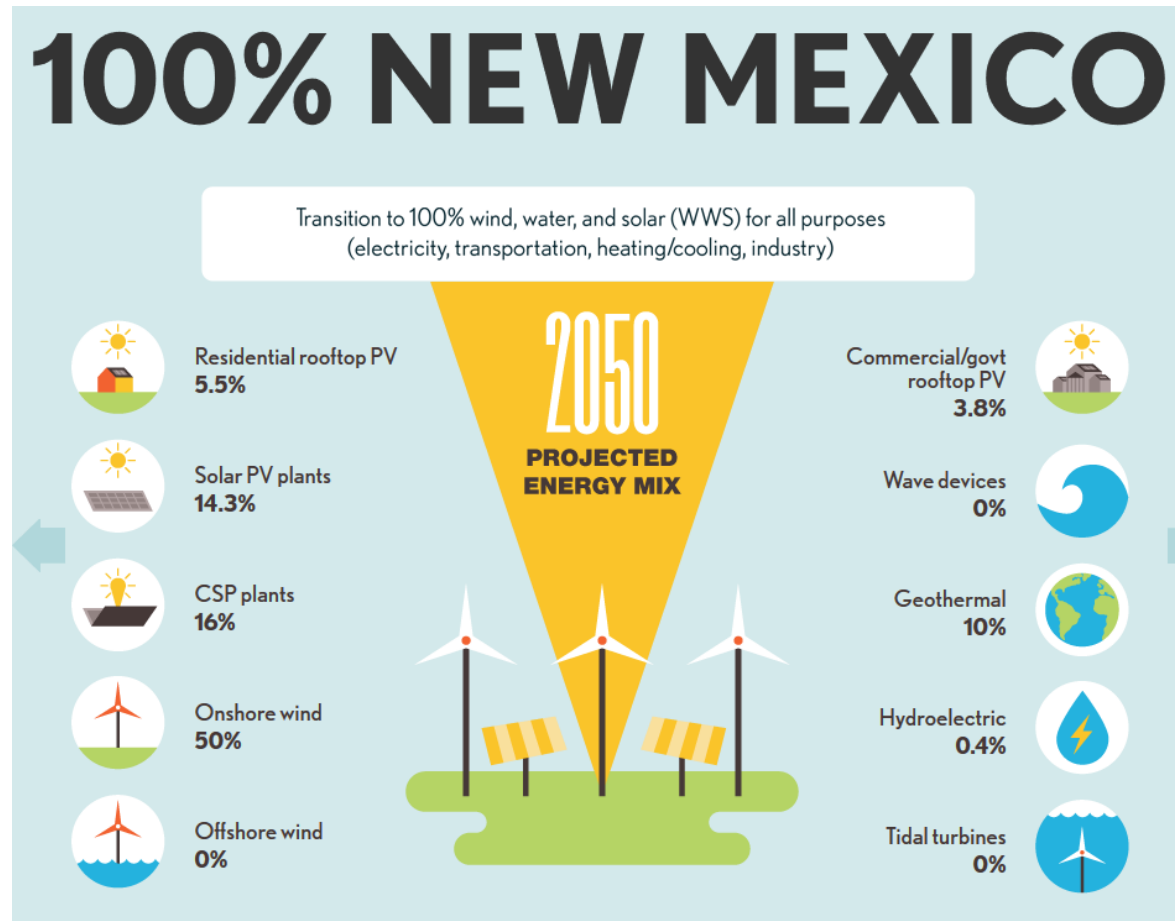
**10 states have RPS significantly (>5%) above NM's 20%, ie HI, CA, OR, CO, MN, NY, ME, VT, RI, CT. Plus USVI**



# Energy Mix: 100% Renewables

## A 100% Renewable Energy Mix for NM:

- **50% Wind**
- **40% Solar** (39.6%)
  - 30.3% utility scale
  - 5.5% residential
  - 3.8% comm / govt
- **10% Geothermal**
- Recommended by Stanford University based each state's native resources.



Energy mix for NM as recommended by published analysis for all US States, from **Stanford University** [www.thesolutionsproject.org](http://www.thesolutionsproject.org).



# Summary:

## What to Build to Reach 100% RPS



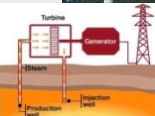
For **30 years**, (2021-2050), NM would install on avg **200 MW/year**:

**THE US CAN TRANSITION TO 100% CLEAN, RENEWABLE ENERGY**

The technology is available today. 100% Wind Water Sun. For all purposes. For all people.

**Scope 2021 through 80% by 2040 (ie SB312)**  
 Wind - install 116 MW/yr and spend \$118 M/yr  
 Solar - install 98MW/yr and spend \$69M/yr  
 GeoT- install 13 MW/yr and spend \$31M/yr

<http://thesolutionsproject.org/>

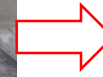
Clean Renewable Energy	# MW /yr	Cost /yr	Power / unit
 <b>Solar Panels</b>	<b>103 MW</b>	<b>\$51 M</b>	<b>300 W</b>
 <b>Wind Turbines</b>	<b>87 MW</b>	<b>\$101 M</b>	<b>5 MW</b>
 <b>Geothermal Plants</b>	<b>10 MW</b>	<b>\$26 M</b>	<b>10 MW</b>
<b>Yearly Total:</b>	<b>200 MW</b>	<b>\$178 M</b>	

- This will supply the 23M MWh consumed within our state



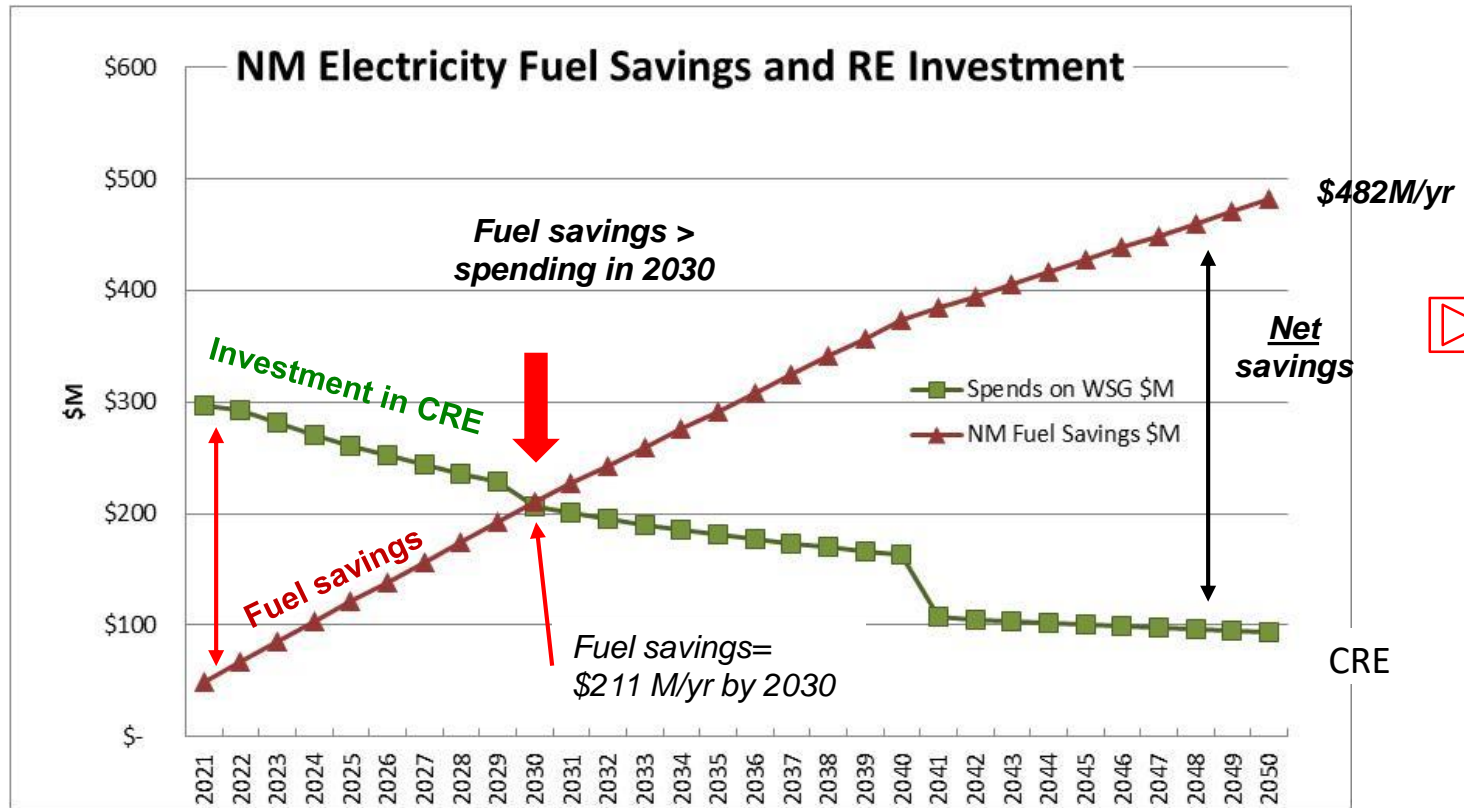


# Why it will work



- Old power plants must be replaced as they age. NM's aging coal plants average **40 yrs old**. The RPS helps NM be proactive, replacing them with clean renewables at zero fuel cost
- Utilities will do the major investment, plus cities, businesses & homeowners. Renters too, if we pass 'community solar'.
- Electricity costs will ultimately drop as we convert to zero-fuel electricity
- Known & **predictable fixed costs** for electricity reduce investment risk for companies moving into NM.  
(no fuel = no fuel price increases)
- We leverage NM's **natural advantages**: available **land, wind, sun, geothermal**, and an underemployed **workforce**

# NM Fuel Savings Pay for Investment



**Net CRE costs avg \$127M thru 2030.**

**But consider: the SJGS maintenance budget in 2013 was \$40M. Plus \$10 /yr for capex. Plus costs of pollution controls, etc**

**2016 electricity revenue was \$1.9B**

- New Mexico spends \$482M/year on coal & gas **fuel** to generate electricity
- For every **10%** we add to CR Energy, we **save \$48M/year** on fuel.
- **Fuel savings pay for all investment after 2030.** Until then, net CRE investments average \$127M/yr. And savings increase every year.
- So after we reach 50% by 2030, fuel savings pay for all new RE investment.

\*WSG= wind, solar & geothermal

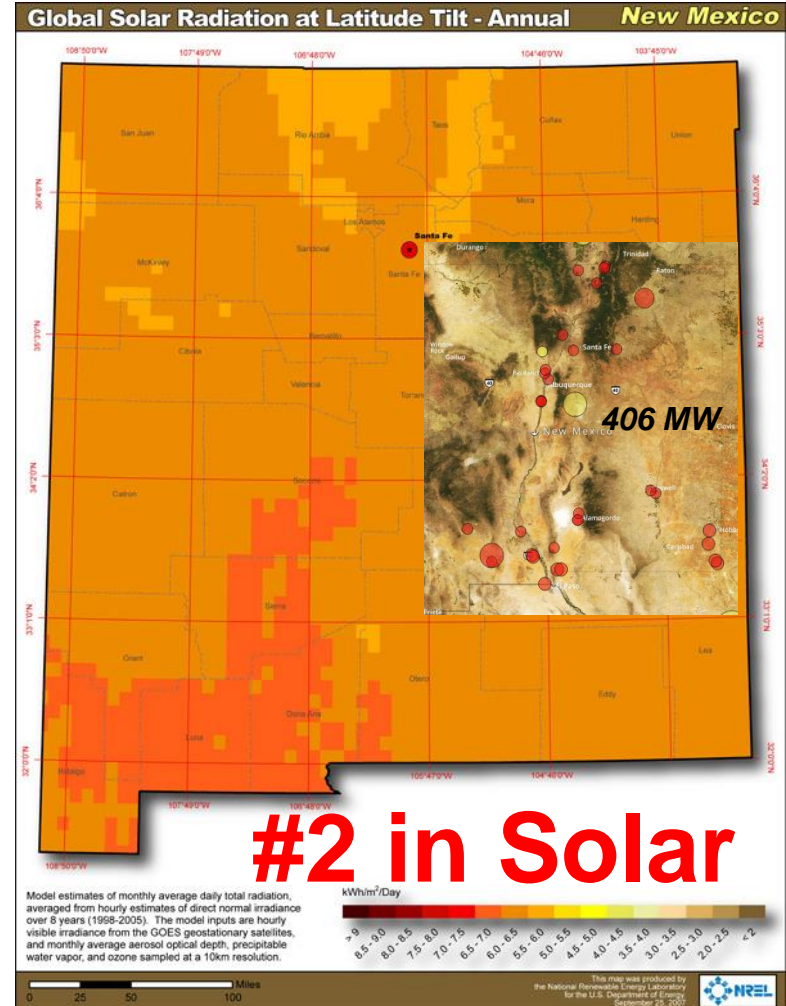
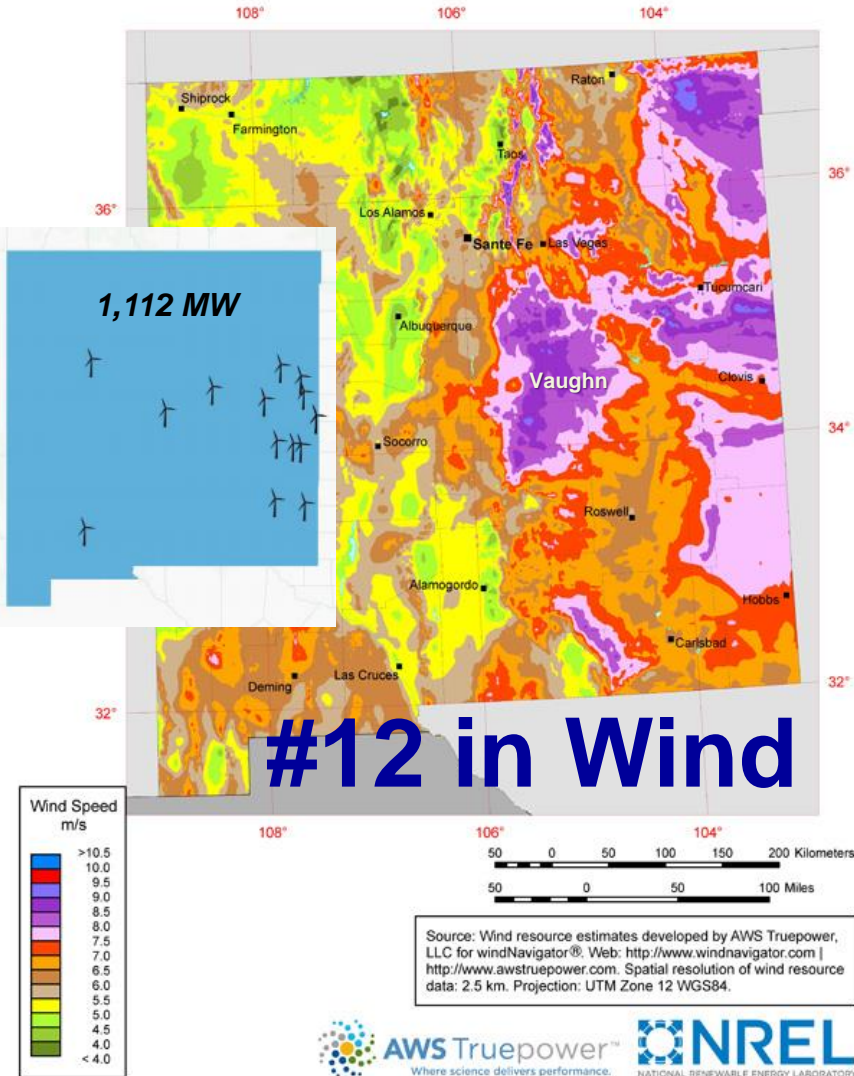


# The Benefits It Will Bring

- **Jobs of the future** in a growing economic sector, replacing jobs of the past.
- Plus:
  - Cleaner air & water
  - Less water consumption
  - Healthier New Mexicans (less emphysema, asthma, etc), with fewer deaths and lower health care spending. Medicaid is ~31% of the NM state budget
  - Helps stop climate change

# New Mexico's Great Wind & Solar

New Mexico - Annual Average Wind Speed at 80 m



<http://www.seia.org/map/majorprojectsmaphp>  
<http://www.seia.org/state-solar-policy/new-mexico>



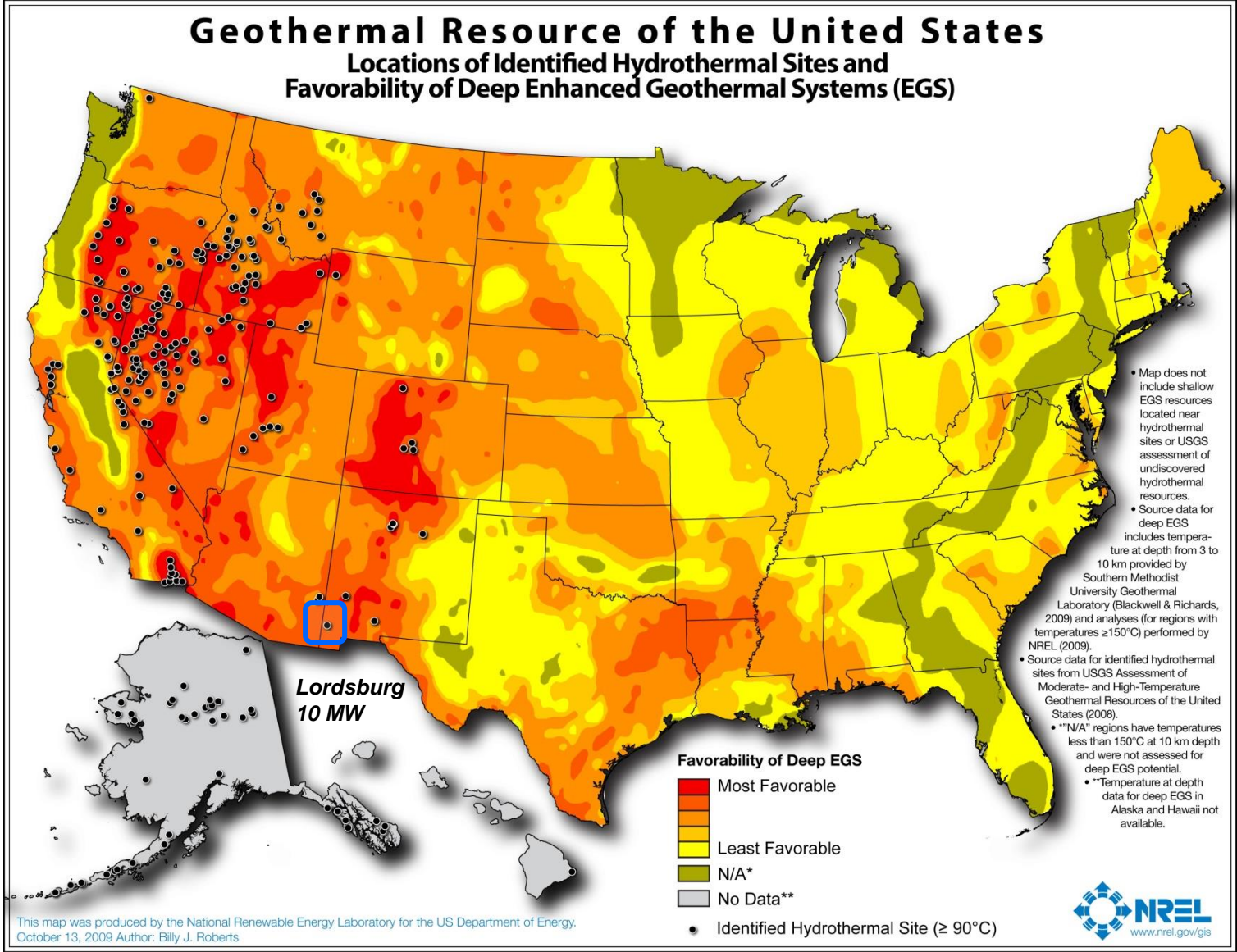
# US Geothermal Resource Map



Per the USGS:  
 Geothermal power plants are currently generating 2,500MW in six states: Alaska, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, and Utah. The electric power generation **potential** from identified geothermal systems is **9,057 Megawatts-electric (MWe), over 13 states.**

The mean estimated power production potential from undiscovered geothermal resources is **30,033 MWe.**

Additionally, another estimated **517,800 MWe** could be generated through implementation of technology for creating geothermal reservoirs in regions characterized by high temperature, but low permeability, rock formations.

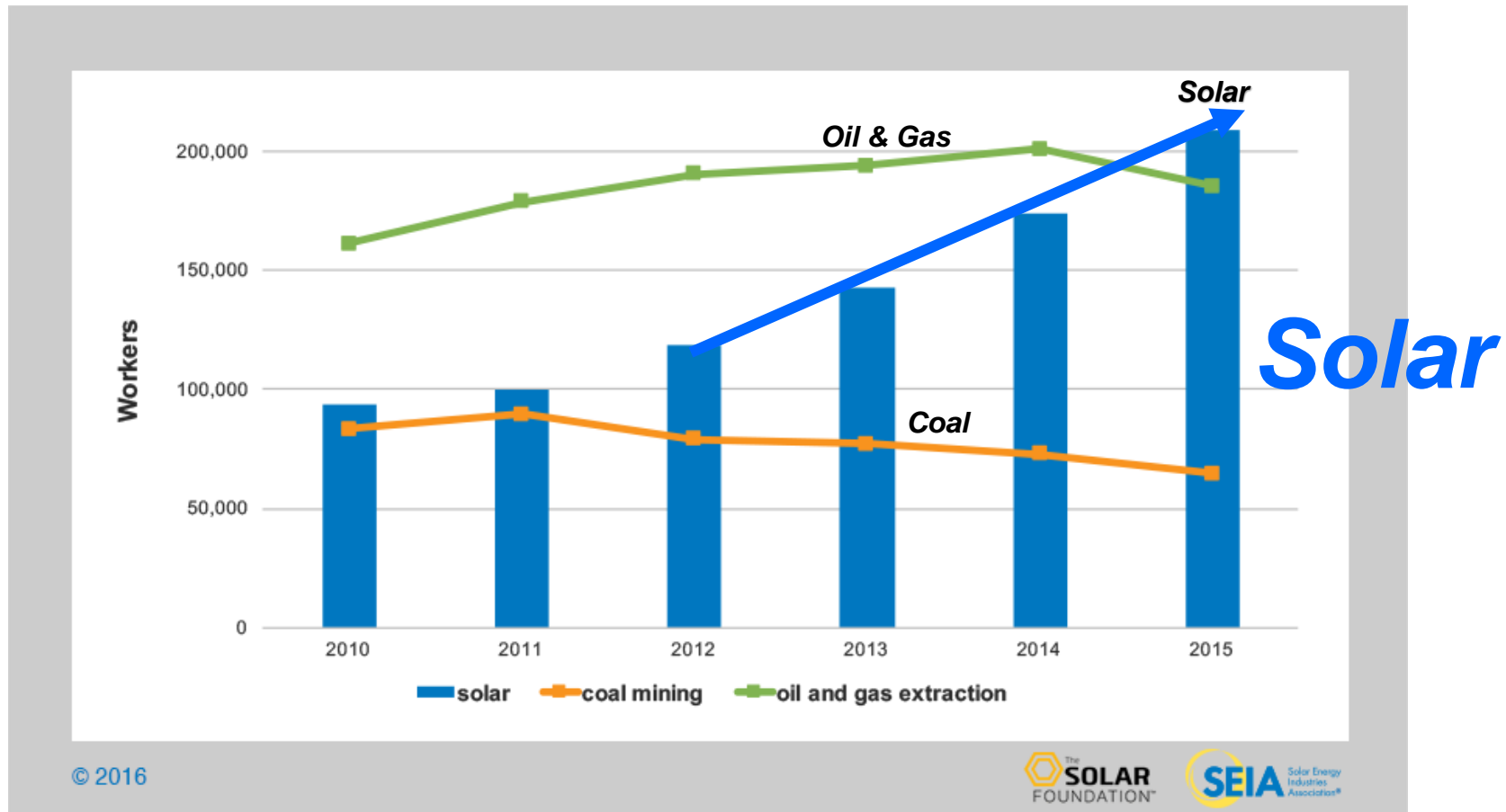




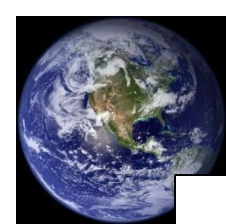
# US Solar Jobs Are Booming

Nearly 209,000 Americans work in solar >double the number in 2010, at more than 9,000 companies in every U.S. state.

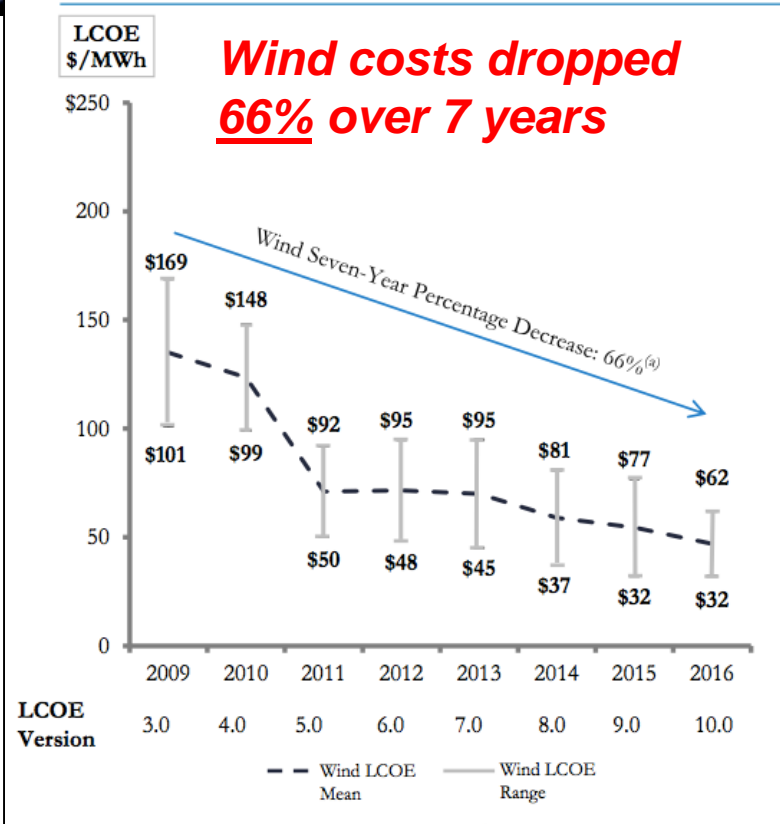
**By 2020, that number will double to more than 420,000 workers.**



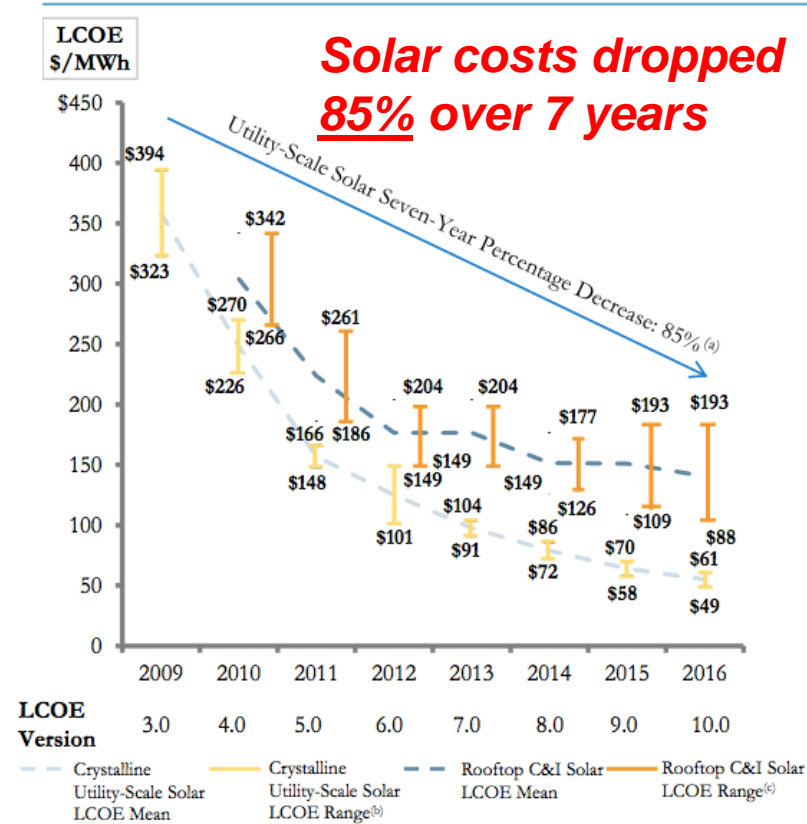
# Wind & Solar Costs Dropping



WIND LCOE



SOLAR PV LCOE

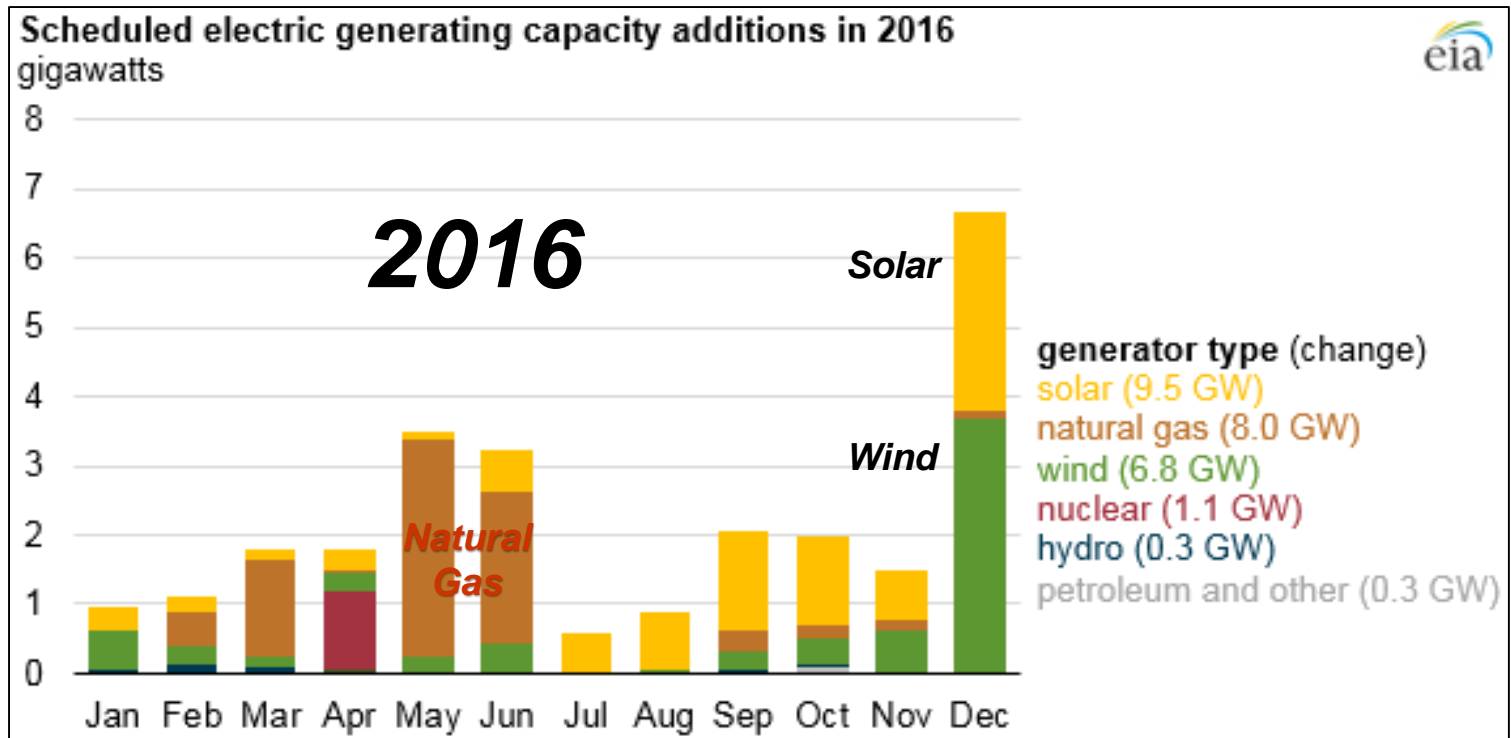


Source: Lazard

- “On an LCOE\* basis, onshore wind is the cheapest form of electricity; utility-scale thin-film solar PV is the second cheapest.” – *Lazard Investments & Banking*



# 63% of New US Power from Solar & Wind



- The EIA reported the US added 26 GW of electric generating capacity in 2016. **63% from Solar + Wind.**
  - 9.5GW Solar + 6.8GW wind
- 2016 will be the first year in which utility-scale solar additions exceed additions from any other single energy source.

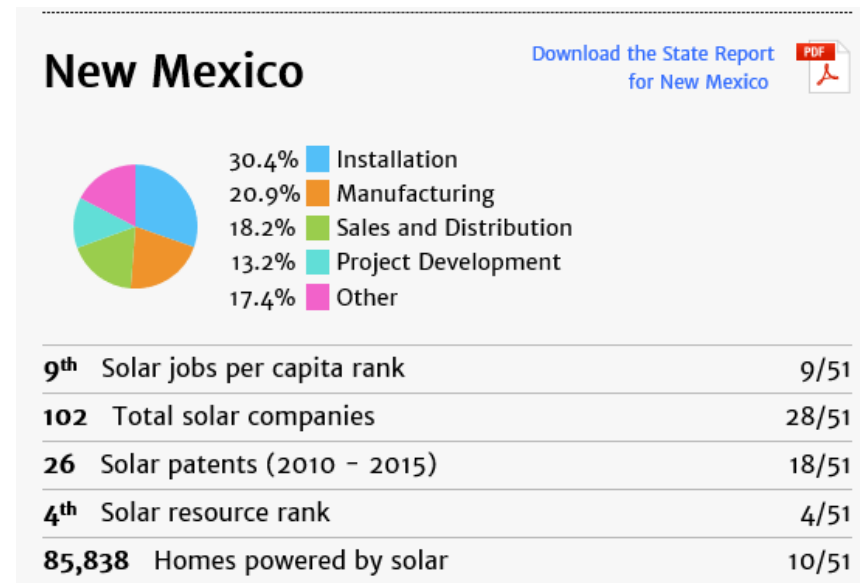


# NM Solar Industry Has 2,929 Jobs



American Opportunity  
Solar jobs growing 17 times faster than US economy  
by Matt Egan @mattmegan5  
May 25, 2017: 4:20 PM ET  
Recommend 19K

- The Solar Foundation reported that in 2016, New Mexico:
  - Has **2,929** solar industry jobs, a growth rate of **54%** in one year.
  - Installers have a median wage of **\$20** per hr\*
  - Has **102** solar companies\*



\* 2015 data



# By Extending RPS, NM Should Add >1000 Solar Jobs

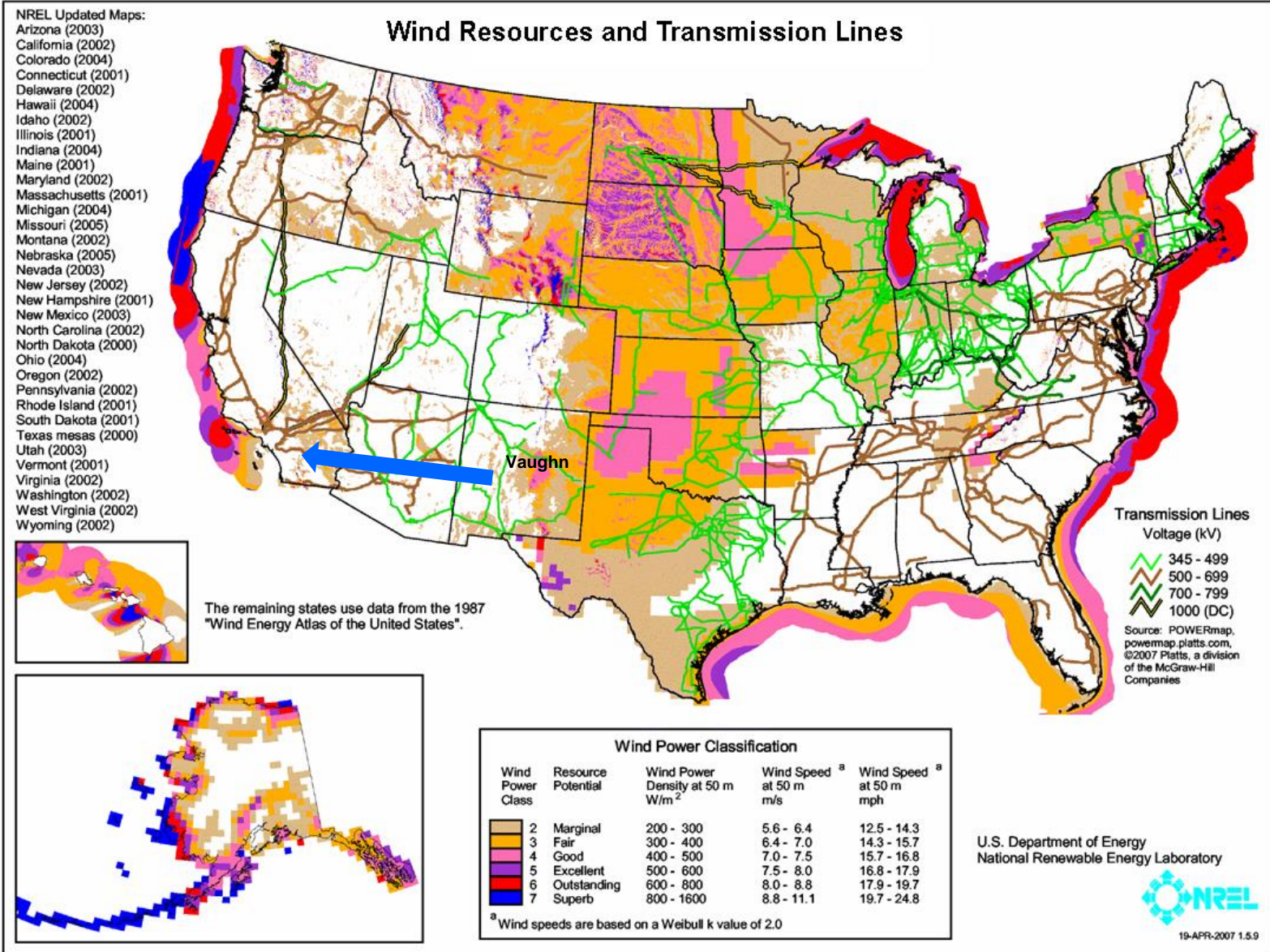
- In 2015 New Mexico had 1,899 solar workers, supporting that year's installation of **56 MW/yr.**
  - That's 34 workers per MW/yr.
- The new RPS should double that install rate to 116 MW/year. So the NM solar workforce must double from 2015, to about 3,900.
- This **adds 1,000 jobs** just for solar. We'll need these workers by 2021.
  - Then **add even more jobs** by installing more solar for **export.** And more still, with a solar **Gigafactory.**



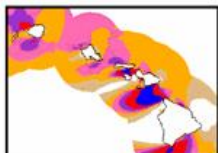
# US Wind Power Resource Map

**NM is the closest windy state to California**

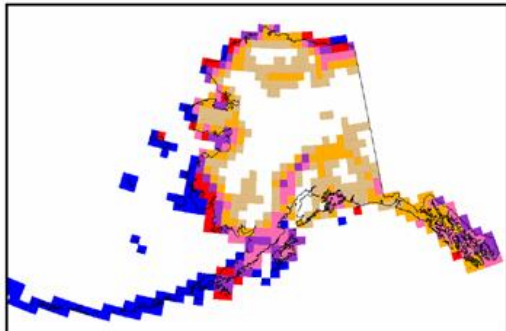
**CA needs more wind but will have to import it.**



- NREL Updated Maps:
- Arizona (2003)
  - California (2002)
  - Colorado (2004)
  - Connecticut (2001)
  - Delaware (2002)
  - Hawaii (2004)
  - Idaho (2002)
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The remaining states use data from the 1987 "Wind Energy Atlas of the United States".





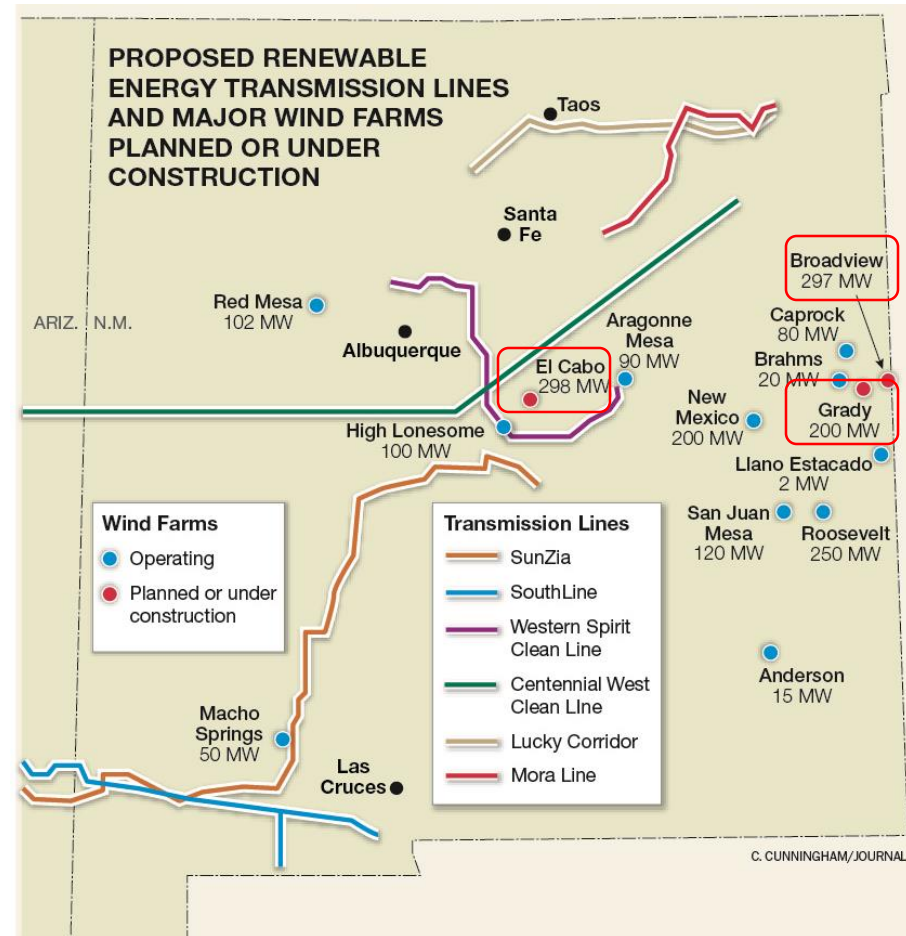
# New Wind Projects 2016-2017 And New Transmission

- **Big wind new projects:**

- El Cabo 298 MW
- Broadview 297 MW
- Grady 200 MW

- **Three major export transmission lines:**

- Centennial West Clean Line
- SunZia
- SouthLine

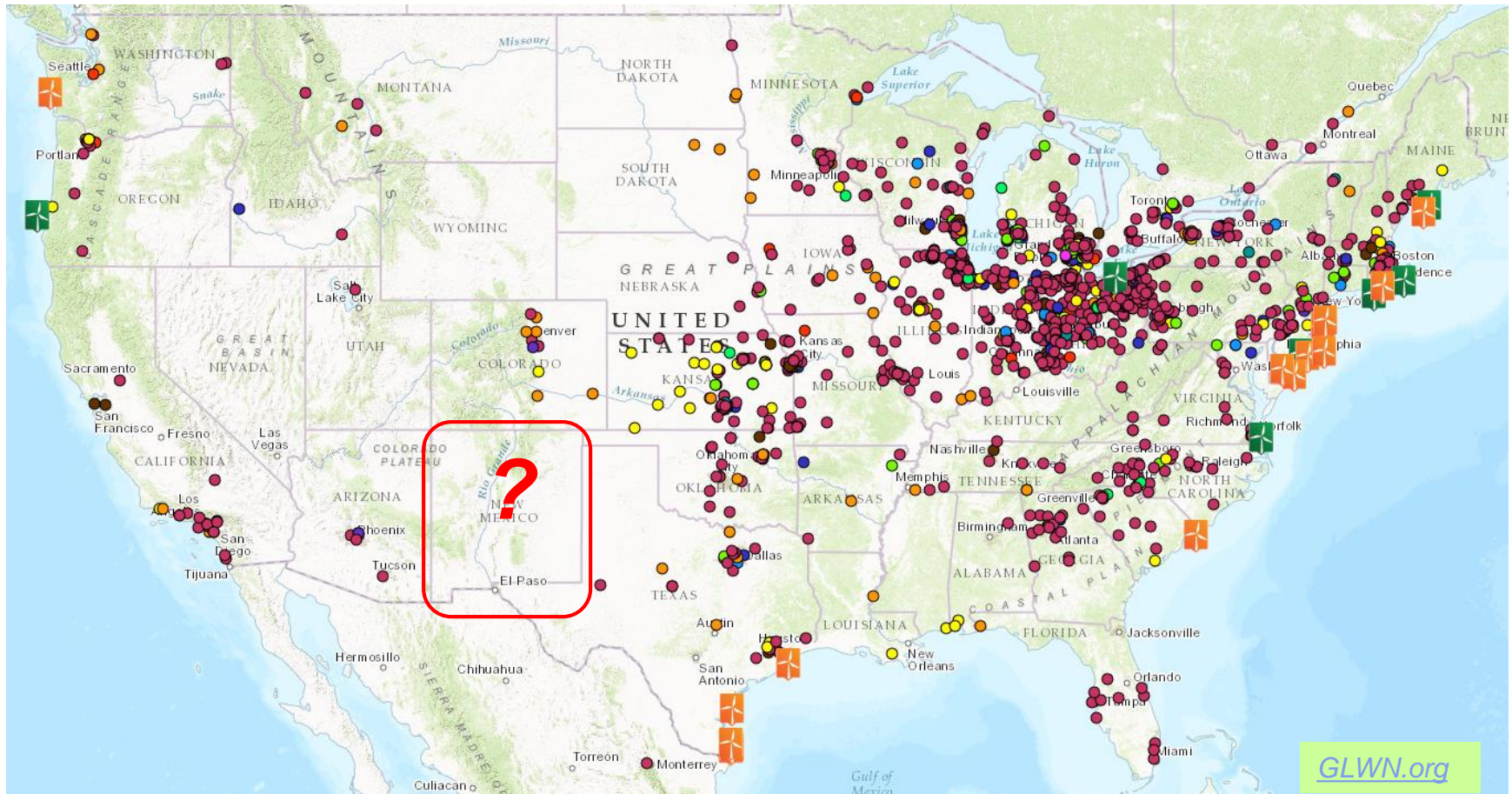






# US Wind Turbine Manufacturing

But New Mexico is one of only three states  
with no wind turbine manufacturing.



*Building: towers, blades, generators, gearboxes, hubs, nacelles, etc*



# Kit Carson: Renewables Save \$50M

## Seeking more renewables, Kit Carson Co-op exits relationship with Tri-State G&T



[Renewable Taos Study](#)

June 2016 “**30% Solar by 2022**”

- Kit Carson Electric Cooperative in New Mexico has **exited its agreement with the Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association** and is entering a long-term deal w **Guzman Renewable Energy Partners** of Florida.
- Kit Carson Electric says the switch will **save its 30,000 customers \$50 million** over the term of the 10-year agreement.
- 30 MW of solar arrays to be built from May 2017-**2022**, when locally generated solar energy will supply around **30 percent of Kit Carson’s total electricity demand**, and 100 percent of its needs during daylight hours on sunny days. Solar production will exceed electricity demand during peak hours. Land is also being set aside for battery storage.



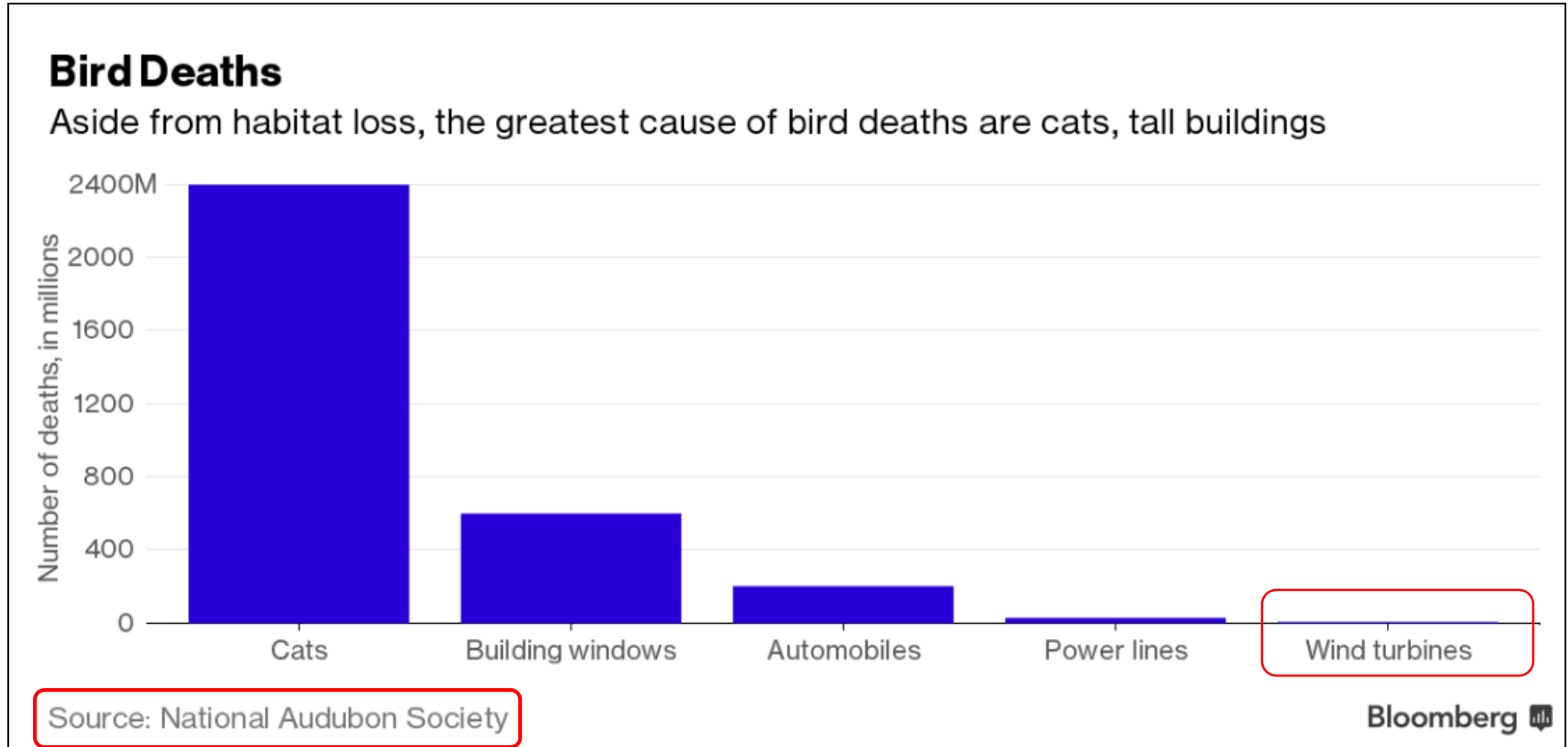
# Summary



- The clean energy sector is booming worldwide as costs have dropped to make solar and wind the **cheapest sources of new energy**.
- NM has **world-class** Solar, Wind & Geothermal resources ready to develop – but to win, **we must strengthen NM's RPS policy**.
- **Let's spark a NM investment boom in clean energy**, bringing **thousands of good jobs** – by committing our state to clean renewable electricity: 50% by 2030 & 100% by 2050.
  - And remember - electricity RPS has **NO IMPACT on oil** jobs or oil revenue. Oil is **not used** in NM to generate electricity; <7% uses nat. gas.



# Cats Kill 10,000x More Birds Than Wind



- Study: fossil fuel power plants **kill 35 times more birds per GWh** than wind turbines



