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**Ammonia Fuel and the  
THE ENERGY-WATER NEXUS  
Issues**

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**“THE ENERGY-WATER NEXUS”**

Congress sees an inevitable, terrestrial,

INTERDEPENDENCE OF ENERGY AND WATER.

Yet,  
The Role of  
OTEC, and  
AMMONIA, is  
little understood

but first,

WHY NH<sub>3</sub>?

# THE OBJECTIVES

1. N<sub>2</sub> From the Atmosphere
2. H<sub>2</sub> From Water
3. No Resulting CO<sub>2</sub>
4. Balance-Of-Payments  
Neutrality

Does Starting With A  
“Domestic” Carbon Fuel  
As The  
Hydrogen Source, i.e.  
Coal Or Natural Gas,  
Suffice The Objectives?

**NO !**

Particularly if imported !

**DOE “FREEDOM-CAR PROGRAM”, and  
“WELL-TO-WHEEL” studies say:  
“Do not expect to get the Hydrogen Fuel  
from the carbon- based Industry sector.”**

**Therefore,**  
“These cars **MUST** receive their Hydrogen  
fuel from **RENEWABLE SOURCES**

# Potential Roles of Ammonia in a Hydrogen Economy

A Study of Issues Related to the Use Ammonia for On-Board Vehicular Hydrogen Storage

U.S. Department of Energy



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*“Although DOE is not currently funding conventional fuel processing of ammonia for on-board hydrogen storage, the potential use of ammonia as an energy carrier, particularly during the transition towards the hydrogen economy, is not disqualified. Ammonia may be considered as a potential hydrogen carrier for hydrogen delivery and off-board storage, such as at refueling stations and for stationary power applications.”*

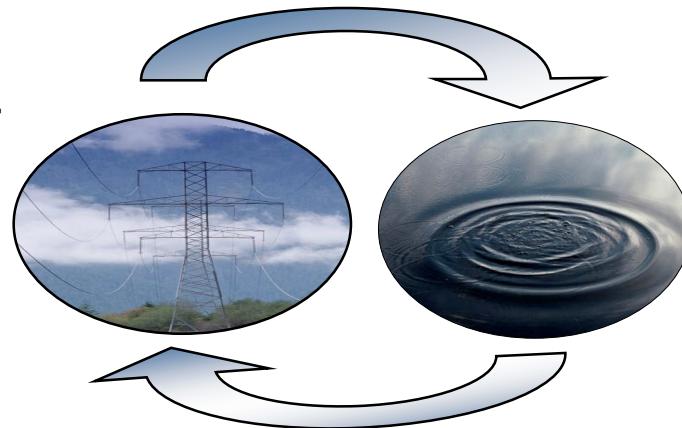
**Does Solar Energy As  
The Source Of The  
Hydrogen For the  
Ammonia Suffice These  
DOE Objectives?**

**YES !**

# THE MOST DESIRED FORM OF SOLAR ENERGY IS:

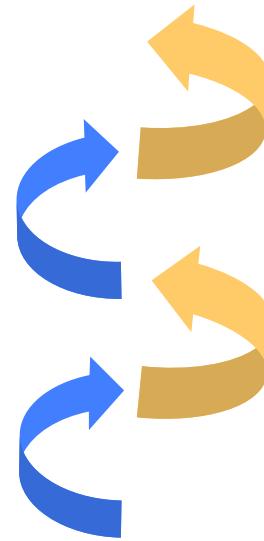
- A. “24/24” Available
- B. Continuous, Not  
Intermittent, (as is wind)
- C. Easiest Energy Transport
- D. World-Scale Applicable

Energy production and generation require water

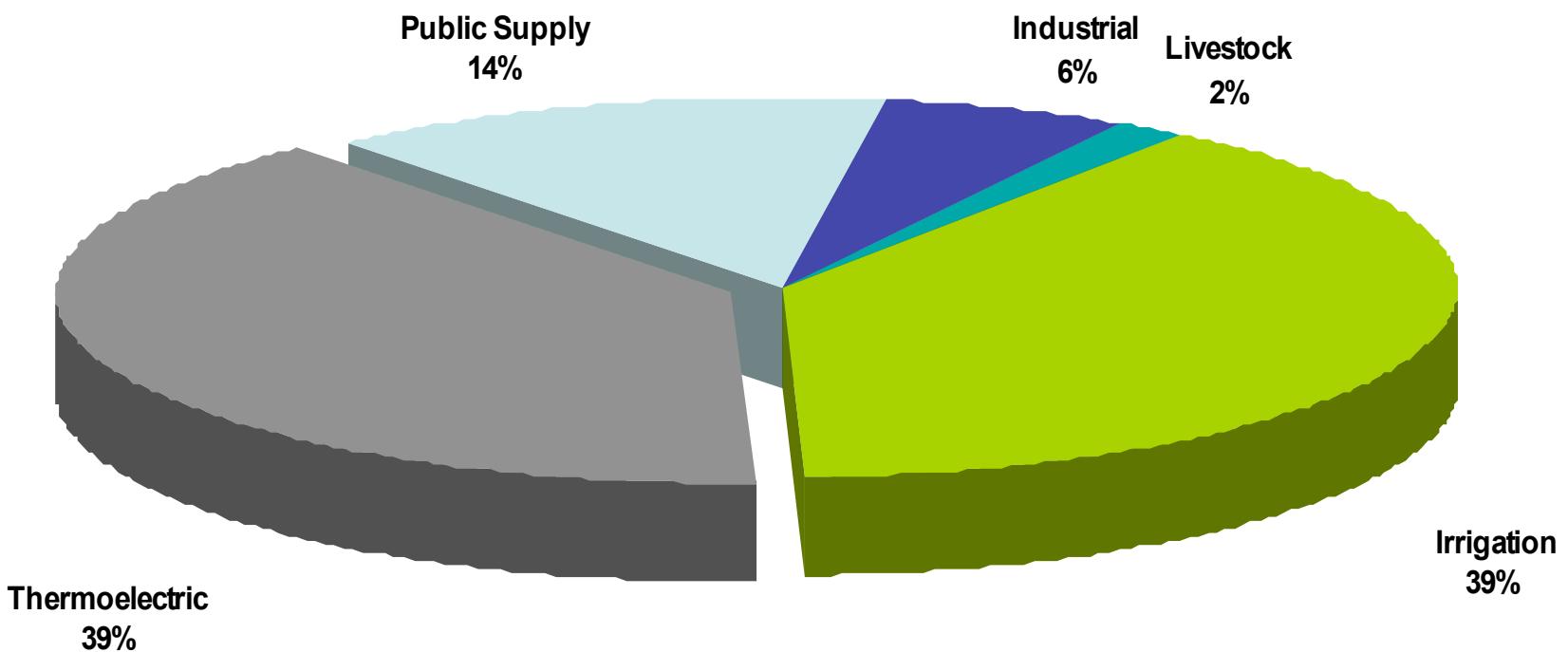


Water pumping, treatment, and distribution require energy

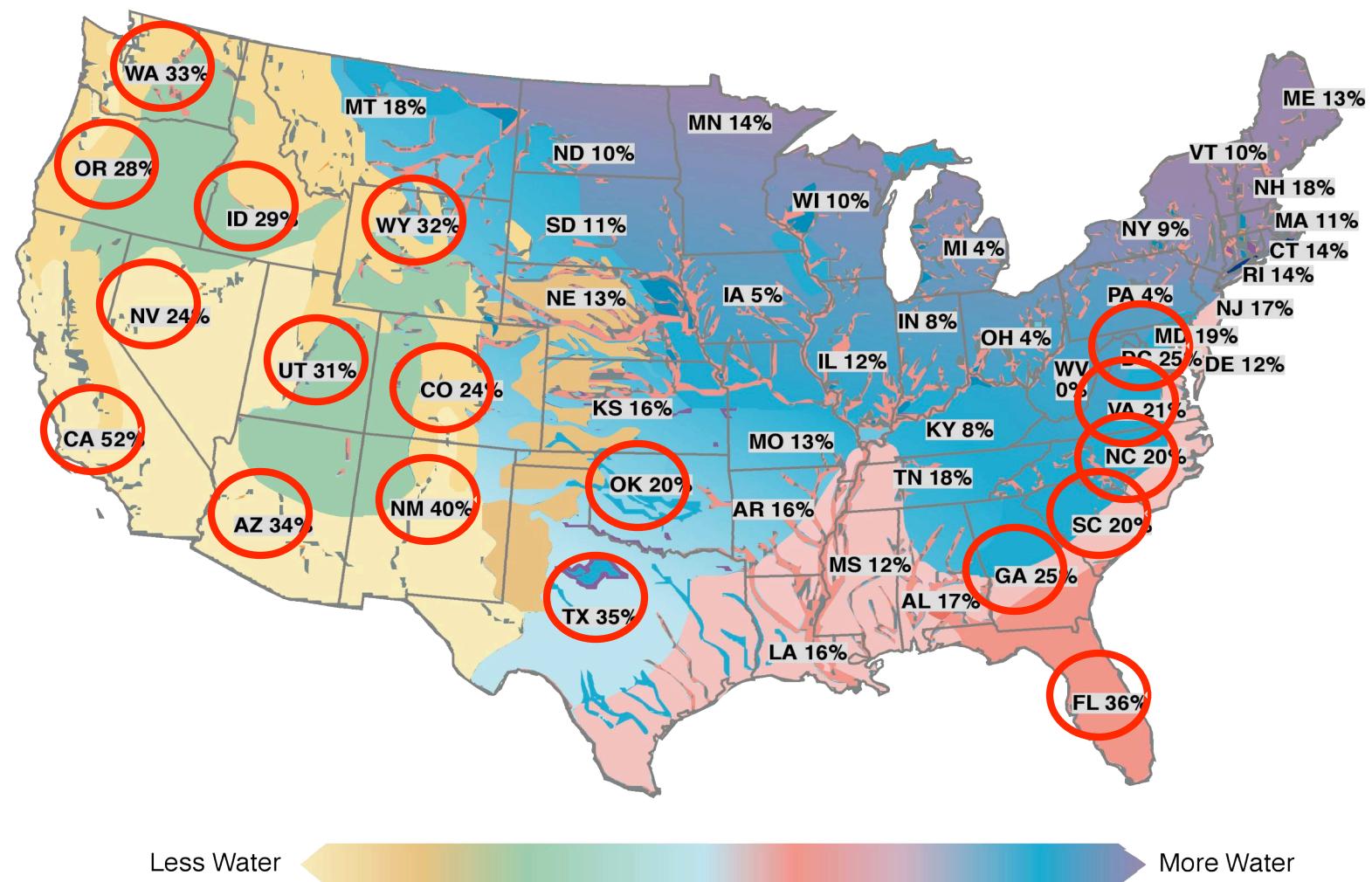
- As water availability decreases, cost increases
- As water cost increases, energy cost increases
- As energy cost increases, water cost increases
- And so on....



## Estimated Freshwater Withdrawals by Sector, 2000



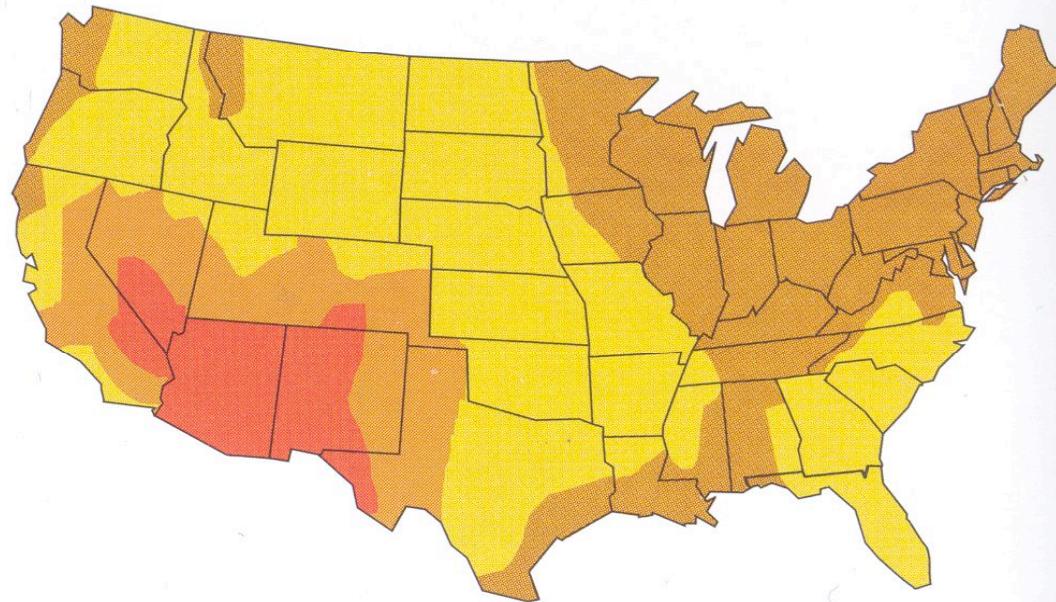
# Highest population growth projected in regions with limited water resources



**SO, WHERE ARE THE  
ACCESSABLE SOLAR  
RESOURCES,**

**AND HOW DOES THE  
DOE AND CONGRESS  
STILL THINK OF THEM ?**

## Solar Insolation Resources



### Resource Potential

- 7+ kWh/M<sup>2</sup>/day
- 6+ kWh/M<sup>2</sup>/day
- 4+ kWh/M<sup>2</sup>/day
- 3+ kWh/M<sup>2</sup>/day

**Pg.6-3 of the White House's 2001 Energy Plan**

**“NATIONAL ENERGY POLICY” MAY 2001, Pg. 6-3**

**“ENDING THE ENERGY STALEMATE” DEC 2004,  
Pg. 65**

**AND THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY,  
ARE STILL CONTINENTALLY FOCUSED,  
YET,**

**THE “CONUS” HAS AN OCEAN ON THREE SIDES,  
AND  
THE SUN SHINES ON THESE OCEANS AS WELL.**

**SO, WOULD DOE GET IT RIGHT THIS TIME?**

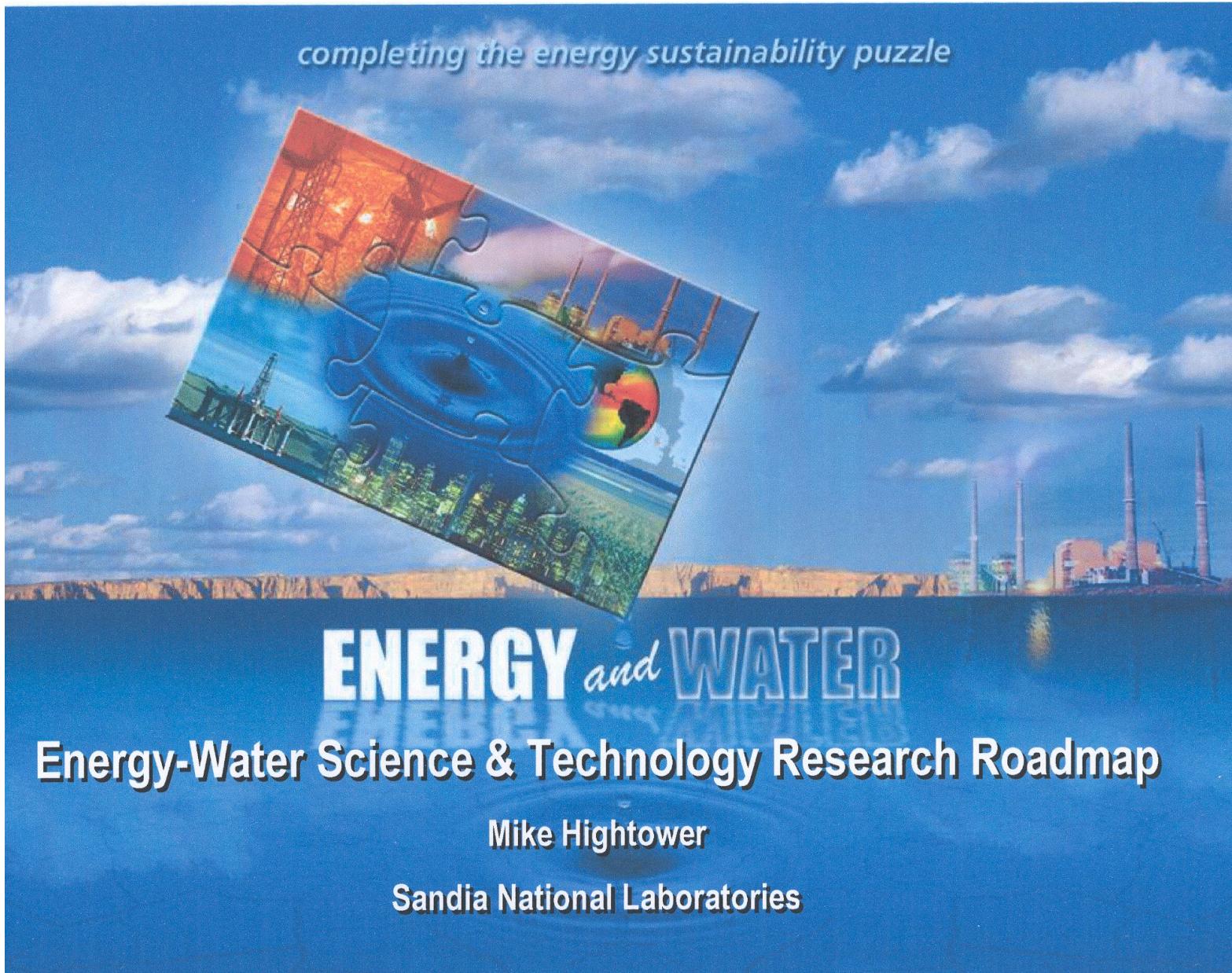
# THE ENERGY-WATER NEXUS

**MORE WATER-TO-ENERGY (Electrical kWh)? OR ENERGY-TO-  
WATER (Desalination) PRODUCTION FOR THE US ECONOMY?**

**SOLAR ENERGY 24/24 (OTEC) TO ENERGY (Commodities)  
FOR THE ECONOMY ✓  
PLUS OTEC PRODUCED POTABLE WATER (Commodity)  
FOR THE ECONOMY ✓**

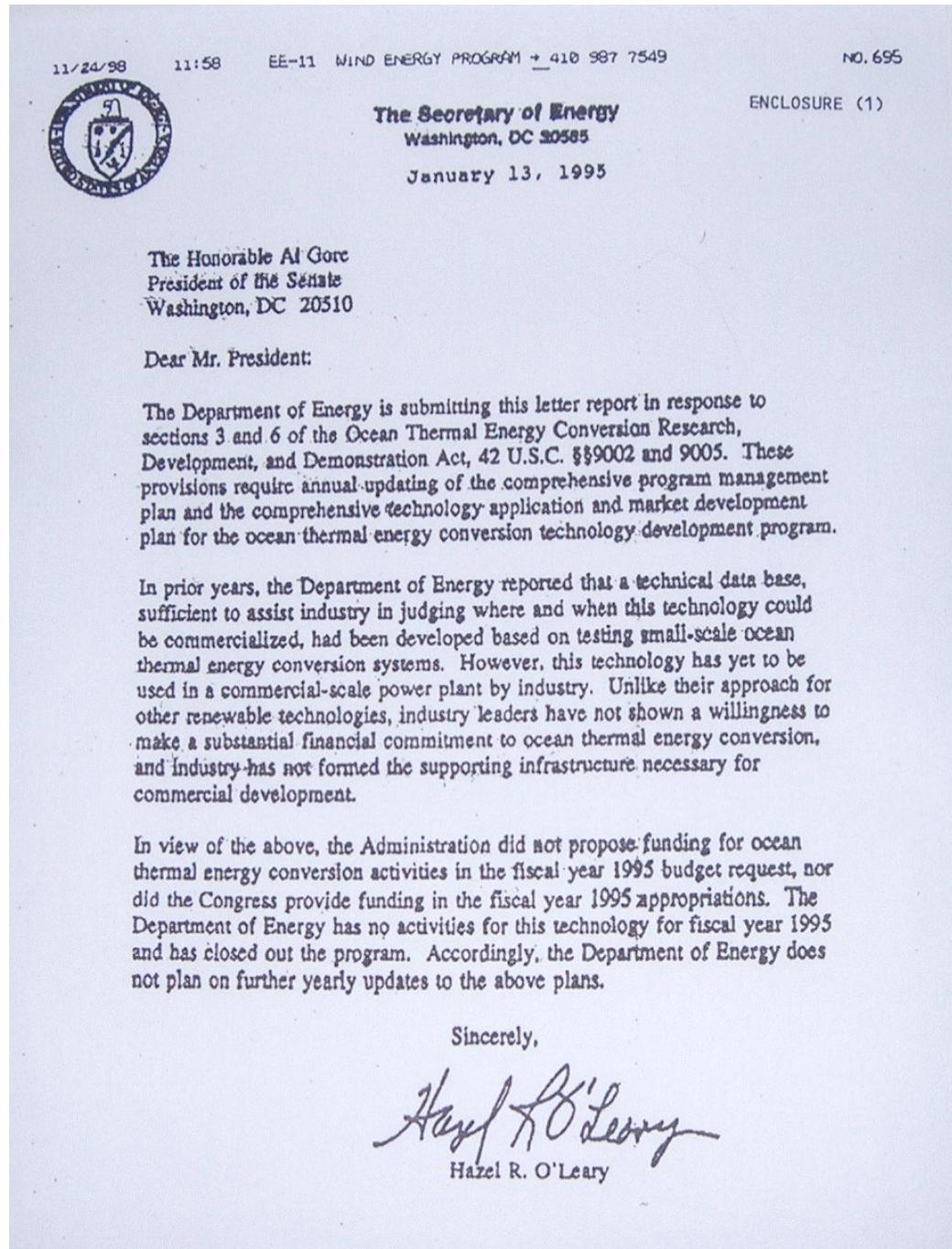
**AS PRESENTED TO DOE WORKSHOP, DEC 05**

## THE SEPT. 06 DOE NEXUS STUDY – TERRESTRIAL FOCUS AGAIN

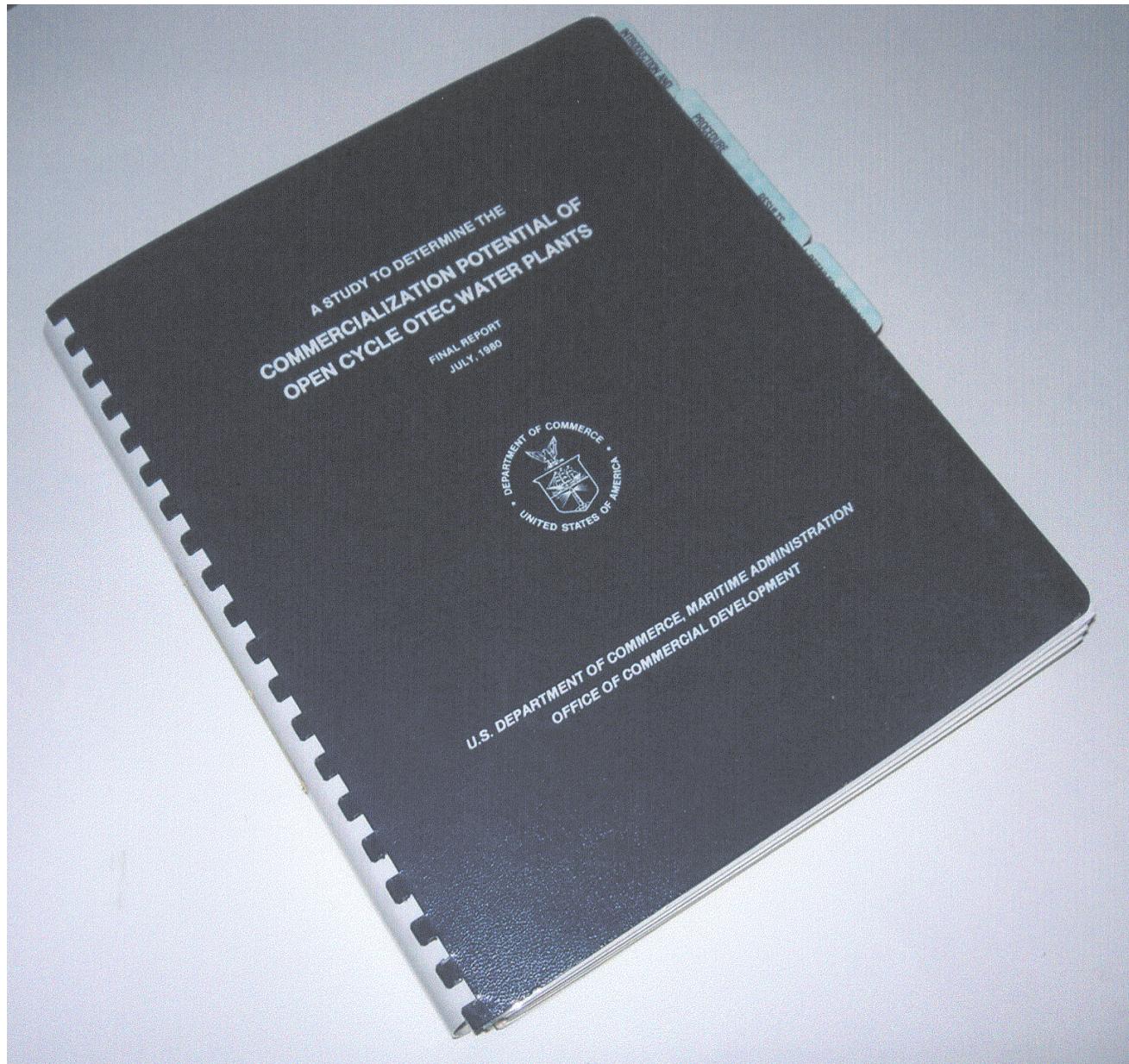


# THE JANUARY 15, 1995, LETTER TO CONGRESS SHUTTING DOWN THE DOE OTEC PROGRAM.

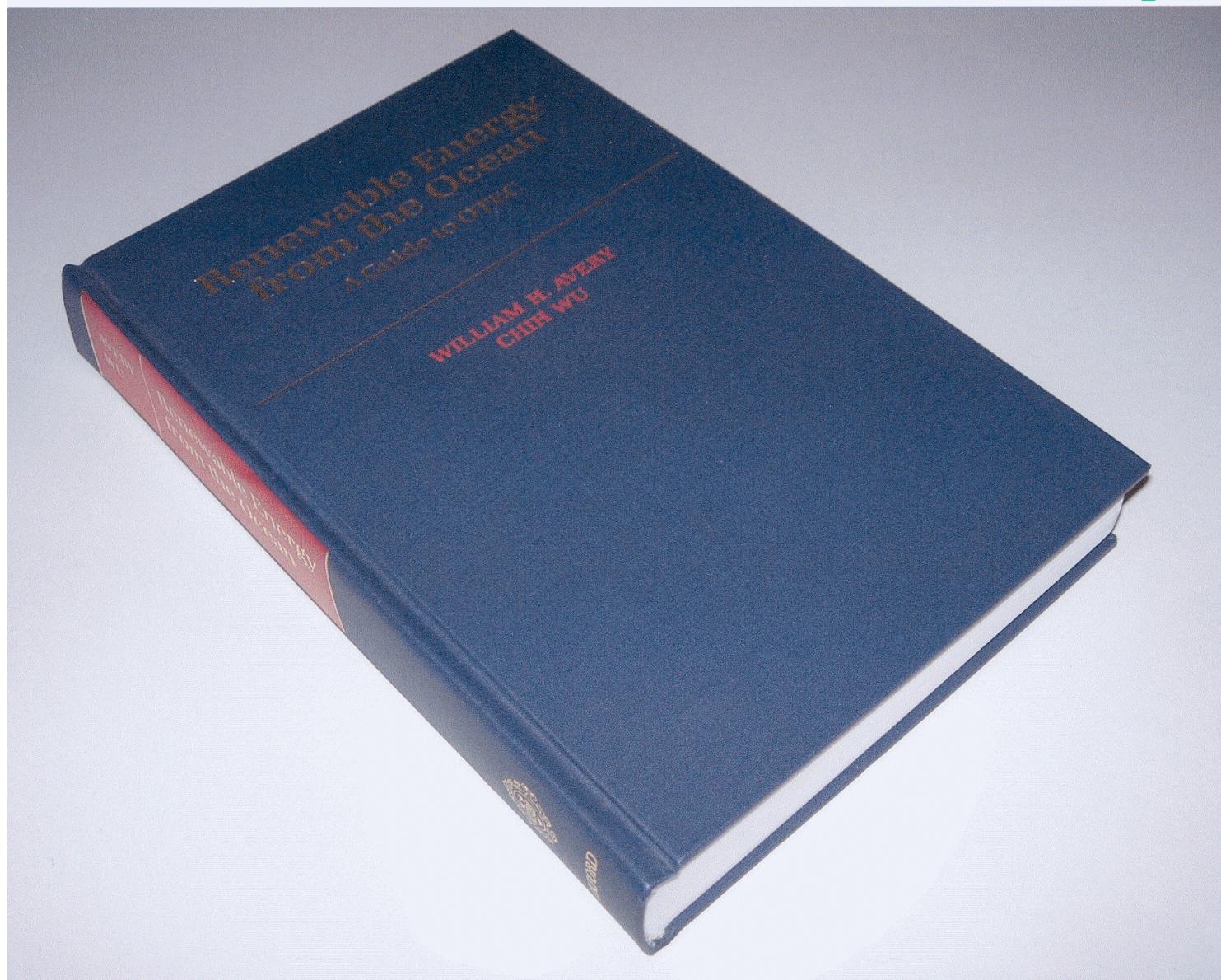
DOE THEN  
CHALLENGES  
CONGRESS  
TO TURN IT  
BACK ON, BUT  
ONLY WITH  
FUNDING.



# MARAD-FUNDED OTEC DESALINATION STUDY July 1980

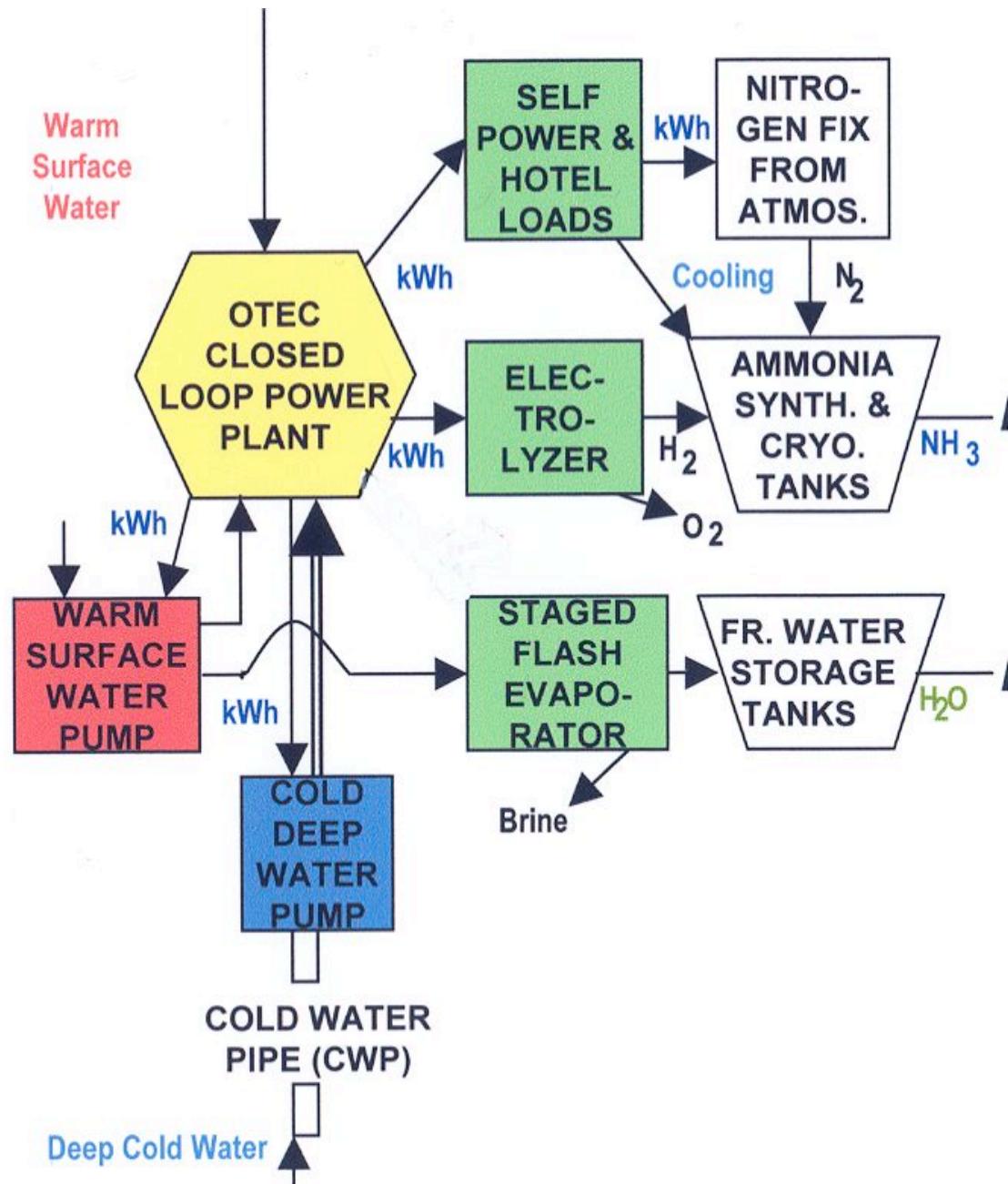


**THE OTEC “BIBLE” BY AVERY AND WU, 1994  
WITH FORWARD BY JOHN P. CRAVEN, IS ALL ABOUT AMMONIA**

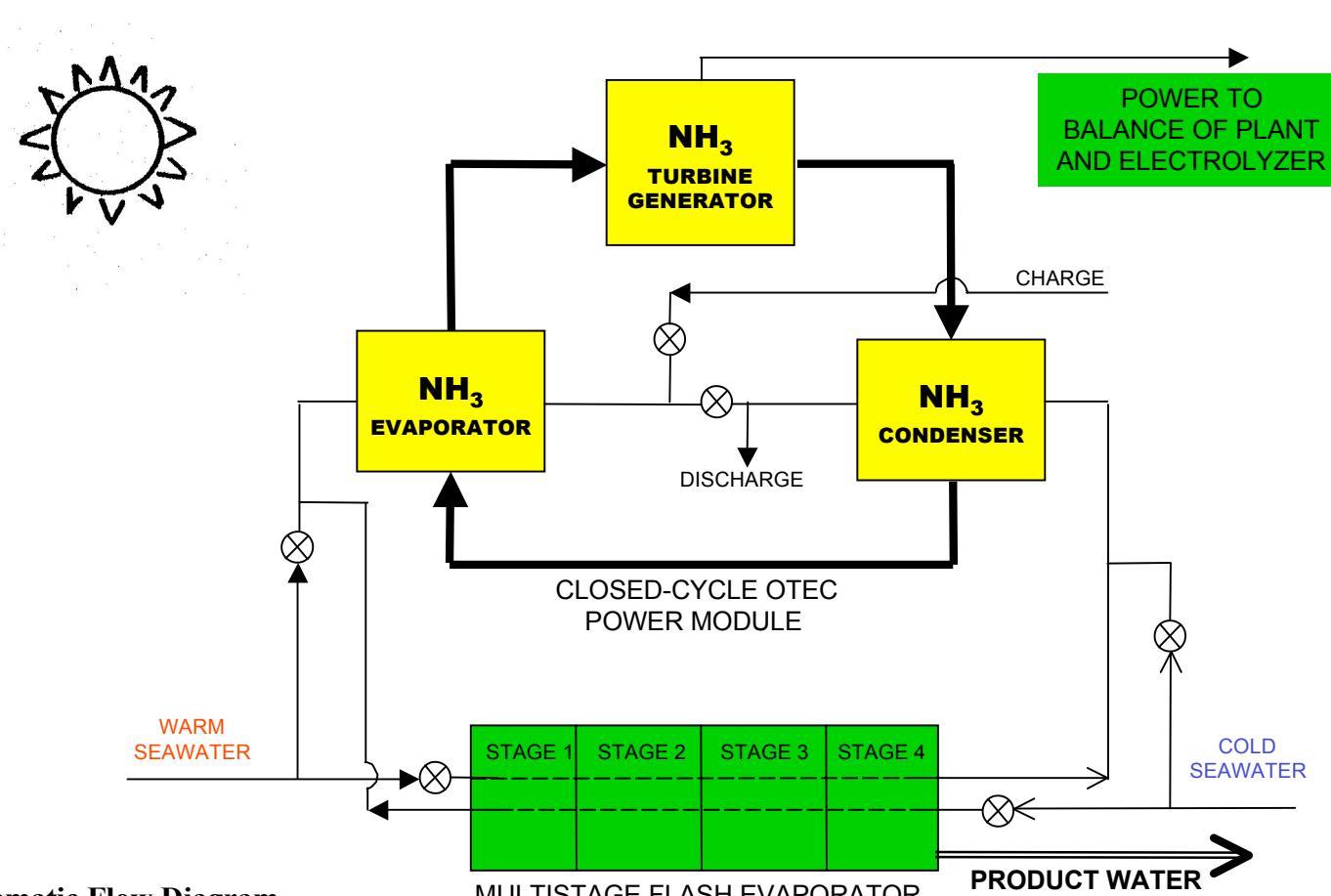


Consider,  
AT-SEA  
OCEAN THERMAL ENERGY  
CONVERSION (OTEC)  
PLANT-SHIP SYSTEMS CAN  
UNIQUELY  
CAPTURE SOLAR ENERGY  
24 HOURS PER DAY

CONUS ON-LAND SOLAR CAPTURE IS ONLY 33%  
EFFICIENT (8/24 HOURS)



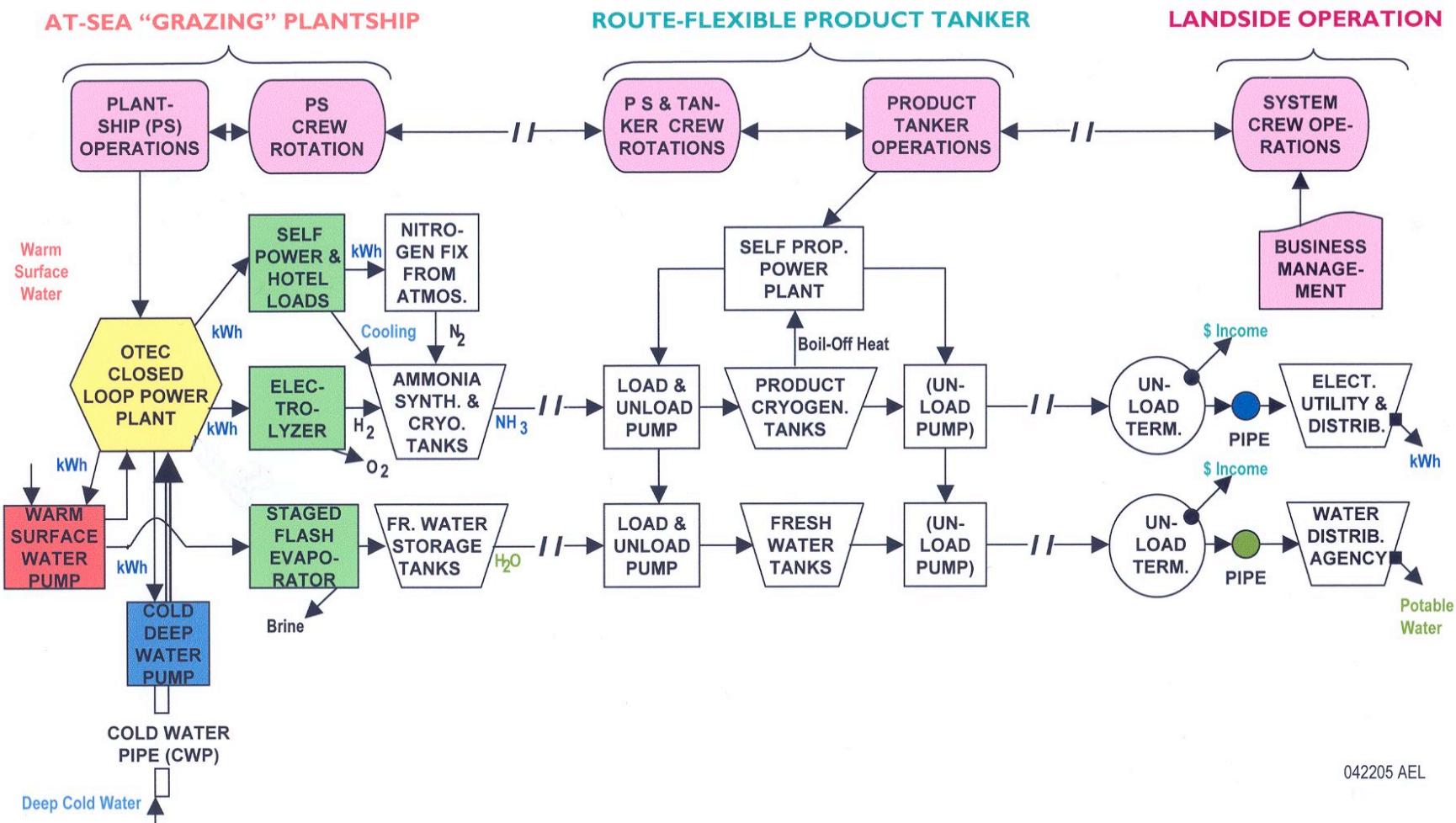
# PLANTSHIP BLOCK DIAGRAM



**Schematic Flow Diagram  
for a Hybrid-Cycle At-Sea  
OTEC Water Plant**

Per T. Rabas, C. Panchal and L. Genens,  
Argonne National Laboratory, DOE, 1991

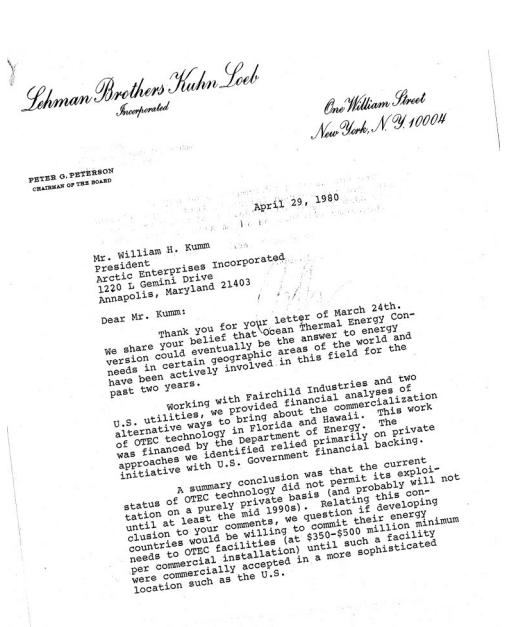
# SYSTEM BLOCK DIAGRAM



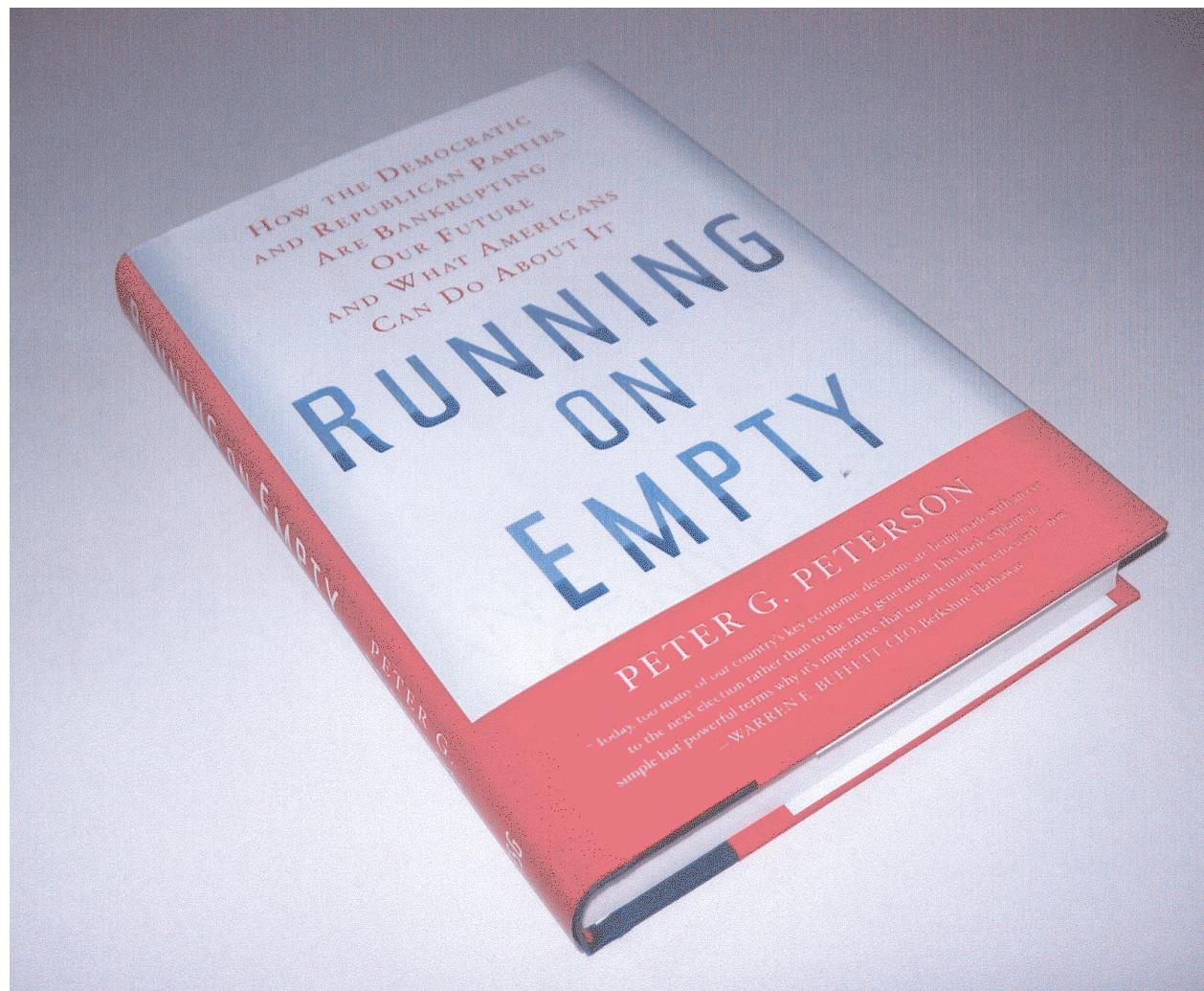


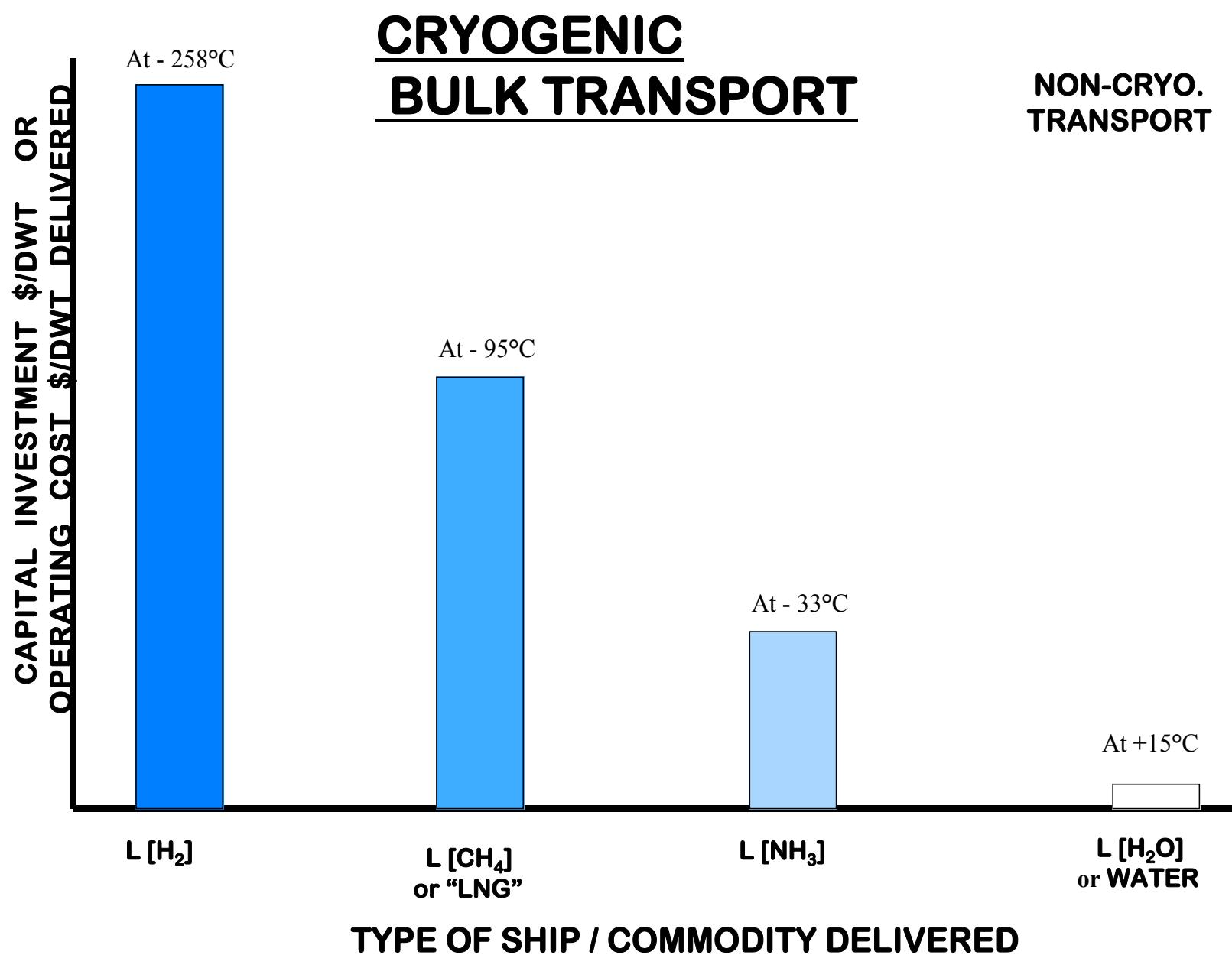
**AN ENERGY COMMODITY IN TRANSIT TO CONUS MARKETS**

# THE BIGGEST PART OF THE EXPLODING US DEBT TO OTHER COUNTRIES IS DRIVEN BY FOSSIL FUELS, AND IT IS LIKELY TO INCREASE WITH LNG IMPORTS



A SUPPORTIVE  
APRIL 29, 1980  
LETTER FROM  
PETER G.  
PETERSON  
ON OTEC





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The Washington Post

# OUTLOOK

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9, 2005

**TSUNAMI ACTIVITY 1901-2000**

This map shows both the location and the relative intensity of earthquake-generated tsunamis.

- OBSERVED** Historical reports of unusual wave activity but no information as to actual size.
- PERCEPTIBLE** Records include measurements of wave heights and extent of inundations.
- DAMAGING** Tsunamis caused death and/or destruction.
- U.S. deep-ocean tsunami-measuring devices** (one not shown)

**The Waves on Our Shores**

**A**bout 80 percent of tsunamis occur in the Pacific Ocean, and this map locates the site of earthquake-generated waves that reached U.S. Pacific coastlines in the past century. Tsunamis have also afflicted the Caribbean, while along the Atlantic, there is a record of at least one relatively small tsunami. The map also shows positions of some of the U.S. government's undersea sensing devices in the Pacific.

■ **Looking back:** A history of tsunamis in U.S. waters **Page 2**

■ **Looking ahead:** Efforts to lessen waves' impact **Page 3**

SOURCE: INTERNATIONAL TSUNAMI INFORMATION CENTER

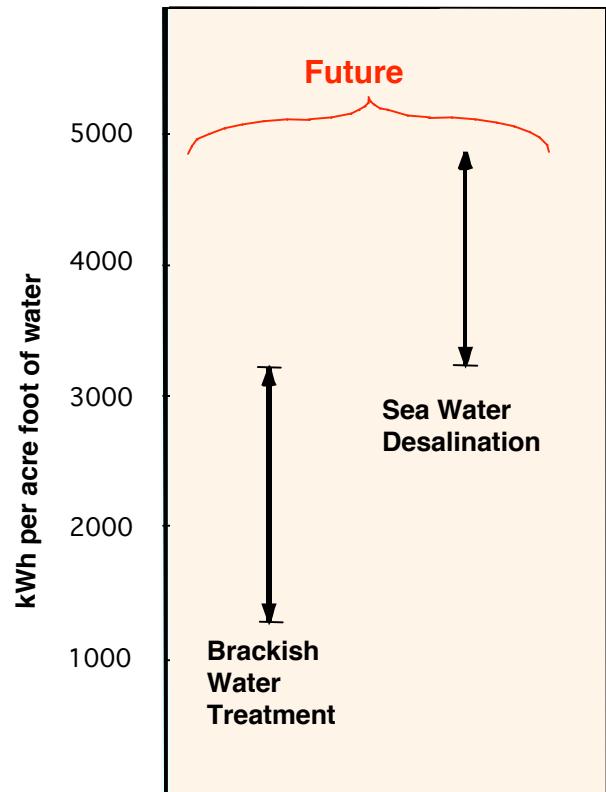
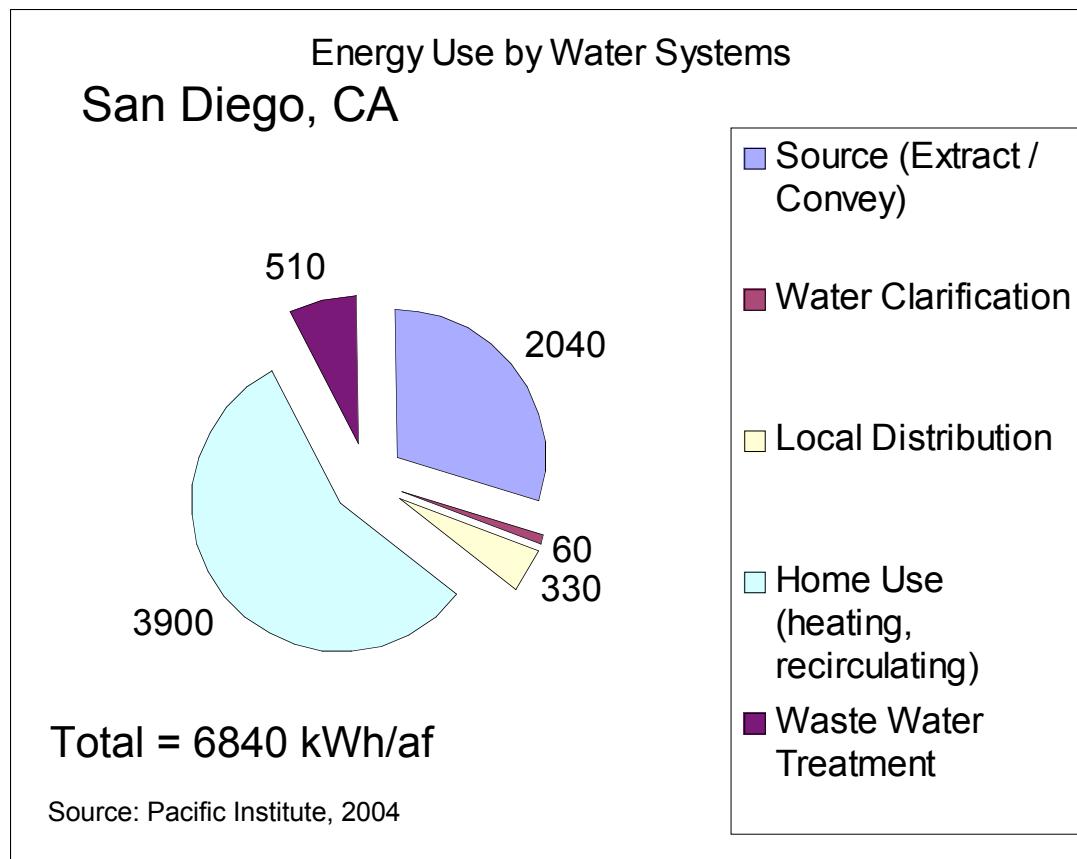
RESEARCH BY OUTLOOK STAFF; MAP BY LARIS KARKUS AND GENE THORP THE WASHINGTON POST

## The Unfathomable

**Swept Away** **Still Missing**

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By A.J. WILLINGHA  
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Lady of Good  
in Wheaton.

7% of Electricity Consumption used for water pumping, and as much as 25% of the consumption related to water use.



**DWR has just completed 2 cycles of Desal Awards, with some inland, some coastal/surf zone, but none yet at sea**

# CADWR 2<sup>ND</sup> ROUND DESAL. AWARDS, ALL ARE KWH-DEPENDENT, NONE SOLAR, NONE OTEC



State of California  
Department of Water Resources

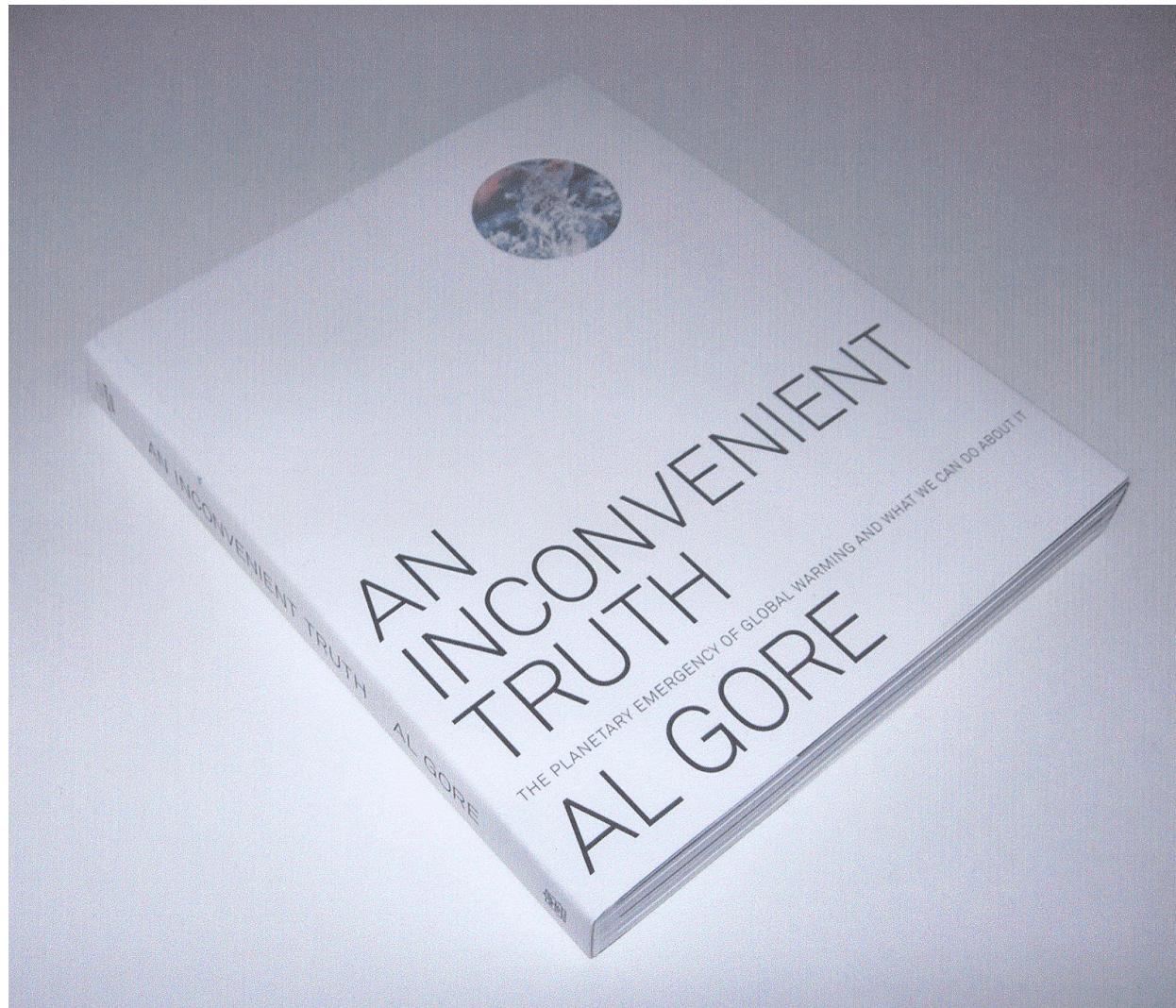
PROPOSITION 50, CHAPTER 6(a) DESALINATION GRANTS – 2006 FUNDING CYCLE  
Summaries of Projects Recommended for Funding  
(6/12/2006)

Project Category	Number of Awarded Projects / Total Applications Received	Awarded Projects Total Cost	Awarded Grant Amount	State Share to Total Cost
Construction Projects	3/12	\$43,015,000	\$9,000,000	20%
Feasibility Studies	4/7	\$1,463,000	\$724,000	49%
Pilot & Demonstrations	9/17	\$22,873,787	\$8,954,577	39%
Research & Development	7/13	\$7,951,510	\$2,860,964	36%
Total	23/49	\$75,303,297	\$21,539,541	28%

## THE ENERGY-WATER NEXUS

WORLD-SCALE OTEC MEANS:

- ✓ NO AIR POLLUTION IMPACT
- ✓ NO ENERGY FUEL DEPLETION IMPACT
- ✓ NO BALANCE-OF-PAYMENTS “River Of \$”
- ✓ NO FOSSIL ENERGY REQUIRED
- ✓ INFINITELY SCALABLE



**EARLY 2006**

LATE  
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# The Washington Post

AN INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER

## *Heed This Warning*

The problem of climate change has become a crisis that no responsible politician can ignore.

**B**ENEATH ITS dry scientific lingo, a new analysis of global climate change by a group of NASA scientists is terrifying. Headed by climate specialist James E. Hansen, the group argues that recent global warming has been quite rapid — about 0.2 degrees Celsius over each of the past three decades — and has largely tracked climate models that predict more dramatic warming in the decades to come. If the world continues increasing carbon emissions at its current pace, by about 2 percent a year, the authors argue that the resulting warming will cause the extinction of about 60 percent of species around the world and “sea level rise of several meters per century with eventual rise of tens of meters, enough to transform global coastlines.”

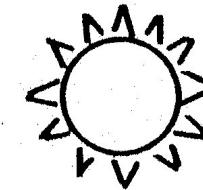
The scientists posit an alternative scenario as well, one predicated on dramatic reductions of carbon emissions. In that case, sea levels would still rise substantially and “cause problems for humanity,” and 20 percent of species would still go extinct — but the most catastrophic effects of warming might be averted. Most distressingly, they contend that humanity doesn’t have long to make up its mind whether to pursue policy changes; another decade without emissions being reduced, they said, would probably

make the alternative scenario infeasible.

The likely consequences of global warming are a hotly debated subject, and one has to be cautious about predictions concerning hugely complicated systems — such as average global temperature over time. But there is at least a decent chance that this and the many similar analyses by other reputable climatologists will prove correct. And that means that global warming represents a policy crisis responsible politicians can no longer ignore — one as potentially existential as the threat of global terrorism, only in slow motion.

Countering that threat will require regulatory initiatives and societal investments. It will require significant changes in American attitudes toward energy use and conservation. But these may prove far less wrenching than many people imagine. What it certainly also will require is a great deal of political will — political will of precisely the type the Bush administration has dedicated to a host of other issues but has assiduously avoided devoting to climate change. Most of all, it will require an end to denial — denial that the problem exists, denial that anything can be done about it if it does and denial that the problem is urgent and requires immediate attention.

# AT-SEA SOLAR- DRIVEN OCEAN DESALINATION, PLUS HYDROGEN {MOVED AS AMMONIA} PRODUCTION AND DELIVERY



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