

Carbon dioxide emissions set to surge this year, IEA warns

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Climate-changing CO2 emissions are set to surge by the second-biggest amount in history this year as the global economy recovers from the COVID-19 pandemic, the International Energy Agency (IEA) warned yesterday, days before a major climate summit.

The IEA estimated in its annual Global Energy Review that CO2 emissions will increase by almost 5 percent this year to 33 billion tons, largely reversing the decline registered last year as the pandemic idled swathes of the global economy.

The IEA also expects global energy demand to surpass its 2019 level.

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This photo shows smoke billowing from a factory chimney in Ajmer, India.