

NON-RENEWABLE ENERGY

FOSSIL FUELS

Most non-renewable energy is generated from fossil fuels which include coal, petroleum (crude oil) and natural gas. These are known as fossil fuels because of the way they are formed.

Fossil fuels were formed deep within the Earth from the remains of ancient animals and plants. Over a long period of time, heat and pressure turned these remains into fuel which releases energy when it is burned. Because they take millions of years to form, these fuels are considered non-renewable. If we run out of these, we will have to turn to alternative sources of energy.

COMPARE

Using the Venn diagram, compare fossil fuels to solar energy.

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SOLAR ENERGY

