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## **Natural Gas STAR Program**

15th Annual Implementation Workshop

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# **Agenda**



♦ 2007/2008 Overview & Program Highlights

New Program Resources and Services

**Overview of Annual Workshop** 

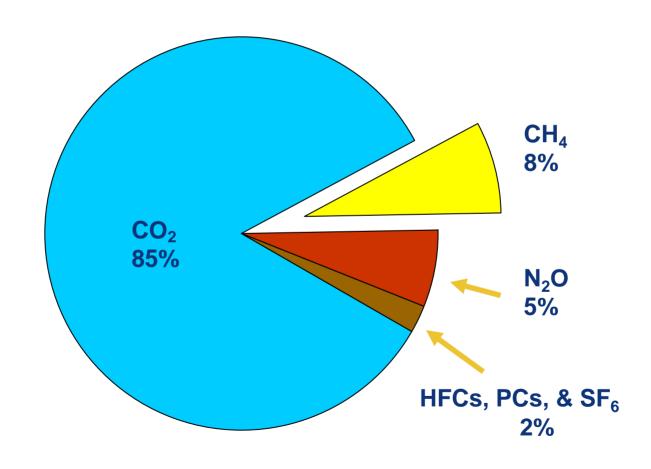


# Overview & Program Highlights



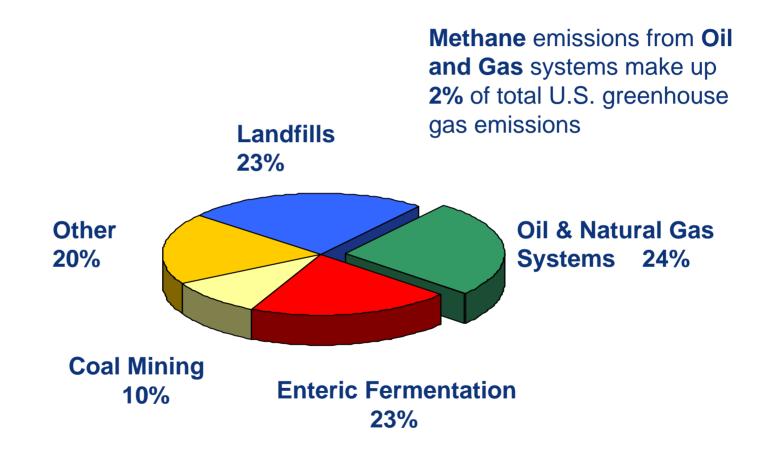


#### U.S. Greenhouse Gas Emissions All Sources





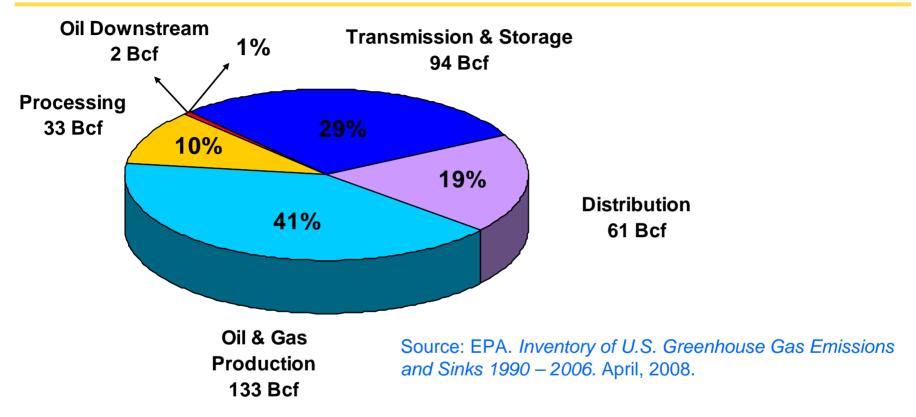
#### **U.S. Methane Emissions All Sources**



U.S. contributes 11% of worldwide methane emissions from oil and gas systems



# U.S. Oil and Gas Methane Emissions



- ♦ Total <u>323 Bcf</u> equates to: \$2.26B in lost revenue (at \$7/Mcf);
- ♦ CO₂ emissions from the electricity use of 17.3 million homes for one year;
- ♦ Annual greenhouse gas emissions from 24 million cars

Opportunity exists to cost-effectively reduce these impacts



# **Opportunities to Reduce Methane Emissions Along the Value Chain**

**Processing Plant** 

**Producing Wells** 

**Gathering Lines** 

## Gas Production & Processing

- Reduced Emission Well Completions
- Install Plunger Lifts on Gas Wells
- Identify, Measure & Fix Leaks in Processing Plants

Compressor Stations

Underground Storage

**Pressure Mains** 

Install Flash Tank Separators on Dehydrators

# Gas Transmission Identify, Measure &

**Transmission Lines** 

LNG or Propane/Air Plant

- Identify, Measure & Fix Leaks in Compressor Stations, Pipelines
  - Use Pipeline Pumpdown

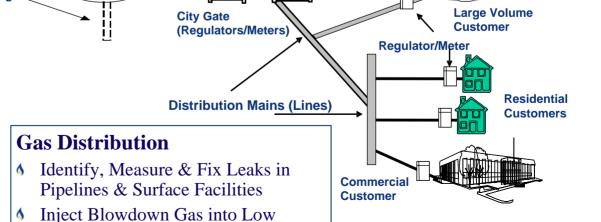
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#### **Oil Production**

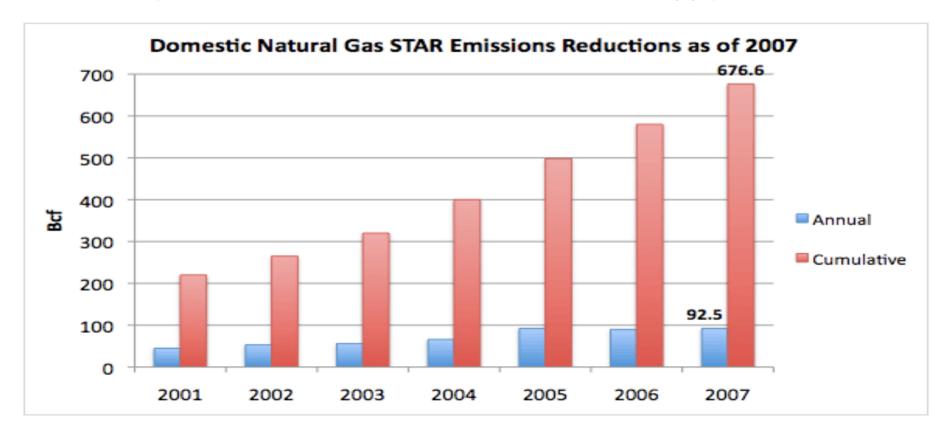
- Install VRUs on Crude Oil Storage Tanks
- Route Casinghead Gas to VRU or Compressor for Recovery & Use or Sale





## 2007 Another Successful Year Domestic Methane Emission Reductions

- ♦ Gas STAR Partners reduced methane emissions by 92.5 Bcf in 2007
  - 677 Bcf in cumulative reductions since 1990





# Natural Gas STAR Continues to Grow – New Partners

- Currently, over 130 Partners
- **4 2008 New Partners** 
  - Comgas (Gas STAR International)
  - Kansas Gas Services
  - Linn Energy, LLC
  - Oklahoma Natural Gas
  - ROC Gas Company
  - SandRidge Energy
  - Source Gas LLC
  - Texas Gas Services
  - Xcel Energy



# **Technology Transfer**

#### 4 2008 Technology Transfer Workshops

- Charlotte, NC (June 25)
  - SGA's Environmental Round Table
- Denver, CO (April 29, 2008)
  - Marathon; IPAMS
- Rock Springs, WY (May 1, 2008)
  - EnCana; Petroleum Association of WY; IPAMS
- New Orleans, LA (May 6)
  - Shell; Chevron
- Midland, TX (July 23)
  - Chevron; TX Oil & Gas Association; NM Oil & Gas Association
- Webcasts
- **Transmission (Oct 16, 2008)**
- Distribution (July 16, 2008)



# Natural Gas STAR International and Methane to Markets (M2M)

After 15 years of working with the U.S. oil and gas industry, EPA expanded Program to include international operations in 2006 under Methane to Markets.

#### **\langle** Participation involves:

- Developing an implementation plan
- Identifying and implementing cost-effective projects
- Reporting your success

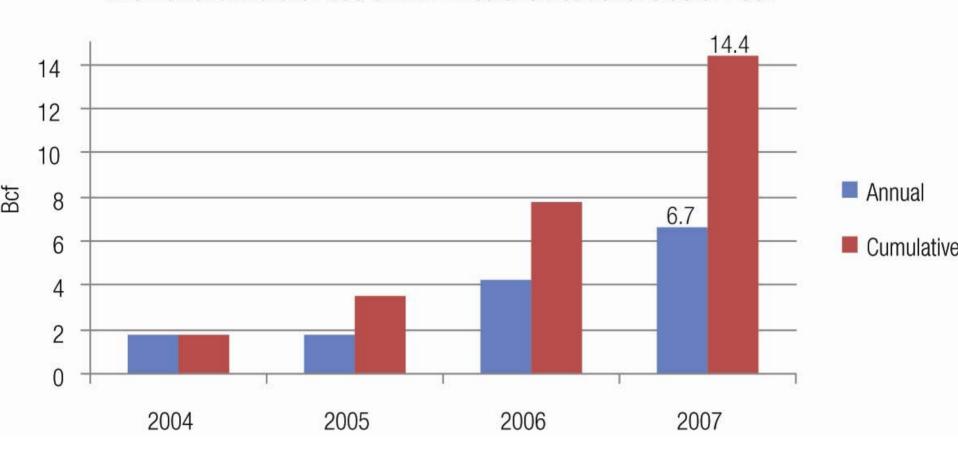
#### **Support from Gas STAR International is available:**

- Identify top cost-effective methane reduction project opportunities
- Conduct project pre-feasibility analysis
- On-site training and workshop development



## Natural Gas STAR International Methane Emission Reductions

#### International Natural Gas STAR Emissions Reductions as of 2007





# New Program Resources and Services





- ONTIME Reductions: On-line Tool for Identifying Methane Emission Reductions
  - •Today's Presentation on "Methane Emission Reduction Project Identification Tool"
- Service Provider Directory: Online directory of venders who offer methane emission reduction technologies and services for the oil and gas sector

www.epa.gov/gasstar/index.html



# **Service Provider Directory**

- Product and Service Providers 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

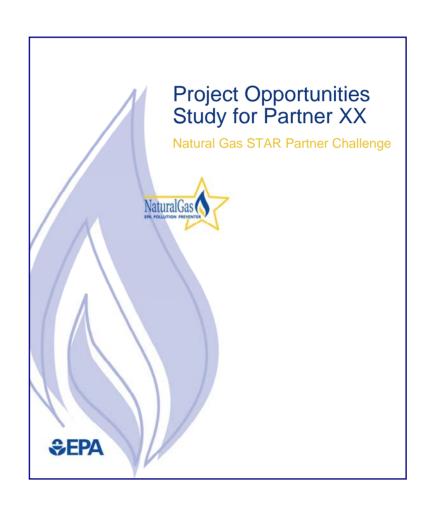
Available on the Gas STAR Web site under Documents, Tools and Resources www.epa.gov/gasstar/tools/service-provider-directory.html



## **Natural Gas STAR Technical Assistance**

#### **Technical Assistance for Targeted Opportunities**

- "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





# New Web site: www.epa.gov/gasstar



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emissions of methane, a potent greenhouse gas and clean energy source.

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**Frequent Questions** 



#### **Basic Information**

Program Overview | Overview Oil and Natural Gas Industry | Methane Emission Sources and Opportunities | Industry Links

The Natural Gas STAR Program is a flexible, voluntary partnership that encourages oil and natural gas companies—both

domestically and abroad—to adopt cost-effective technologies and practices that improve operational efficiency and reduce



#### Accomplishments

Emission Reduction Achievements | New Tools and Resources



#### **Partners**

International Partners | Domestic Partners | Endorsers



#### Join the Program

Program Forms



#### **Guidelines to Participation**

Key Components of Natural Gas STAR | Annual Reporting | Beyond the Basics



# Highlights FLARING AND VENTING REDUCTION NATURAL GAS UTILISATION FORUM AMSTERDAM 3-5 DECEMBER 2008 \*\* Nov 11-13 - 15th Annual Natural Gas STAR Implementation Workshop \*\* The Natural Gas STAR Partner Update - Fall 2008 \*\* Other Current News

- **♦ Flaring and Venting Reduction and Natural Gas**Utilization Forum The Netherlands
- **Methane to Markets Steering Committee and Technical Workshop Mexico**

For more information and workshop announcements: www.epa.gov/gasstar/workshops/index.html



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#### Today

- **6** Keynote Speaker
- **6** Greenhouse Gas Management Programs and Strategies
- **Awards Luncheon Ceremony International Center**
- **3** Concurrent Track Sessions on Proven Methods to Capture or Reduction Methane Emissions
  - Production
  - Gathering & Processing
  - Transmission/Distribution

**Tomorrow** 

- **6** Leak Detection and Measurement Panel
- Carbon Credits and Finance Panel



# **Keynote Speaker**

### **Dina Kruger**

Director - Climate Change Division
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