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Specific Steps to Increase:

Coal Utilisation

1. Ensure that national energy policy planning precludes, with a minimum of exceptions, the construction of new or replacement base-load power plants which are exclusively or mainly oil-fired. Exceptions should be permitted only where they are reasonably covered by the following situations:

- national action has been taken to restructure refinery yield patterns toward light products but has not yet been able to eliminate excess quantities of residual fuel oil which cannot be used for other purposes;

- economic or supply conditions, including remoteness of location, are such that use of fuels other than oil is unreasonably expensive in comparison with oil;

- because of local climatic or demographic conditions it is impossible or unreasonably expensive to use fuels other than oil fuels in an environmentally acceptable way even with advanced technology.

2. Require that existing oil-fired base-load power plants be progressively limited to middle or peak load requirements.

3. Ensure that dual-fired power plants are not fired with oil unless other fuels are unreasonably expensive in comparison with oil or it is temporarily necessary for environmental reasons.

4. Facilitate timely construction of coal-fired power plants and supporting facilities where necessary, e.g. by improved siting and licensing procedures.