

Chemistry 500: Chemistry in Modern Living

Topic 6: New Energy Sources for the New Century

Alternative "Green" Energy Sources

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 - Graphics from Text: Figure 9.11 in 2nd Edition and 8.14 in 3rd Edition, Photovoltaic Cell
 - Graphics from Text: Figures 8.16 and 8.17 in 3rd Edition, Photovoltaic arrays
 - Ask Students: Develop a list of current uses of Photovoltaic technology
 - Group Activity

- Ask Students: Develop a list of future uses of Photovoltaic technology
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- Photothermal Energy
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 - Graphics from Text: Figure 9.1 in 2nd Edition, Passive Solar Heating
 - Solar thermal on land
 - Solar thermal from oceans
- Costs
 - R&D
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- Benefits

6C Wind Power

- Wind farms
 - Graphics from Text: Figure 9.2 in 2nd Edition: Wind Farm
 - Ask Students: What are some of the advantages and disadvantages of Wind Energy
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6D The Hydrogen Economy

- Hydrogen production
 - Current industrial route
 - Made from hydrocarbon fuels
 - Electrolysis
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 - Photolytic Hydrogen Generation

- Hydrogen storage: energy density

6E Biomass and Garbage

- Everything old is new again

- Thermal generation of electricity
 - Industrial Waste

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