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Electricity"s share of end-use demand increases from about 17% currently to over 29% in 2050. In 2010, total capacity was 132GW. Driven by increasing electricity demand, total capacity reaches 215GW in the Evolving Policies Scenario.

In 2019, total generation was 632TWh. In 2050, total generation is projected to be 819TWh.

Description: This graph shows the total additions and retirements of electric generation capacity by 2050 in the Evolving Policies Scenario and Current Policies Scenario, and breaks it down by fuel source. In the Evolving Policies Scenario, these additions include 47.2GW of wind, 14.0GW of natural gas, 24.2GW of solar, 4.7GW of hydro, 0.4GW of nuclear, and 0.3GW of biomass. Retirements include 8.8GW of coal, 2.3GW of nuclear, and 1.8GW of oil. In the Current Policies Scenario, these additions include 13.4GW of natural gas, 15.0GW of wind, 5.5GW of hydro, 8.7GW of solar, and 0.5GW of biomass. Retirements include 8.2GW of coal, 2.3GW of nuclear, and 1.6GW of oil.

Over the projection period, the Evolving Policies Scenario adds more electric capacity than the Current Policies Scenario, mainly in wind and solar additions.

In both scenarios, capacity retirements are led by the phasing out of traditional coal-fired power plants by 2030.

Description: This chart shows installed electricity generation capacity by technology in 2030 and 2050 for the following scenarios: NZE Base, Higher Carbon Price, Higher Demand, Limited Transmission, Hydrogen, and BECCS. Installed capacity, given in gigawatts, is as follows:

All scenarios see wind and solar dominate new capacity additions. Electricity storage also sees rapid growth. New demand is primarily met by wind and solar while high GHG emission generation technologies see rapid decline. The importance of hydropower remains high. However, there are not major hydropower capacity additions.

NZE- Net-Zero Electricity Scenario BECCS- Bio energy with carbon capture and storage

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Canada is largely reliant on hydroelectric sources for energy production. In 2023, hydraulic turbines, driven by flowing water, generated 364 terawatt-hours of electricity, far more than any other electricity generation type.

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Total electricity generation in Canada was around 633 terawatt-hours that year.

Electricity is the flow of electrons from a negatively charged body to a positively charged body. Electricity can be used by humans as an energy source in a large number of applications that include heating, lighting and powering electric motors.

While electricity exists in natural forms such as lightning and static electricity, it is usually generated for human use by electromechanical generators. These generators may be propelled by the kinetic energy of flowing water and wind, or by the movement of steam produced from water boiled by fuel combustion or nuclear fission. Other energy sources and technologies can also be used, including natural gas turbines and solar photovoltaic cells. Once generated, the electricity is transported by a conductor (usually copper wire) to a point where it is converted into usable energy, be it light, thermal, or kinetic energy.