The Global Methane Initiative

Building on the Success of the Methane to Markets Partnership

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Overview

- Launch of Global Methane Initiative
- Background on Methane
- Approach to Project Development
- Global Methane Initiative in the SEE Region□

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A Global Methane Initiative

The U.S. and Mexico have initiated an expanded and enhanced global effort on methane called the Global Methane Initiative (GMI)

Elements

- The GMI would build on the existing structure of M2M and would be supported by the revised Terms of Reference. Key elements include:
- Expanded Scope
  - Abatement and avoidance from wastewater treatment, landfills, agriculture
- Methane Action Plans
  - Ensure that all partner countries commit to develop national methane action plans to coordinate methane reduction efforts at home and abroad.
  - Developed countries provide coordinated assistance to developing countries
  - New Resource Commitments from Developed Country Partners, the International Community and Others in a Position to Do so.

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Potential Results

- Over 1500 million tons of CO2-eq reductions per year possible at low cost
- With sustained, high level commitment, a global methane effort could deliver substantial reductions
- All existing Partners and activities under M2M will become part of the Initiative.
- The Methane to Markets Partnership program materials will be modified over the coming months to reflect the enhancements and expansions of the Initiative – and a new brand will be developed.
- Additional information on the Initiative can be found at:

  www.globalmethane.org

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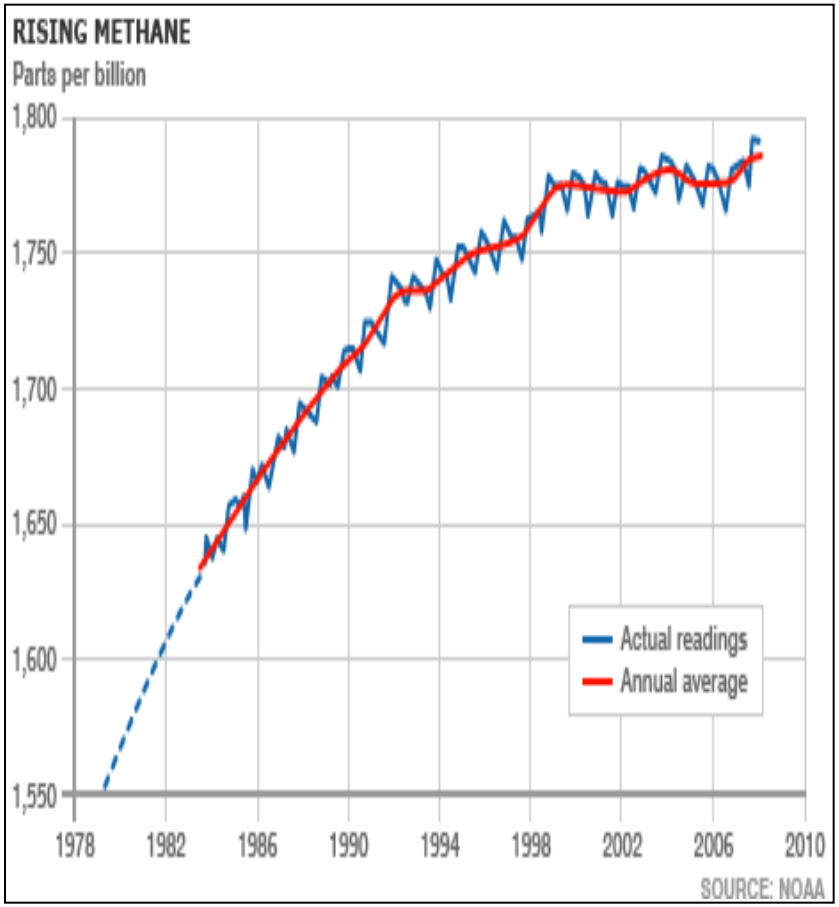
Reducing Methane is Essential in Fighting Climate Change

- Methane is the second most important GHG
  - 100-year GWP = 23
  - Lifetime = 12 years
- Concentration of methane in the atmosphere has increased by 150% in the last 260 years
- Anthropogenic methane emissions are expected to rise 23 percent by 2020
- Methane reductions are critical and can be cost-effective



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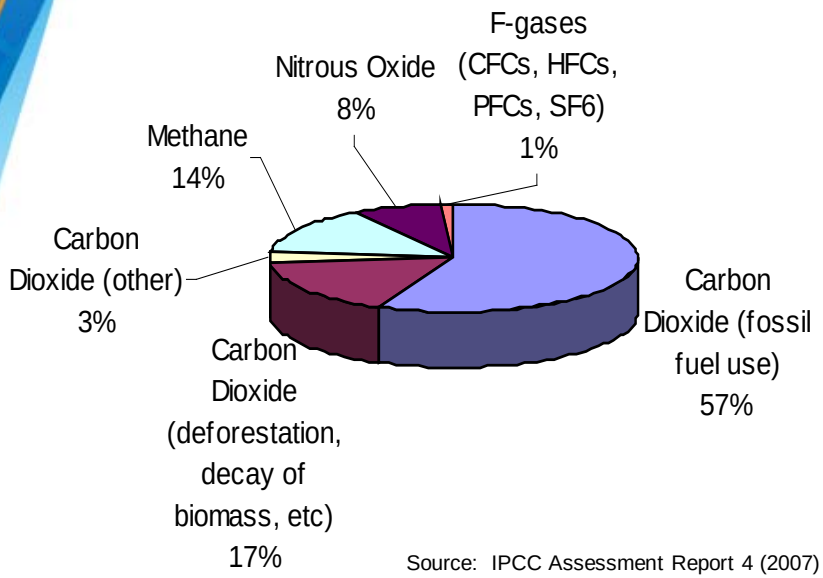
Methane Emissions Profile

Global Anthropogenic GHG Emissions by Gas (2004)



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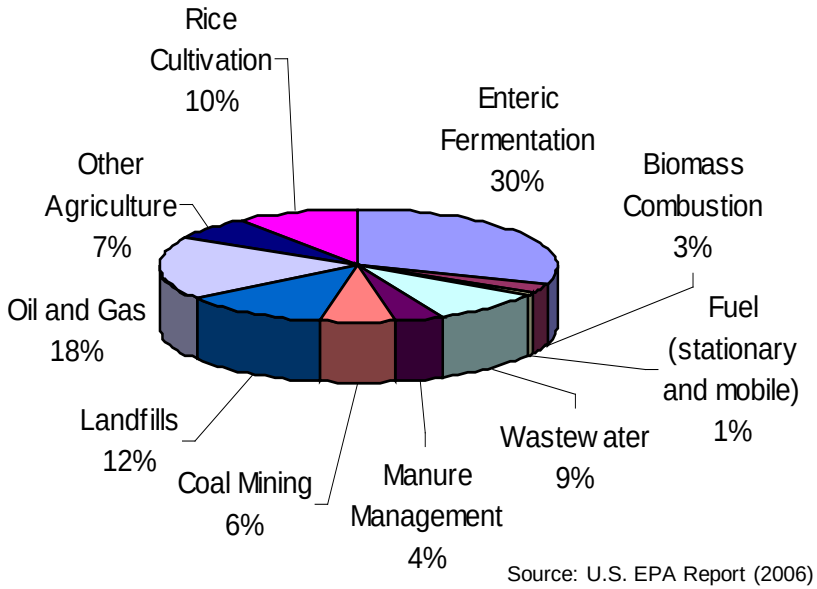
Global Anthropogenic Methane Emissions by Source (2005)



Source: U.S. EPA Report (2006)

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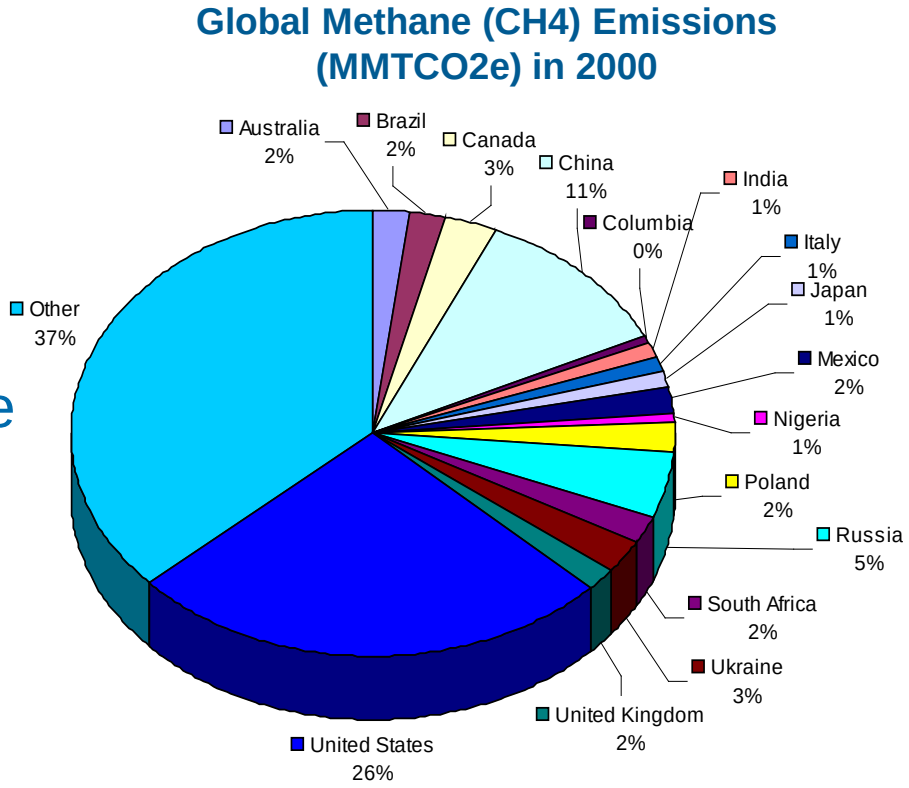
Global Landfill Methane Emissions

- Methane is produced and emitted during the anaerobic decomposition of organic material in landfills
- Globally, landfills are the 3rd largest anthropogenic source, accounting for 13 percent of emissions



Global Anthropogenic Emissions of Non-CO2 Greenhouse Gases 1990-2020, U.S. EPA, June 2006

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Cost-Effective Projects Recover and Use Methane

★ Sources of Renewable Energy

★ Landfills

Coal Mines

★ Wastewater

★ Livestock Waste

Oil and Gas Systems

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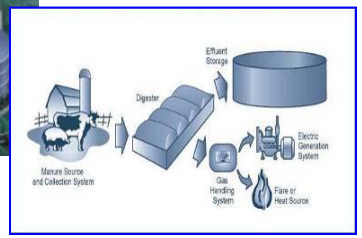
Strategic Approach to Project Development

- **Strategic Focus**
  - Target technical assistance and services to countries with greatest project potential
  - Initiate capacity building and outreach efforts w/ all GMI countries
  - Leverage relationship with World Bank, Asian Development Bank, International Solid Waste Association



- **Key Activities**
  - Technical Assistance and Project Identification
  - Data collection, assessment reports, pre-feasibility studies
  - Tool Development and Technology Transfer
  - LFG generation model, Coal mine methane and Landfill database
  - Training and Capacity Building
  - Clearing houses, training workshops, study tours, peer matching

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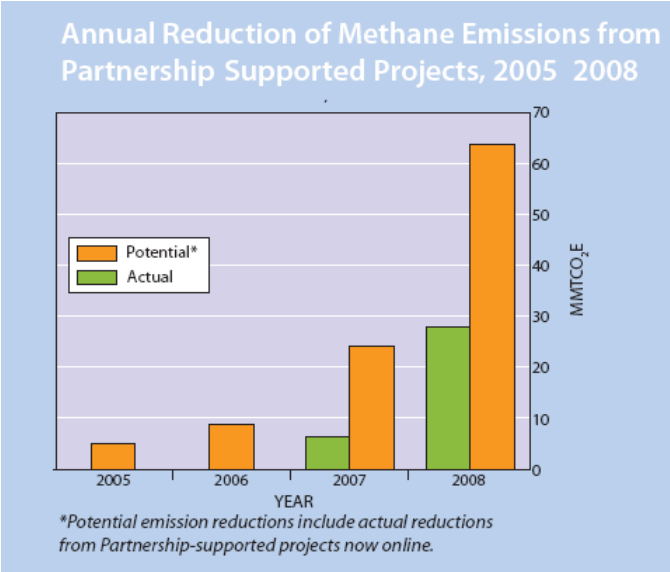
GMI - Delivering Results and a Model for Future Success

- **Delivering Results Today**
  - Supporting 300 projects
  - Reducing emissions by 27 $MMTCO_2e$ annually, and when fully implemented 63 $MMTCO_2e$/year
- **Creating Pathway for Future Success**
  - 80 technology transfer and capacity building events in 23 countries
  - Showcased 225 project opportunities at the 2007 and 2010 M2M Project Expos
  - Developed a suite of tools and technical resources to help overcome barriers to project development
- **Complements UNFCCC**
  - Increases the number and quality of projects entering the carbon market project pipelines
  - Provides technical assistance and capacity building for long-term success



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Significant Benefits of Methane Recovery and Use Projects

BENEFITS OF METHANE PROJECTS

- Reduced waste of a valuable fuel and important local energy source and
- Improved air quality, water quality and reduced odors
- Reduced greenhouse gas emissions
- Progress toward sustainable development goals
- Economic growth and energy security

BUT BARRIERS EXIST…

- Lack of awareness of emission levels and value of lost fuel
- Lack of information on and training in available technologies and management practices
- Traditional industry practices
- Regulatory and legal issues
- Limited methane markets and infrastructure
- Uncertain investment climate

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GMI Work In Southeastern-Eastern Europe

- Bulgaria
  - Assessment of major municipal sites – development of business plans for two best prospects
  - Will be launching grant to being developing LFGE network for region
- Poland:
  - Inventory development – to delineate sites and potential project opportunities
  - Instytut Nafty i Gazu (INIG) has developed landfill inventory, performed assessments and Best Technologies Handbook. Will be launching new grant to develop financial assessment software, training and technical assistance to potential sites.

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GMI Work Continued

- Russia
- Ukraine
- Serbia
  - Have just recently begun work. Will be launching grant for inventory development, study tour, and site assessment

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