

- Inefficient energy use in the United States and throughout the world may worsen global environmental conditions such as acid rain and the diminution of the ozone layer of the atmosphere.

To help counteract these trends, DOE's Energy Conservation Program will continue its support for basic and targeted research to provide energy-efficient technologies to secure the nation's future. High priority will be placed on increasing fuel flexibility and diversifying alternatives to oil, particularly in the transportation and industrial sectors. Emphasis will be placed on cost-effective new technologies that improve efficiency, particularly those that can enhance U.S. industrial productivity and gain technical leadership in key areas of international competition. And finally, when energy inefficiencies are reduced, environmental pollutants of many kinds also are reduced.