



FOAM

INFORMATION ABOUT SPRAY FOAM **BOOK 4**

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INSIDE: a high performance SPF system that advances sustainability in homes.






A silhouette of a person holding a wind turbine against a sunset background with a large tree. The scene is set in a field with tall grass, and the sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow. The person is standing to the right of the tree, holding the wind turbine high in the air. The tree is a large, leafy deciduous tree with a thick trunk and many branches. The overall mood is peaceful and sustainable.

Covestro's
Spray Polyurethane Foam contribution
to Covestro's
Sustainable Development Program

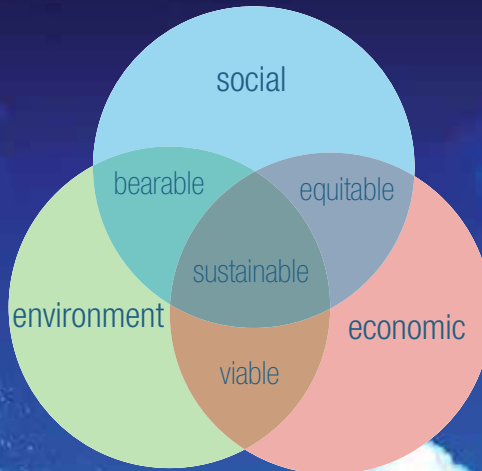
What is Sustainable Development?

Sustainability is an abstract concept subject to interpretation.

Covestro **defines sustainability as follows:**

-  Sustainability is an attribute of a system
-  Sustainability is achieving commercial success through solid business models in a way that meets the needs of our employees, society, and protects the environment and natural resources
-  Sustainable development meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs

Pillars of Sustainability



- **Environmental**
- **Social**
- **Economic**

At the 2005 World Summit it was noted that sustainability requires the reconciliation of environmental, social and economic demands - the “three pillars” of sustainability. This view has been expressed as an illustration using three overlapping ellipses indicating that the three pillars are not mutually exclusive and can be mutually reinforcing.

Source: Johann Dreo - Sustainable development 2006

Environmental Sustainable Development

What we know:

- Fossil fuels are a finite source of energy
- Burning fossil fuels emits green house gases
- Energy efficiency in buildings conserves resources such as fossil fuels
- Buildings insulated with spray polyurethane foam will typically use 30 percent less energy for heating and cooling.*

*compared to buildings insulated with traditional fibrous insulation material. Source DOE Air sealing

The background of the slide is a dramatic, high-contrast image of molten lava flowing, with bright orange and yellow highlights against a dark red and black background. In the foreground, the silhouette of an oil pumpjack is visible, with its characteristic walking beam and counterweights. The overall mood is one of intense heat and industrial activity.

Fossil Fuels

Fossil fuels are a finite resource being depleted from the earth.

By conserving energy, we can slow down the depletion of fossil fuel, giving time to develop long-term solutions to meet energy needs for the future.

Insulating our homes and buildings conserves the fossil fuels needed to heat and cool them.

Environmental Sustainability

Buildings are responsible for more than **40 percent** of global energy use and **one-third** of global greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in both developed and developing countries.

Industry &
manufacturing
32%

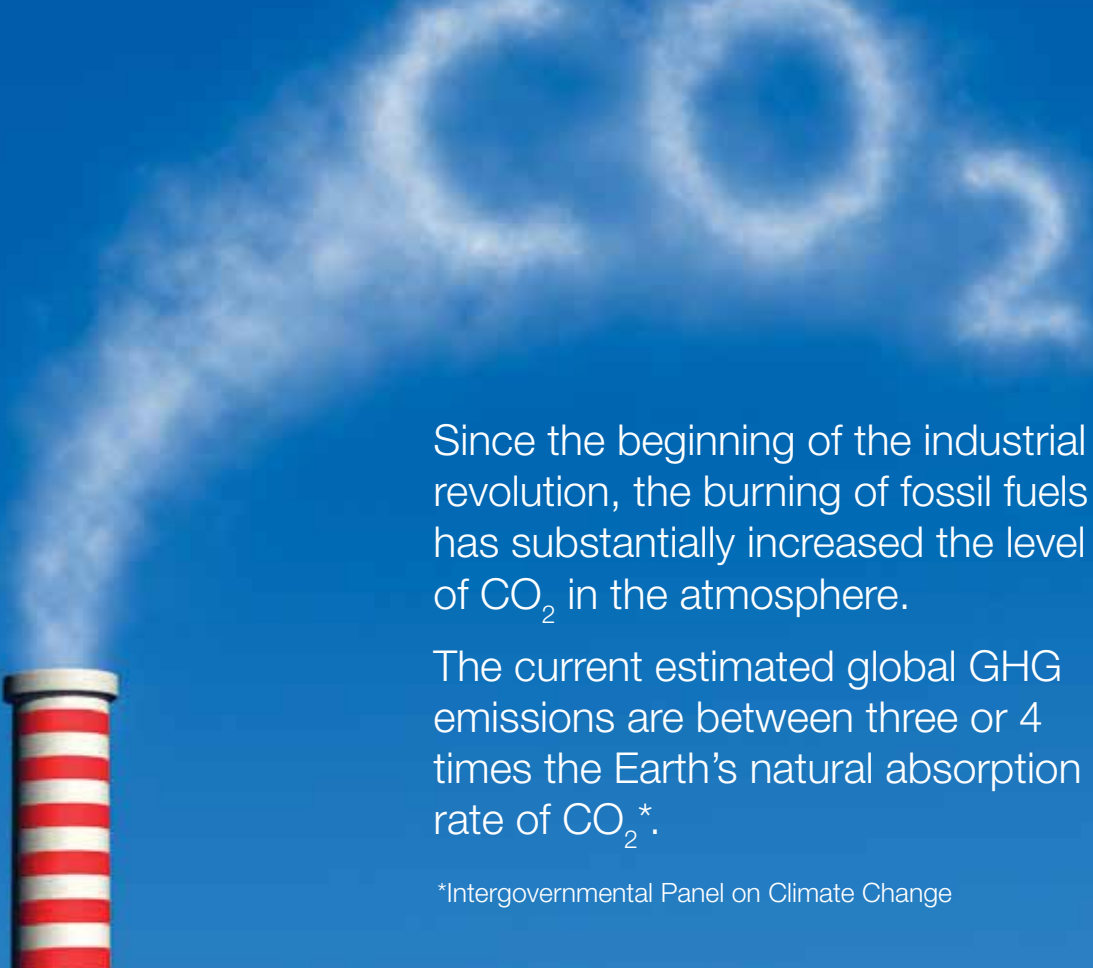


Transportation
28%

Commercial
18%

Residential
22%

Greenhouse **Gases**



Since the beginning of the industrial revolution, the burning of fossil fuels has substantially increased the level of CO₂ in the atmosphere.

The current estimated global GHG emissions are between three or 4 times the Earth's natural absorption rate of CO₂*.

*Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change

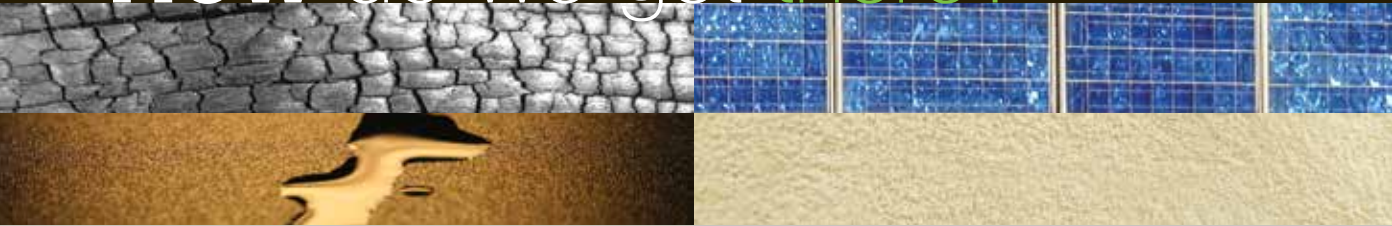
The Challenge

The challenge is to conserve fossil fuels and reduce the CO₂-equivalent emissions in the atmosphere.

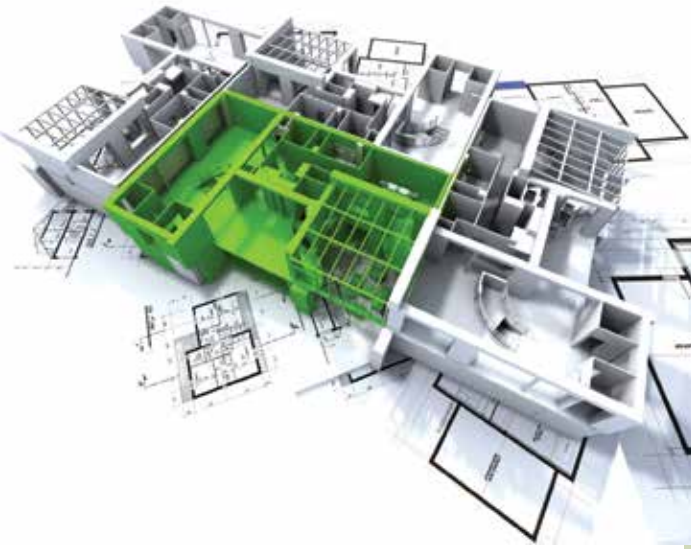
This will require changes in the way society produces, consumes, regulates and behaves.

This challenge will require us to meet these goals without compromising future generations - the practice of sustainable development.

How do we get there?



Studies show what can be done to reduce our need for fossil fuels and reduce GHG* emissions.



Improving the energy efficiency of buildings was found to be an economically sensible strategy for reducing GHG emissions and fossil fuel usage.

*GHG - Green House Gas

*McKinsey and Company December 2007– Reducing US Greenhouse Gas Emissions How Much at What Cost?

*International Council of Chemical Associations July 2009
- Innovations for Greenhouse Gas Reductions.
A life cycle quantification of carbon abatement solutions enabled by the chemical Industry.

McKinsey Study

Abatement Cost Curve

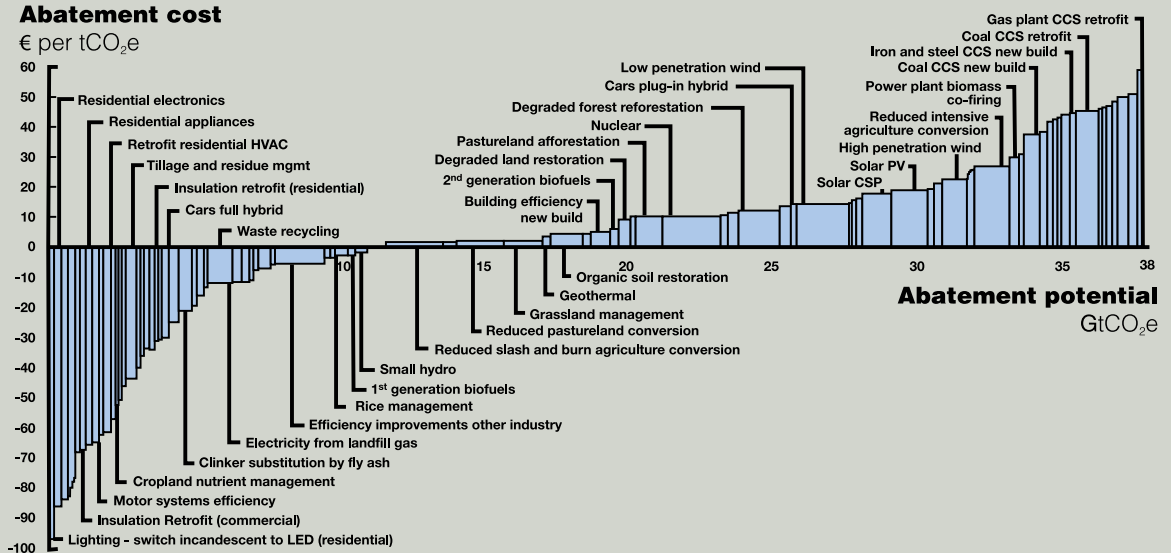
This study finds there are many levers available that will, when acted upon, reduce some GHG levels.

All levers below the horizontal line make good economic sense as they indicate potential savings and minimal costs.

All insulation references are below the horizontal line and show potential savings.

McKinsey Study

Global GHG abatement cost curve
 Global GHG abatement cost curve beyond 2030 BAU
 Cost of abatement below EUR 60 per tCO₂e



Note: This is an estimate of the maximum potential of all technical GHG abatement measures below EUR 60/tCO₂e, if each lever was pursued aggressively, not a forecast of what role different abatement measures and technologies will play.

Source: Global GHG Abatement Cost Curve v2.0, McKinsey & Company



Life Cycle Assessment

Life Cycle Assessments (LCA) for some individual chemical product applications, including insulation, were calculated in the ICCA* report.

The life cycle assessment is a recognized multi-step, well-structured methodology that performs environmental impact analysis (based on ISO 14044:2006).

LCA assess energy and environmental impacts of a material in a specified application from cradle to end-of-life.

LCA results support decision-making on new projects and compare the energy and environmental impact of different products with quantitative data factoring in all the life cycle phases.

Life Cycle Assessment



LCA performed on insulation products have demonstrated that energy savings during the use phase far outweigh energy associated with manufacturing the raw material, formulating components, transporting, installing and managing at end-of-life.

See Energy and Environmental Benefits of Insulating Commercial Buildings with Polyiso at www.bayermaterialsciencenafta.com for an example of an LCA.

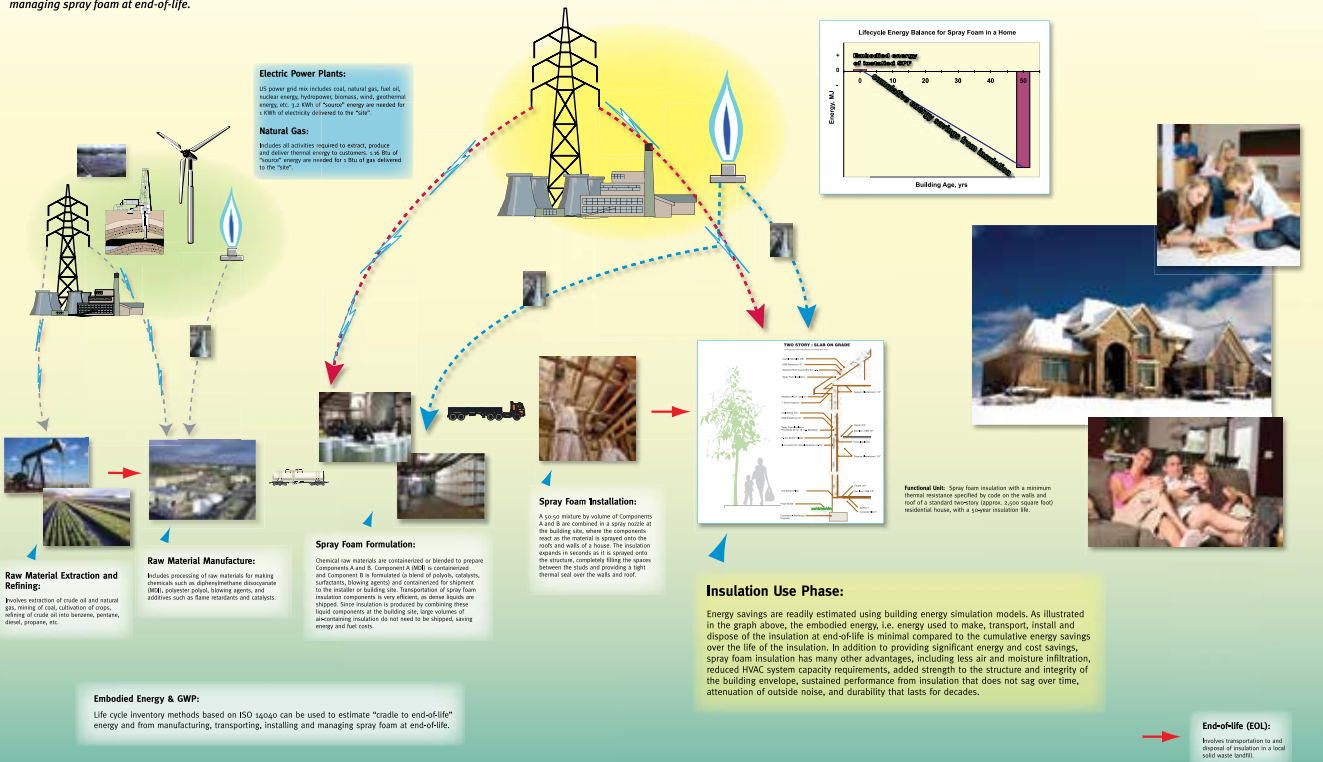
Spray Foam Insulation

Saving Energy, One Spray at a Time...



Spray foam insulation saves energy during insulation use that far outweighs energy associated with manufacturing raw materials, formulating spray foam components, transporting, installing and managing spray foam at end-of-life.

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up to 365 days = 1 year

18,250 days = 50 years

30 days = 1 month

Life Cycle Assessment

- LCA calculations show that the highest values obtained with an increase of insulation can contribute substantially to energy efficiency improvement.*
- Insulation contributes to fossil fuel conservation and GHG reduction.

*ICCA - Innovations for Greenhouse Gas Reductions July 2009



GHG



Covestro's **Contribution**

Covestro contributes to environmental sustainability by delivering innovative spray foam products that reduce the energy needs of homes and buildings.

Covestro has reduced its own carbon footprint by focusing on and making our own processes more efficient.

Covestro North America reduced its direct GHG emissions from the baseline (an average of 1998 to 2001) through 2008 by 660,000 equivalent metric tons of carbon. (Verified by a third party - Chicago Climate Exchange).



Social Sustainable Development

Social sustainable development is Covestro's commitment to help our employees, customers, and neighbors to meet their changing personal and professional needs. Some of the ways Covestro does this are as follows:

- Providing guidance in Safety and Health
- Sharing Best Practices within the industry
- Community Outreach Program



Social **Sustainable Development**

Guidance in Safety and Health

- EPA recognized Covestro for its leadership in product stewardship for spray foam in a teleconference following Covestro's award-winning presentation at the American Chemistry Council's Center for Polyurethane Industry Polyurethanes 2010 Technical Conference on time limits for safe re-occupancy.
- Covestro collaborated with the Spray Polyurethane Foam Alliance (SPFA) and the Center for the Polyurethane Industry (CPI) to launch product stewardship programs and participated on several workgroups.



Social Sustainability Development

Covestro

Direct Involvement with Trade Organizations:

- PIMA** - Polyisocyanurate Insulation Manufacturers Association
- ACC** - American Chemical Council
- CPI** - Center for the Polyurethane Industry
- ABAA** - Air Barrier Association of America
- AIA** - The American Institute of Architects

Development

Community Outreach

Girls Hope House in New Orleans, LA

- Application of spray polyurethane foam in a home destroyed by Hurricane Katrina provided a significant savings in the annual energy bill.

Hurricane Katrina Revitalization, Long Beach, MS

- Combination of Spray Polyurethane Foam and steel frame construction completed the mission of creating new building structures able to withstand storms like Hurricane Katrina in the future.

Garfield Manor Detroit, MI, part of Sugar Hill District Urban Renewal

- Spray Polyurethane Foam, along with other energy efficient strategies such as solar power, geothermal walls, white roof, and rainwater harvesting were used in this sustainable redevelopment.

Habitat for Humanity – Cresco, PA

- Application of spray polyurethane foam in a Habitat for Humanity home, providing a 30-50 percent reduction in the monthly utility bills.



Economic Sustainable Development

Covestro is a large, global, healthy, and viable business with a solid financial future.

Covestro will have the opportunity to be an economic contributor to its community.



Economic Sustainable Development

- Focused development on new products
- Research and Development is a driving force
- Innovations are essential for future growth



Economic Sustainable Development

A woman wearing a yellow hard hat, safety glasses, and a light-colored work shirt is working on a large red fabric structure. She is looking upwards and to the right. The structure appears to be part of a large-scale project, possibly related to sustainable development or infrastructure. The background shows a blue mesh structure and other parts of the red fabric.

16500 full time
employees worldwide
2900 in North America
46 full time and 13
temporary employees
in Spring TX.

As an employer,
fair compensation,
pension, and health-
care plans improve
the social security of
Full time employees
at our sites and
strengthen the local
purchasing power.

Sustainable Development



Sustainable Development is a path forward that allows humanity to meet current environmental, human, health, economic, and societal needs without compromising the progress and success of future generations.

Sustainable Development policy is a reflection of Covestro's deep dedication to creating products and service that benefit society while meeting social, economic and environmental responsibilities.

Covestro is committed to Sustainable Development and to being a socially and ethically responsible citizen.



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