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TODAY'S BASICS

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Fossil fuel energy - coal, oil and natural gas - underpins all modern economies. Abundant alone and affordable, fossil fuels have contributed to unprecedented prosperity for much of the

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quires significant land. For example, making enough ethanol to fuel cars in California would consume America's entire corn crop. WIND AND SOLAR POWER are very limited in

human race. In decades to come, the benefits than of modern fossil fuel energy will extend even needs. further.

But fossil fuels coexist alongside "renewable" energy alternatives. Renewable energy is util- inexhaustible for all practical purposes (solar power, wind) or is routinely "renewed" through natural processes (hydropower, se- plant-based fuels). Nuclear power, which is essentially any inexhaustible, shares sev- eral similarities with renew- ables.

Interest in renewables has grown with the in- creased attention to cli- mate change, as most currently 8 renewables do not directly add to greenhouse gases. niche,

HYDROPOWER AND NUCLEAR POWER to- growing gether supply about 12 percent of U.S. energy. These sources are not growing, however. Hydroelectric dams are site-limited as well as again, controversial due to their environmental im- For pacts. Nuclear-plant siting and nuclear-waste disposal issues are highly contentious, and new construction has been slow and costly. the site's

BIOFUELS based on wood have been eco- nomic and successful in the U.S. in limited ap- plications such as fuel in pulp and paper mills.

CORN-BASED ETHANOL is used as a gasoline contribution additive in some areas, but is only competitive Next due to federal and state tax subsidies that can exceed 60 cents a gallon. Ethanol can also re- quire considerable energy to produce and re-

current application, together providing less one-tenth of one percent of U.S. energy

WIND POWER, which generally enjoys tax subsidies, is approaching conventional fossil sources in cost. Some states mandate that

ities purchase wind-generated power. Unfortu- nately, large windmill arrays are land-intensive and even with carefully

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lected sites power output varies with the wind on

given day, requiring

up generation. Neverthe- less, wind power is growing rapidly.

Though the cost of photovoltaic SOLAR POWER is declining, it is

to 10 times more expensive than conventional electrical power generation. It has found off-grid applications, and is, like wind, rapidly from a small base.

Solar power is dependent on sunlight availability and is space-intensive. Here

its potential must be tempered with realism.

example, we use solar panels for supplemen- tary water heating at our office building in Fairfax, Virginia, but providing for all of

comparatively modest power needs would re- quire over 300 ACRES of solar panels.

Though renewables are promising, it is important to keep the size of their

and their current limitations in perspective.

week, we'll talk more about renewables in the future, including the roles of technology and government policies.

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