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# Evolving Infrastructures: Kewa Gas Station

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# Abstract

- The primary factor of increasing greenhouse gas emissions and global climate change are due to the burning of fossil fuels, mainly in transportation.
- Tribal lands contain prospective renewable energy resources for sustainable technologies that are clean alternative resources of energy creating accessible opportunities for Native American tribes to these advanced technologies based on the location of their reservation and communities.
- Energy sustainability will play an important future role in clean and energy development.

# Introduction

- Tribal Energy Program
  - Provides financial and technical assistance for promoting renewable energy on tribal lands
- Santo Domingo Pueblo
  - Located 25 miles north of Albuquerque and is among the 19 Pueblo Indian tribes of New Mexico
- Research Objective
  - Explore the scope of renewable energy and energy efficiencies as a means of tribally owned gas stations.
  - Transition to renewable resources as alternatives for economic development.
  - Reduce the reliance of fossil fuels.

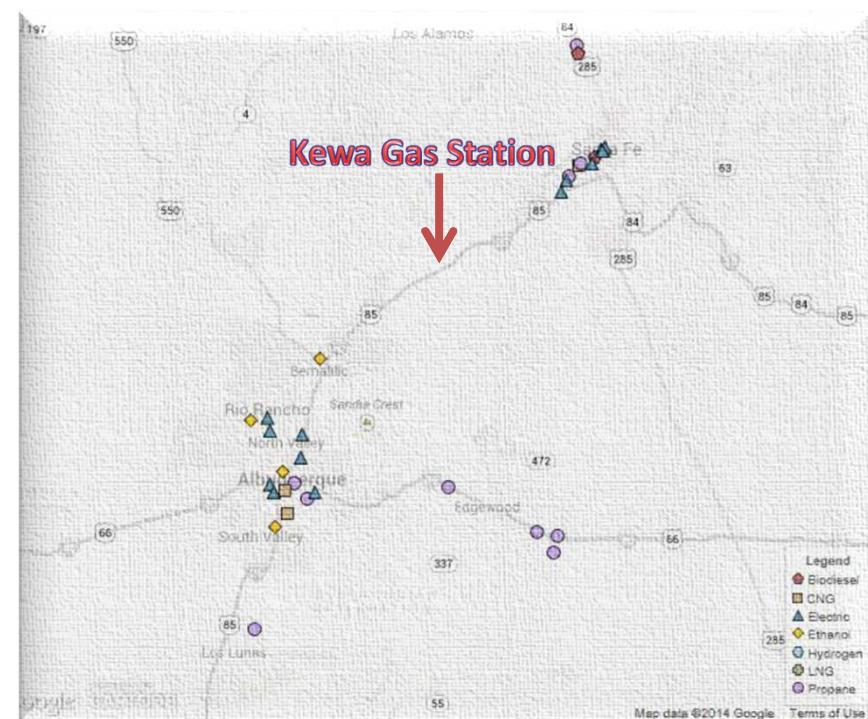
## Tribal Energy Program



# Background

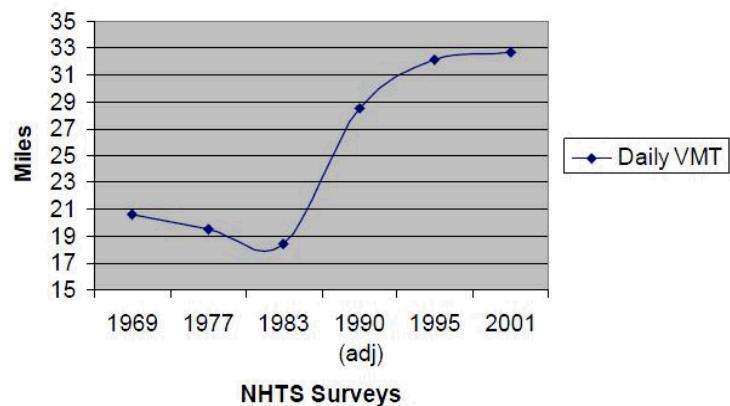
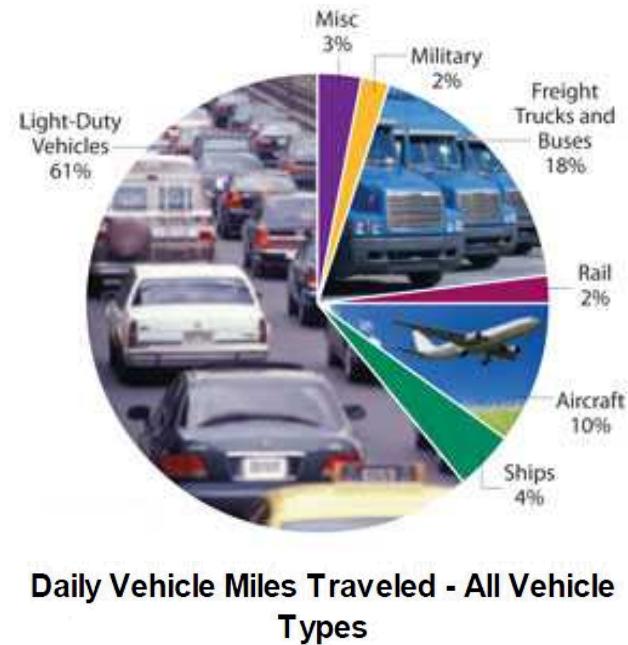
## ■ Kewa Gas Station

- Located on U.S. I-25 Exit 259 – the area's key north-south artery
- Facility serves as the Santo Domingo Pueblo tribe's primary wholesale and retail operation
  - 20 retail gas pumps
  - Local food franchise and market
  - Sells approx. 1700 gallons of fuel/day to approx. 500 vehicles



# Background

- Climate change impacts
  - Greenhouse gases
    - Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), Halons, methane(CH<sub>4</sub>), ozone, and nitrous oxide (N<sub>2</sub>O).
  - Transportation produces as close as to 30% of all the polluting emissions in the United States
  - Passenger cars and light trucks generates 61% of U.S. transportation emissions.
- 1 gallon of gasoline emits 24 lbs. of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions
- Kewa Gas station contributes to 162 tons of CO<sub>2</sub> coming from the average 500 motorists traveling on I-25



# Background

- Renewable resource
  - Photovoltaic (PV) solar arrays
  - Wind turbines
  - Biomass-derived energy



# Biofuels/Alternative Green Fuels

- Biodiesel
  - Made from raw materials and animal fat
  - Contains no petroleum
  - Contains good lubricating properties
  - B20 fuel
    - 20% biodiesel mixed with 80% petrol
  - Water eutrophication
    - Phosphorus and fertilizer in water
- Ethanol
  - Clear colorless-alcohol prepared from sugar and starch found in agricultural crops
  - Cleaner and diminishes greenhouse gas emissions
  - E10
    - A blend of 10% ethanol volume and 90% gasoline
  - E85
    - 85% ethanol blend with 15% containing gasoline remaining
  - Water use
    - 20 gal. of water → 1 gal. of ethanol

# EVSE Charging Stations

- Electric Powered Vehicles
  - Hybrid Electric Vehicles (HEV)
  - Plug-in-hybrid electric vehicle (PHEV)
- Charging Station
  - Requires power to charge either from a grid or renewable sources.
    - Level 1
      - Single phase coupler – 120 VAC at 16 amps
    - Level 2
      - Supplies 240 VAC at 80 amps
    - Level 3
      - Very high voltage. Charges within a range of 400-600 VDC with 400 amps maximum



# Alternating factors

## Assess, Replace, and Upgrade

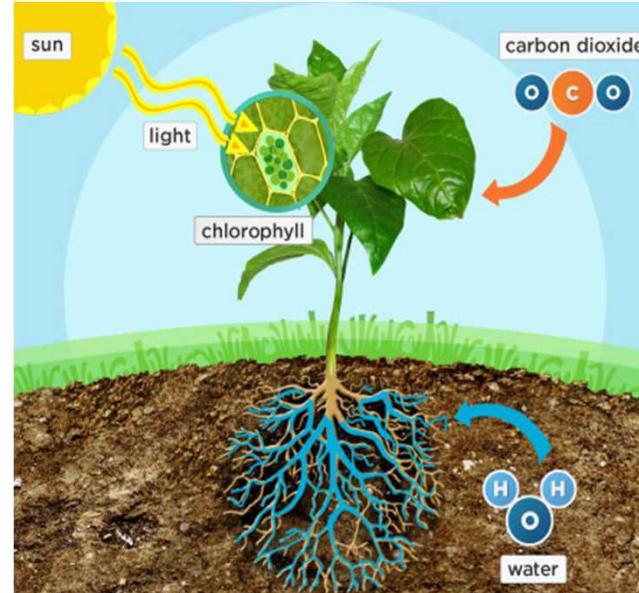
- Heating and cooling systems
- Water heating systems
- Refrigeration and freezer appliances
  - ENERGY STAR Certified
- Lighting
  - Replace the incandescent lamp (light bulb)
    - Only 10% light conversion
  - Upgrade to Compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs)



# Alternative Factors

## The Photosynthesis Method

- Instillation of trees, landscaping and vegetation
  - Trees feed on carbons into their roots (biomass).
- Green roofs
  - Absorbs heat and acts as an insulator
  - Reduces energy cost for heating
  - Beneficial for winter seasons



# Overcoming the hurdles

- Federal Programs
  - Providing grants, project funding, loans, and green tags
    - U.S. Department of Energy/Tribal Energy Program
    - U.S. Department of Interior
    - U.S. Department of Agriculture
    - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- Strategic Energy planning
  - Creating opportunity for tribes to engage long-term commodities and support tribal energy projects
- Development and Culture.
  - Empowering the tribal people to stay traditional in preserving their culture and upgrading to renewable resources, which will enhance tribal energy efficiencies.

# Conclusions

- Greenhouse Gases
- Climate Change
- Transportation
- Green Gas Station
- Renewable resources
  - Biofuels
  - EVSE Charging Stations
    - Vehicle to Grid or Solar powered chargers
- Federal Grants and Strategic Energy planning
  - Creates opportunity for tribes to engage long-term commodities and support tribal energy projects
- Further tribal economic development investments



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