



Fulfilling America's Pledge:

How States, Cities, and Businesses Are Leading the
United States to a Low-Carbon Future

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KEY FINDINGS

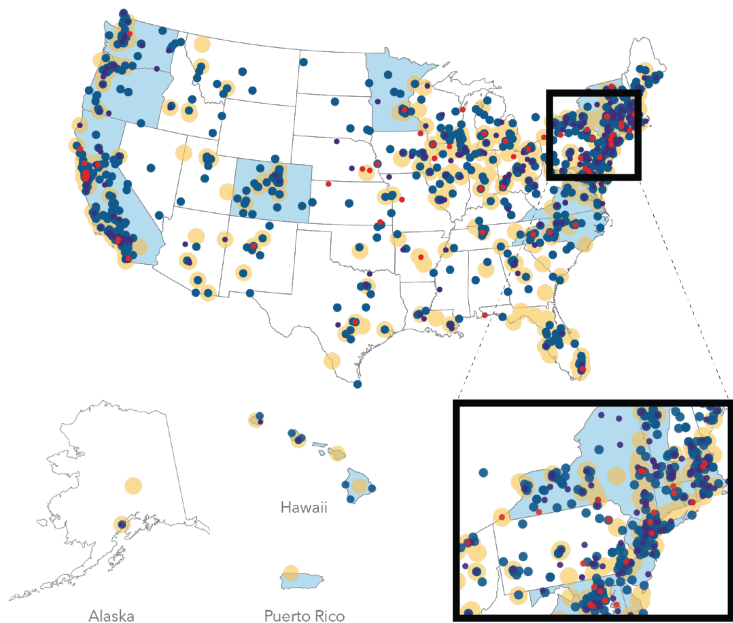
- ▶ Today, we are almost halfway to the original U.S. target under the Paris Agreement (26-28 percent below 2005 levels by 2025).
- ▶ Current federal and real economy commitments, combined with market forces, could drive U.S. emissions to 17 percent below 2005 levels by 2025, roughly two-thirds of the way to the original U.S. target.
- ▶ The Fulfilling America's Pledge report presents a roadmap for 10 Climate Action Strategies and the estimate that fully implementing these measures could drive emissions down further, to 21 percent below 2005 levels by 2025.

- ▶ Broader engagement of this real economy coalition, within realistic legal and political constraints, has the potential to reduce emissions by more than 24 percent below 2005 levels by 2025, within striking distance of the Paris pledge.

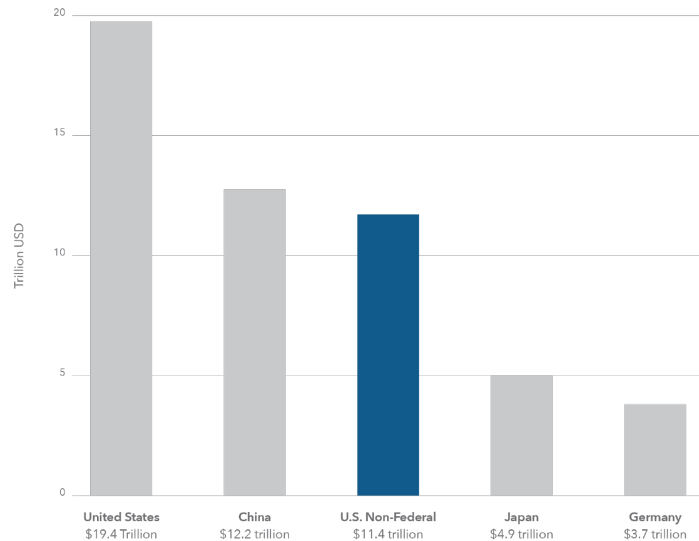
This analysis demonstrates that essential deep decarbonization (80 percent or more by 2050) can be led by the bottom-up efforts of real economy actors—but only with strong collaboration and engagement.

3500+

Over 3,500 U.S. states, cities, and businesses have pledged support for the Paris Agreement



- States (17)
- Cities, Counties and Tribes (540)
- Businesses and Investors (1,914)
- Faith-Based and Cultural Organizations (253)
- Higher Education (343)



Population (2018)
173 Million
53% of all Americans

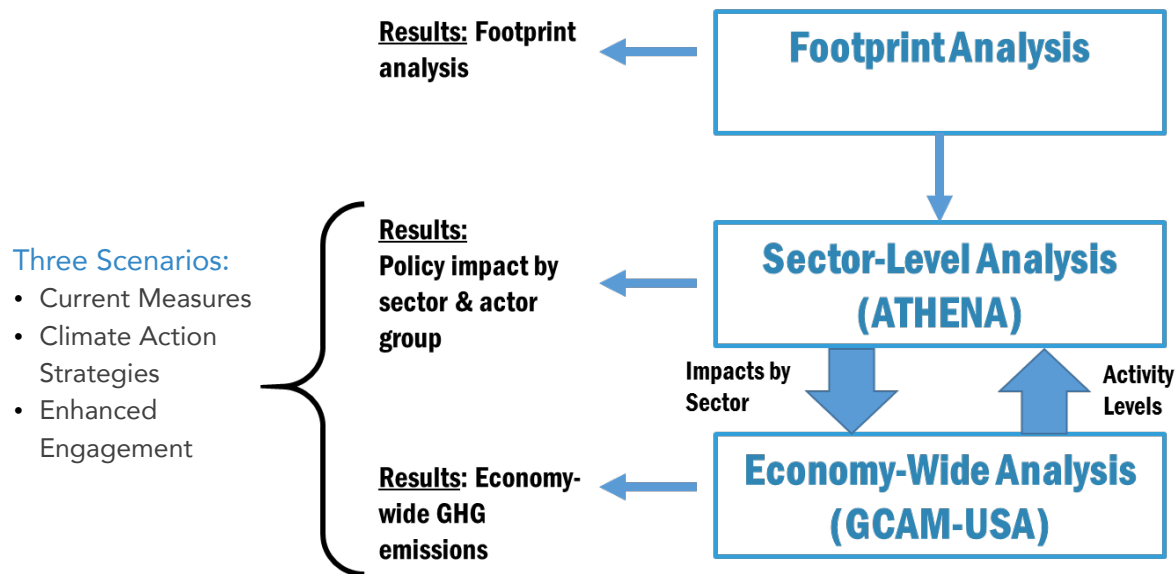


Gross Domestic Product (2018)
\$11.4 Trillion
58% of total U.S. GDP



GHG Emissions (2018)
2.4 GT
37% of U.S. GHG Emissions

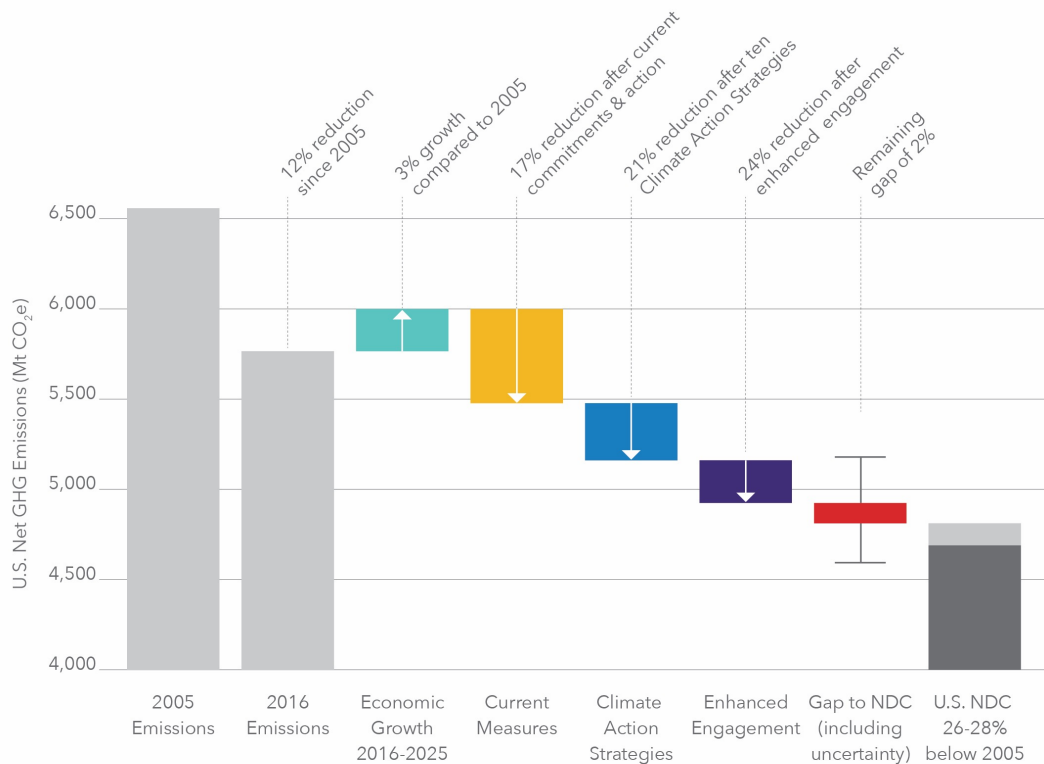
MODEL Behind the innovative modeling of America's Pledge



The analysis supporting *Fulfilling America's Pledge* is the most comprehensive exploration to date of the economy-wide implications of mitigation actions by real economy actors in the U.S.

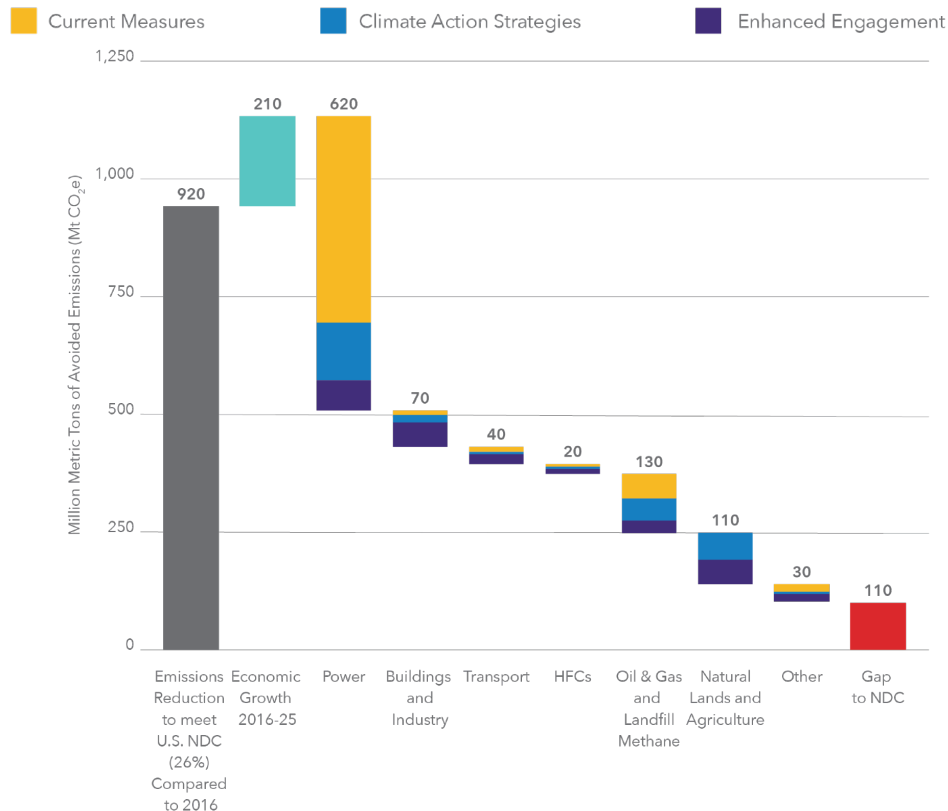
PROGRESS

U.S. emissions have declined almost halfway to the target under the Paris Agreement



SECTORS

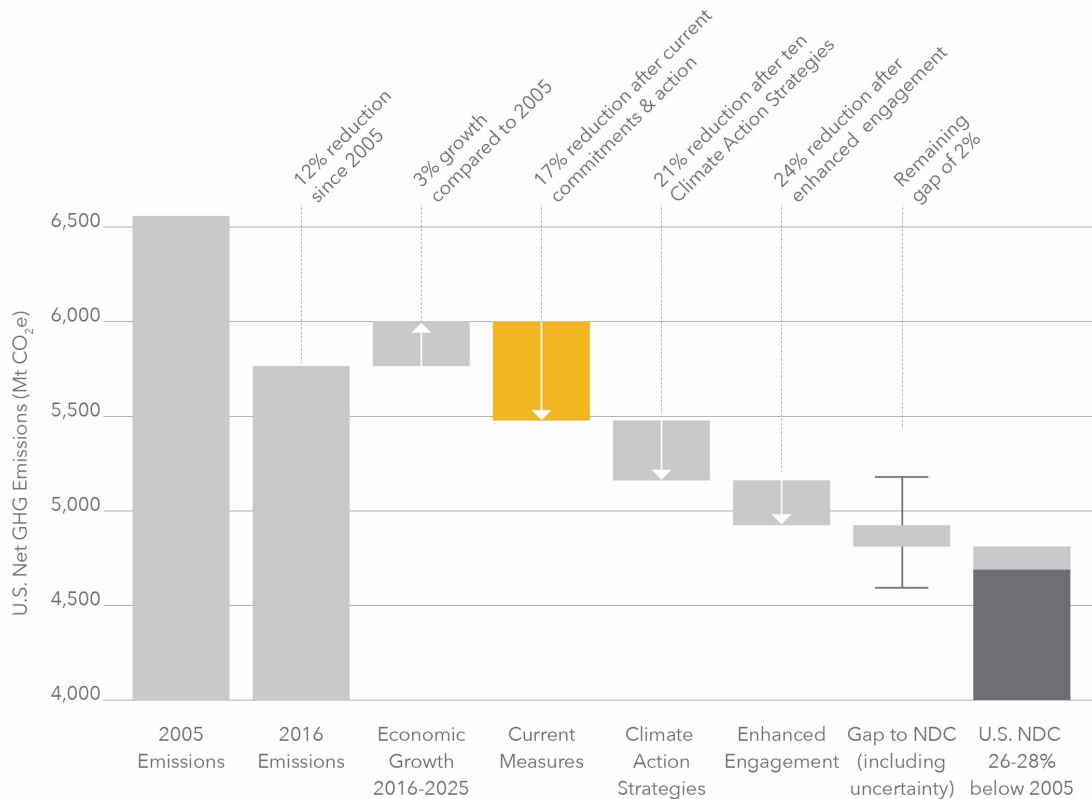
Providing a detailed picture of how emissions evolve in each major sector of the economy by 2025



Broader engagement of this real economy coalition, within realistic legal and political limits, has the potential to reduce U.S. emissions by more than 1,000 Mt CO₂e (to 24% below 2005 levels by 2025).

CURRENT

U.S. real economy actors are already cutting emissions and scaling clean energy



Current policies and existing pledges from real economy actors, along with market forces and technology change, could deliver economy-wide emissions reductions of 17% below 2005 levels by 2025 taking the nation two-thirds of the way to its Paris pledge.



Existing GHG emissions reduction targets could cut annual emissions by 500 Mt CO₂e by 2025



State, city, and business clean energy policies and goals could increase demand for renewable generation to 500 terawatt-hours (TWh) by 2025; enough to power 56 million homes for a year.



Energy efficiency policies enacted by states, cities, and utilities could result in annual energy savings of over 200 TWh per year by 2025



Zero-emissions vehicles (ZEVs) mandates would lead to having 4 million new ZEVs on the road by 2025



State and city commitments to sustainable transportation networks could cut annual vehicle miles traveled by 36 billion miles, compared with business-as-usual projections by 2025



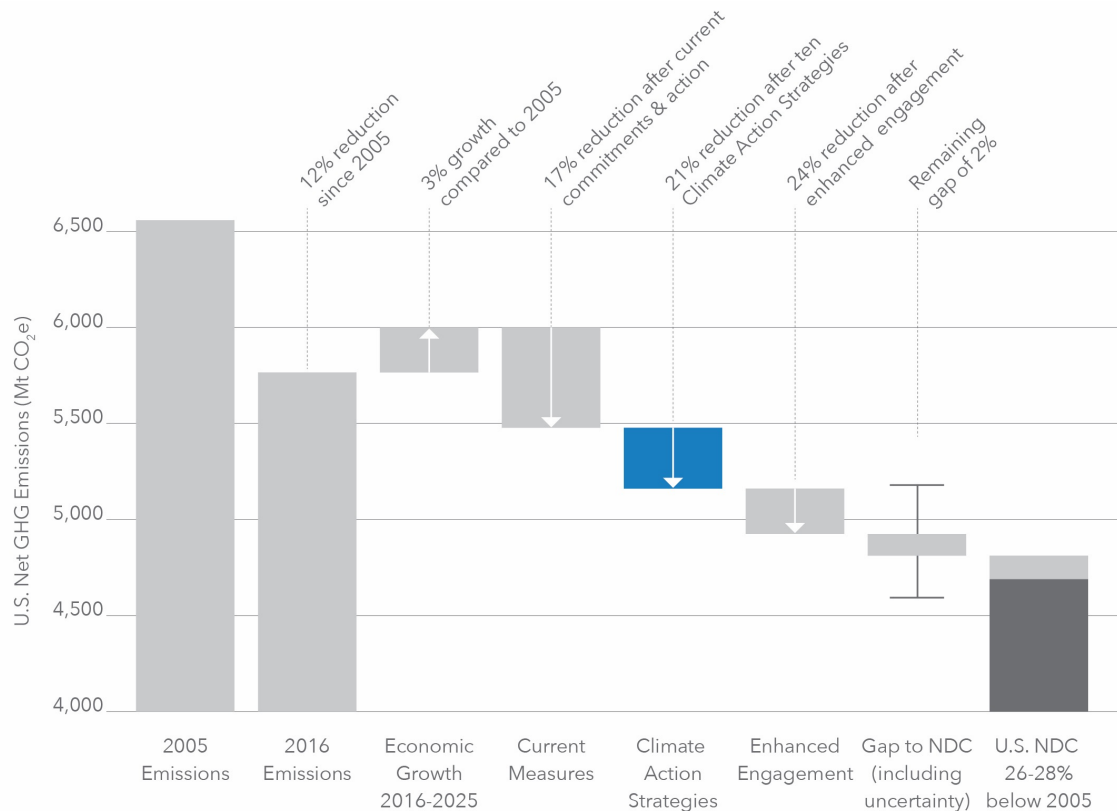
State, city, and business initiatives to cut hydrofluorocarbon (HFC) emissions could reduce these emissions by 6 percent from 2015 levels by 2025



Policies and corporate actions designed to address fugitive methane leaks from oil and gas operations could cut O&G methane emissions by 17 percent by 2025, relative to 2005 levels.

ACTION






10 Climate Action Strategies represent high-impact, near-term emissions reduction opportunities



Cities, states, businesses, and other actors taking additional actions across 10 key areas could drive emissions down further, to 21% below 2005 levels by 2025.

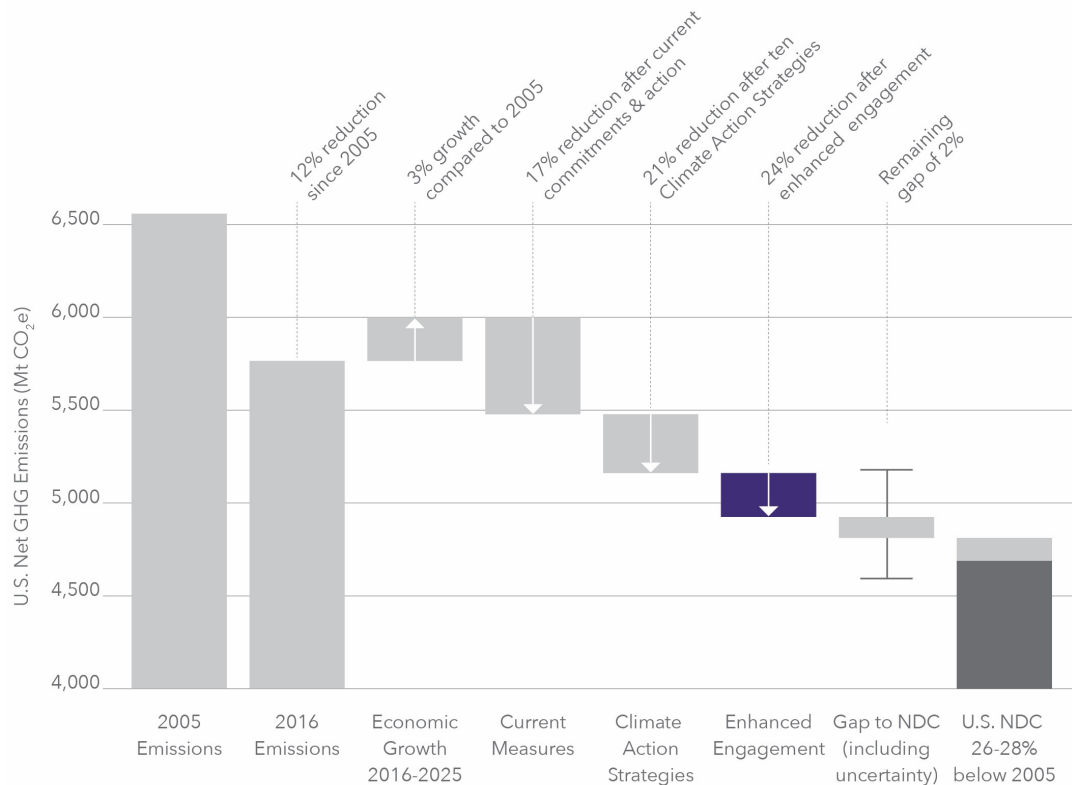
ACTION

10 Climate Action Strategies representing high-impact, near-term emissions reduction opportunities

-  #1. Double down on renewable energy targets
-  #2. Accelerate the retirement of coal power
-  #3. Encourage residential and commercial building efficiency retrofits
-  #4. Electrify building energy use
-  #5. Accelerate electric vehicle adoption
-  #6. Phase down super-polluting hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs)
-  #7. Stop methane leaks at the wellhead
-  #8. Reduce methane leaks in cities
-  #9. Develop regional strategies for carbon sequestration on natural and working lands
-  #10. Form state coalitions for carbon pricing

BEYOND

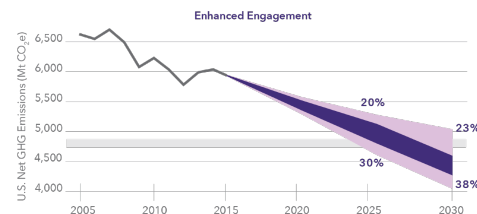
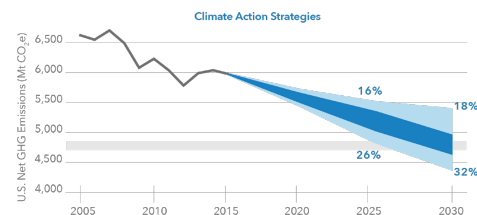
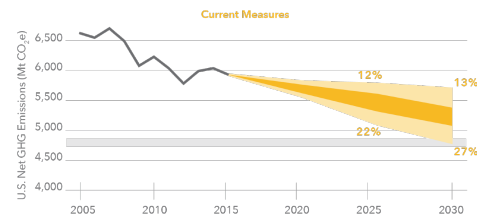
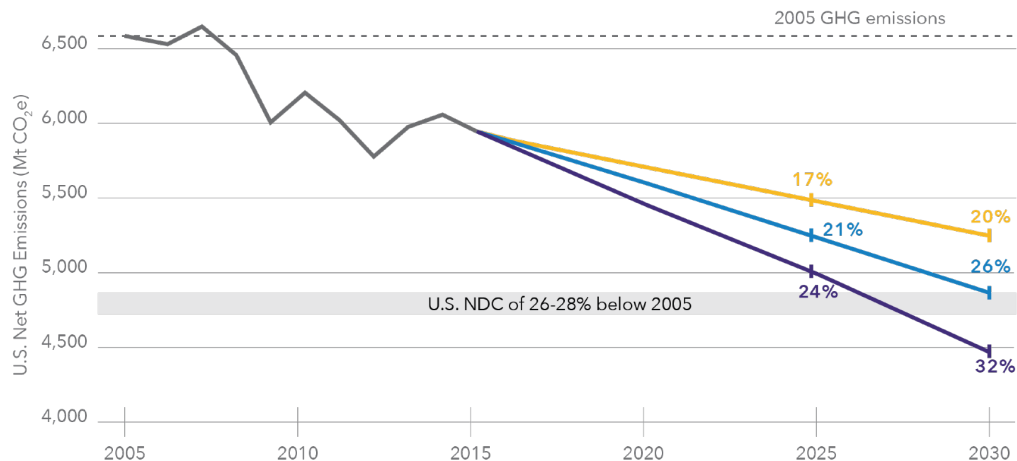
Real economy actors can drive change even faster



Bolder action by states, cities and businesses – within realistic legal and political limits – has the potential to reduce emissions by more than 24% below 2005 levels by 2025. This would be within striking distance of the Paris pledge

ACTION

Near-term action sets the stage for even faster emissions cuts in the future





Just the beginning of a new phase of America's climate action

The climate leadership of states, cities, and businesses has already made an impact, and this impact will only grow as additional action is taken—in three ways:

▶ **Inspiring Through Demonstration**

First, the emphatic embrace of climate action opportunities from real economy actors continues to inform and inspire broader action across the United States economy.

▶ **Deploying Real Solutions to Change the World Today**

Second, the commitments and actions taken by states, cities, and businesses are already making a significant impact on the U.S. emissions trajectory, and expanding the set of actors and actions can drive emissions down even further.

Building the Groundwork for Future Progress

- ▶ The implementation of commitments and ambition by real economy actors allows for more significant reductions over time. The groundswell of action will set the tone for the future of climate ambition and will make possible more ambitious future efforts.

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