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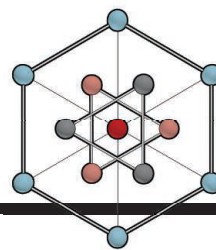
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burn 7.5 million metric
tons of biomass in 2017,
mainly wood pellets
from U.S. forests. Many
countries classify wood
as a carbon-neutral fuel and encourage its
use to produce electricity. But any climate
benefits may take decades to materialize.
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