



**Alternative Energy Systems**  
Topics for Sustainable Energy Conference  
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[The following are my lecture notes for hosting a 3-day seminar on the wide range of Alternative Energy Systems that are available today, which can be combined into larger, integrated systems that can easily surpass the energy-density and convenience of Crude Oil.]

**Peak Oil Commentary**

- Plastics
- E-Waste; Disposable Consumer Electronics
- Military Usage

**Nuclear Commentary**

- Hidden Inefficiencies for Just Boiling Water
- Limited Lifetime for a Never-Ending Source
- Clean-Up & Maintenance Costs
- Transportation Costs
- Storage Costs; Yucca Mtn.
- Public Health Hazards
- Public Stigmas; “Not-in-my-backyard!”

**Discussion on each Alternative Technology Base will include these aspects:**

- Visibility vs. Popularity
- Drawbacks
- Hidden Advantages
- Large Scale Infrastructure vs. Home-Based Systems
- Relative Infrastructure Replacement Costs

**Weather Based Systems**

1.) Solar

- Passive
- Active
- Solar Cells vs. Mirrors

2.) Wind:

- Driven Prop vs. Driving Prop Designs; Aurica Labs
- Wind Speed Curves; 2 to 20 mph vs. 25 to 50 mph
- Vertical Axis Increases Efficiency and Reliability

3.) Hydro-Systems:

- Rain Run-off Systems
- High Pressure Turbines

- High Volume Water Wheels
- Tidal and Wave Systems

### **Natural/Renewable Fuels**

#### 4.) Bio-Fuels:

- Ethanol from Grains, Revive Small Farms
- Methanol from Saw Mill & Paper Wastes
- Methane from Feed Yards and Sewage Treatment
- Grain/Nut/Legume Oils and Plastics
- Dispose Genetically Modified Grains; Aurica Labs

#### 5.) Hydrogen Fuel Cells:

- Solar H Generation;
- Break-Even Energy Curves
- 6000psi Hydraulic Connectors

#### 5.a) Rare-Earth Recovery Systems; Aurica Labs

- Recovery Rare-Earth Elements from E-wastes
- H from Post-Consumer Plastics
- O2 from CO2 & Toxics Wastes
- Carbon for water filters, tires, composites, diamond abrasives, graphene, etc
- Rare Earth Elements sold back to Semi-Conductor Manufacturing

#### 6.) Thermal Systems:

- Thermopiles
- Peltier Stacks; Recover Waste Heat from Power Plants & Foundries; Aurica Labs
- Ground Sourcing
- Geo-Solar, Passive
- Hydro-Solar, Oceanic

#### 7.) Steam Turbines:

- Solar Mirrors
- Porous, High Pressure Fuel Cells; Aurica Labs
- Geo-Thermal Drilling; Aurica Labs

#### 8.) Storage

- Thermal/Solar
- Chemical/Batteries
- Momentum/Flywheel
- Potential/Height

### **9.) Conclusions**

- Integration of Multiple Systems matches the “Convenience-Density” of Oil
- Large Scale Infrastructures vs. Home-Based Retro-Kits
- Government Support, Tax Incentives, Subsidies
- Industry Support, Invest in New Infrastructure, Manufacture Home-Based Systems