Coalbed Methane Outreach Program (CMOP)

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Global Emissions of Coal Mine Methane (CMM)

- CMM emissions represent ~8% of global anthropogenic methane
- China and US are leading emitters
- Ventilation systems are most significant source of CMM emissions
- M2M Partners account for about 85% of all ventilation air methane (VAM) emissions
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CMM Emissions (MMTCO2e)

CMM Emissions Avoided (MMTCO2e)
Benefits of Recovering and Utilizing Coal Mine Methane (CMM)

- Provides local clean energy source
- Improves air quality and mine safety
- Reduces greenhouse gas emissions
- Generates revenue
- Increases mine productivity
CMM Recovery and Use

- Drained gas
- Abandoned mines
- Surface mines
- Gob gas
- Ventilation air methane
CMM End-Use Opportunities

High-Quality Gas
- Natural gas pipelines
- Vehicle fuel (LNG)
- Local distribution

Medium-Quality Gas
- Power generation
- Combined heat & power
- District heating
- Industrial applications
- Fuel cells
- Coal drying
- Boiler fuel

Low-Quality Gas & Ventilation Air Methane
- Oxidation
- Combustion air
- Lean burn turbines
CMM and CBM in India

- **CMM emissions:** 6th globally
  - 14.3 MMTCO2e (estimated 2005), ~ 1 billion cubic meters
- **Ranks 3rd in global coal production**
- **About 15% of production is from underground mines**
  - ~24 underground mines classified as “Degree III” gassy mines
- **Estimated CBM resource base:** 1.5 to 2 trillion cubic meters
  - Leased CBM blocks; >30 core holes drilled; 2 pilot wells drilled
- **Challenges for CMM/CBM development include:**
  - Technology development due to cost and lack of investment capital
  - Lack of natural gas transportation infrastructure
  - Ambiguous policies regarding CMM development
• Currently no CMM projects operating, but some drainage in place

• Noteworthy projects / activities
  • Global Environment Fund project: to demonstrate commercial feasibility of utilizing methane gas recovered before, during, and after coal extraction. CMM to be used for power generation and CNG for mine vehicles.
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- Voluntary climate change program
- Promote the profitable recovery and use of coal mine methane.
- Support Coal Mine Methane (CMM) project development
- International Methane to Markets Partnership
US EPA and Government of India to establish an India CBM / CMM Clearinghouse
- Memorandum of Understanding signed in Washington, DC November 16, 2006
- Ministry of Coal to take lead on CMM issues
- Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas to take lead on CBM issues
- EPA to provide multiple year funding through a cooperative agreement
- Clearinghouse to become in-country source of expertise for project developers, investors, and technology vendors through technical training, building of database, study tours, website
- US Trade & Development Agency to support a kickoff event (tentatively scheduled mid-2007)
Carbon Dioxide Equivalents

Coal fired Power plant
300 MW_{th} = ½ million cars =

Coal mine VAM
800 000 m³/h, 1%
(50 000 t CH₄/yr)
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