

The cost of utility- sale renewables have declined dramatically in recent years. Texas is a good example that we should not rely on fossil fuels. We need a clean energy future. The goal should be that fossil fuels are only used as a back-up resource. But the cheapest, best thing that we can do is to push for and fund energy efficiency projects. That is the most bang for our buck, regardless of what fuel we use to power the grid. This is a no-brainer.

"Investments in energy efficiency programs and solar energy have cut the region's energy use by 15%, and continued expansions of efficiency and solar could result in as much as a 25% reduction, conferring significant savings and carbon reductions".

<https://acadiacenter.org/new-england-governors-energy-vision-shifting-power-on-the-regional-electricity-grid/>

Fossil fuel development, apart from being a big driver of climate change has been a big contributor to health problems, especially among the poor where many of these refineries, cracker plants, fracking well, etc. are located in close proximity. We saw with the pandemic how pollution caused pre-existing health issues were exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. Fossil fuels make our country weaker, not stronger. Using as many clean energy sources as we can is a win all ways around.

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