



Benchmarking Air Emissions

Of the 100 Largest Electric Power Producers in the United States

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2017 Benchmarking Report: Key Findings

- In 2015, power plant SO₂ and NO_x emissions were 87 percent and 79 percent lower, respectively, than they were in 1990 when Congress passed major amendments to the Clean Air Act
- In 2015, power plant CO₂ emissions were 6 percent higher than they were in 1990. However, in recent years, from 2005 through 2015, power plant CO₂ emissions decreased by 20 percent. Some of the factors driving this trend include slow economic growth, energy efficiency improvements, and the displacement of coal generation by natural gas and renewable energy resources
- Mercury emissions from power plants have decreased 69 percent since 2000, and will decline further as the first-ever federal limits on mercury and other hazardous air pollutants from coal-fired power plants went into effect in 2015

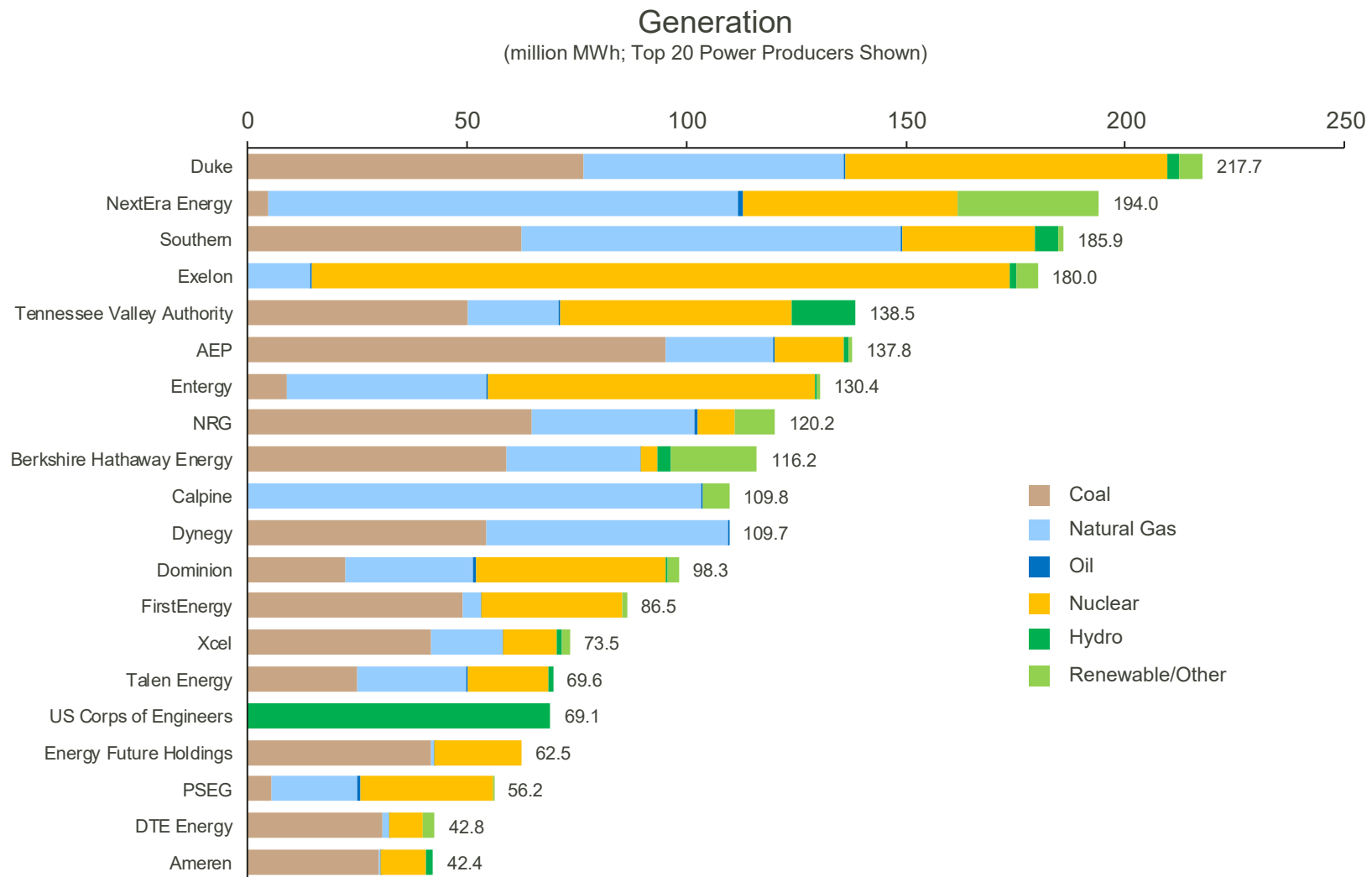


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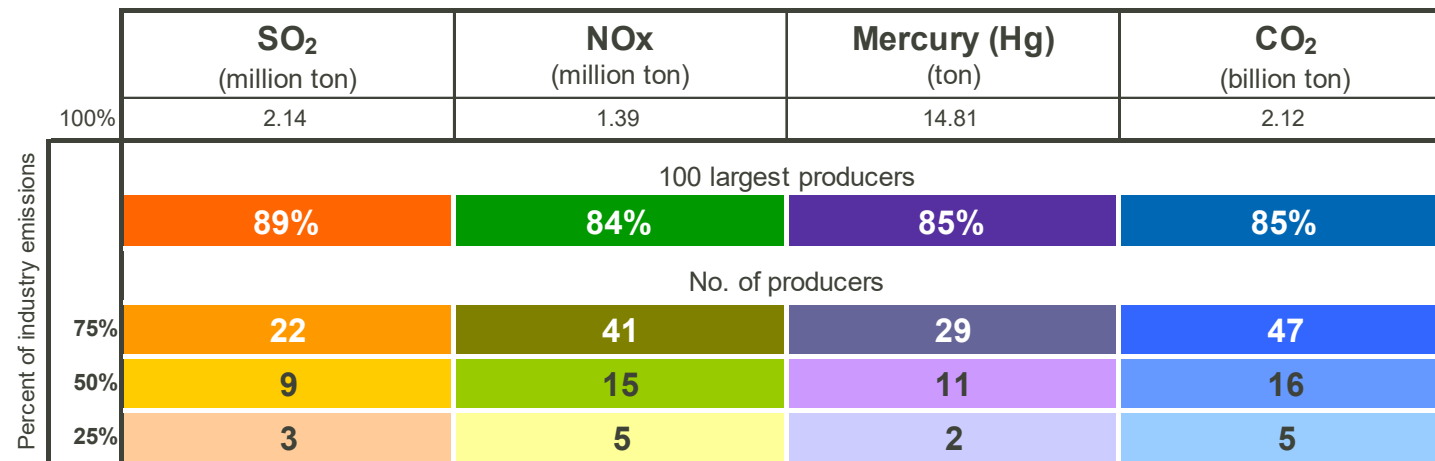
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2017 Benchmarking Report: Rankings by Generation

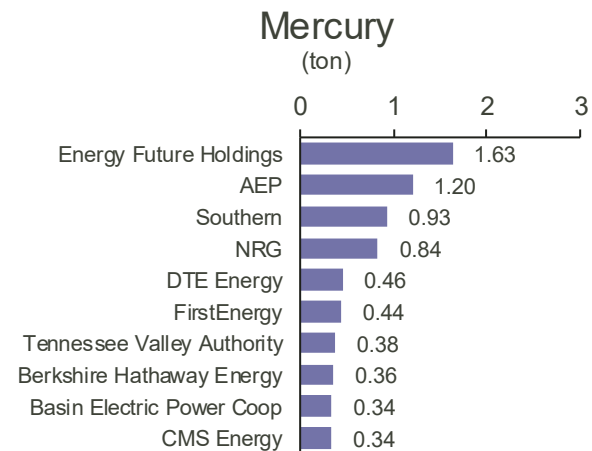
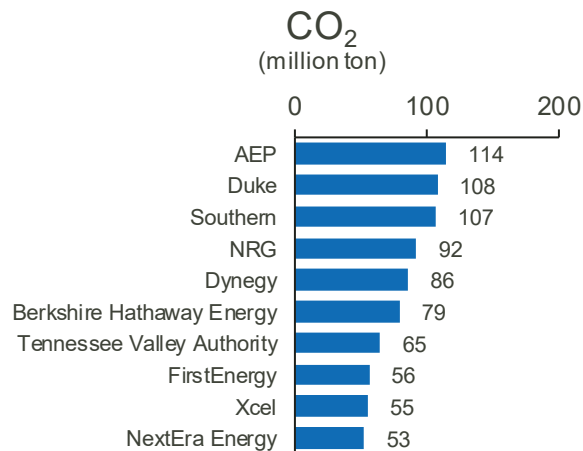
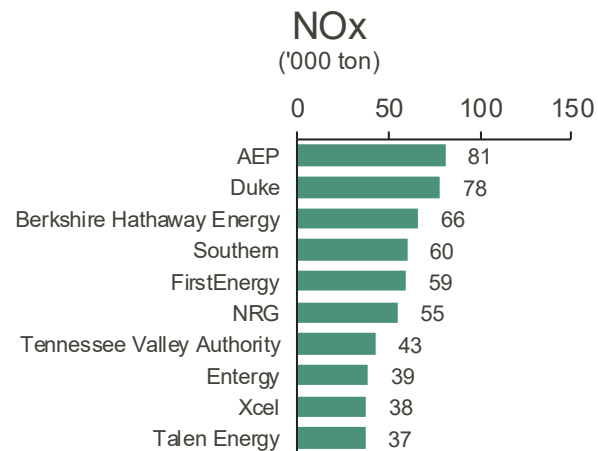
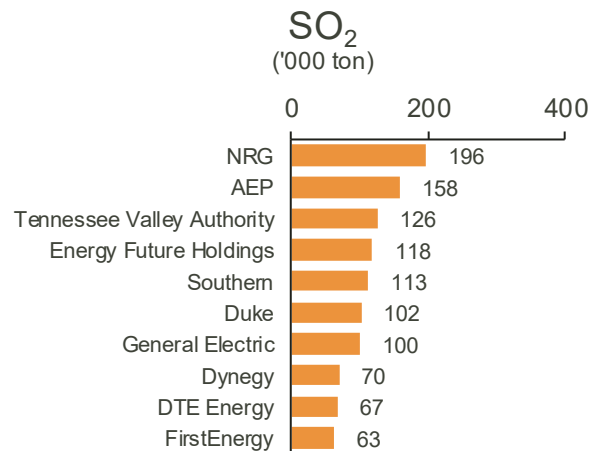


2017 Benchmarking Report: Emission Contributions



Air pollution emissions from power plants are highly concentrated among a small number of producers. For example, nearly a quarter of the electric power industry's SO₂ and CO₂ emissions are emitted by just three and five top 100 producers, respectively

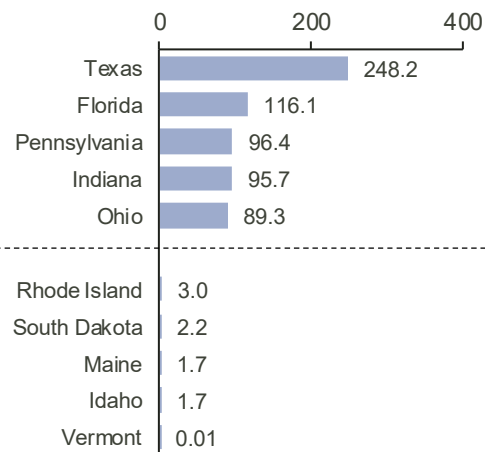
2017 Benchmarking Report: Rankings by Total Emissions



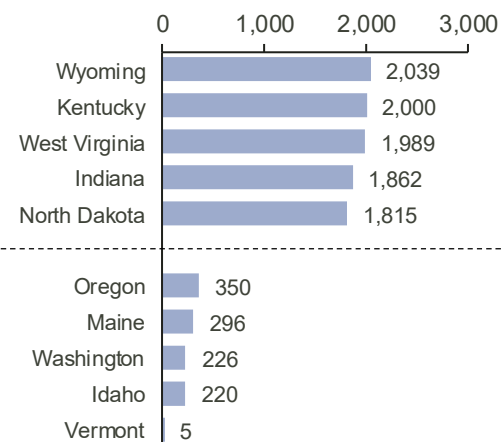
Note: Only the top 10 for each category shown

2017 Benchmarking Report: State-by-State CO₂ Emissions

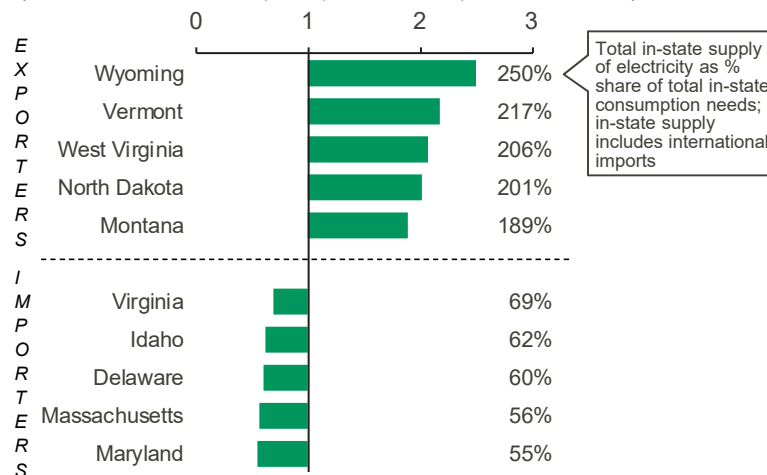
Total CO₂ Emissions by State
(million ton; top 5 and bottom 5 are shown)



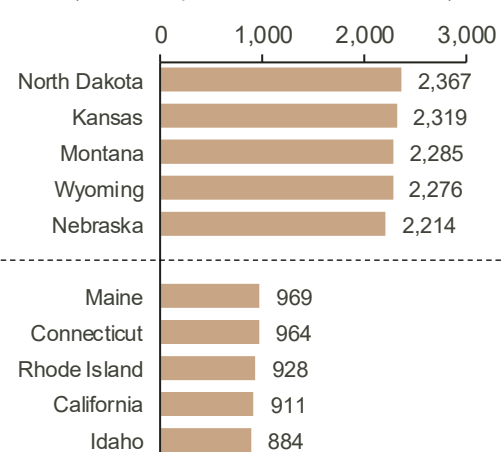
All Sources – CO₂ Emission Rate
(lb/MWh; top 5 and bottom 5 are shown)



Electricity Exporters/Importers
(2015 Net Trade Index; top 5 exporters and importers are shown)

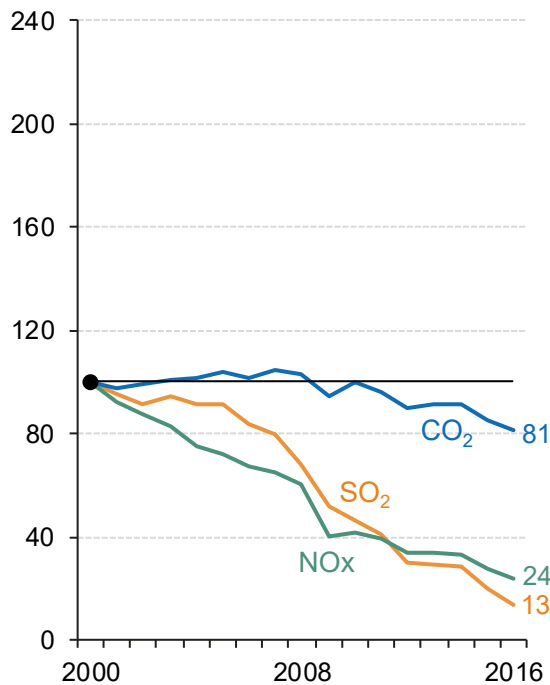


Fossil – CO₂ Emission Rate
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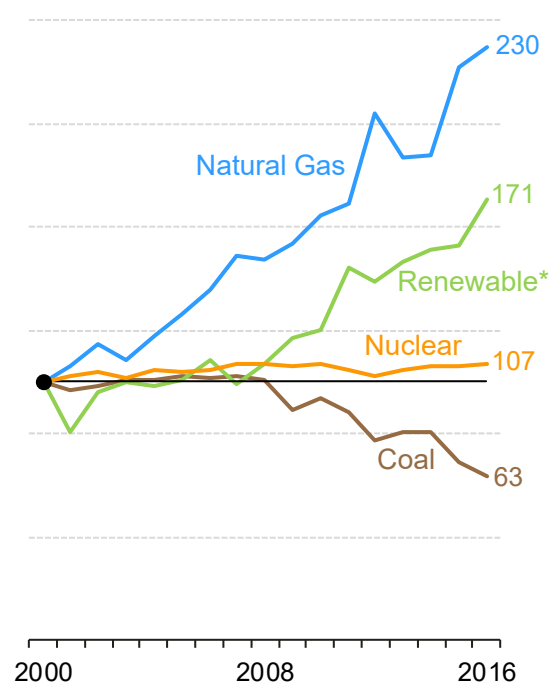


2017 Benchmarking Report: Annual Trends

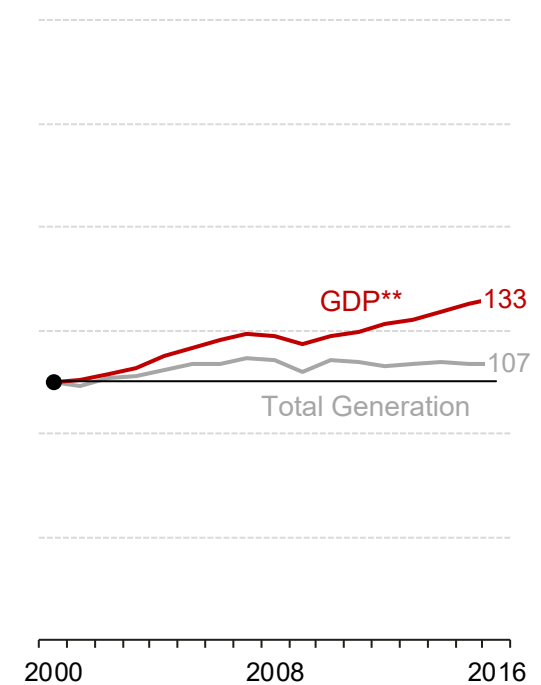
Electric Sector Emissions
(Indexed; 2000 = 100)



Generation Fuel Mix
(Indexed; 2000 = 100)



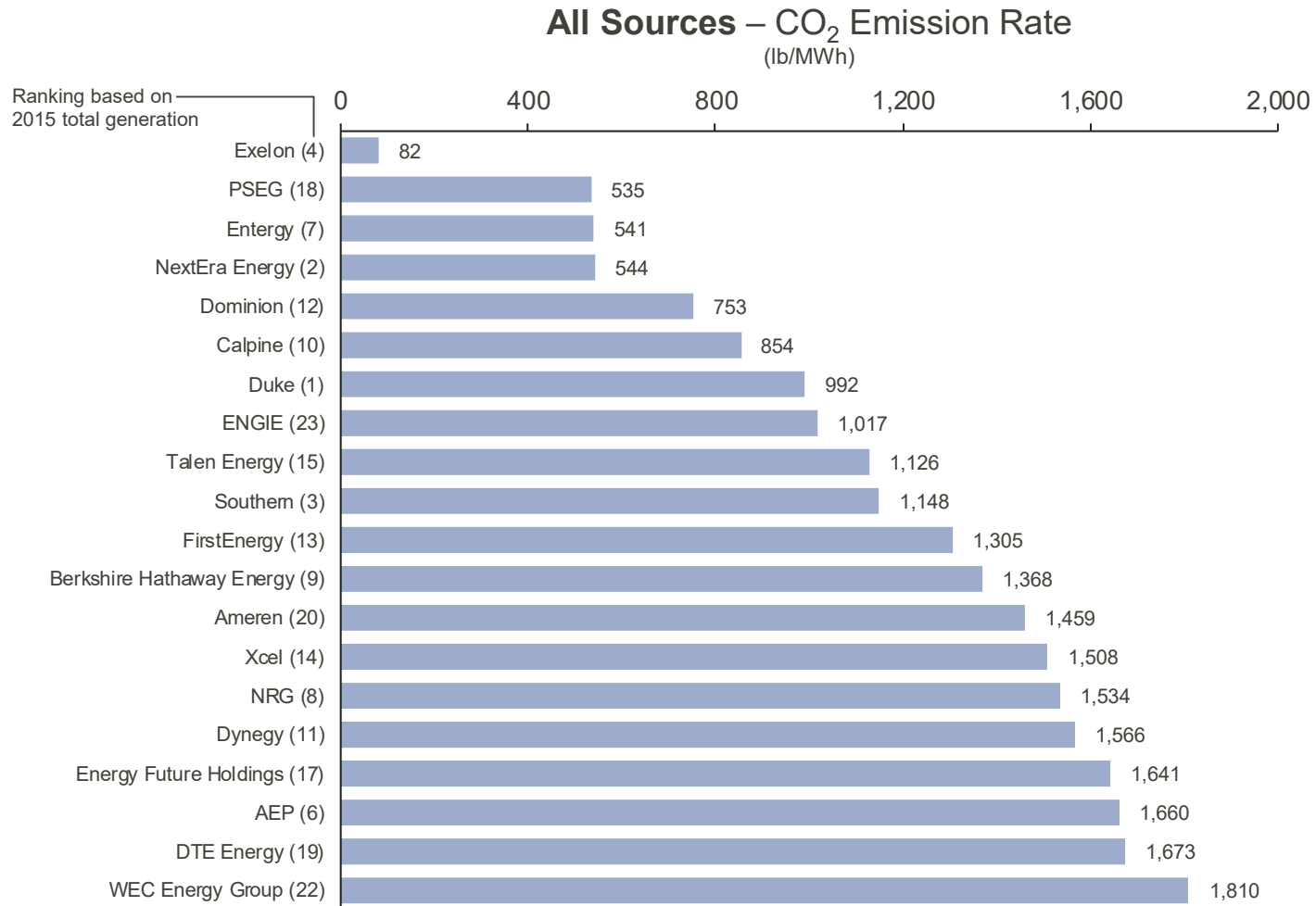
Macroeconomic Indicators
(Indexed; 2000 = 100)



*Includes hydroelectric, wind, solar, biomass, geothermal, and other renewable sources.
**GDP in chained 2009 dollars.

The electric power sector has made significant progress in terms of reducing its NO_x and SO₂ emissions over the past decade

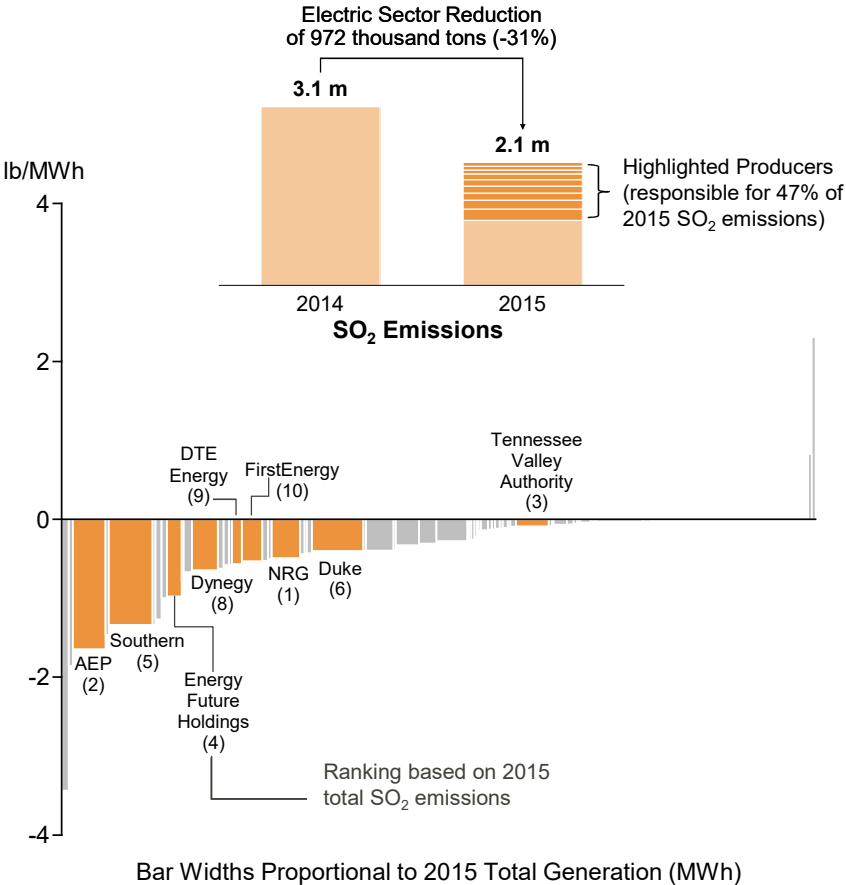
2017 Benchmarking Report: Rankings by CO₂ Emission Rate (Top 20 Privately/Investor Owned Power Producers)



Note: “Privately/investor owned” power producers include investor owned, privately held, and foreign owned corporations. This chart does not show public power producers (federal power authorities, state power authorities, municipalities, power districts), or cooperatives

2017 Benchmarking Report: SO₂ and NOx Emission Rate Changes

All Sources – SO₂ Emission Rate Change
(lb/MWh change from 2014 to 2015)



All Sources – NOx Emission Rate Change
(lb/MWh change from 2014 to 2015)

