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DOE Releases Climate VISION Progress Report 2007
Outlines Industry Progress in Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions Intensity through Climate VISION Partnership

WASHINGTON, DC – The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) today released the Climate VISION Progress Report 2007, which reports on the actions taken by energy-intensive industries to improve greenhouse gas emissions intensity of their operations from 2002 to 2006. The report indicates that the power and energy-intensive industrial sectors improved their combined emissions intensity by 9.4 percent over this four year period, and in 2006, actual greenhouse gas emissions for these sectors fell a combined 1.4 percent.

Climate VISION—Voluntary Innovative Sector Initiatives: Opportunities Now—is a public-private partnership initiative launched on February 12, 2003, to contribute to President Bush’s goal of reducing greenhouse gas intensity—measured as emissions per unit of gross domestic production— by 18 percent from 2002 to 2012. Climate VISION is comprised of business associations and trade groups representing 13 energy-intensive industrial sectors and the Business Roundtable, which collectively account for about 40 to 45 percent of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions.

“The Climate VISION partnership is an important component of this Administration’s comprehensive strategy to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by developing and deploying cutting-edge technologies globally, rapidly increasing energy efficiency and increasing the use of nuclear, renewable and clean coal,” Stephen Eule, Director of DOE’s Office of Climate Change Policy & Technology said. “By working with industrial sectors to demonstrate the business incentive of investing in energy efficiency, U.S. industry is stepping up efforts to adopt cleaner technologies and practices that contribute to meeting the President’s goal of reducing greenhouse gas emission intensity 18 percent by 2012.”

Each Climate VISION partner has made a commitment to improve the energy efficiency or greenhouse gas emissions intensity of its sector. These partners, which include some of the largest companies in America, represent a broad range of energy-intensive industry sectors: oil and gas; electricity generation; coal and mineral production and mining; manufacturing (automobiles, cement, iron and steel, magnesium, aluminum, chemicals, and semiconductors); and forestry products. Agencies participating in Climate VISION include the Departments of Energy, Transportation and Agriculture and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The emissions intensity reductions reported by the power and industrial sectors is also reflected in greenhouse gas intensity data for the U.S. economy as a whole. In its recent Emissions of Greenhouse Gases 2006 report, DOE’s Energy Information Administration estimated that from 2002 to 2006, U.S. greenhouse gas intensity fell by 9.6 percent, and in 2006 actual emissions declined 1.5 percent and the U.S. economy grew 2.9 percent.

To view the Climate Vision Progress Report, visit: www.climatevision.gov.

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