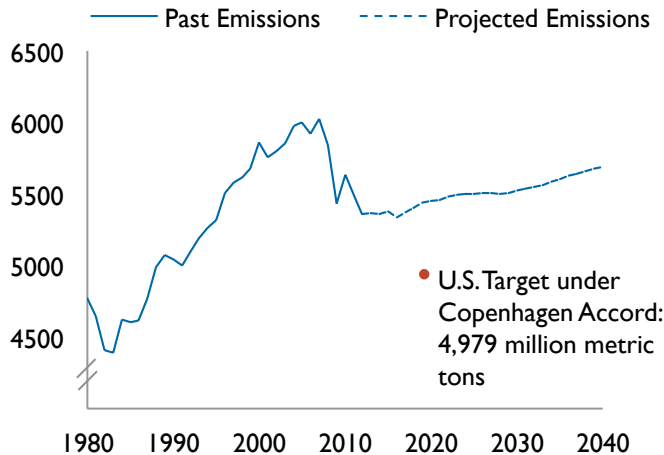
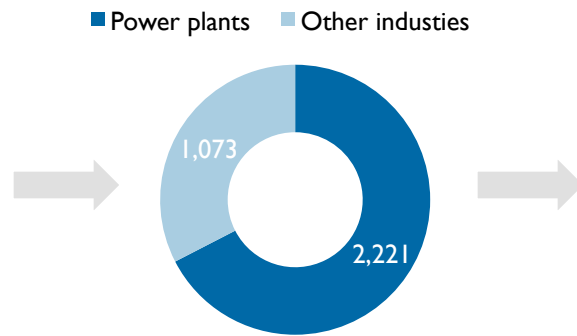


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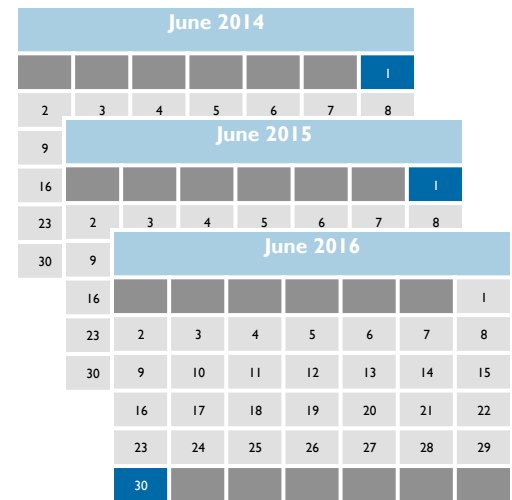
Total CO2 Emissions from the Consumption of Energy
(million metric tons)



Reported Greenhouse Gas Emissions, 2011
(million metric tons)



Key Dates for Establishing Carbon Pollution Standards for Power Plants



June 1, 2014: EPA issues proposed standards
June 1, 2015: EPA issues final standards
June 30, 2016: States submit implementation plans

Analysis

- In 2009, President Obama pledged that by 2020 the U.S. would reduce its greenhouse gas emissions to 4,979 million metric tons
- According to a 2011 report from the Environmental Protection Agency, power plants are a major source of greenhouse gas emissions
- With present-day emissions well above goal, Obama will direct the EPA to complete carbon pollution standards for new and existing power plants by June 1, 2015; states must submit plans for implementing the standards by June 30, 2016