What Needs To Be Done
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I know this all sound very depressing. But as Peggy often quotes Martin Luther – If I knew the world would end tomorrow I would still plan my apple tree.

So what are we to do?

1. We can take individual actions to reduce own energy usage and contribute to organizations working to reduce fossil fuel emissions
2. We can lobby our governments to implement policies that reduce fossil fuel emissions. These include
    a. Renewable portfolio standards
    b. Credits for renewable energy production
    c. Programs to increase energy efficiency
    d. Put a price on carbon
    e. Limit emissions by power plants, cars, etc.

None of these will solve the problem, but dramatically slowing CO2 emission might give future generations the time needed hopefully find a solution. I am personally rooting for someone like Craig Venter to develop a life-form that will eat CO2 (like plants to, but at a much faster rate). Another possibility is that energy will become cheap enough to allow for carbon capture and storage on a global scale.