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OpenMinds Accelerating Energy and Climate Progress



Access to Energy Enables Progress





And Progress Has Been Profound...



But CO₂ Concentrations and Temperatures Are Increasing



How "The Greenhouse Effect" Leads to Warming



Atmospheric CO2 Has Skyrocketed in the Past Century

Carbon Dioxide Level (PPM)



Years Before Today

The Last 10 Years Were the 10 Warmest on Record



Last Ice Age

when ~25% of Earth's land area was covered in glaciers

Age of the Dinosaurs

when crocodiles could be found above the Arctic Circle

How much is **1.5°C?**



4°C degrees higher than today

Global Temperature Increase Averaged +1.6°C in 2024

Average Global Temperature Compared with Late-19th-Century Average

+2.0°C



The Consequences of Warming are Real



Climate Displacement

Reduced Food & Water Security

Human flourishing and economic growth require energy but our largest sources of energy drive global warming

This is the Dual Challenge

More energy

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Less emissions

CO₂

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OpenMinds' Mission & Identity



OUR MISSION

More energy. Less emissions. Fast.

- 125+ volunteer experts
- 501(c)(3)
- Disciplined non-partisan selection process
- 360° systems engineering approach

WHAT MAKES US UNIQUE



Energy AND climate



Cross-functional expert team



Detailed solutions framework



Impact progress by 203X

The OpenMinds Team... Energy AND Climate Experts



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OpenMinds + Bain = Differentiated Impact



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OpenMinds 'P50' Outlook – Projecting Our Current Path

2035 forecasts included in the 'P50' Outlook



Developed and reviewed by industry leaders

MODEL CREATION

Intersectsm BAIN & COMPANY (4) Copenhagen Economics

EXPERT REVIEW



CA TF CLEAN AIR TASK FORCE







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Global Energy Demand Continues to Grow



Outlook through 2035

+17% growth

- ...driven by developing economies
- ...partially offset by reduced energy intensity
- ...with largest share from Industry

The Global Energy Supply Mix is Shifting



Outlook through 2035

+14% growth

- ...as renewables surge to 25% of energy mix
- ...while oil peaks in 2030 and natural gas share holds steady
- ...partially offset by efficiency from electrification

Electricity is Growing Even Faster Than Primary Energy

Global power generation (TWh)



Outlook through 2035

+38% growth

- ... as electricity grows from 24% to 28% of total final consumption
- ... while solar and wind surge to 43% of generation
- ... amplified by **cheaper** battery storage

Global Carbon Emissions are Peaking



Outlook through 2035

Flattening

- ...as China emissions
 peak by 2030
- ...and transport and industry electrify in developed economies
- ...partially offset by fueldriven industrialization in developing economies

We're Bending the Emissions Curve, Yet Face a Big Gap



The gap through 2035

~66Gt

Total global CO₂ emissions gap between the 'P50' Outlook and 1.8°C scenario

-14%

Total global CO₂ emissions reduction needed to stay on track from '23-'35

Temperatures Will Increase Without Further Progress



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To Recap: OpenMinds' 2035 Energy & Climate Outlook

	Energy	Oil	Natural Gas
	Demand	Demand	Demand
	Up 15%	2030 Peak	Up 15%
Renewable	Carbon	Global	
Energy	Emissions	Temperature	
25% of mix	Peak	Up 2.5-3.0°C	

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Our Task: Change the Trajectory of Emissions



Prioritization of Potential Solutions



OpenMinds' Top 10 Solutions



Impact of Implementing Key Solutions

Projected emissions impact

GIGATONS OF CO2E PER YEAR





Early Wins – Technology

100

2014

LED Lighting



Global LED Lighting Market Share (%) 80%











Battery Storage

Electric Vehicles





These technologies have already reduced annual emissions by ~2-3 Gt (7-8%)

2023

Sustained Wins – Decoupling Growth and Emissions

Change in GDP and CO₂ emissions



• Energy efficiency gains

Enhanced energy efficiency

Emerging Wins – China's Transformation



Outlook through 2035

Emissions peak

- ... by 2030, driven by huge investments in wind, solar, batteries, and nuclear
- ... while reducing reliance on coal
- ... and maintaining economic growth

Accelerating Progress Will Require More Investment

\$5T





Clean energy

per year

\$1T



Near Term Investment = Long Term Benefits



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OpenMinds: Transitioning to Impact in 2024+



What's Needed to Close the Gap in the US

More Firm and Low-Carbon Generation

Cleaner Fossil Fuel Power



Energy Efficiency and Electrification

New Generation of Leaders

OpenMinds' Impact Projects – Removing Key Bottlenecks

More Firm and Low-Carbon Generation

Meet AI Demand with Renewables

Create the Market for Multi-Day Storage

Segment Direct Air Capture Customers Cleaner Fossil Fuel Power

Quantify CCUS Economics

Prove and Catalyze CCS

Incentivize Methane Abatement

Evaluate Coal-to-X Switching Full Potential Expanded Transmission

Accelerate Transmission Permitting Reform

Catalyze Transmission Investment

Improve Community Benefits of Transmission Energy Efficiency and Electrification

To be determined

New Generation of Leaders

Launch NextGen Program

Scale the NextGen Community

Trusted Source of Information and Progress

The World...

will need more energy to grow and thrive, while climate impacts and urgency to act intensify



In the Long Term...

energy prices can be reduced and climate impacts minimized as more success stories emerge





Bending the Curve...

requires near-term action and large investment in prioritized solutions



OpenMinds...

is bringing energy AND climate experts together to remove key bottlenecks and accelerate progress

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Solving for the Dual Challenge



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