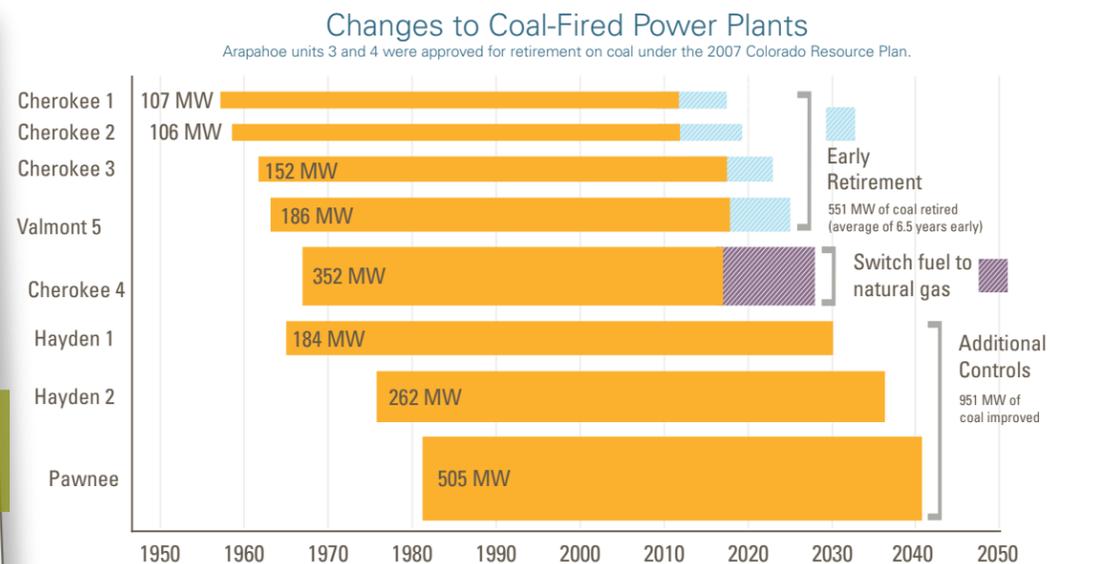
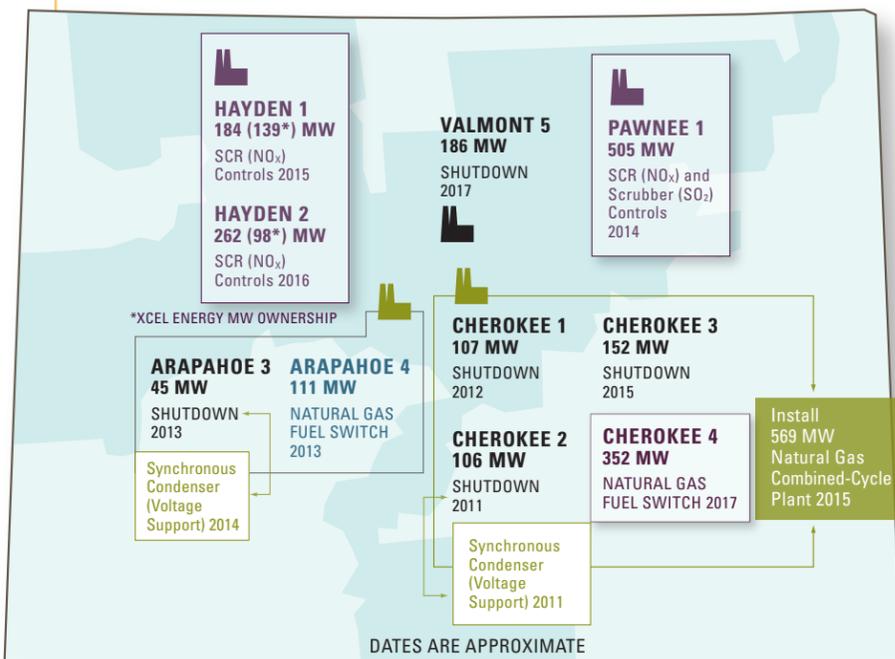


COLORADO Clean Air—Clean Jobs

Xcel Energy Emissions-Reduction Plan

Approved by the Colorado Public Utilities Commission

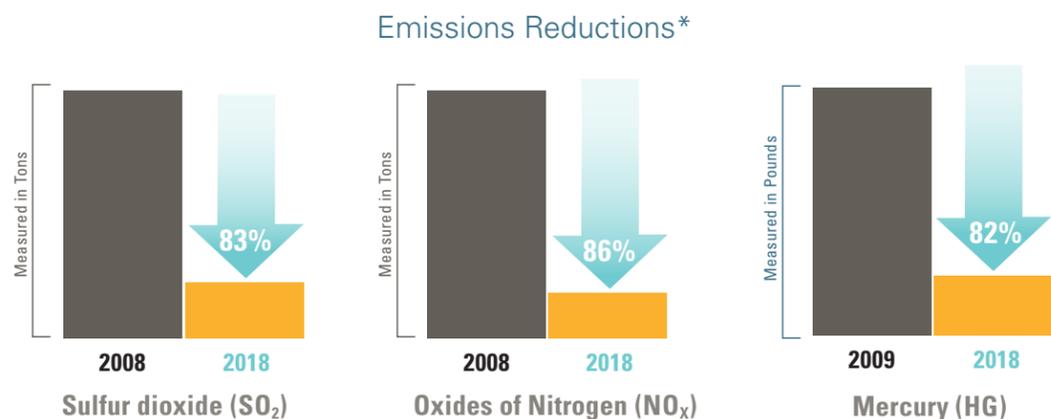


Xcel Energy Coal Use

Coal Costs by Power Plant
(delivered cost per million Btu, as of August 2010)



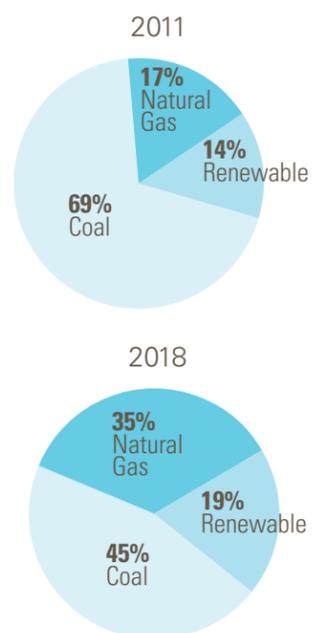
The plan produces cleaner air and continued electric reliability at a low cost



* Emissions reductions associated only with changes to Arapahoe, Cherokee, Hayden, Pawnee and Valmont

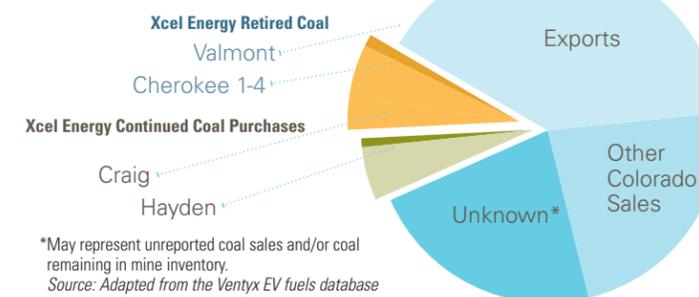
Reduces carbon dioxide emissions 28 percent system wide, exceeding Colorado's reduction goal of 20 percent by 2020.

Projected Fuel Mix



The approved plan will result in a 2% annual average rate impact over 10 years.

Colorado Coal Production



COLORADO'S CLEAN AIR-CLEAN JOBS ACT ADDRESSES AN IMPENDING ISSUE

Colorado faces a number of growing air quality issues. The state must develop plans to address air quality or else the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will take action.

Increased regulation of coal-fired power plants. A number of more stringent regulations will require major modifications and significant investments in new emissions-control technologies for power plants.

Ageing power plant fleet. Our Denver metro facilities are nearing the end of their useful lives.