Yale's Greenhouse Gas Reduction Strategy



2009

Creating a Sustainable Future...

Yale's Committment

Universities have a unique role to play in developing sustainable solutions to climate change. They can help meet this unprecedented challenge by educating future leaders and conducting cutting-edge research, demonstrating leadership in campus designs and operations, and collaborating with peer institutions and community partners.

In keeping with its mission to advance and disseminate knowledge that sustains and improves society, Yale University is at the vanguard of sustainability and global higher education. This commitment is evident in Yale's greenhouse gas reduction goal. In 2005 Yale committed to a greenhouse gas reduction target of 10% below 1990 levels by 2020—a 43% reduction from 2005 levels.

Yale and the industrial world share the same difficult task: to drastically reduce emissions while also planning for future growth. We hope that by openly sharing our continued efforts—including our goals, lessons learned, strategies and results—Yale's action will lead to similar commitments to greenhouse gas reductions by other institutions of higher learning at home and abroad. Yale's responsive and continually evolving greenhouse gas reduction strategy has led to a **7% reduction in campus emissions despite a 5.5% increase in the main campus size.** With plans to continue to expand the current 13.5M gross square foot campus 15% by 2020, the University's greenhouse gas reduction goal is a dynamic challenge that will drive ongoing change and innovation.

As a large institution with complex systems and operations, Yale recognizes its unique position to develop, test, and advance forward-looking multidisciplinary climate activities. At the same time, Yale is a leading academic force on climate change research and education. Yale faculty members and researchers are developing and testing new technologies; exploring physical and social impacts; and advancing analytically rigorous policy and governance. Finally, Yale faculty, students, staff, alumni, and partners are an extraordinary network of influential thinkers, researchers, policymakers, and stakeholders that are responding to the unprecedented challenge of climate change. Current information regarding Yale's progress can be found at *www.yale.edu/sustainability/climate*

Main campus emissions Emissions from on and off campus buildings GSF (includes GSF of West Campus West campus emissions 2005 Baseline not connected to Yale Power Plants after 2008) Main campus emission On and off campus building emission West campus emission Projected GSF reductions if linea reductions if linear reductions if linear 15M GSF 350,000 315,000 280,000 245,000 210,000 MTCO₂e 12M GSF 23,000 MTCO2e 175,000 West Campus emission redcution goal in 2020 140,000 105.000 147.000 MTCO.e Main Campus emission reduction 70.000 goal in 2020 245,200 242,000 244,900 241,700 35.000 0 9M GSF 2015 2005 2010 2020 **Fiscal Year** * Estimated emissions ** Bayer Healthcare Complex prior to Yale purchase

Yale's 2005 GHG reduction committment included emissions from the University's two power plants and purchased electricity. Since the adoption of the 2020 reduction target, Yale has now incoporated emissions from the recently purchased West Campus and, beginning in 2009, emissions from fuel purchases for on and off campus buildings not conneted to the Yale power plants.

Progress Toward Yale's 2020 Emissions Reductions Goal

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Scope ¹	Yale's Emission Sources	200,000 r		Total Carbon Emissions by Scope			
EMISSIONS	INCLUDED IN GOAL MONITORING						
Scope 1	Yale power plant emissions generated from the production of steam, chilled water, and electricity to supply Yale buildings	175,000 -		Greenhouse Gas Emissions by Source Activity			
Scope 1	Yale School of Medicine leased space (646,000 GSF)	150,000 -	-	Yale Power Plants \$7%			
Scope 2	Electricity purchased from the regional grid.						
Scope 2	Fuel & electric purchases for on and off campus buildings that are not connected to Yale power plants.	⁹ ζ 125,000 - ΟΟ Ε	-	Airl Travel 17%			
Scope 1&2	West Campus: 1,607,000 GSF complex purchaed by Yale in October 2007 from Bayer Pharmaceuticals	100,000		Fleet Commuting			
EMISSIONS NOT CURRENTLY INCLUDED							
Scope 1	University fleet emissions	75,000 -	-				
Scope 3	Employee commuting						
Scope 3	Employee air travel	50,000	Scope 1	Scope 2 Scope 3 ⁴			

What Is Included?

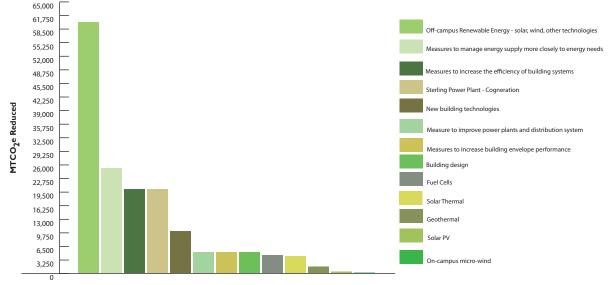
Based on guidance from the Greenhouse Gas Protocol,¹ Yale's emissions are divided into three categories called "scopes." **Scope 1** encompasses direct emissions from sources owned or controlled by the university and includes emissions from mobile combustion, stationary combustion, process emissions, and fugitive emissions. **Scope 2** includes indirect emissions from purchased electricity and purchased cogeneration for heating or chilled water. Finally, **Scope 3** quantifies indirect emissions from all other sources that occur as result of university operations but occur from sources not owned or controlled by the university such as employee commuting. Yale's 2005 greenhouse gas reduction baseline included two on-campus power plants² and purchased electricity for the central and medical campuses. Yale has now incorporated into its reduction efforts the recently acquired West Campus³ and emissions from fuel and electric purchases for on and off campus buildings not connected to the power plants. Emissions from the University fleet, commuting, and air travel are under analysis and debate for future inclusion in the University's reduction target. As more accurate methodologies for accounting for scope 3 emissions are developed Yale may consider expanding its emission reduction target to include this wider scope.

³ West Campus—the former Bayer Healthcare Complex—is a 136-acre campus comprising 1.6M square feet of laboratories, offices and warehouse space.

¹The Greenhouse Gas Protocol was developed by the World Resources Institute (WRI) and the World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) to standardize accounting and reporting methods for monitoring greenhouse gas emissions.

²Yale University operates two power plants: the Central Power Plant, a cogeneration facility that can supply 18 megawatts of electricity, 340,000 pounds per hour of steam and 14,600 tons of chilled water to the Central and Science Campuses; and the Sterling Power Plant, a thermal energy facility that can supply 350,000 pounds per hour of steam and 19,900 tons of chilled water to the Yale School of Medicine and the Yale-New Haven Hospital.

Greenhouse Gas Reduction Initiatives



Measures to Reduce Yale's Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Yale's future reduction strategies include implementing measures that reduce building energy demand and consumption, increasing building envelope performance, and additional efficiencies in building systems. Yale also plans to increase its onsite renewable energy generation through the installation of solar photovoltaic and thermal systems, geothermal, fuel cells and micro-wind turbines.

Determining the Cost to Achieving Our Goal

Some of the strategies outlined in this executive summary produce economic savings via conservation while others impose costs. Energy conservation and renewable energy projects requiring significant capital investment by the University are evaluated on the basis of "resulting carbon reduction per operating dollar incurred." Projects yielding the largest return are undertaken first so that emission reductions can be achieved as efficiently as possible. Yale is confident that the projected costs of both conservation and renewable energy initiatives will allow us to reach our greenhouse gas reduction goal at an annual cost of less than one percent of the University's annual operating budget over the next 11 years. We believe that this is a feasible expenditure to achieve our GHG reduction goal. Yale's efforts to implement best practices to limit the University's greenhouse gas emissions also demonstrates to the world that it is possible to balance near-term economic considerations against the long-term health of the environment and future generations.

GHG Reductio	n Initiatives—E	stimated`	Year 202	0 Operating	Budget Imp	bact	
	Estimated MTCO2e Annual Reduction by 2020	Estimated Capital Cost	Approx. Simple Payback (Yrs)	Interest & Amortization of Capital Investment	Reduced Fuel Consumption		TOTAL Annual Savings/(cost)
CONSERVATION:							
Initiatives w/in pre-2005 buildings	50,000	\$16M	2	(\$2.1M)	\$8M		\$5.9M
Initiatives w/in Post-2005 buildings	15,000	\$15M	7	(\$1.2M)	\$2.1M		\$0.9M
Initiatives w/in power plants	25,000	\$75M	7	(\$6.1M)	\$10.8M		\$4.7M
RENEWABLE EN	ERGY:						
On-campus installations	10,000	\$29M	9	(\$2.5M)	\$3.3M		\$0.8M
Off-campus installations	60,000	n/a	n/a			(\$7.5M - \$22.5M)	(\$7.5MM- \$22.5MM)
	160,000	\$135MM		(\$11.9MM)	\$24.2 MM	(\$7.5MM - \$22.5MM)	\$4.8MM - (10.2MM)