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A significant effort was the completion of a report documenting the most recent version of the Emissions Prediction and Policy Analysis (EPPA) model that is based on the GTAP 4-E data set (Babiker, M., J. Reilly, M. Mayer, R. Eckaus, I. Sue Wing, and R. Hyman, 2001). We also conducted a number of policy studies using this version of the model and other versions. Among the more significant efforts was the breakout of a commercial and personal transportation sector for the US, EU countries and Japan (Babiker, M., Bautista, M.E., Jacoby, H.D., Reilly, J.M., 2000; Viguier, L.L., M.H. Babiker, and J.M. Reilly, 2001). In this research we also made use of version 5 pre-release data that disaggregated the EU into member countries. The 1997 data in GTAP 5 was used to reconstruct the individual EU country SAMs for 1995, consistent with the base year for the rest of the EPPA model based on GTAP 4E. EC, BEA, and Japanese supplementary income and product account data were used to disaggregate transportation. This allowed us to study intra-European climate policy and sectorally oriented policies. A related effort, taking advantage of the disaggregated EU region was the incorporation of distortionary capital and labor taxes and study of the issue of carbon revenue recycling (Babiker, Mustafa, Gilbert E. Metcalf, John Reilly, 2001). Another significant effort has been the investigation of uncertainty in emissions of greenhouse gases and in earth systems (Webster, M.D., C.E. Forest, J.M. Reilly, A.P. Sokolov, P.H. Stone, H.D. Jacoby, and R. G. Prinn, 2001; Reilly, J. M., Mayer, M., Webster, M. D., Wang, C., Babiker, M. and Hyman, R. 2000). We also developed a data set on a several other greenhouse gases and other air pollutants emitted from energy, waste, agriculture, and other industrial processes and studied the economics of controlling these emissions (Babiker, M., J. Reilly, M. Mayer, R. Eckaus, I. Sue Wing, and R. Hyman, 2001; Hyman, Robert C., 2001; Reilly, J., M. Mayer, and J. Harnisch, submitted; Reilly, John, Mustafa Babiker, and Monika Mayer, submitted). Another area of research considered technical change and specification of alternative energy and CO2 sequestration technologies (Babiker, M, J. Reilly, A.D. Ellerman, 2000; Biggs, S., 2000; Sue Wing, Ian, 2001). A final set of studies investigated strategic policy issues (Babiker, M. 2001a; Babiker, M., 2001b; Ellerman, A.D. and I. Sue Wing, 2000). Reports published as part of our Joint Program series can be downloaded directly from our WEB site (http://web.mit.edu/globalchange/www). Abstracts of journal articles are also available via our WEB site along with information on requesting reprints of publications included in our reprint series.

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