

# Natural Gas STAR Program

## Natural Gas STAR 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Implementation Workshop

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# Agenda

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- 🔥 2006/2007 Overview & Program Highlights
- 🔥 New Program Resources and Services and Future Initiatives
- 🔥 Introduction to 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Workshop



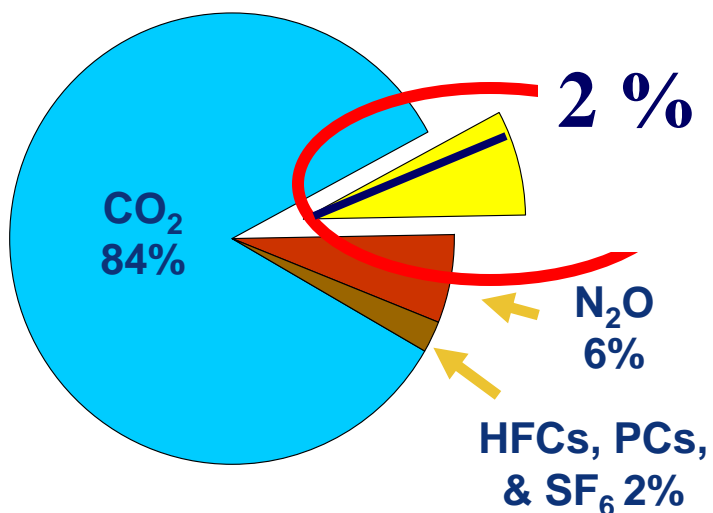
# 2006/2007 Overview & Program Highlights





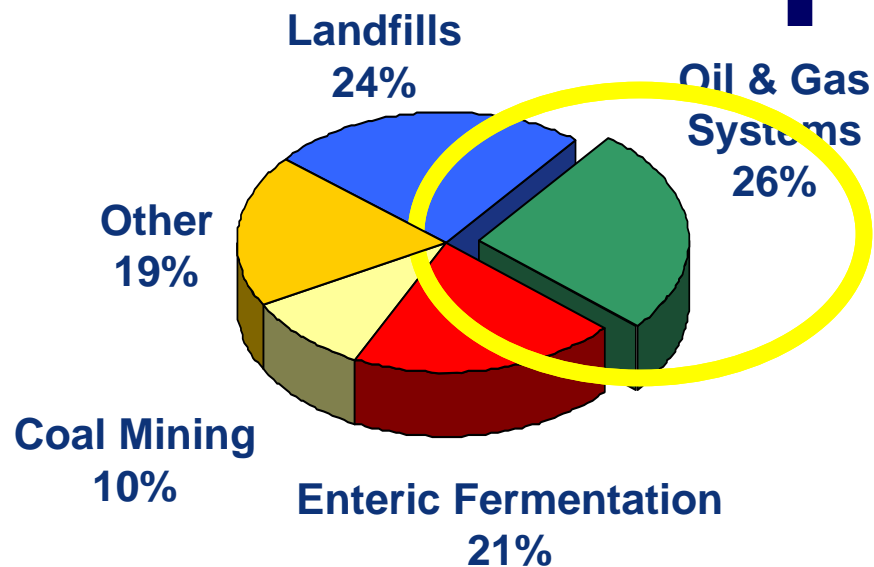
# Current U.S. Greenhouse Gas Emissions Estimates

## U.S. Greenhouse Gas Emissions All Sources



Methane emissions from Oil and gas systems make up 2% of total U.S. greenhouse gas emissions

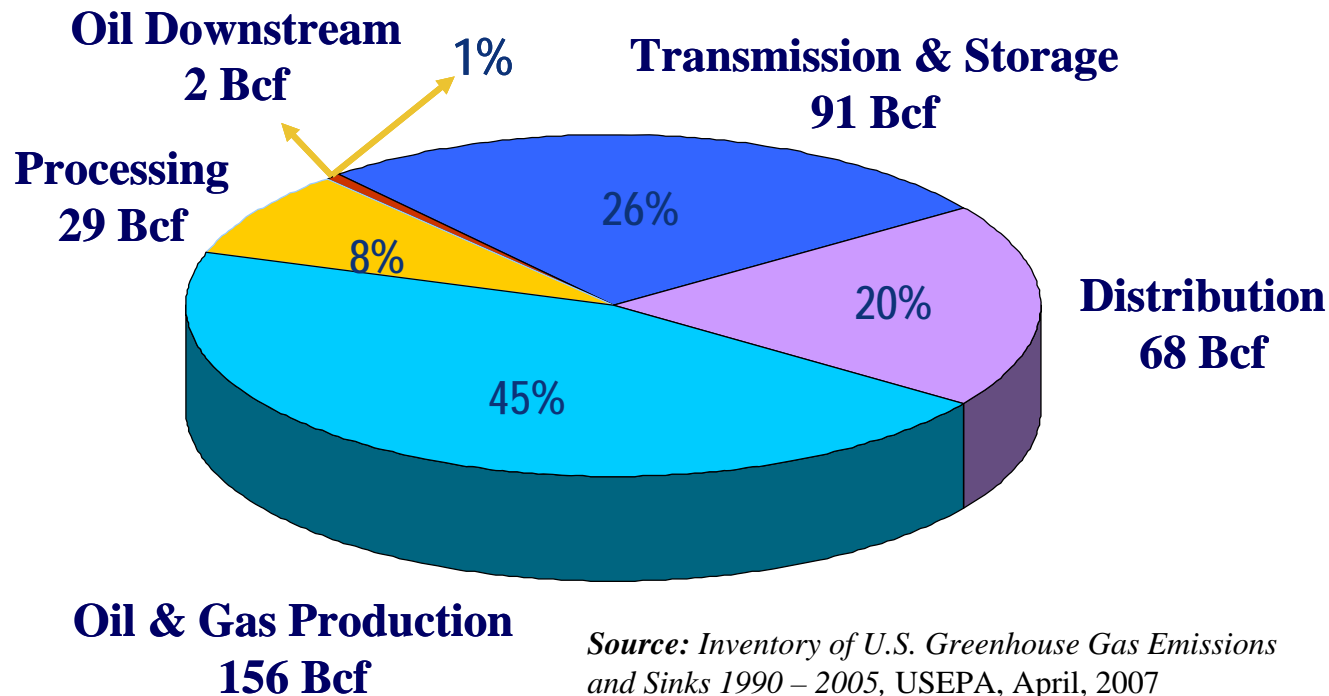
## U.S. Methane Emissions by Sector



Oil and gas systems are the **largest** man-made source of methane emissions (**26%**) in US



# U.S. Oil and Gas Methane Emissions



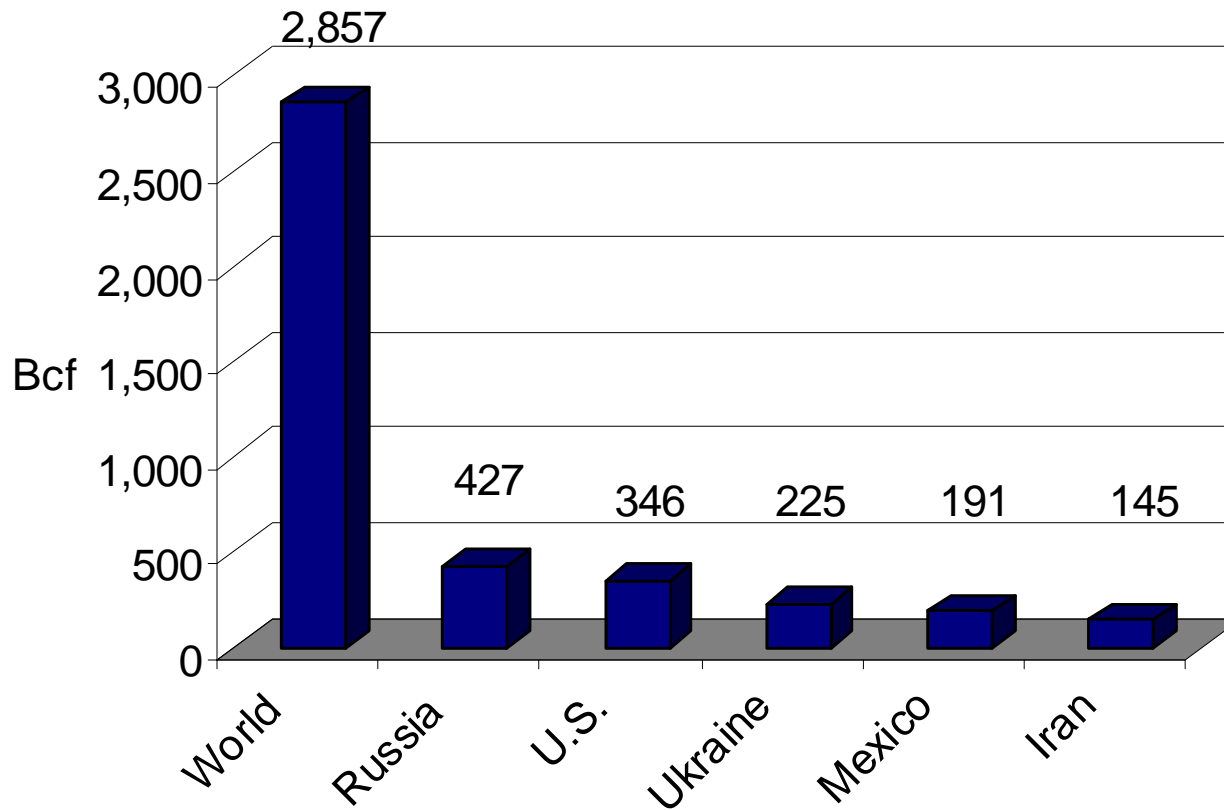
- 🔥 Total **346 Bcf** equates to: \$2.42B in lost revenue (at \$7/Mcf);
- 🔥 Gas supply capable of heating almost 5 million U.S. households/year;
- 🔥 Global warming equivalent adding 30 million additional cars on road

**Opportunity exists to *cost-effectively* reduce these impacts**



# Oil and Gas Industry Methane Emissions: U.S. & International

U.S. contributes 12% of worldwide methane emissions from oil and gas systems



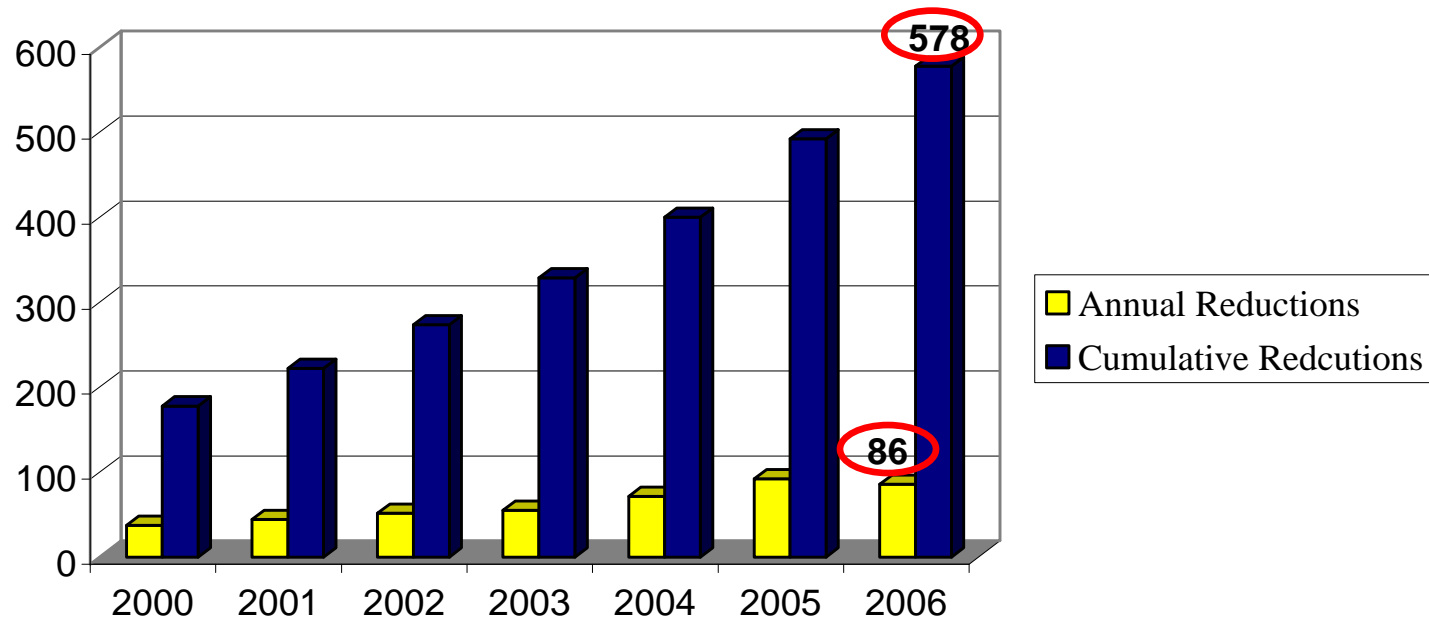
*Inventory of U.S. Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Sinks 1990 – 2005, USEPA, April, 2007*  
*Global Anthropogenic Non-CO<sub>2</sub> Greenhouse Gas Emissions: 1990 – 2020, USEPA, June 2006*



# 2006 Another Successful Year for Methane Emission Reductions

- Gas STAR Partners reduced methane emissions by 86 Bcf in 2006
- 578 Bcf in cumulative reductions since 1990

**Natural Gas STAR Methane Reductions (Bcf)**





# Natural Gas STAR Program Continues to Grow

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🔥 **As of 2007, over 120 Partners**

🔥 **New Partners**

- 🔥 Berkshire Gas
- 🔥 Chesapeake Energy
- 🔥 Connecticut Natural Gas Corporation
- 🔥 Corning Natural Gas Corporation
- 🔥 Laclede Gas Company
- 🔥 Maine Natural Gas
- 🔥 Questar Gas Company
- 🔥 Southern Connecticut Gas Company
- 🔥 Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. (ONGC)





# 2007 Technology Transfer

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## 🔥 2007 Technology Transfer Workshops

### 🔥 Production

- College Station, TX, May 17
- Long Beach, CA, August 21-22
- Glenwood Springs, CO, September 11
- Durango, CO, September 13
- STARtracker Webcast, September 26

### 🔥 Processing

- Calgary, Alberta, Canada, January 15-17
- Houston, TX, April 24, 2007

### 🔥 Methane to Markets

- Multi-sector International Workshop, New Delhi, India, February 22-23



# Upcoming Workshops

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## 🔥 Web casts

- 🔥 Distribution: November 8, 2007
- 🔥 Transmission: December 18, 2007

## 🔥 Methane to Markets

- 🔥 Project Expo, Beijing, China Oct. 30-Nov. 1, 2007

For more information and 2008 workshop announcements:

**<http://www.epa.gov/gasstar/workshops.htm>**



# Natural Gas STAR International

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🔥 Natural Gas STAR International launched September 26, 2006 – currently has 8 partners.





# Natural Gas STAR International

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- 🔥 Under the Methane to Markets Partnership, U.S. EPA expanded Natural Gas STAR internationally
- 🔥 EPA is encouraging existing partners to engage their international operations to voluntarily reduce methane emissions
- 🔥 **Participation involves:**
  - 🔥 Developing an implementation plan
  - 🔥 Identifying and implementing cost-effective projects
  - 🔥 Reporting your success
- 🔥 **Support from Gas STAR International is available:**
  - 🔥 Identify top cost-effective methane reduction project opportunities
  - 🔥 Conduct project pre-feasibility analysis
  - 🔥 On-site training and workshop development



# New Program Resources and Services and Future Initiatives





## New Tools

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- **Emission Reduction Quantification Guide:** for Gas STAR recommended technologies and practices
- **STARtracker:** new methane emission reduction tracking tool, donated by Devon - now available on CD.
- **New Vender Directory:** Online directory of vendors who offer methane emission reduction technologies and services for the oil and gas sector
- **Your feedback is important!**

[www.epa.gov/gasstar](http://www.epa.gov/gasstar)



# Emission Reduction Quantification Guide

## 🔥 Guidance for quantifying methane emission reductions from recommended technologies and practices:

http://www.epa.gov/gasstar/docs/quantifying\_ngs\_methane\_reductions.xls - Microsoft Internet Explorer

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| Natural Gas STAR Recommended Technologies and Practices - Quantification Methods Pipelines    |   |  |
|---|---|--|
| Technology/Practice Sector(s)   | Quantification Method 1   | Quantification Method 2  |
| Composite wrap for non-leaking pipeline defects<br>Processing<br>Transmission<br>Distribution | <p><u>Engineering Calculation</u></p> <p>Installing composite wrap opposed to replacing pipelines with defects saves the methane that would otherwise be vented to the atmosphere during replacement.</p> <p>Calculate emissions reductions by summing over all pipeline diameters and pressures:<br/> <math display="block">ER = \sum (D^2 \cdot P \cdot [L/1,000] \cdot 0.372) / 1,000 \cdot XCH_4</math> </p> <p>Where,<br/>           ER = Emissions Reductions (Mcf/year)<br/>           D = Inside diameter of pipeline (inches)<br/>           L = Length of pipeline between shutoff valves (feet)<br/>           P = Pipeline pressure (psia for less than 50psi, psig for more than 50psi)<br/>           XCH<sub>4</sub> = Mole fraction of methane in the gas (decimal) - default is 0.87 (Processing), 0.934 (Transmission/Distribution)</p> <p><u>References:</u><br/>           Composite Wrap for Non-Leaking Pipeline Defects Lessons Learned<br/> <a href="http://www.epa.gov/gasstar/pdf/lessons/ll_compwrap.pdf">http://www.epa.gov/gasstar/pdf/lessons/ll_compwrap.pdf</a></p> | <p><u>Emissions Factor</u></p> <p>The volume of methane emissions saved by composite wrap is very sensitive of the operation - pipeline length, pipeline diameter, and system pressure. It is known it is suggested to use the engineering calculation for better accuracy report composite wrap can save 3,960 Mcf/installment.</p> <p>Calculate emissions reductions using the following equation:<br/> <math display="block">ER = AF \cdot 3,960 \text{ Mcf/installment}</math> </p> <p>Where,<br/>           ER = Emissions Reductions (Mcf/year)<br/>           AF = Activity Factor (number of installments/year)<br/>           (EF assumed repair of a 6" defect on a 24" diameter pipeline at 350psig with shutoff valves.)</p> <p><u>References:</u><br/>           Composite Wrap for Non-Leaking Pipeline Defects Lessons Learned<br/> <a href="http://www.epa.gov/gasstar/pdf/lessons/ll_compwrap.pdf">http://www.epa.gov/gasstar/pdf/lessons/ll_compwrap.pdf</a></p> |
| Identify and  | <u>Engineering Calculation</u>  | <u>Emissions Factor</u>  |

Introduction / Compressors / Dehydrators / Other / **Pipelines** / Pneumatics-Controls / Tanks / Valves / We

[http://www.epa.gov/gasstar/docs/quantifying\\_ngs\\_methane\\_reductions.xls](http://www.epa.gov/gasstar/docs/quantifying_ngs_methane_reductions.xls)



# STARtracker

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- ❖ **Web based application for tracking methane emission reduction activities under Gas STAR**
  - ❖ Ability to centralize data across company
  - ❖ Users can input and access data from various locations
- ❖ **Developed and donated by Devon – available on CD free to Gas STAR Partners and other interested parties**





# Service Provider Directory

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- ❖ Web page now available – relevant service providers can submit information to be considered for the directory
- ❖ Searchable list of service providers who offer methane emission reduction technologies and services for the oil and gas sector

**Available on the Gas STAR Web site under  
Documents, Tools and Resources**

**[http://www.epa.gov/gasstar/resources/service\\_directory.htm](http://www.epa.gov/gasstar/resources/service_directory.htm)**

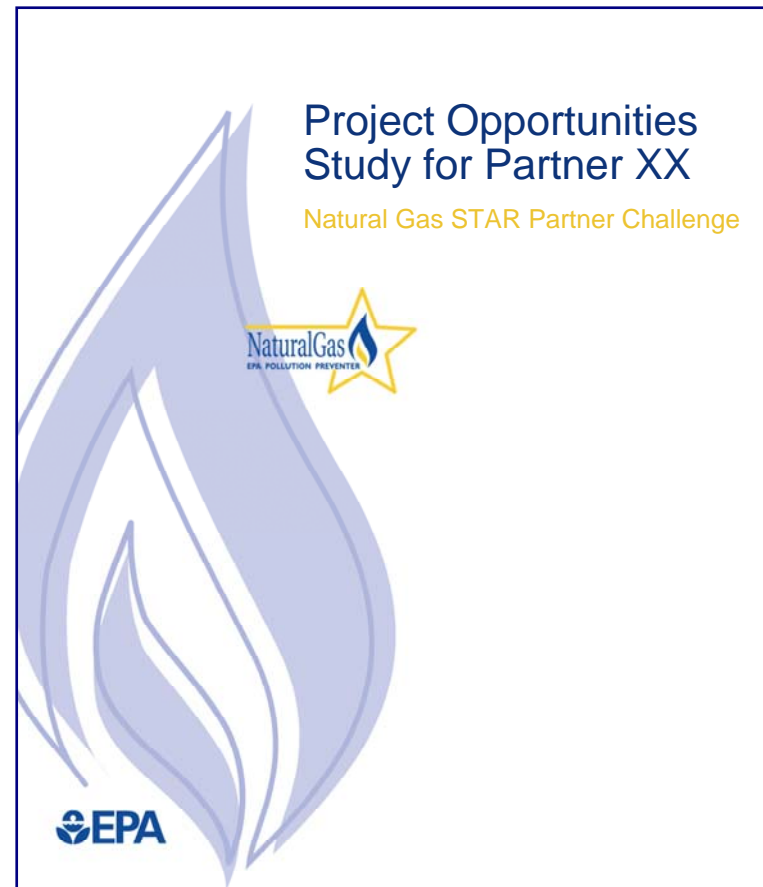


# Natural Gas STAR “Partner Challenge”

## New Service: “Partner Challenge”

💧 EPA offers assistance to partners in developing estimates of methane emissions and major sources for purpose of identifying and prioritizing new emission reduction opportunities:

- 💧 **Uses customized data**
- 💧 **Details project opportunities and emission reduction potential**
- 💧 **Details economic, operational, and environmental benefits of recommended technologies & practices**





# Communications Tools/Materials Upgrade

- 🔥 **Extensive effort underway to update and improve Gas STAR communications tools and materials and web site**
- 🔥 **Goal: to make the tools and resources more useful to Partners**
  - 🔥 Updated tools and resources tailored to new vs mature partners
  - 🔥 Improved samples and templates
  - 🔥 Interactive web based guides and new vender directory
- 🔥 **Your feedback is important!**





# Introduction to 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Workshop





# Key Themes

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**In a time of heightened interest in greenhouse gases, such as methane, new and innovative approaches to making an impact:**

- 🔥 **Greenhouse Gas Management Programs and Strategies**
  - 🔥 Climate policy update and innovative partner approaches
- 🔥 **Concurrent Sessions: new, proven methods to capture methane emissions**
  - 🔥 Production, processing, transmission/distribution
- 🔥 **Advanced Technologies and Practices to Detect Leaks**
  - 🔥 Remote sensing technologies and Directed Inspection and Maintenance
- 🔥 **Keynote Speakers**
  - 🔥 Janet Peace, PEW Center on Global Climate Change
  - 🔥 Judith Moorad, Shell Oil Company



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