Perspectives on Energy: Getting Ready for 2012

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Outline

• Talking about energy since 1970s
• Issue has evolved from energy security  
to sustainability and economic survival
• New international negotiations coming
• WRI and IEA forecasts not encouraging
• Major policy and technology challenges  
ahead
The Energy Crisis: President Nixon

In all of the 186 State of the Union messages delivered from this place in our history, this is the first in which the one priority, the first priority, is energy. Let me begin by reporting a new development which I know will be welcome news to every American. As you know, we have committed ourselves to an active role in helping to achieve a just and durable peace in the Middle East...

President Carter

Tonight I want to have an unpleasant talk with you about a problem unprecedented in our history. With the exception of preventing war, this is the greatest challenge our country will face during our lifetimes. The energy crisis has not yet overwhelmed us, but it will if we do not act quickly.