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America's Pledge and Subnational Action

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The Paris Agreement produced an international framework focused on country commitments







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On the U.S. Withdrawal from the Paris Agreement

PRESS STATEMENT

MICHAEL R. POMPEO, SECRETARY OF STATE

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As noted in **his June 1, 2017 remarks**, President Trump made the decision to withdraw from the Paris Agreement because of the unfair economic burden imposed on American workers, businesses, and taxpayers by U.S. pledges made under the Agreement. The United States has reduced all types of emissions, even as we grow our economy and ensure our citizens' access to affordable energy. Our results speak for themselves: U.S. emissions of criteria air pollutants that impact human health and the environment declined by 74% between 1970 and 2018. U.S. net greenhouse gas emissions dropped 13% from 2005-2017, even as our economy grew over 19 percent.

2019 U.S. coalition of climate actors



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U.S. coalitions committed to climate action to meet the Paris Agreement goals now represent nearly 70% of U.S. GDP, nearly two-thirds of the U.S. population, and over half of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions.



In 2019 states that have enacted 100% clean electricity goals into legislation account for 16% of the U.S. electricity demand.



If executive orders and governor's proposals supporting 100% clean electricity in other states are all enacted into law, these goals will reach 27% of the electricity demand.

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In 2019, 133 American cities had 100% clean energy or clean electricity targets, with a population of 19 million.



Accelerating America's Pledge assesses opportunities for U.S. reductions in 2030

- Current Measures Scenario highlighting that progress is already underway based on the projected impact of commitments "on the books"
- **2. Bottom-up Scenario** What happens when successful state, local, and business policies and actions are applied broadly?
 - Tier 1: First-movers adopt most ambitious policies on the books
 - Tier 2: Fast-followers adopt moderately ambitious policies
 - Tier 3: Slow-followers little or no action
- **3. All-in Scenario** What happens when ambitious new federal policies are layered on Bottom-up scenario?

The Bottom-Up Scenario: 2030 Strategy Platform

Accelerate toward 100% **Decarbonize Buildings**, **Enhance Ecosystem Transportation & Industry Clean Electricity Carbon Storage** Leading States: Leading States: Leading States incentivize 60% renewable electricity New buildings 100% electric low-cost natural climate • No more coal plants Appliances replaced by electric at end-ofsolutions, such as: • Peak and then reduce reliance life • Natural forest • 2% EE improvement annually on gas management Reduced methane emissions • Optimal nutrient EVs = 2/3 new car sales ٠ application Fast Follower States incorporate ICE performance increased 4% annually Use of cover crops

more modest renewable standard and slow gas builds

Market trends and advocacy constrain coal and gas across the country, including in remaining states

- Energy management, electrification, CCUS in industry
- HFCs phased down per Kigali Amendment

Fast Follower States go roughly half as far.

Remaining states make little progress.

Land carbon sink improved 11% compared to today





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