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## Emissions Benefits of Energy Efficiency and Renewables

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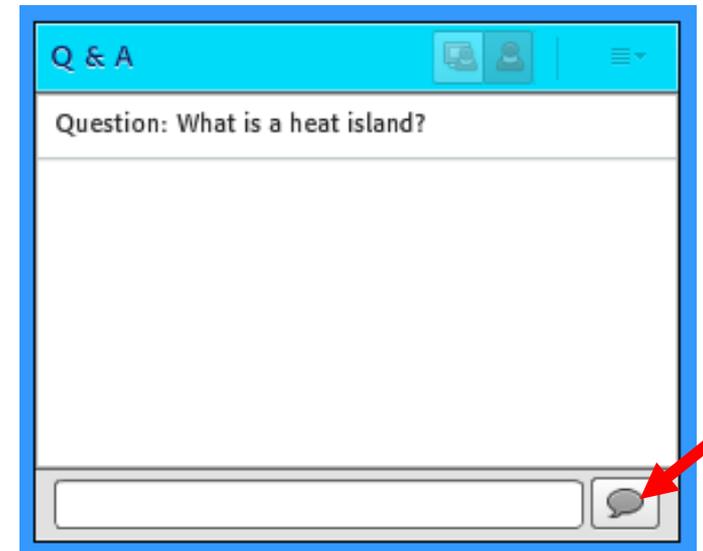


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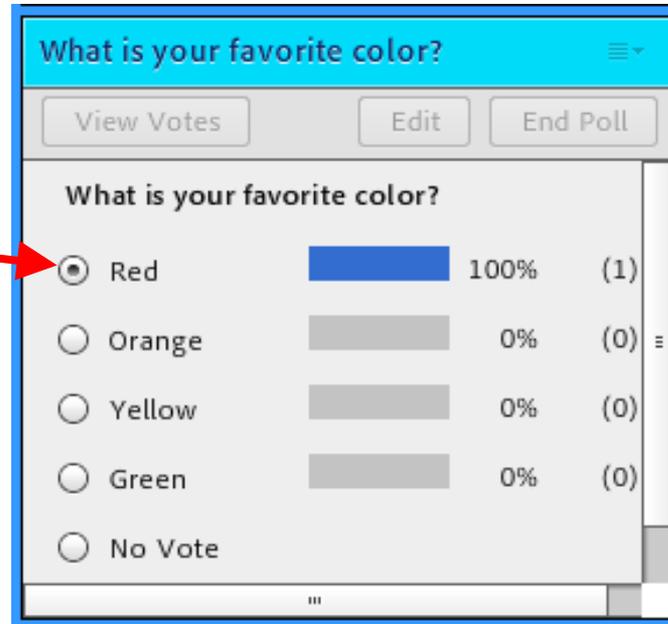
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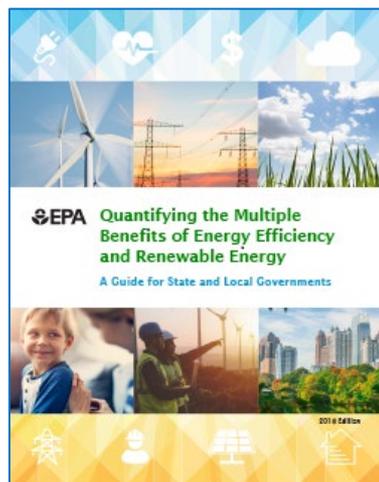
# Today's Agenda

- **Denise Mulholland**, Senior Program Manager  
U.S. EPA State and Local Energy and Environment Program
- **Jeff Haberl and Juan Carlos Baltazar**, Associate Directors  
Texas A&M Energy Systems Laboratory
- **Eric Shrago**, Managing Director – Operations  
Connecticut Green Bank
- **David Abel**, Postdoctoral Researcher  
University of Wisconsin
- **Question and Answer Session**

# Poll 1

# Methods for Quantifying the Multiple Benefits of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy: A Guide for State and Local Governments

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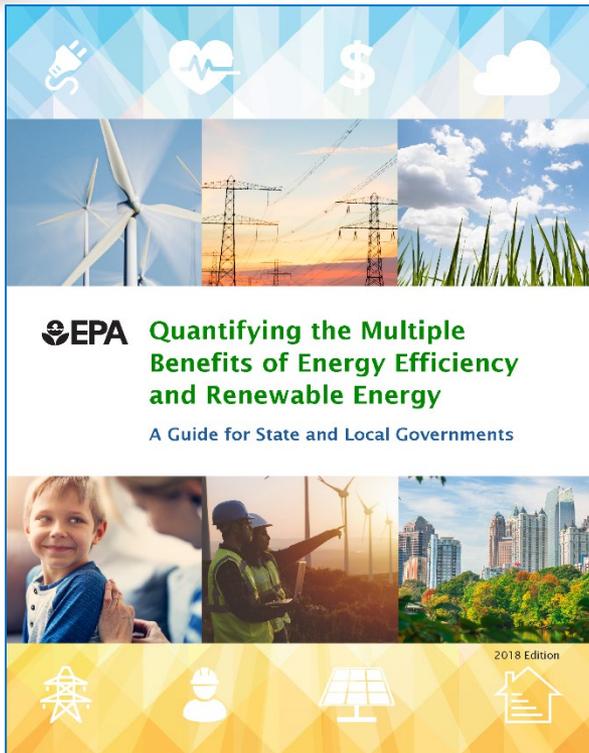


# EPA's State and Local Energy and Environment Program



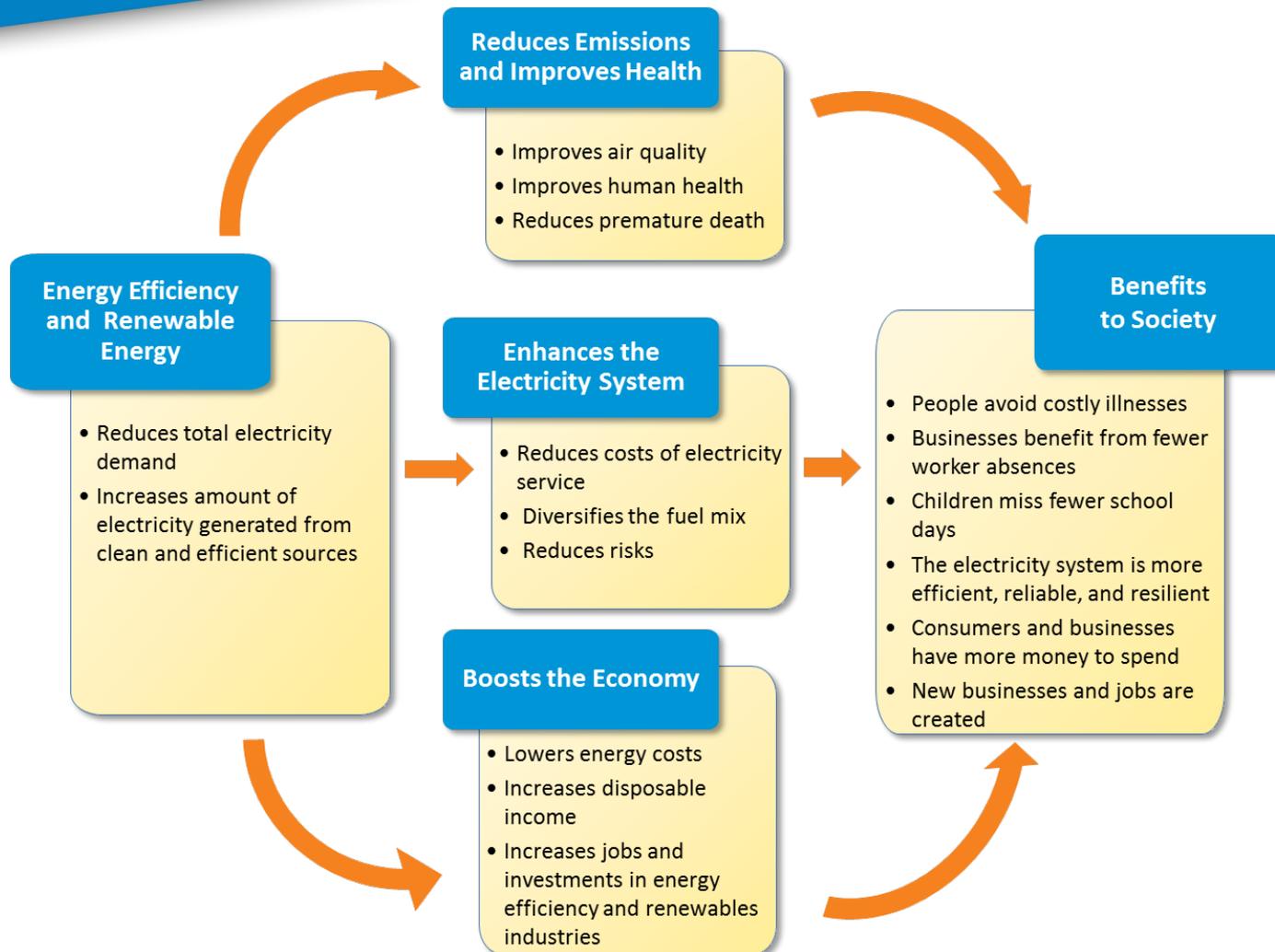
CAA: Clean Air Act  
EE: Energy efficiency  
RE: Renewable Energy  
S&Ls: State and local governments

# Quantifying the Multiple Benefits of EE/RE: A Guide for State and Local Governments

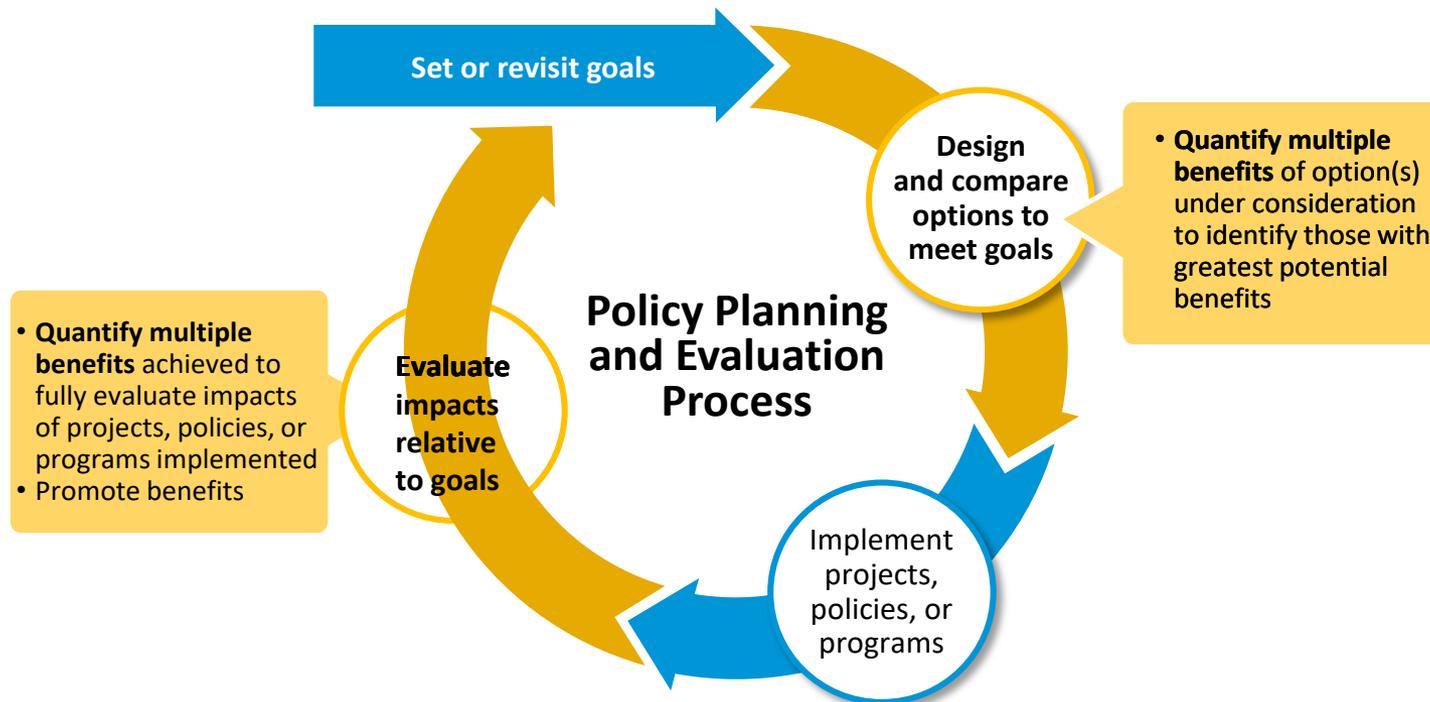


- Part One: What, Why and When to Quantify
- Part Two: How to Quantify
  - ▶ Includes many figures and tables that:
    - clearly present methods, tools, and steps to quantify benefits,
    - make it easier to understand the process, and/or
    - help analysts compare across methods and tools.

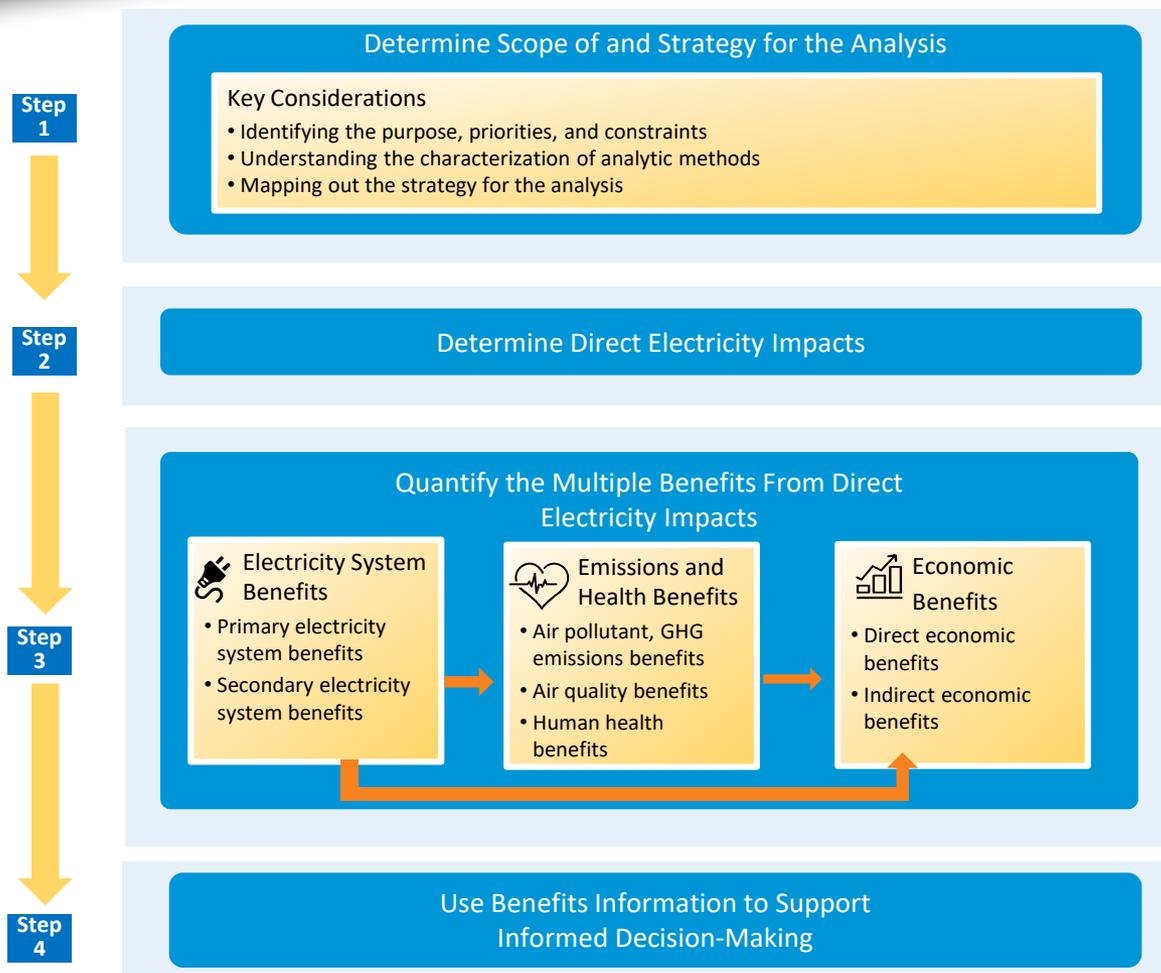
# Part ONE: What Are the Benefits of EE/RE?



# Part ONE: When to and Why Quantify Multiple Benefits?



# Part TWO: How to Quantify Multiple Benefits?



See Part Two, Chapter 1

# Choose a Method for Quantifying Impacts: Key Considerations

- What benefits emissions do you care about and what methods are available to estimate them?
- What level of rigor is needed?
  - ▶ e.g., screening-level vs. regulatory impact analysis
- What is the time period is the analysis (e.g. short term vs long term, prospective vs retrospective)?
- What are the data requirements? What data is available?
- What financial costs or technical expertise are required? What's available?

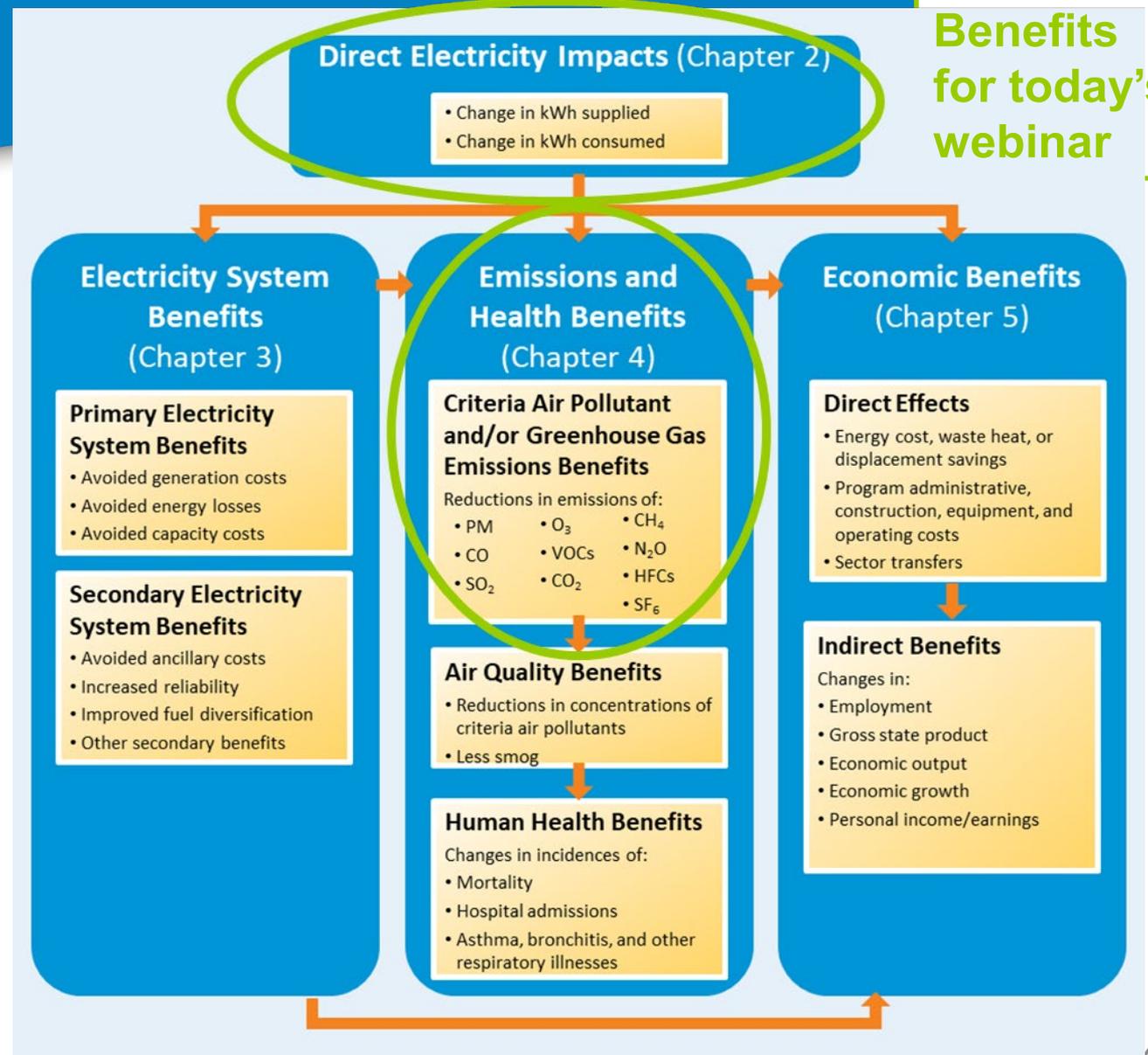
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# Map Out The Benefits to Quantify

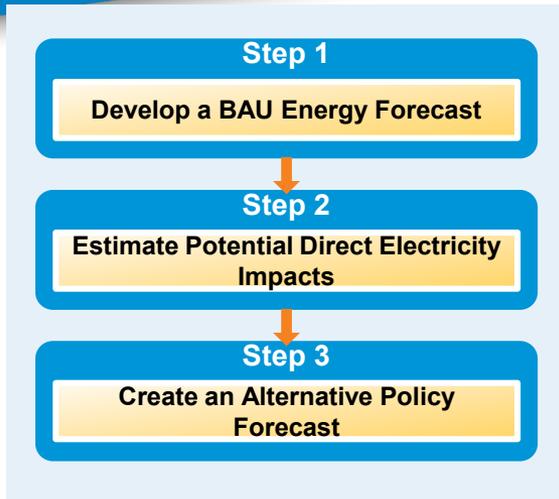
Benefits for today's webinar

Each Chapter provides:

- Step by step instructions
- Range of basic to sophisticated approaches
- Key considerations
- Case Studies
- List of available tools, data and resources



# Estimate Direct Electricity Impacts



**See Part Two,  
Chapter 2**

- Analysts can adapt existing studies of similar EE or RE programs to their conditions, use data from EE/RE potential studies or conduct new analyses
- Key assumptions to consider (see page 2-23):
  - ▶ Program period
  - ▶ Program target
  - ▶ Anticipated compliance or penetration rate
  - ▶ Useful life and persistence of savings
  - ▶ Annual degradation factor
  - ▶ Transmission and distribution loss
  - ▶ Adjustment factor
  - ▶ Non-program effects
  - ▶ Funding and program administration
  - ▶ EE/RE Potential

# Compare Quantification Method(s)

Method	Description	Examples of When to Use	Example Tools
<p><b>Basic</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adopt pre-existing marginal emission factors</li> <li>• Proxy plant</li> <li>• Capacity factor analysis</li> </ul>	<p>Relatively simple static formulations, such as factors</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Short-term analysis;</li> <li>• When time and resources are limited;</li> <li>• Screening</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>eGRID</b>: Emissions &amp; Generation Resource Integrated Database</li> <li>• <b>AVERT</b>: AVOIDed Emissions and geneRation Tool</li> </ul>
<p><b>Intermediate</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dispatch curve analysis</li> </ul>	<p>Require some technical expertise but analysts can make adjustments, reflect different assumptions and savings</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Short-term analysis;</li> <li>• Regulatory compliance (short-term);</li> <li>• Energy planning;</li> <li>• Option comparisons</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>AVERT</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Sophisticated</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Economic dispatch</li> <li>• Capacity expansion modeling</li> </ul>	<p>Characterized by extensive underlying data and relatively complex formulations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Short- or long-term analysis;</li> <li>• Regulatory compliance (long-term);</li> <li>• Resource planning;</li> <li>• Multi-sector analysis</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>IPM</b>: Integrated Planning Model</li> <li>• <b>JuiceBox</b></li> </ul>

**Table 4-2: Comparison of Basic, Intermediate, and Sophisticated Methods for Quantifying Air Pollutant and GHG Emissions Effects of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Initiatives**

Type of Method	Strengths	Limitations	When to Use This Method	Example Tools / Data Sources <sup>a</sup>
<b>Basic</b>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Methods that often assume consistent energy savings throughout the year and assign marginal emissions rates or specific emissions rates for proxy unit types</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Transparent assumptions</li> <li>Easy-to-understand method</li> <li>Modest level of time, technical expertise, and labor required</li> <li>Inexpensive</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May be imprecise and less credible than other methods</li> <li>Limited ability to customize unique load characteristics of different energy efficiency and renewable programs</li> <li>Not applicable for long-term projections</li> <li>Do not typically account for imported power</li> <li>Do not account for myriad of factors influencing dispatch on a local scale, such as transmission constraints or reliability requirements</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Screening analysis</li> <li>Voluntary programs</li> <li>Evaluating existing programs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>AVERT (preexisting marginal emission factors)</li> <li>ClearPath™</li> <li>eCalc</li> <li>eGRID (preexisting marginal emission factors)</li> <li>Proxy Plant method</li> <li>SUPR2</li> </ul>
<b>Intermediate</b>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Methods that can reflect time-of-day impacts throughout the year and use EGU's dispatch patterns to assess impacts of EE/RE but do not account for detailed assumptions that sophisticated approaches can (e.g., fuel prices, emissions budget trading program effects, dispatch changes)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Transparent assumptions and method</li> <li>Allow flexibility to adjust EGU fleet and reflect different energy efficiency and renewable energy assumptions and load shapes</li> <li>May be more credible than basic methods</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Require some technical expertise</li> <li>Do not represent small energy efficiency and renewable energy programs well</li> <li>Do not typically account for imported power</li> <li>Do not account for myriad of factors influencing dispatch on a local scale such as transmission constraints or reliability requirements</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regulatory compliance for short-term plans (e.g., NAAQS)</li> <li>Energy plans</li> <li>County-level impacts</li> <li>Analysis of portfolio of energy efficiency and renewable energy programs</li> <li>Impacts comparison of different energy efficiency and renewable energy programs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>AVERT custom analysis</li> <li>ERTAC EGU forecasting tool</li> <li>LEAP</li> <li>Time-Matched Marginal Emissions Model</li> </ul>
<b>Sophisticated</b>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Methods that can provide detailed forecasts of regional supply and demand</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>More rigorous than other methods</li> <li>May be perceived as more credible than ..</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May be less transparent than spreadsheet methods</li> <li>Labor- and time-intensive</li> <li>Often involve high software licensing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Emissions budget programs</li> <li>Resource planning</li> <li>Rate cases</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ENERGY 2020</li> <li>e7 Capacity Expansion</li> <li>GE MAPS™</li> </ul>

**Tables in the Guide help you compare methods in more detail**

# Use Flowcharts and Figures in the Guide to Navigate the Process

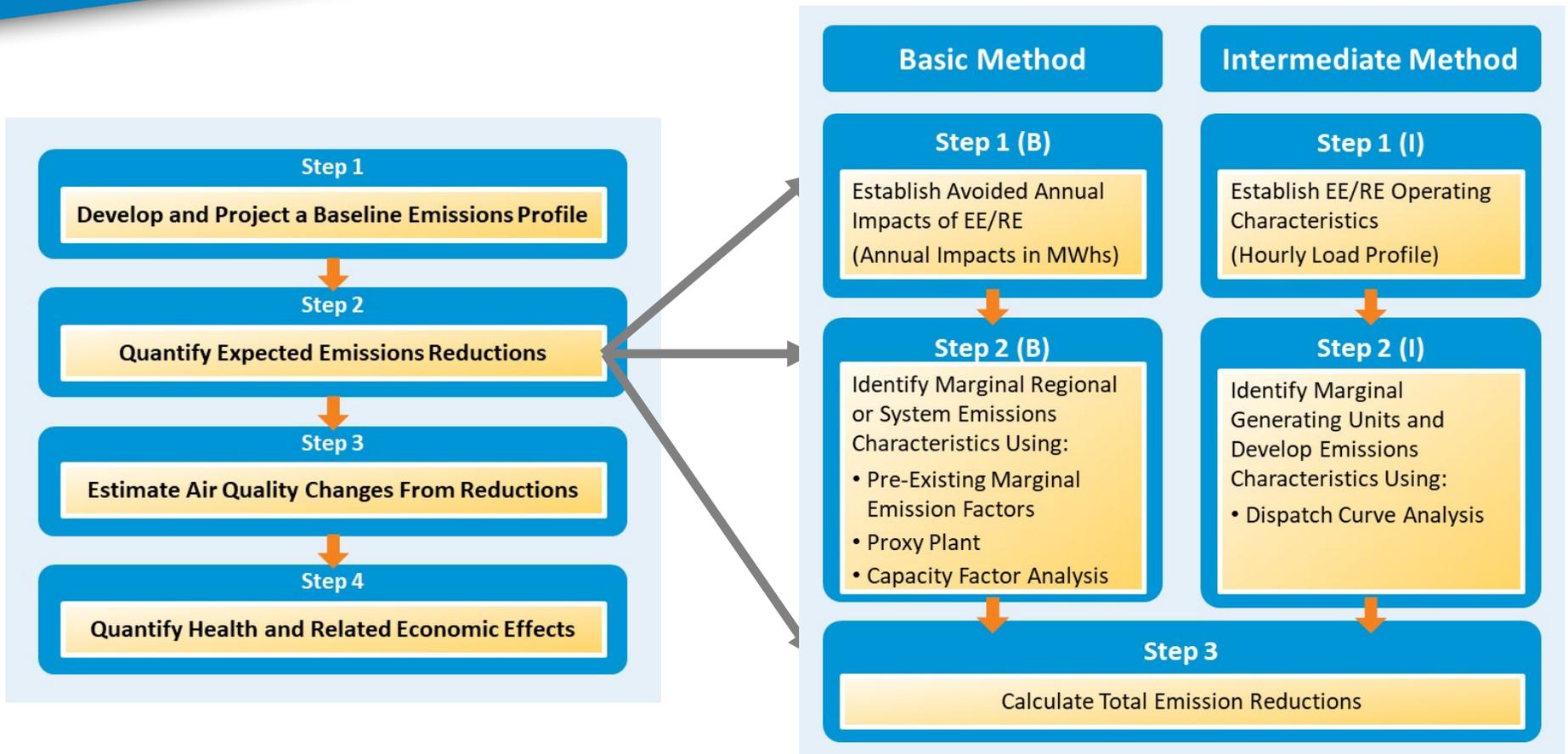
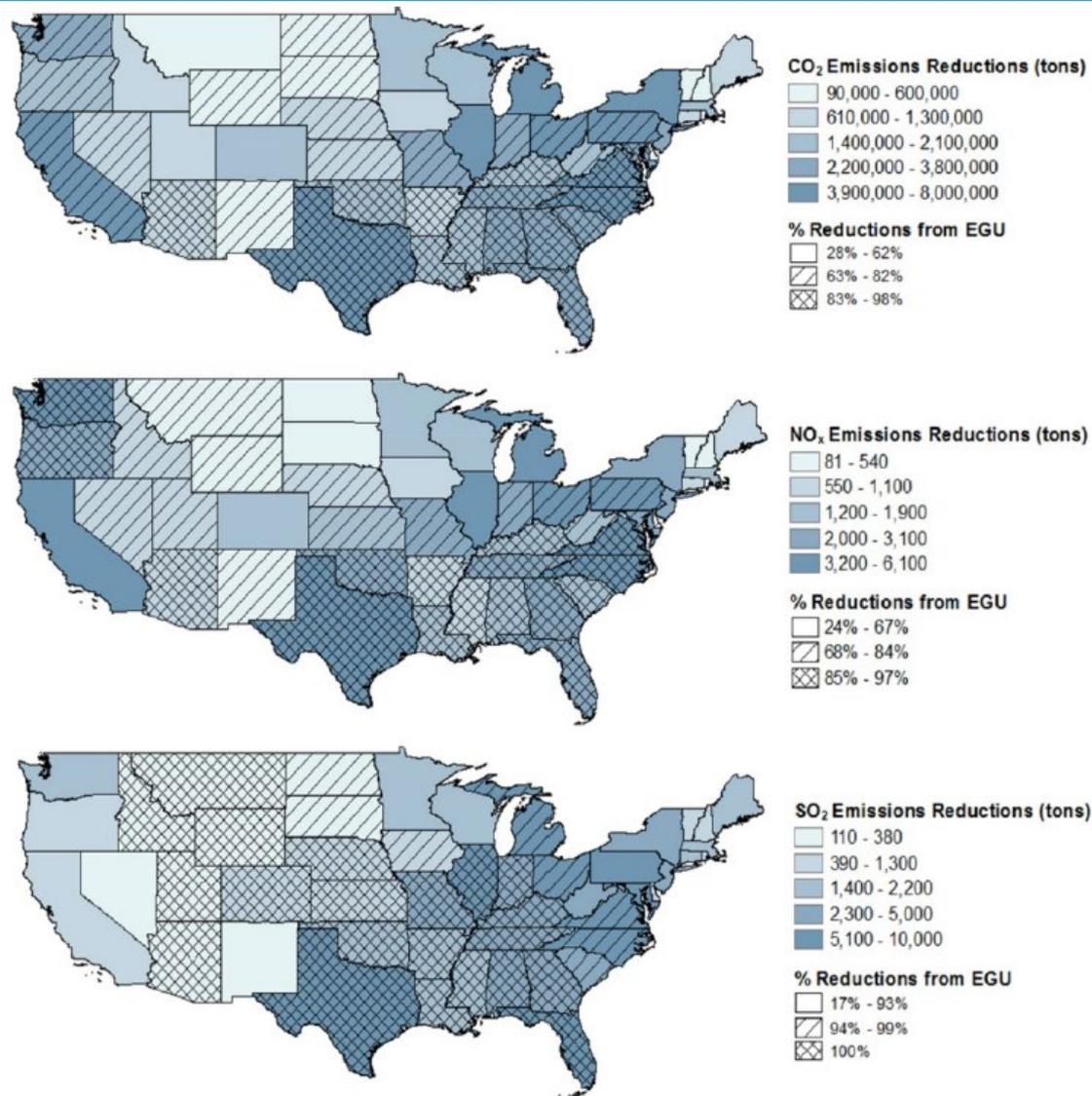


Figure 4-8: Annual Emissions Reductions by State



Source: Levy et al., 2016.

Note: Emissions reductions represent the total reductions from both EGUs and residential combustion sources.

Explore Case Studies

# Learn About Available Tools & Data Resources

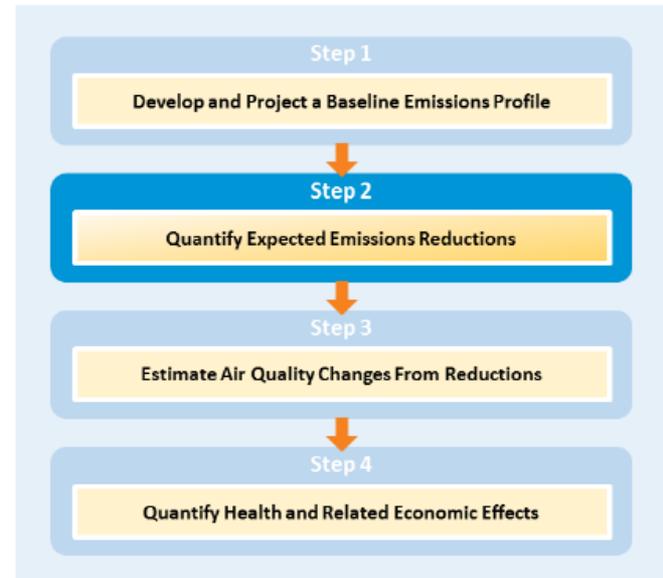
## 4.4.2. Tools and Resources for Step 2: Quantify Expected Emissions Reductions

Analysts can use a range of available data sources, emission factors, and/or tools to quantify emissions reductions expected from energy efficiency and renewable energy measures.

### Establishing Operating Characteristics/Data on Load Profiles

Analysts can use a variety of available data sources to establish the operating characteristics of energy efficiency on an hourly to annual basis, the first step when quantifying criteria air pollutant and/or GHG emissions changes using a basic-to-intermediate method.

- **EPA's Air Markets Program Data (AMPD).** EPA collects data in five-minute intervals from CEMSs at all large power plants in the country. The AMPD is a new system of reporting emissions data, monitoring plans, and certification data, and replaces the Emissions Tracking System that previously served as a repository of SO<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub>, and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions data from the utility industry. <http://ampd.epa.gov/ampd/>
- **EIA's Electricity Data.** This database contains statistics on electric power plants, capacity, generation, fuel consumption, sales, prices, and customers and can be used to assess generator-specific operating costs, historical utilization, and emissions rates. <http://www.eia.gov/electricity/data.cfm>
- **New York Independent System Operator (NYISO) Data.** NYISO, a regional grid operator, on hourly regional load data and transfer data between ISOs. [http://www.nyiso.com/public/markets\\_operations/market\\_data/load\\_data/index.jsp](http://www.nyiso.com/public/markets_operations/market_data/load_data/index.jsp)



# For More Information About EPA's Program, Tools, and Resources

## Download the Guide

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# Poll 2

# Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Impacts on Nitrogen Dioxide Emission Reductions in Texas

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# **Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Impacts on Nitrogen Oxide (NO<sub>x</sub>) Emission Reductions in Texas**

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# Summary

## The policy or program analyzed:

- Texas Emissions Reduction Program (TERP)
- Funded by the Texas State Legislature
- Report annually to the TCEQ

## The benefits included and why:

- NO<sub>x</sub> emissions reductions from energy efficiency/renewable energy (EE/RE) Programs in Texas used by TCEQ for weight-of-evidence in the Texas State Implementation Plan (SIP).
- Developed conferences to raise awareness (Clean Air Through Energy Efficiency, Texas Energy Summit)
- Program has also provided on-line tools:
  - International Code Compliance Calculator (IC3)
  - NO<sub>x</sub> emissions calculator for Texas

# Summary

How you quantified the benefits - the models used, data sources, who you collaborated or engaged with.

- Models used include:
  - Change-point Linear models for weather-normalized wind energy savings.
  - Sliding average models for the reliability of wind energy farms.
  - Special-purpose models for comparisons
    - Univ. of Wisconsin solar thermal energy analysis
    - Univ. of Wisconsin Photovoltaic system (PV) analysis
- Data Sources:
  - Collect data annually from four State agencies (SECO, PUC, TCEQ, ERCOT) and four federal agencies [EPA, National Renewable Energy Laboratory, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Energy Information Administration].
- Collaborate:
  - Work closely with TCEQ/EPA for data quality and annual reporting

# LEGISLATION

## Legislation to Reduce Energy/Emissions 2001 to Present

### Senate Bill 5 (77th Legislature, 2001)

- Ch. 386. Texas Emissions Reduction Plan
  - Sec. 386.205. Evaluation Of State Energy Efficiency Programs (with **PUCT**)
- Ch. 388. Texas Building Energy Performance Standards
  - Sec. 388.003. Adoption Of Building Energy Efficiency Performance Standards.
  - Sec. 388.004. Enforcement Of Energy Standards Outside Of Municipality.
  - Sec. 388.007. Distribution Of Information And Technical Assistance.
  - Sec. 388.008. Development Of Home Energy Ratings.

### TERP Amended (78th Legislature, 2003)

- Ch. 388. Texas Building Energy Performance Standards
  - [House Bill (HB) 1365] Sec. 388.004. Enforcement Of Energy Standards Outside Of Municipality.
  - (HB 1365) Sec. 388.009. Energy-Efficient Building Program.
- Ch. 388. Texas Building Energy Performance Standards
  - (HB 3235) Sec. 388.009. Certification of Municipal Inspectors.

### TERP Amended (79th Legislature, 2005)

- Ch. 382. Health and Safety Code
  - (HB 2129) Sec. 386.056 Development of Creditable Statewide Emissions from Wind and other Renewables.
  - (HB 965) Sec. 382.0275 Commission Action Relating to Water Heaters

### TERP Amended (80th Legislature, 2007)

- Ch. 382. Health and Safety Code
  - (HB 3693) Sec. 388.003 added subsection (b-1), (b-2), (b-3) that allows SECO to adopt new editions of the International Energy Conservation Code based on written recommendations from the Laboratory.
  - (HB 3693) Sec. 388.008 Development of Standardized report formats for newly constructed residences.
- Ch. 386.252 Health and and Safety Code
  - (SB 12) Section 388.03 added subsection (b-1), (b-2) allows SECO to adopt new editions of the IECC based on written recommendations from the Laboratory.

### TERP Amended (81<sup>st</sup> Legislature, 2009)

- Ch. 382. Health and Safety Code
  - (HB 1796) Section 23 amends Sec. 386.252 (a) and (b) extends date of TERP to 2019 and requires Commission to contract with Laboratory for creditable EE/RE emissions reductions.

### TERP Amended (82<sup>nd</sup> Legislature, 2011)

- Ch. 477.004 Health and Safety Code
  - (HB 51) Sec. 2, b-2, establishes advisory committee, which including the Laboratory Sec.3 & 4 amends review of municipal's amendments.
- Ch. 388.003e & 388.007c,d Health and Safety Code
  - (HB 51) Sec. 3 & 4 amends review of municipal's amendments.
- Ch. 388.006 Health and Safety Code
  - (SB 898) Sec. 2, requires the Laboratory to calculate energy savings and emissions reductions for political subdivisions reporting to SECO.
- Ch. 39.9051 Utilities Code
  - (SB 924) Sec. 1g,h and Section 2c,d requires the Laboratory to calculate energy savings and emissions reductions for political subdivisions reporting to SECO.

### NO new amendments were passed (83<sup>rd</sup> Legislature, 2013)

### TERP Amended (84<sup>th</sup> Legislature, 2015)

- Section 388.003, Health and Safety Code
  - (HB 1736) Sec.1 Establishes the 2015 energy codes as the Texas Building Energy Performance (TBEPS) effective Sept 1, 2016. The state may adopt new codes no sooner than every 6 years. The section also adds Energy Rating Index as a voluntary compliance alternative.

### NO new amendments were passed (85<sup>th</sup> Legislature, 2017)





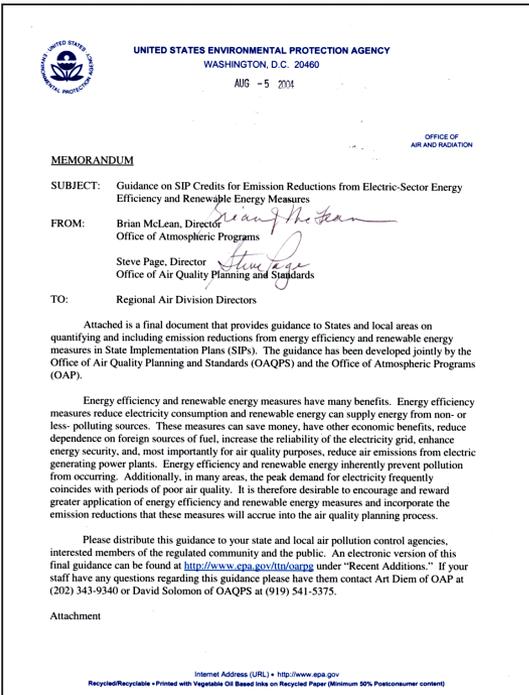
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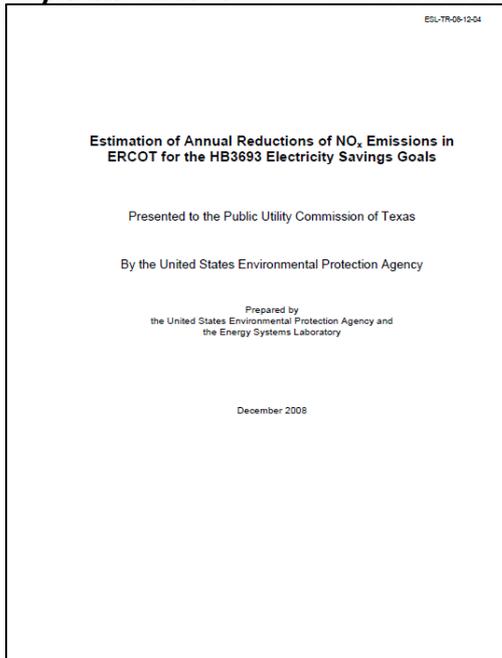
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# ENERGY SAVINGS & NO<sub>x</sub> EMISSION REDUCTION



## ESL Calculates & Reports NO<sub>x</sub> Emissions Reductions for:

- 1. Code-Compliant Construction:** Energy savings from new construction
  - ESL Single-family construction
  - ESL Multi-family construction
  - ESL Commercial construction
- 2. Green Power Production:** Wind and other renewables
- 3. PUC SB7:** Energy efficiency programs implemented by electric utilities under the Public Utility Regulatory Act §39.905
- 4. SECO:** Energy-efficiency programs towards school districts, government agencies, city and county governments, private industries and residential energy consumers
- 5. A/C Retrofits:** Installation of Seasonal Energy Efficiency Ratio (SEER) 13/14 *replacement* air conditioners in existing residences

# SAVINGS FROM RENEWABLES

Blue Wing Solar PV Array , San Antonio



Solar PV

2.5 Miles Southwest of Woodville, TX



Biomass

Sunmaxx Solar Thermal, Fort Hood, TX



Solar Thermal

Aspen Power plant in Lufkin, TX



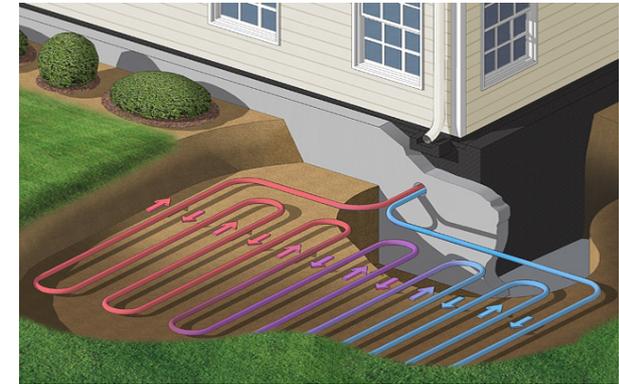
Landfill Gas

Dam at Elephant Butte, El Paso, TX



Hydro

Ground Source Heat Pump



Geothermal

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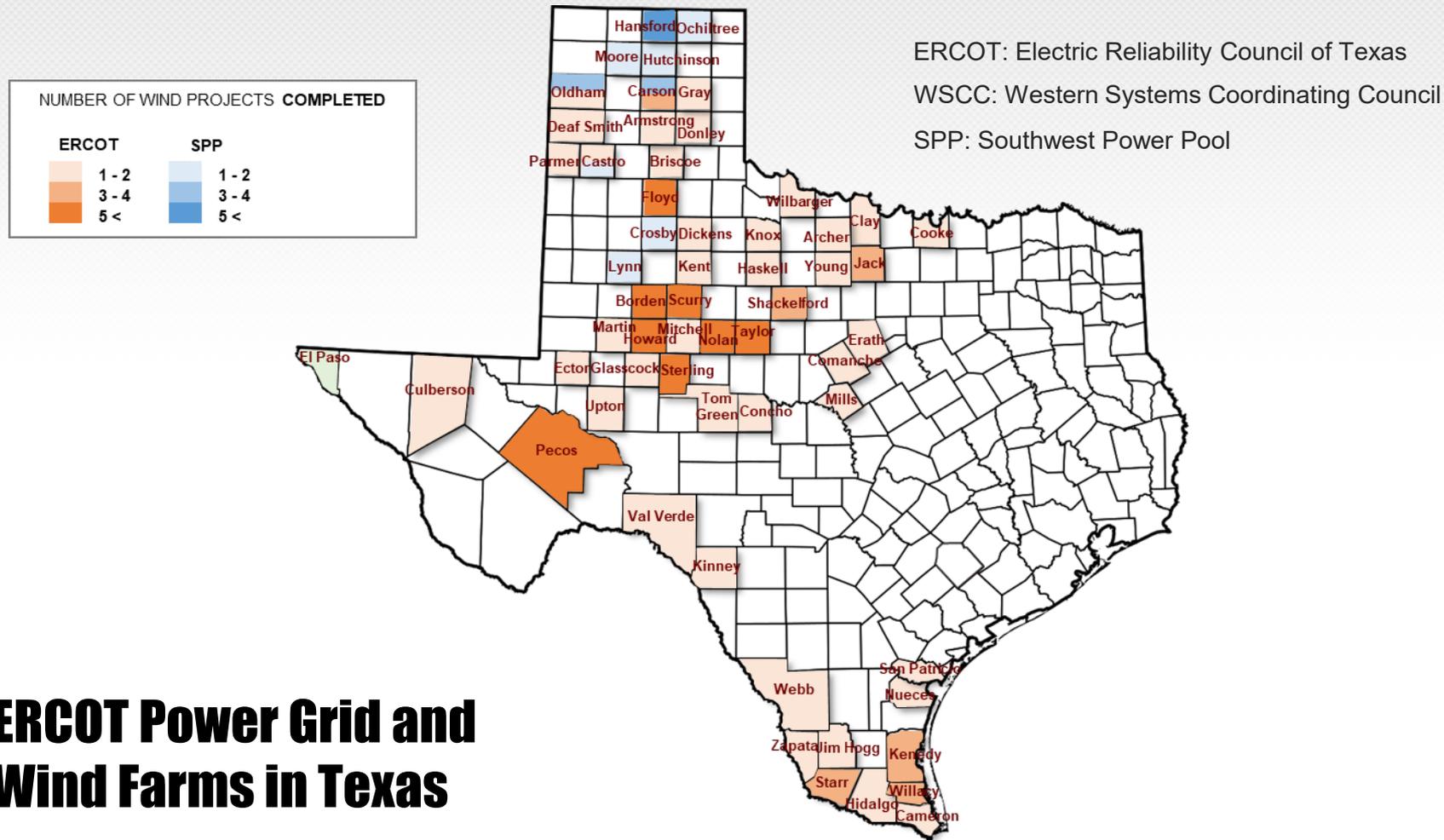
## Wind

Brazos Wind Ranch, TX.



# WIND PROJECTS IN TEXAS (2017)

**Completed**, Announced, and Retired Wind Projects in Texas, as of Dec. 2017

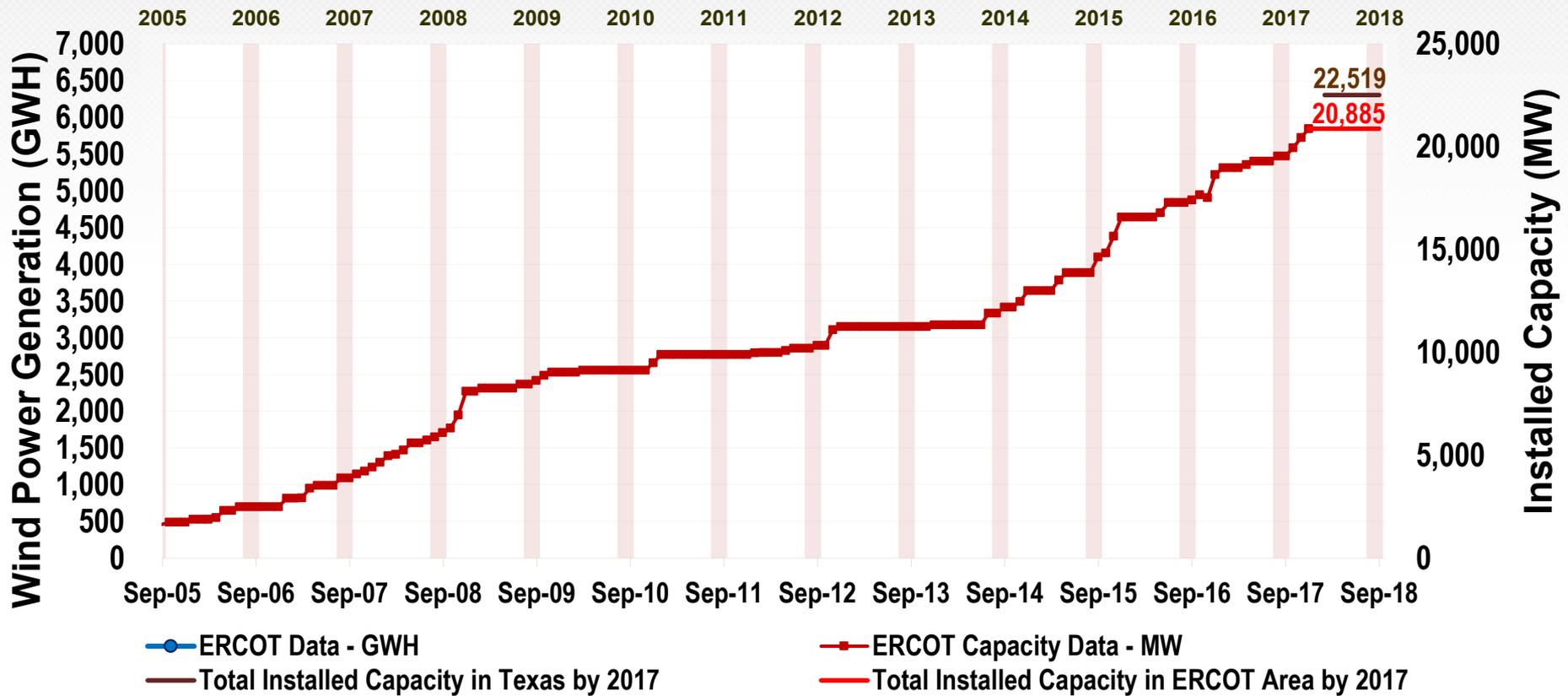


**ERCOT Power Grid and Wind Farms in Texas**

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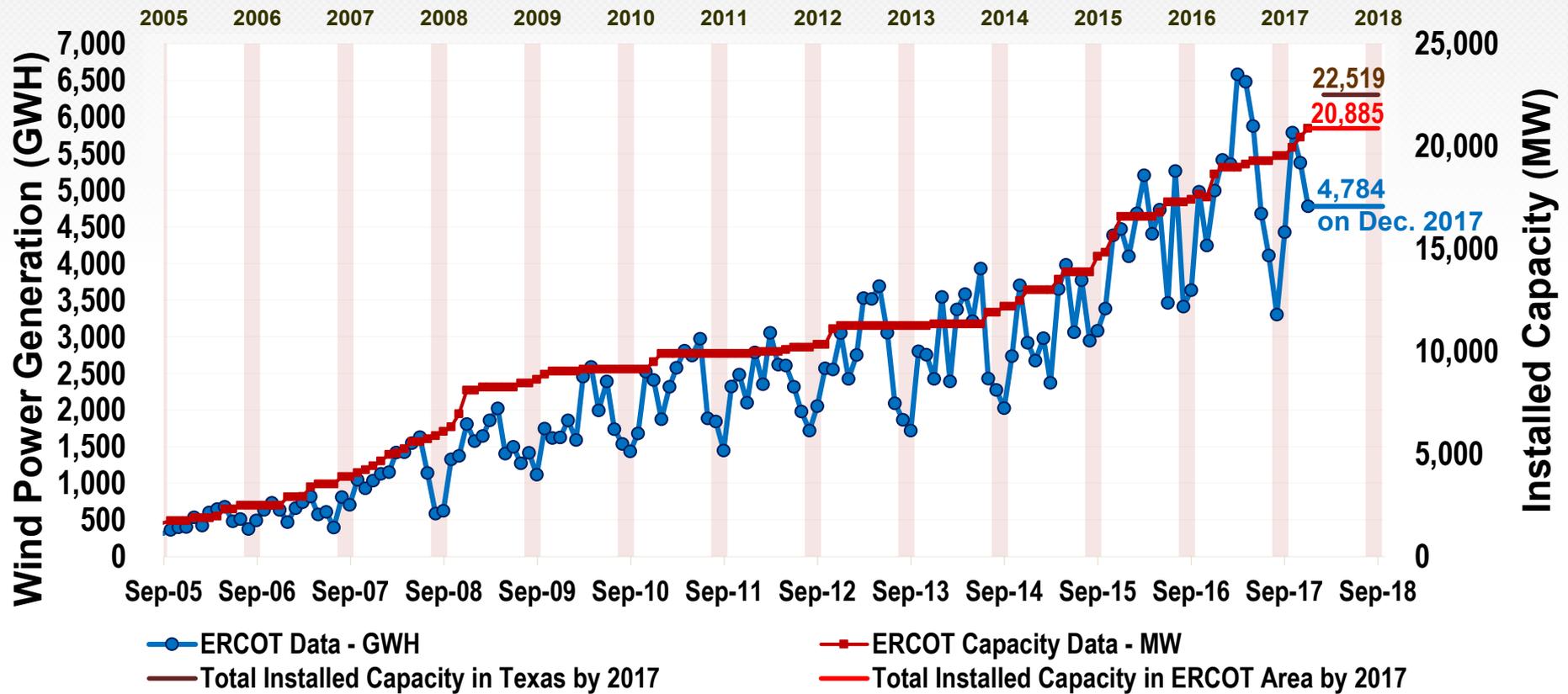


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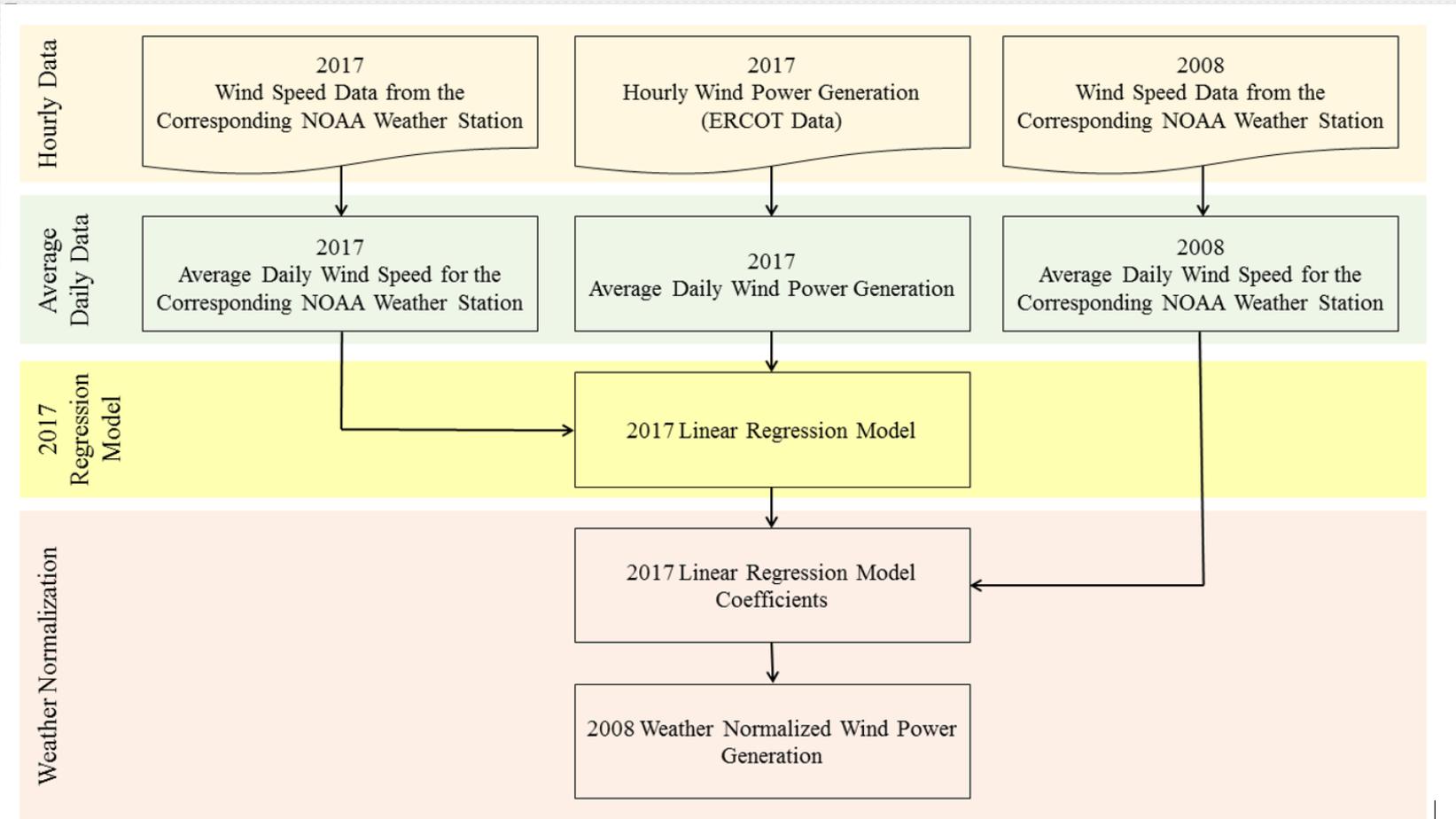
ERCOT Capacity 20,885 MW

Total Wind Power 62,189 GWh



# NOx REDUCTIONS USING EMISSIONS & GENERATION RESOURCE INTEGRATED DATABASE (eGRID)

## NOx emissions reductions calculation from Renewable Energy Projects (Wind)



# NO<sub>x</sub> REDUCTIONS USING eGRID

## NO<sub>x</sub> emissions reductions calculation from electricity savings

### CONSUMPTION

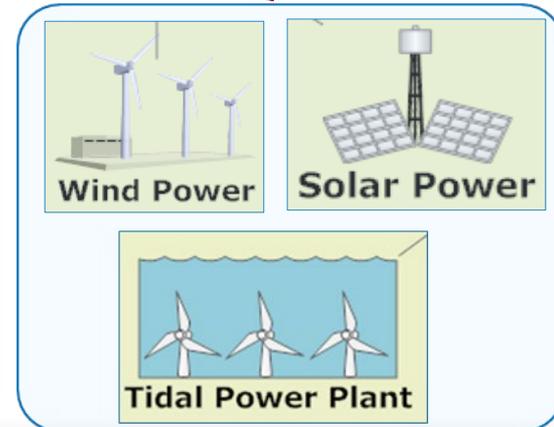
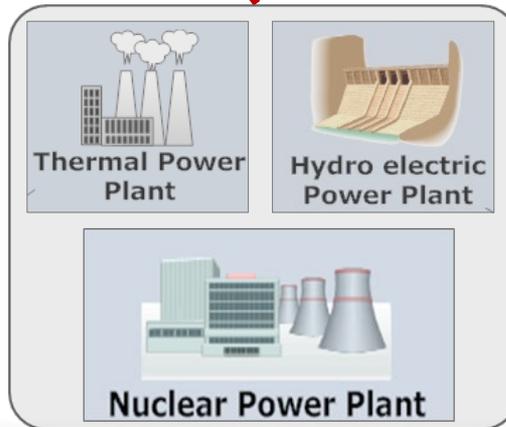
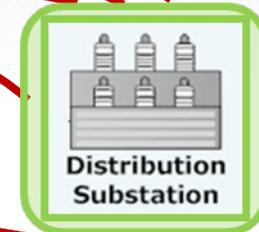
- Residential
- Commercial
- Industrial

### TRANSMISSION & DISTRIBUTION

- Transmission Lines
- Sub-Station

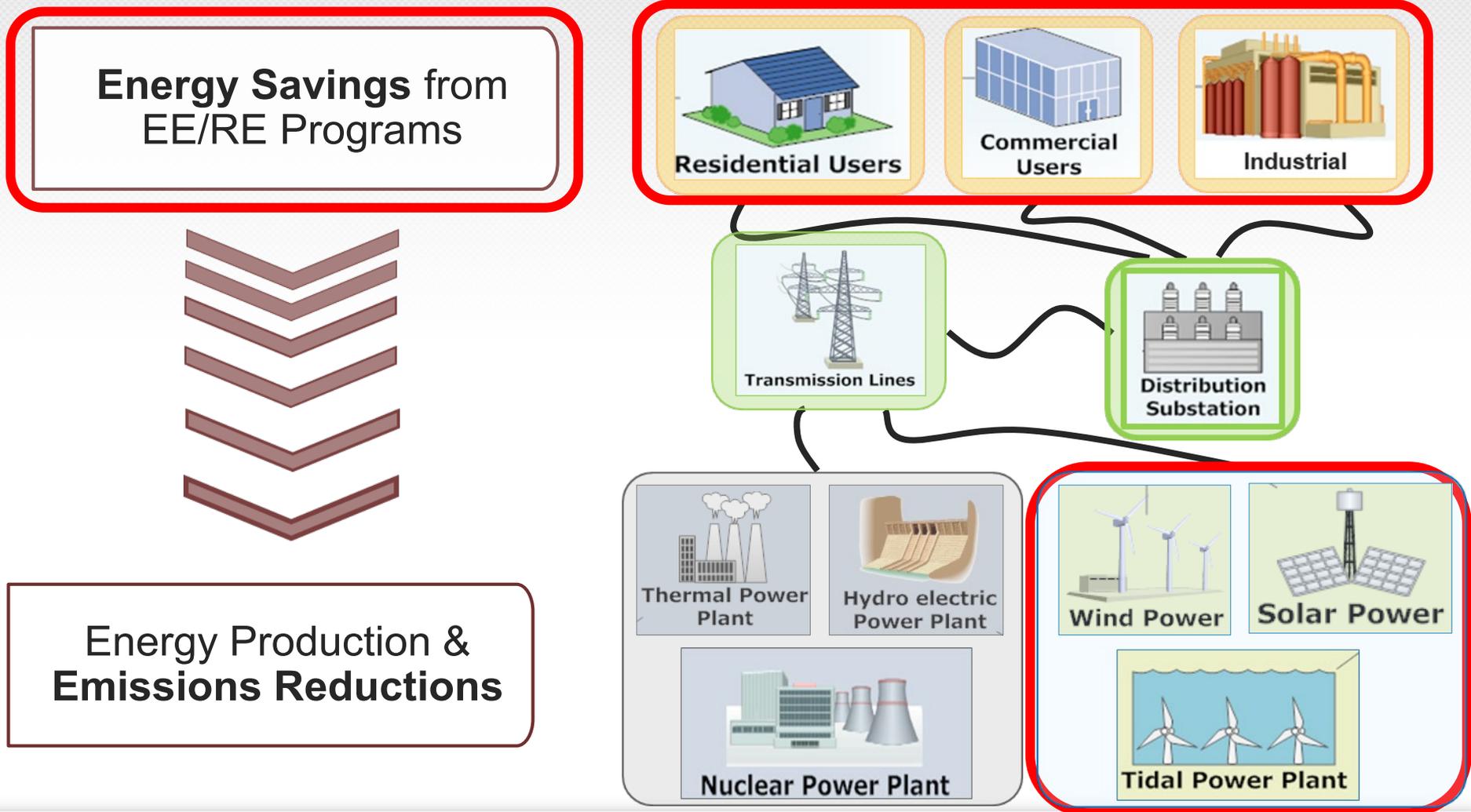
### GENERATION

- Conventional
- Renewable



# NO<sub>x</sub> REDUCTIONS USING eGRID

## NO<sub>x</sub> emissions reductions calculation from electricity savings



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**Energy Savings from  
EE/RE Programs**



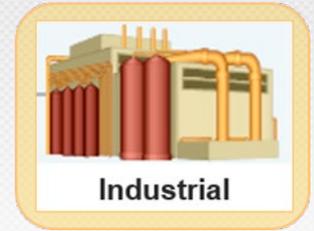
**Energy Production &  
Emissions Reductions**



Residential Users



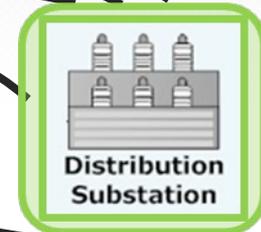
Commercial  
Users



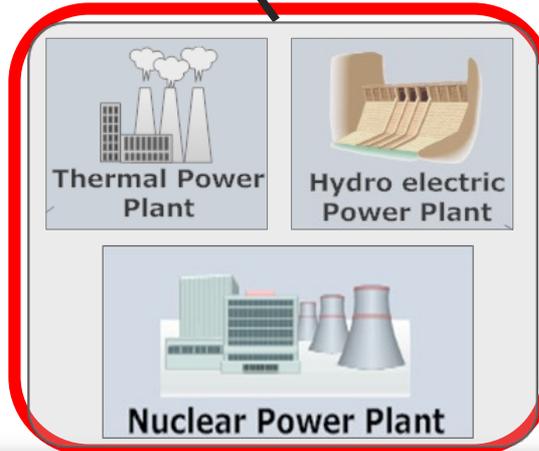
Industrial



Transmission Lines



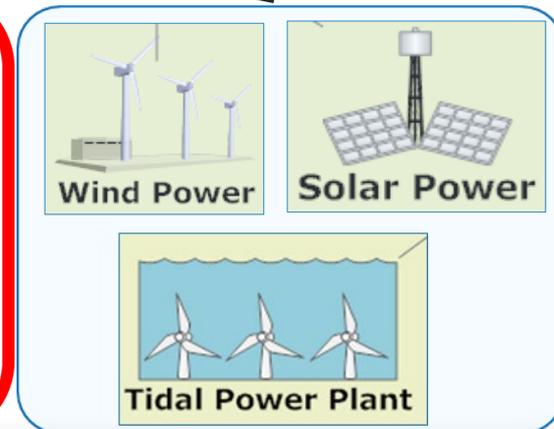
Distribution  
Substation



Thermal Power  
Plant

Hydro electric  
Power Plant

Nuclear Power Plant



Wind Power

Solar Power

Tidal Power Plant

# NO<sub>x</sub> REDUCTIONS USING eGRID

## NO<sub>x</sub> emissions reductions calculation from Renewable Energy Projects

- Prototype analysis completed with test site in Randall, Tx.
- Needed to know how to normalize power production to baseyear wind data.



Figure 15: The Enertech Wind Turbine Installed in Randall, Texas



Figure 16: Texas Map Showing Randall (red) and Potter (blue) County

# NO<sub>x</sub> REDUCTIONS USING eGRID

## NO<sub>x</sub> emissions reductions calculation from Renewable Energy Projects

- Analysis showed hourly characteristic wind power profiles using on-site hourly wind speed data.
- However, profiles changed significantly when compared against NOAA hourly wind data (recorded nearby).
- Needed to know how to normalize power production to base-year wind data using NOAA wind data.

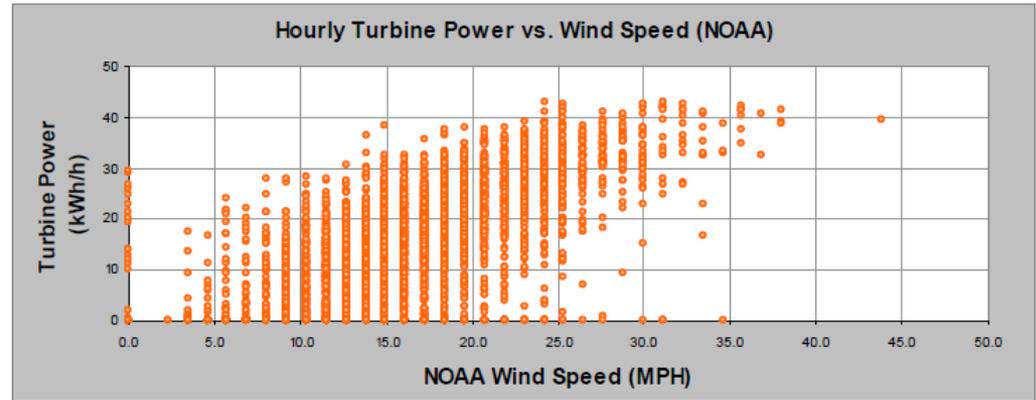
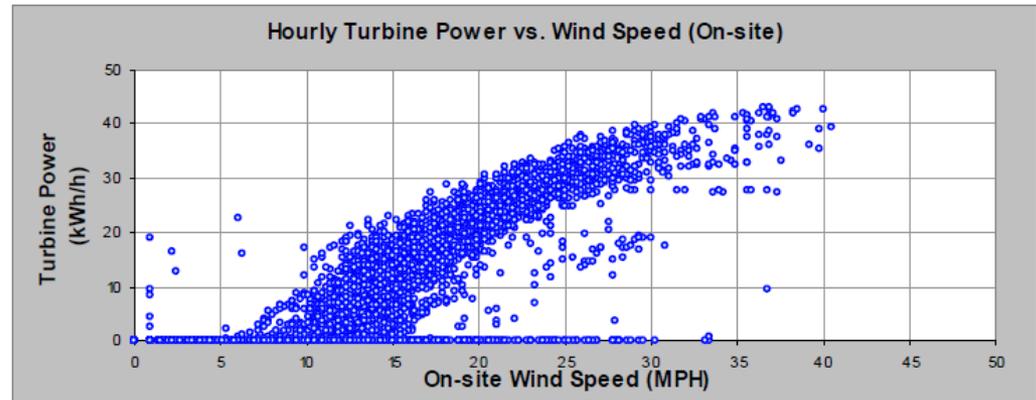


Figure 27: Hourly Turbine Power vs. NOAA-AMA Wind Speed



# NO<sub>x</sub> REDUCTIONS USING eGRID

## NO<sub>x</sub> emissions reductions calculation from Renewable Energy Projects

- Determined that daily analysis performed similarly for on-site AND NOAA wind data.
- Therefore, proposed that daily analysis be used for weather normalizing wind power production.
- Proposed process would use 3P wind power coefficients determined from actual wind power measurements, which could then be transferred to daily base-year conditions (i.e., wind speed) using available NOAA data.
- Process is now used to weather normalize wind power production (all wind farms) for EPA base year.

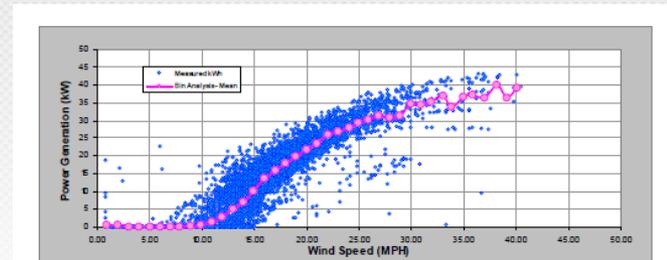


Figure 29: Hourly Turbine Power Bin Analysis

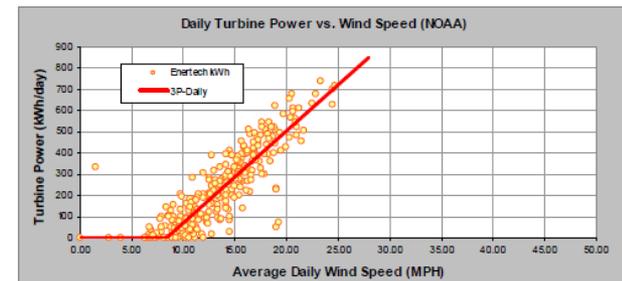


Figure 30: Daily Turbine Power vs. NOAA-AMA Wind Speed

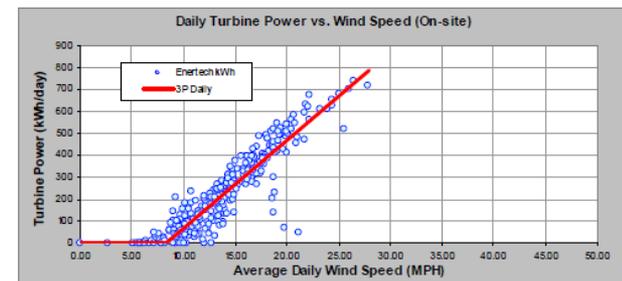
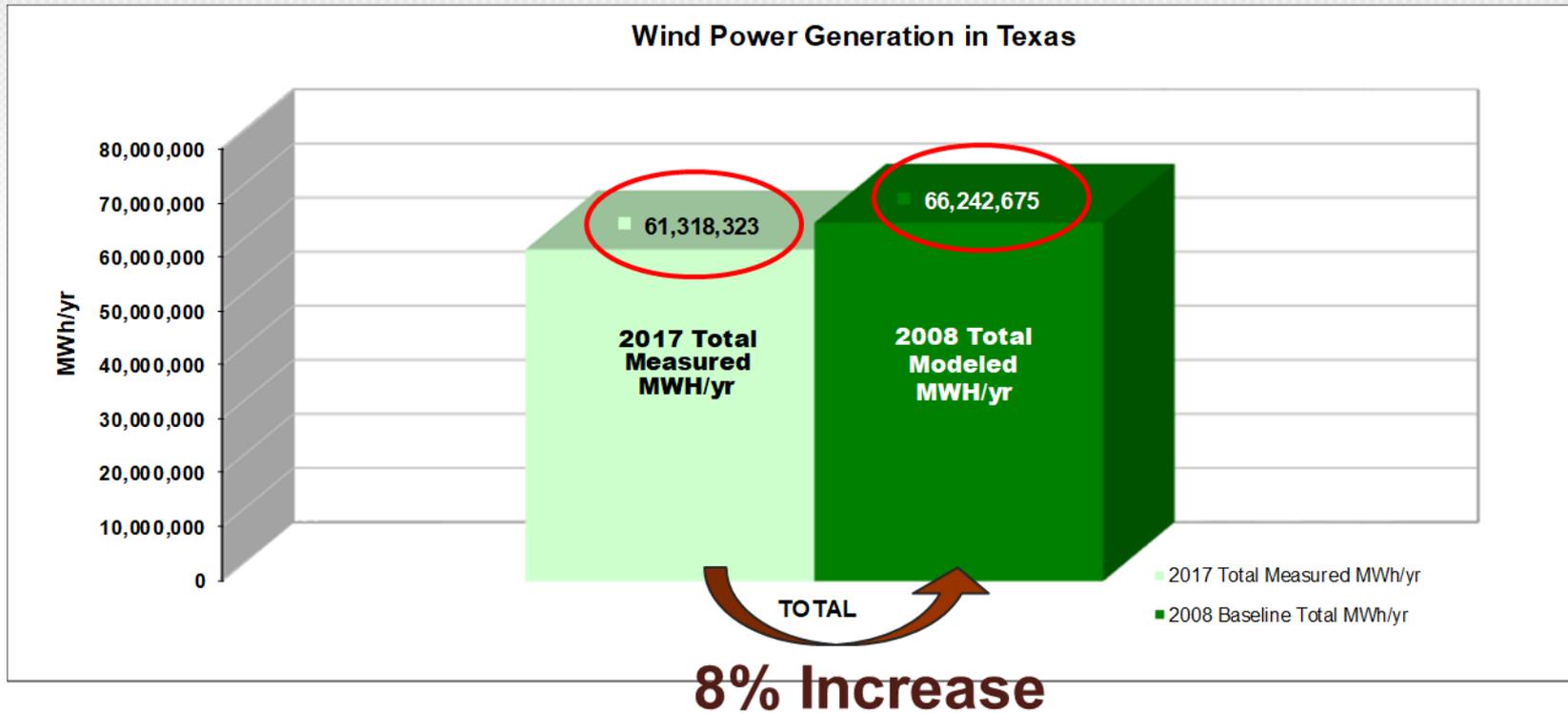


Figure 31: Daily Turbine Power vs. On-site Wind Speed

# WIND FARMS CAPACITY/PRODUCTION

2008 Annual Modeled vs. 2017 Annual Measured

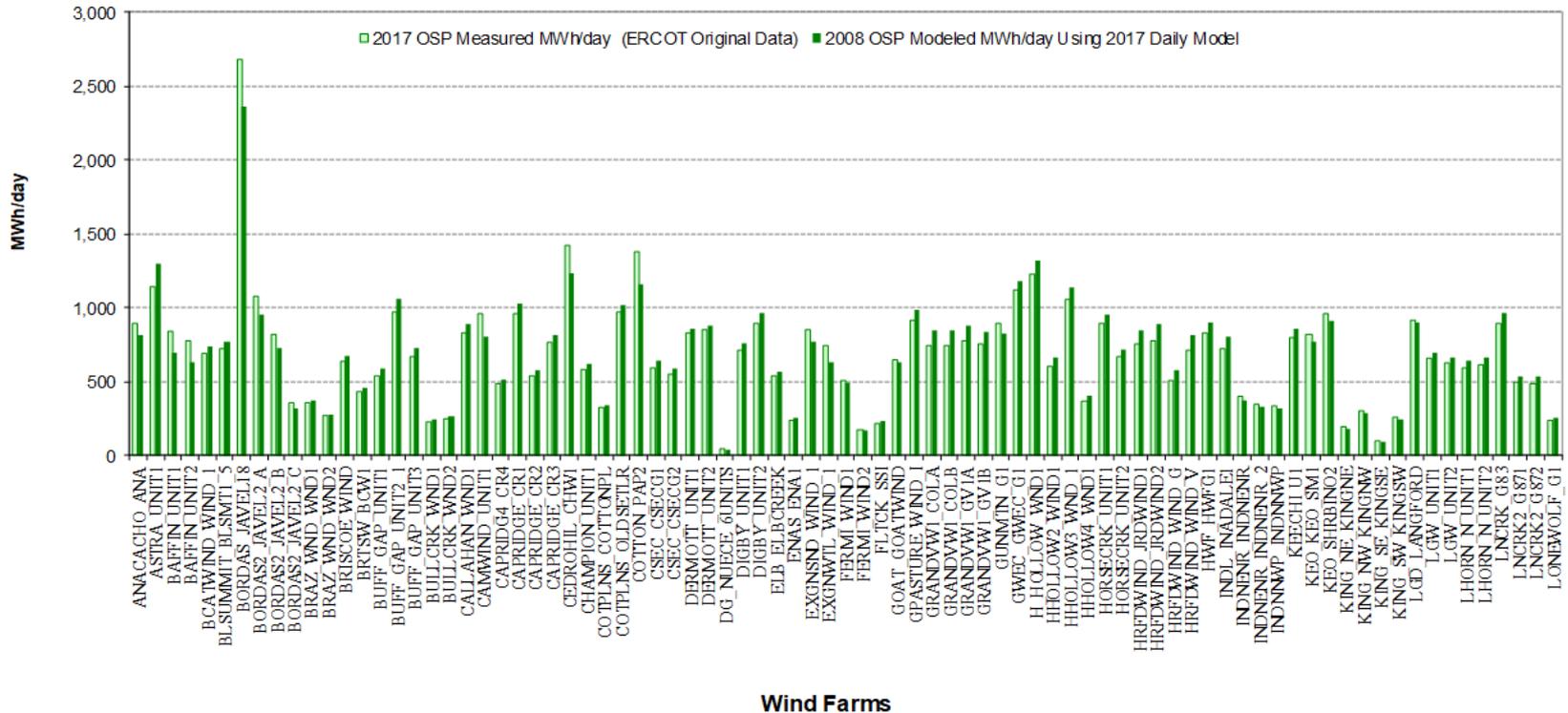


2008 Calculated from 2017 Measured Annual Power Production

# NOx REDUCTIONS USING eGRID

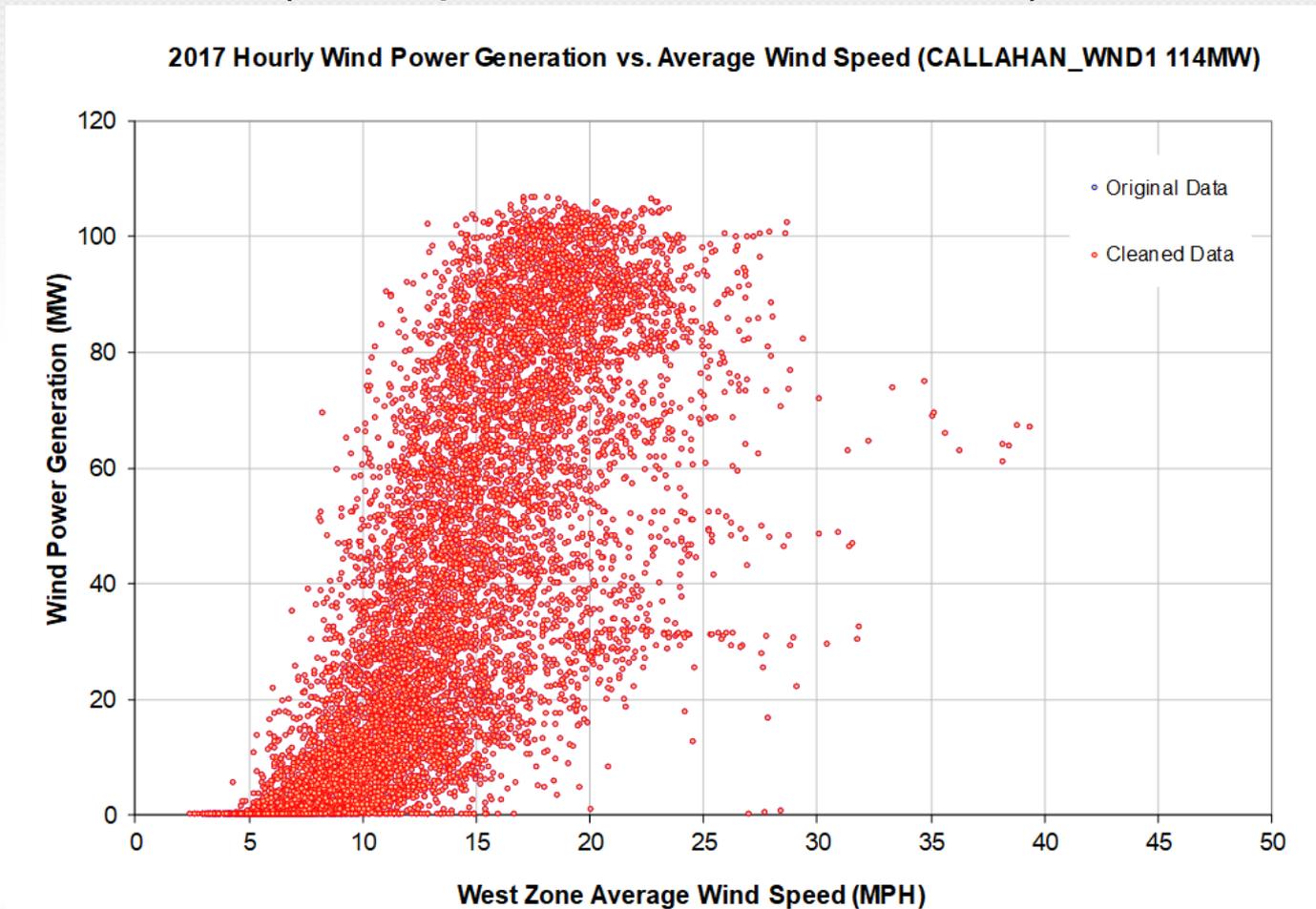
## NOx emissions reductions calculation from Wind Energy Projects (2017)

Wind Power Generation in Ozone Season Period in Texas



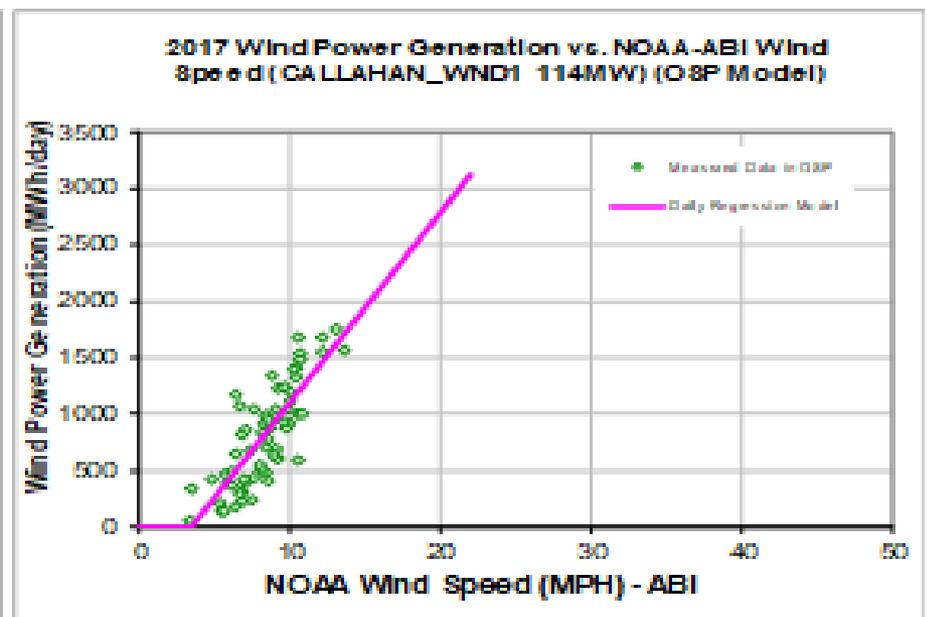
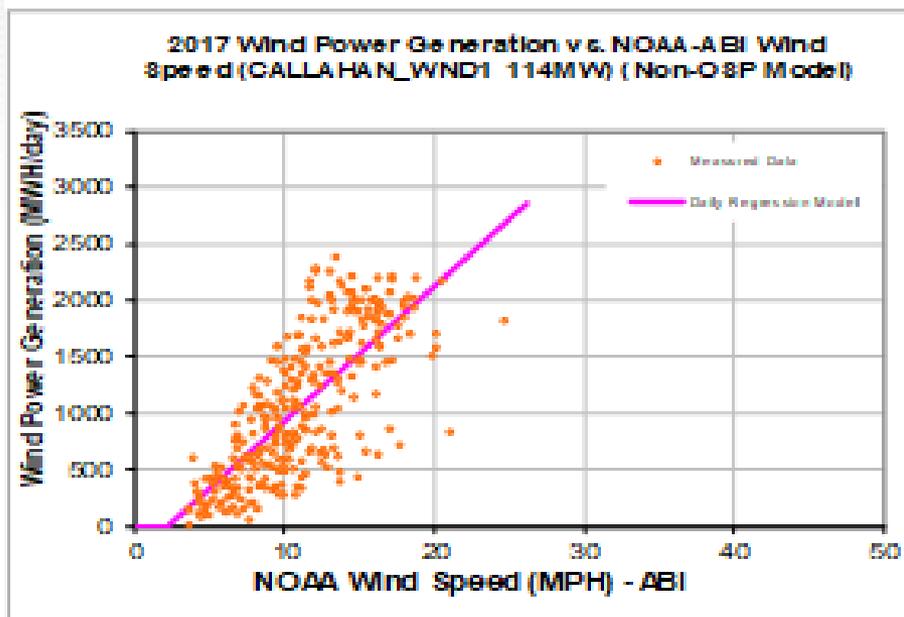
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NOx emissions reductions calculation from Renewable Energy Projects  
(Example: Callahan wind farm)



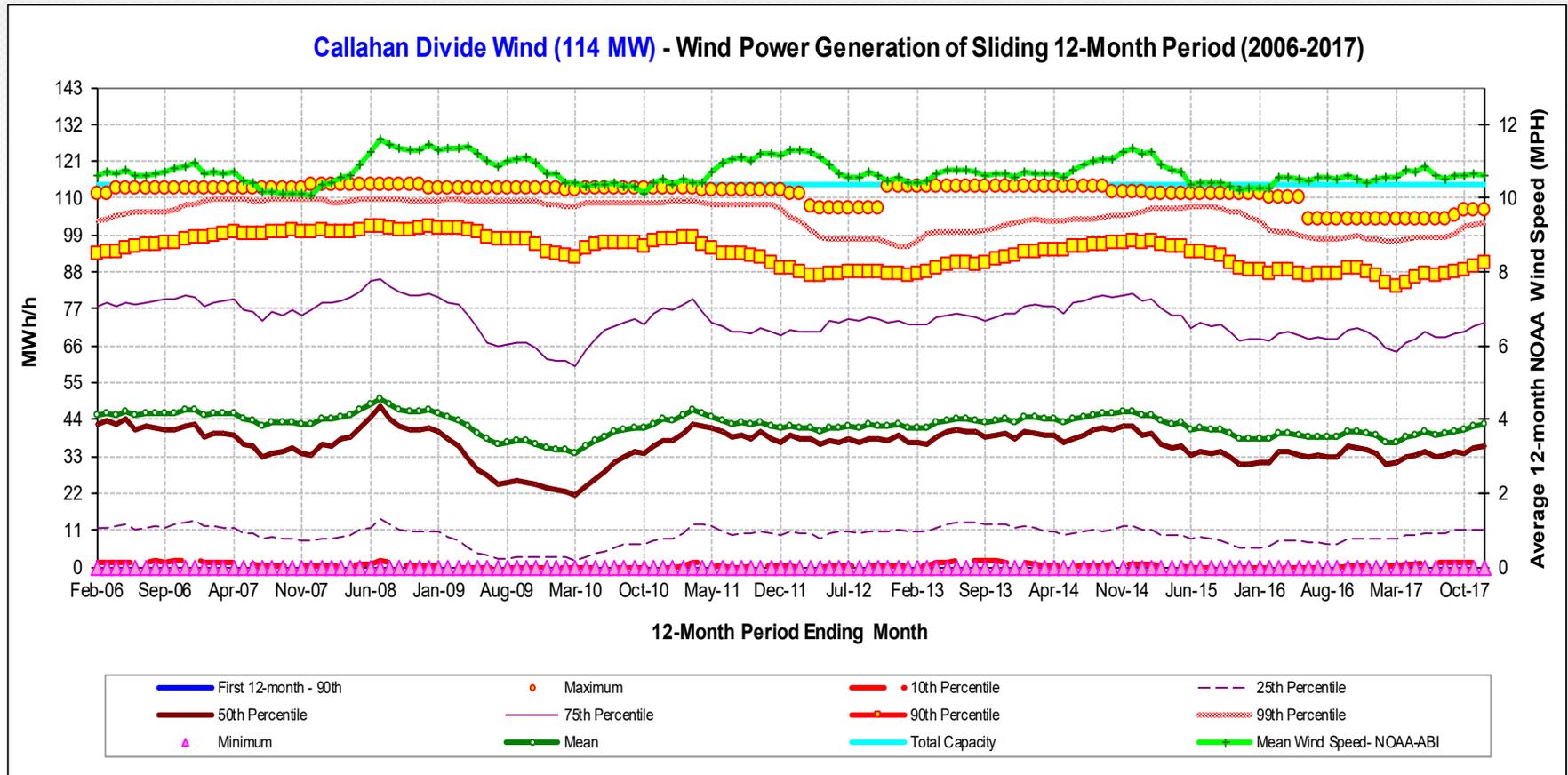
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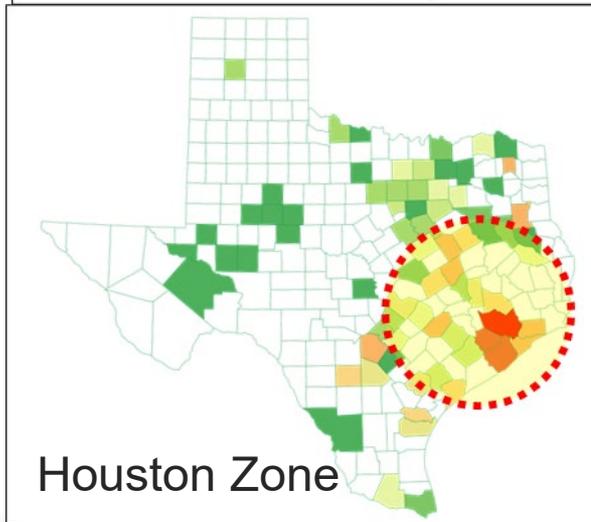
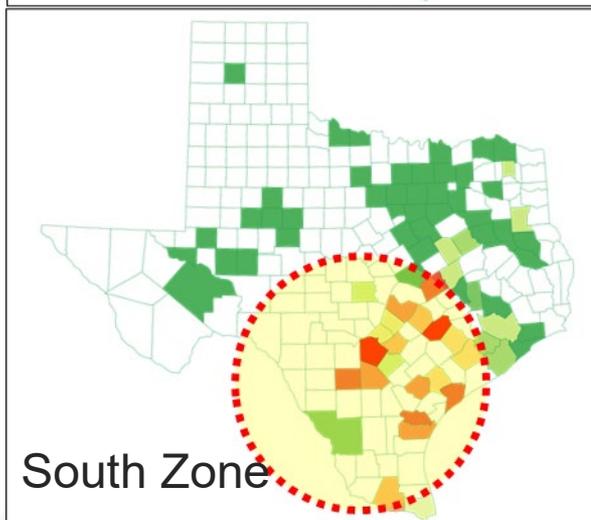
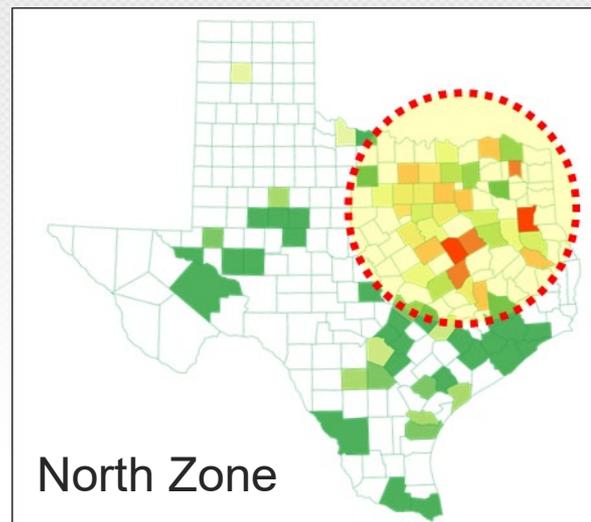
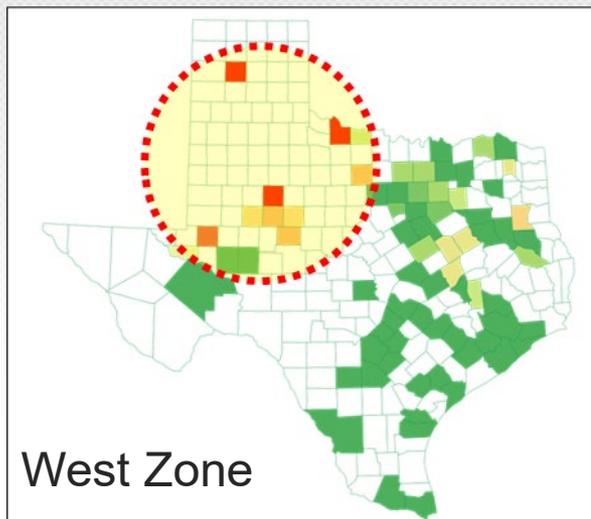
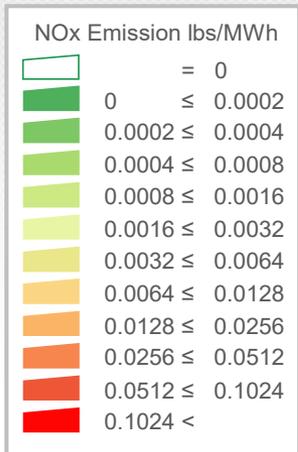
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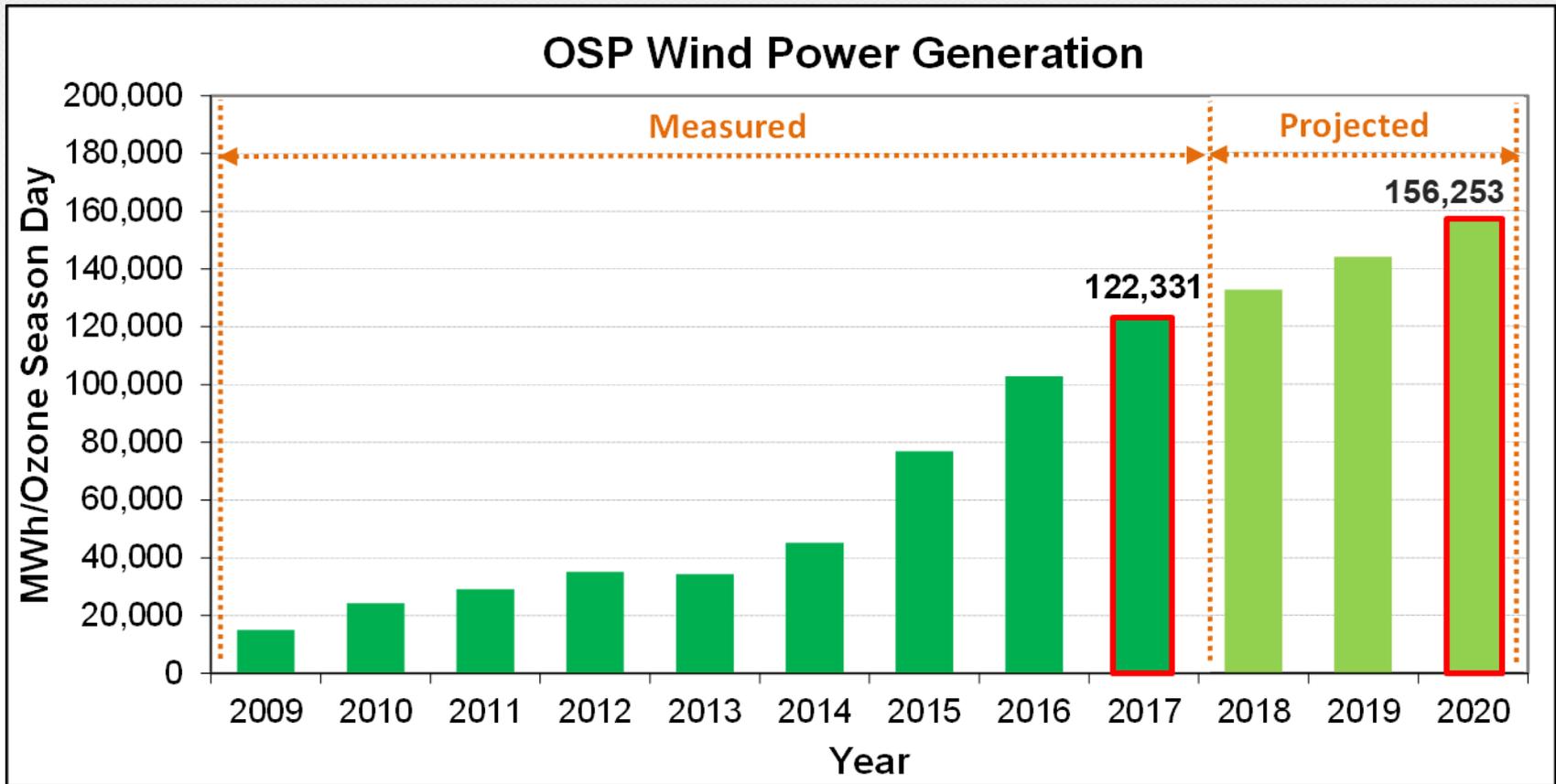
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Unit: lbs of NOx/MWh



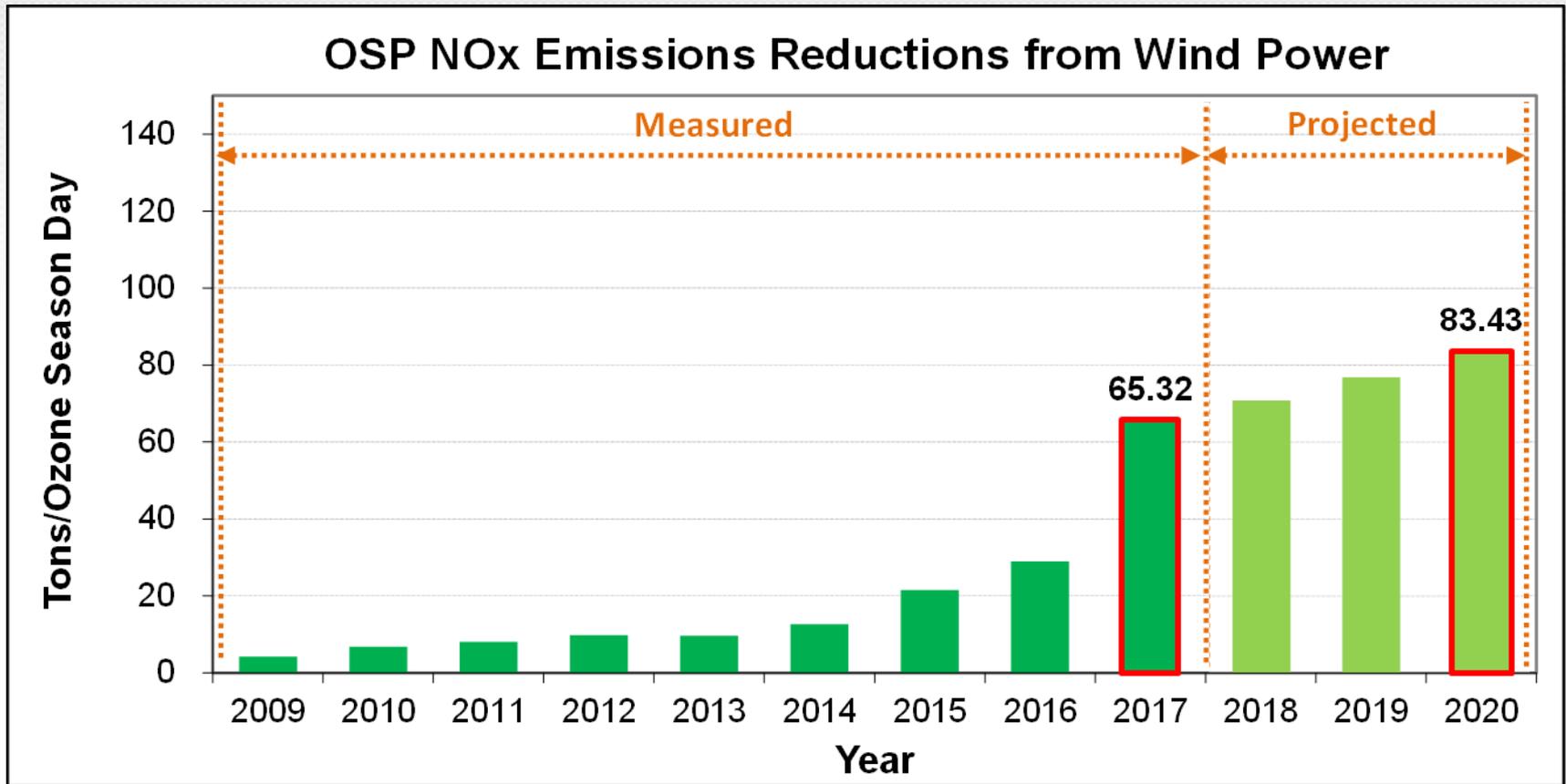
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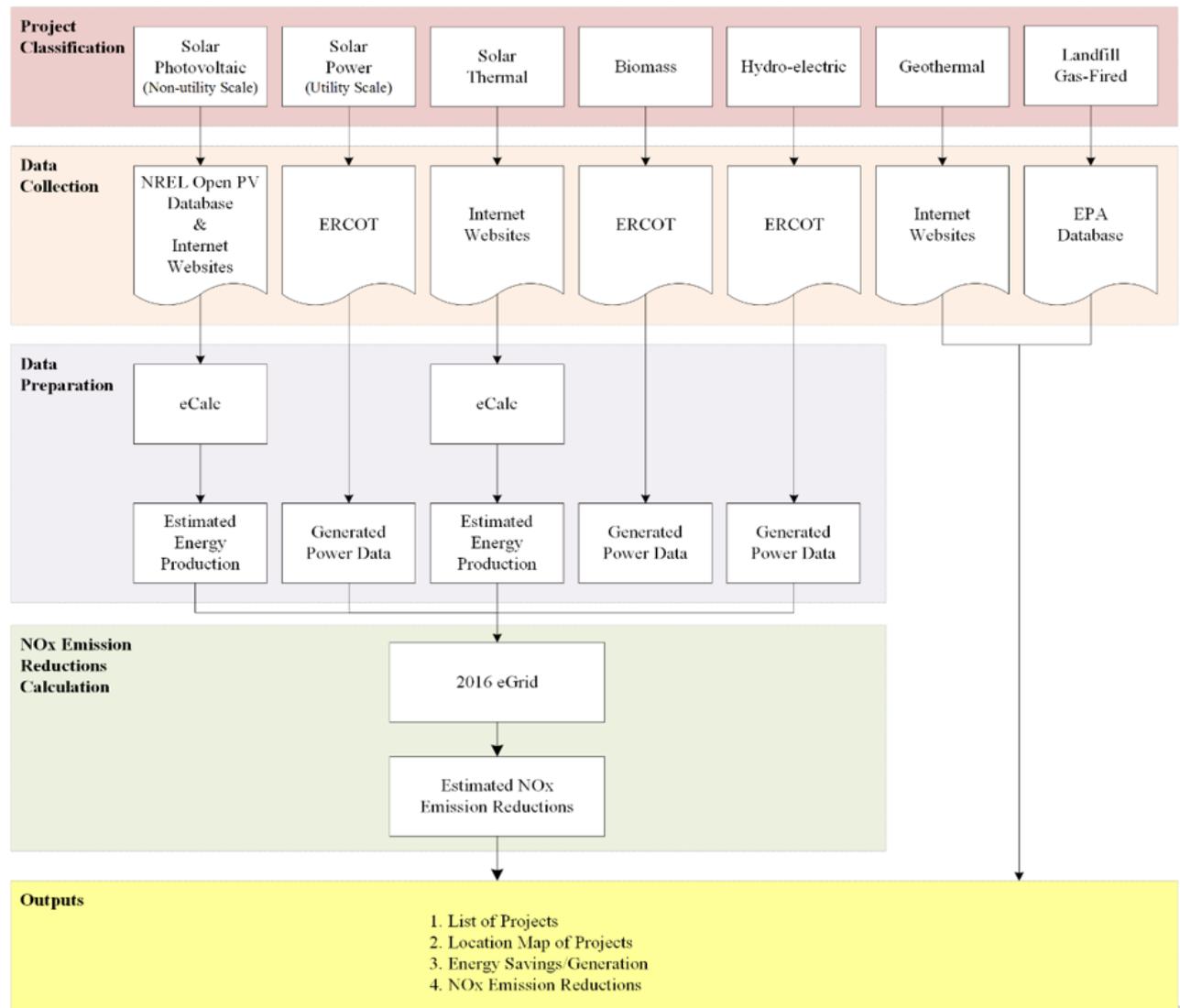
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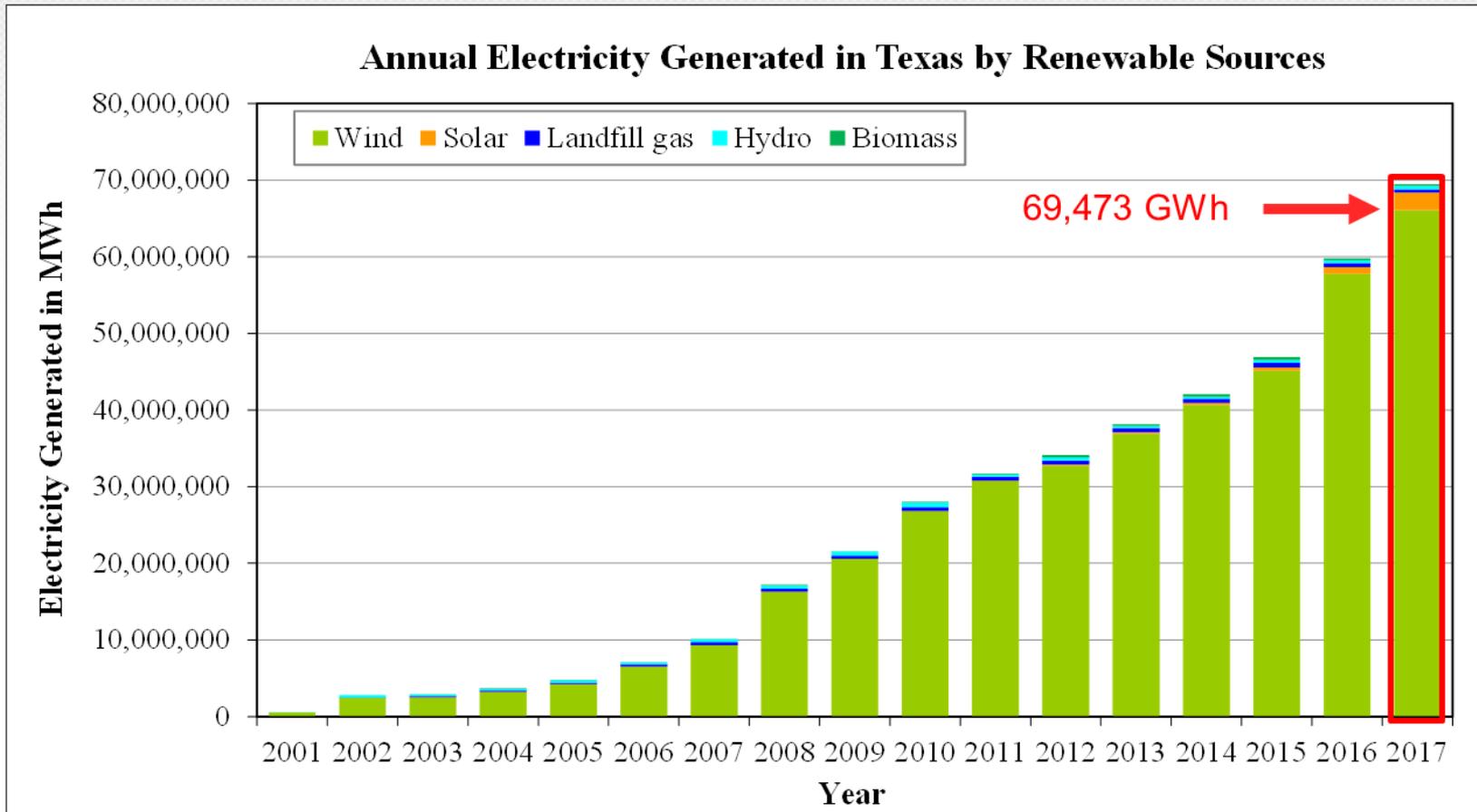
NOx emissions reductions calculation from other renewable energy projects



# SAVINGS FROM OTHER RENEWABLES (2001-2017)

Renewables: Biomass, Hydro, Landfill Gas, Solar, Wind

✓ Wind energy is the largest portion

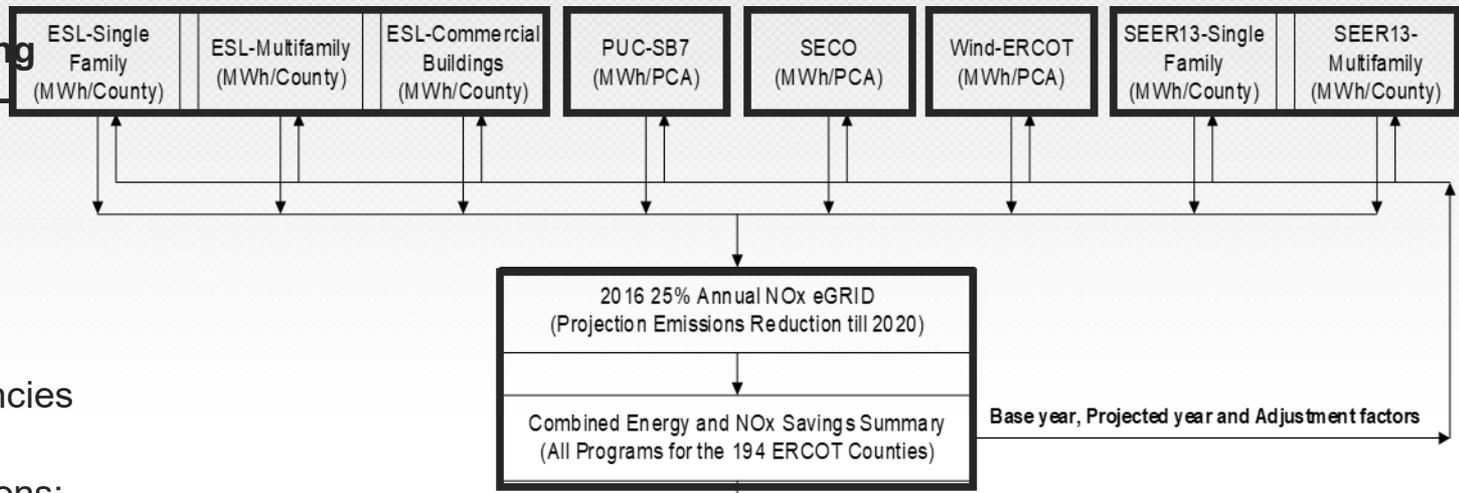


# INTEGRATED NO<sub>x</sub> EMISSIONS REDUCTION

Integrated Emissions Savings Across Agencies To Report Savings To TCEQ and EPA

State agencies included:

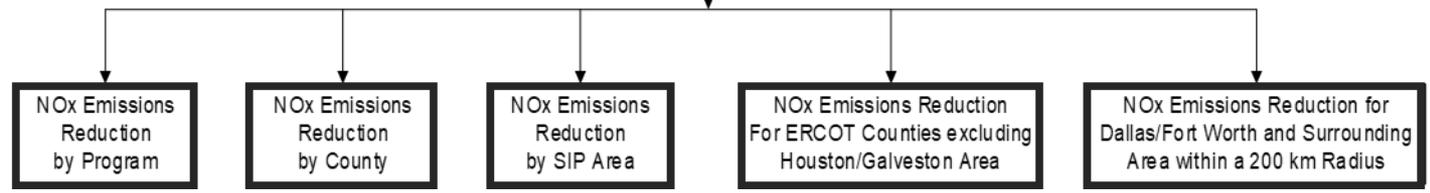
- Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station/ESL
- PUC
- SECO
- ERCOT/Wind
- SEER 13/14 Single/Multifamily



Total savings across agencies

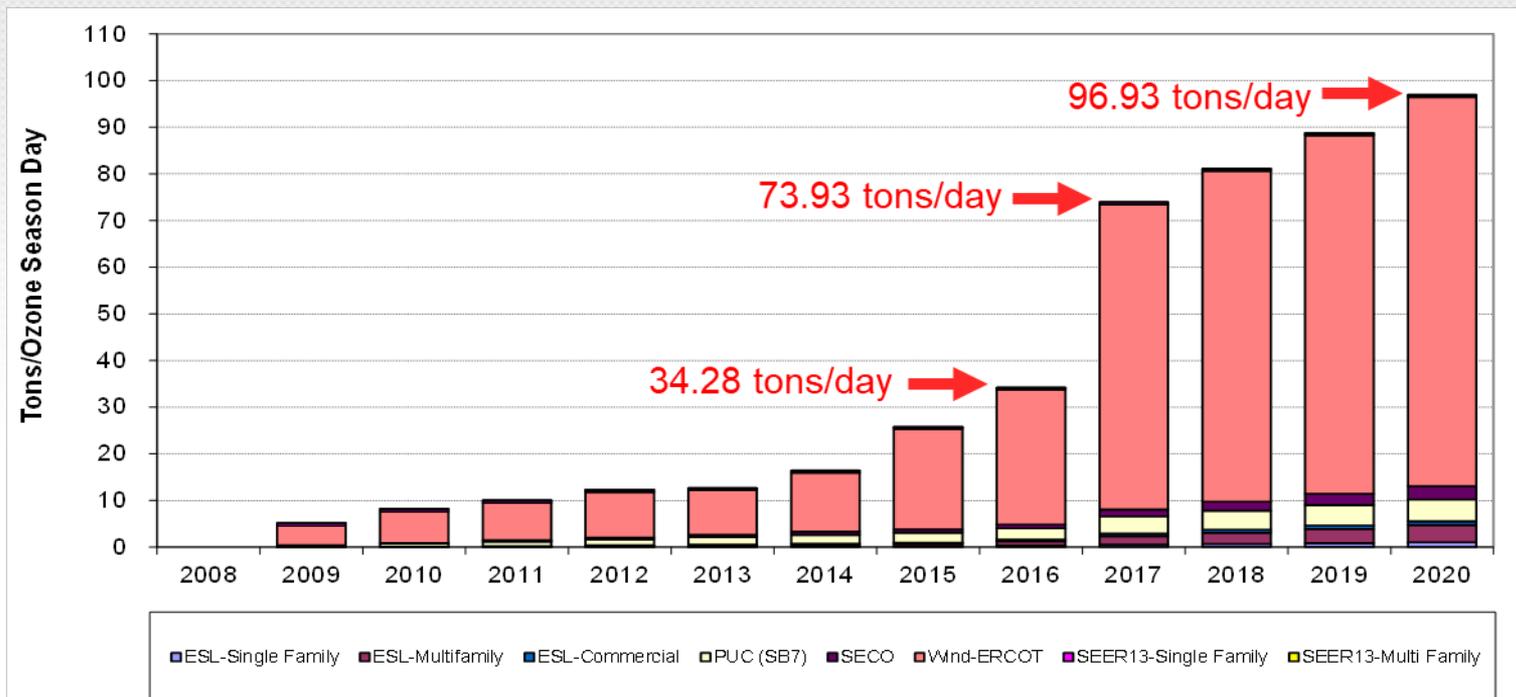
Annual emissions reductions:

- By program
- By county
- By SIP area
- By ERCOT counties
- By City and Surrounding Area within a 200km Radius



# INTEGRATED NO<sub>x</sub> EMISSIONS REDUCTION (2008 Baseyear)

## 2017 Integrated OSP NO<sub>x</sub> Emissions Reduction Using new 2016 eGrid



### 2017 integrated OSP NO<sub>x</sub> Emissions Reduction

- ESL Code Compliance (2.89 tons/day)
- PUC SB7 programs (3.75 tons/day)
- SECO Political Sub.\* (1.45 tons/day)
- Green Power (Wind) (65.32 tons/day)
- Residential AC Retrofits (0.52 tons/day)

➤ **Total (2017) (73.93 tons/day)**

### 2020 integrated OSP NO<sub>x</sub> emissions reduction

- ESL Code Compliance (5.58 tons/day)
- PUC SB7 programs (4.65 tons/day)
- \*SECO Political Sub. (2.81 tons/day)
- Green Power (Wind) (83.43 tons/day)
- Residential AC Retrofits (0.45 tons/day)

➤ **Total (2020) (96.93 tons/day)**

# Summary

## The results of the analysis:

- Results reported annually to TCEQ and posted on the ESL's website.
- TCEQ includes results in annual report to the Texas State Legislature.

## Outcome/How the multiple benefits/results informed or affected policy

- Funding provides Texas with additional NOx credits for State SIP.

## Challenges encountered and how you overcame them; key lessons learned or takeaways:

- Weather normalization important.
- Close coordination between state/federal agencies important.
- Need for careful documentation over 17 year period.

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# The Securitization of Solar Home Renewable Energy Credits and Their Emissions Benefits

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The Securitization of Solar Home Renewable Energy  
Credits and Their Emissions Benefits

# Connecticut Green Bank

## Mission and Goals



Support the strategy to achieve **cheaper, cleaner, and more reliable** sources of energy while **creating jobs** and supporting **local economic development**

- **Attract and deploy private capital investment** to finance the **clean energy policy goals** for Connecticut
- **Leverage limited public funds to attract multiples of private capital investment** while **reinvesting public funds over time**
- Develop and implement strategies that **bring down the cost** of clean energy in order to make it more **accessible** and **affordable** to customers
- Support affordable and healthy homes and businesses in distressed communities **reduce energy burden** and **address health & safety**

# Connecticut Green Bank

## Delivering Results for Connecticut



- **Investment** – mobilized over \$1.3 billion of investment into Connecticut’s clean energy economy while raising nearly \$50 million in state and local tax revenues
- **Jobs** – created nearly 16,000 total job-years – 6,200 direct and 9,700 indirect and induced
- **Energy Burden** – reducing the energy burden on over 30,000 households and businesses
- **Clean Energy** – deployed more than 285 MW of clean renewable energy helping to reduce over 4.6 million tons of greenhouse gas emissions that cause climate change

### **Private investment drives economic growth**

Creates jobs, lowers energy costs, and generates tax revenues

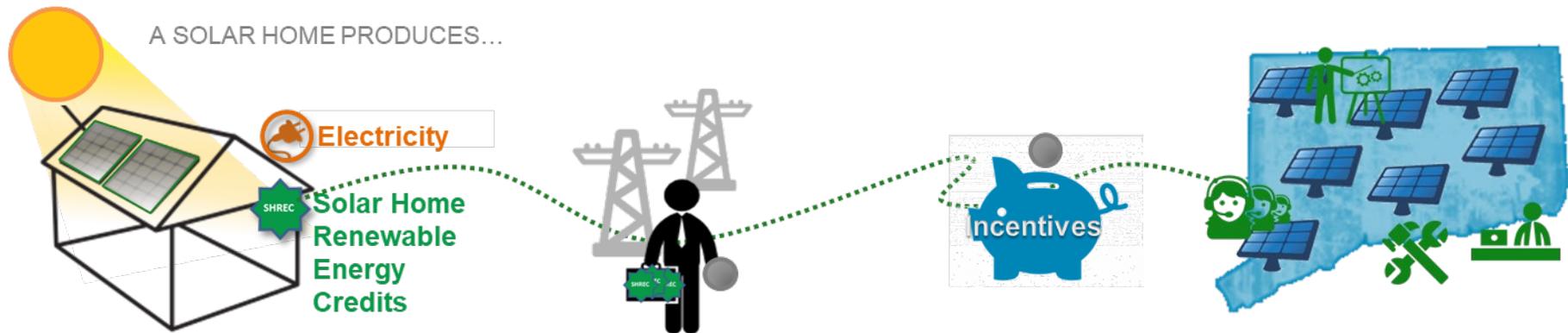
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# The Residential Solar Investment Program (RSIP), Solar Home Renewable Energy Credit (SHREC)-Backed Revenue Bonds

# Incentive Business

## RSIP and SHREC



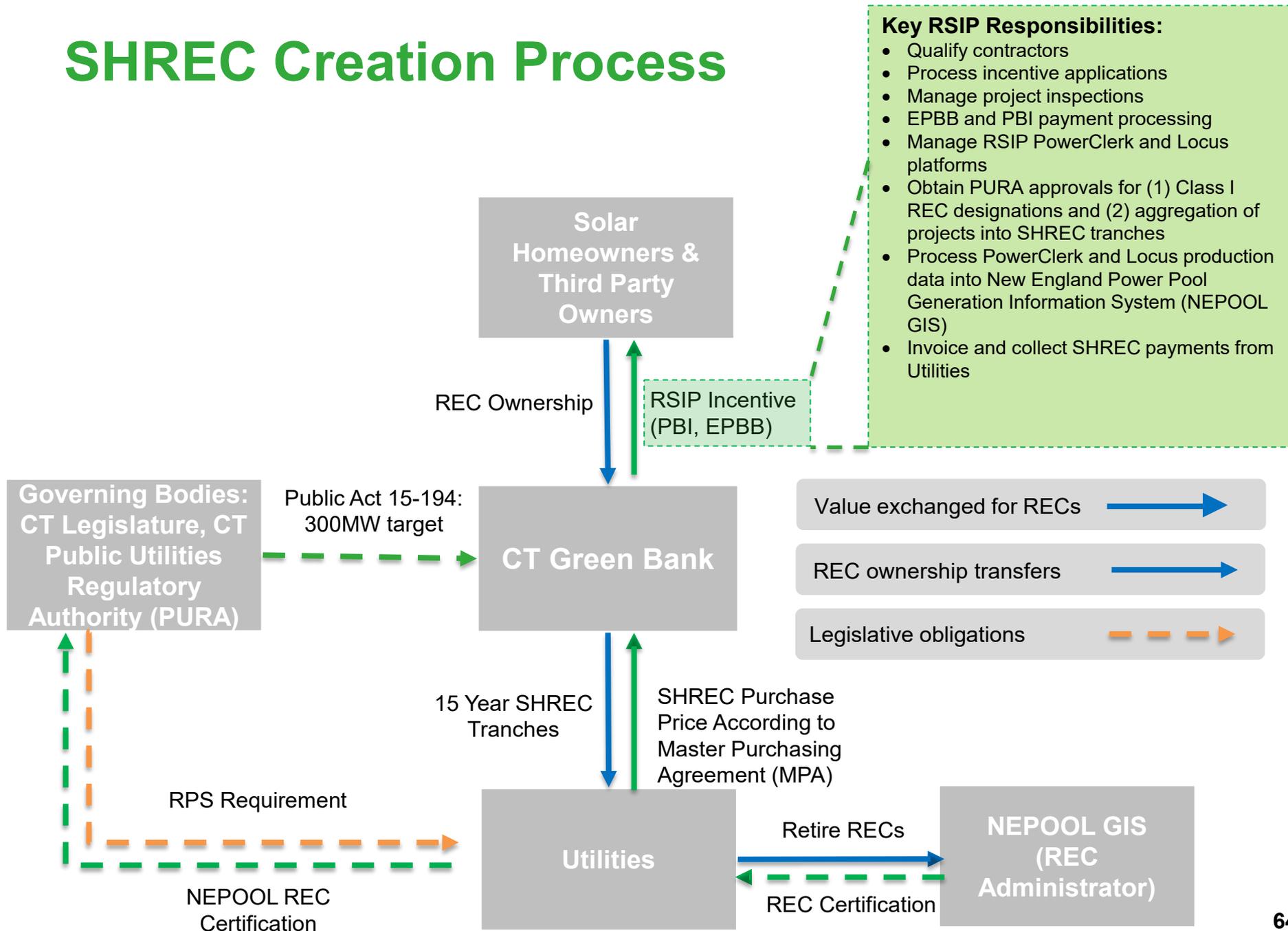
When panels produce electricity for a home, they will also produce Solar Home Renewable Energy Credits (SHRECs). The Green Bank provides upfront incentives through RSIP and collects all the SHRECs produced per statute.

Utilities required to enter into 15-year contracts with the Green Bank to purchase the stream of SHRECs produced. This helps utilities comply with their clean energy goals [i.e., Class I Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS)].

The Green Bank would then use the revenues from the 15-year fixed price contracts to support the RSIP incentives [i.e., Performance Based Incentives (PBI) and Expected Performance Based By-Down (EPBB) Incentives], cover admin costs, and fund securitization or financing costs.

A public policy with 300 MW target will create more locally-sourced sustainable energy, helping make our power grid more secure and less congested, and also curb pollution.

# SHREC Creation Process



# SHREC 2019-1



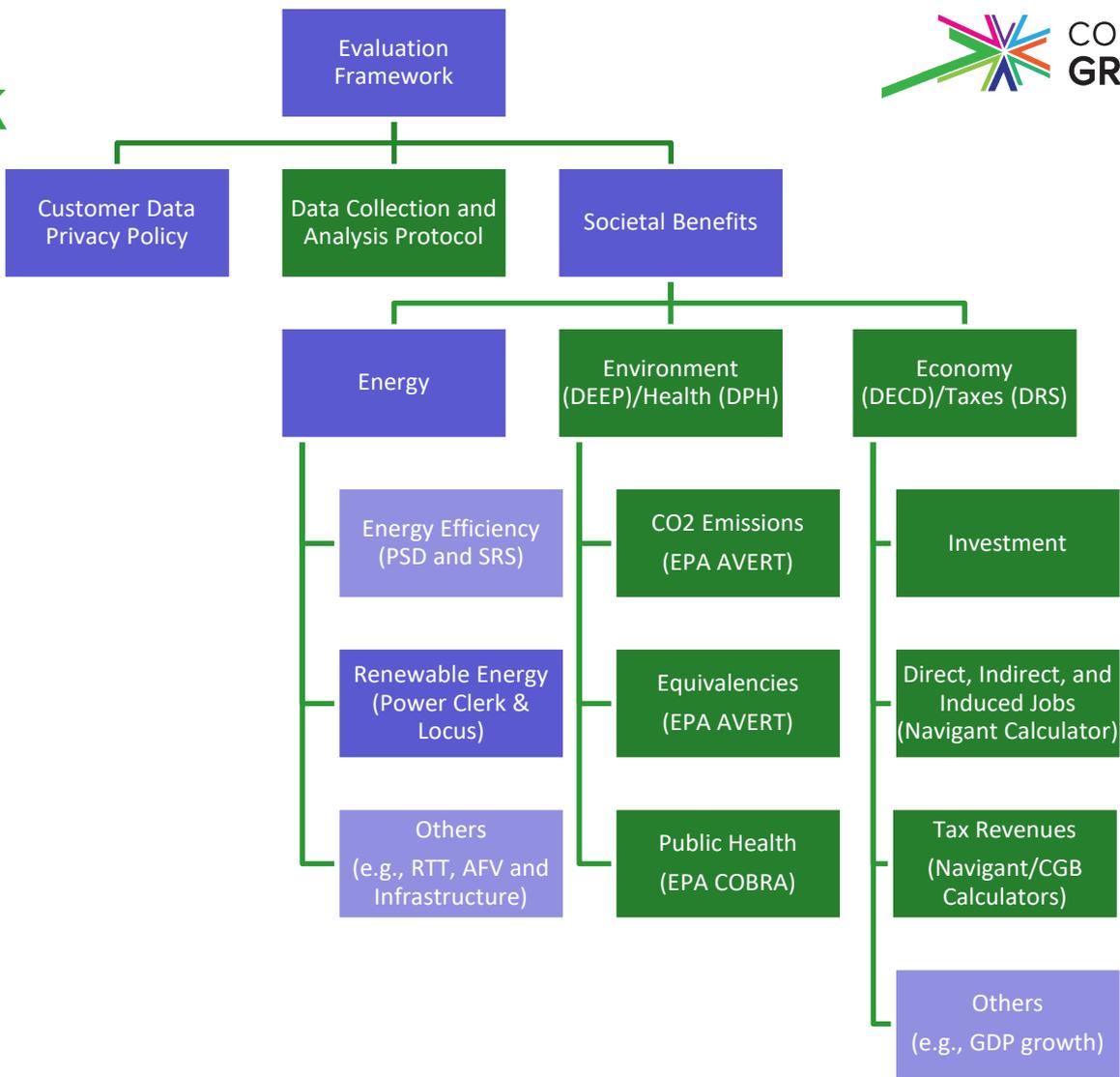
## Transaction Overview

- The Connecticut Green Bank has engaged RBC Capital Markets as sole structuring and placement agent on its inaugural asset-backed security transaction, backed by cash flows received from SHRECs.
- The Green Bank offers incentives to homeowners and third-party owners to install solar photovoltaic (PV) systems.
  - In exchange for its incentives, the Green Bank receives all rights and title to the Class I RECs generated from the systems.
- Under a new MPA between the Green Bank and Connecticut's two Investor-Owned Utilities (Eversource and United Illuminating, collectively the "Utilities"), the Green Bank aggregates SHRECs generated from solar PV systems participating in its RSIP into tranches, and sells those SHREC tranches to the Utilities at a predetermined price over a 15 year tranche lifetime.
  - Eversource is rated A3/A+ (M/S)
  - United Illuminating is rated Baa1/A- (M/S)
- For SHREC 2019-1, the Green Bank will contribute Tranches 1 and 2, which comprise:
  - 14,027 solar PV systems
  - 109 MW
  - 21% homeowner and 79% third-party owner (% of discounted solar asset balance)
  - MPA prices of \$50/SHREC for Tranche 1 and \$49/SHREC for Tranche 2

What is the impact of the SHREC Bond?  
What is the impact investors would have?

- **Bonds assessed and rated per climate bonds initiative standards**
  - The Green Bank engaged Kestrel Verifiers to perform the assessment
  - Certified as a climate bond
- **Getting a label is great but investors want to know, what Impact did they achieve?**
  - What exactly have these bonds achieved?
  - How much greenhouse gas emissions were avoided? How much cleaner is the air because of these investments?
  - What were the public health impacts?
  - What were the economic impacts?

# Evaluation Framework



AFV: Alternative fuel vehicle  
 AVERT: AVOIDed Emissions and geneRation Tool  
 COBRA: CO-Benefits Risk Assessment  
 DEEP: Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection  
 DPH: Connecticut State Department of Public Health  
 DECD: Connecticut State Department of Economic and Community Development

DRS: Connecticut State Department of Revenue Services  
 GDP: Gross domestic product  
 PSD: Program Savings Document  
 RTT: Renewable Thermal Technologies  
 SRS: Sustainable Real Estate Solutions

# Environmental Impact Fact Sheets



## Environmental Impact Overview

An important measurement of success for the Connecticut Green Bank (Green Bank) and its programs is how our investment activity improves the air quality of the state. This will be measured by the decrease in the amount of nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>), sulfur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) and carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) and particulate matter emitted by the region's fossil fuel electric generation or transportation due to Green Bank projects.

The Green Bank will use the US Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Avoided Emissions and Generation Tool (AVERT) to calculate and report on the environmental benefits of the Green Bank's clean energy investment activity in Connecticut.

Estimated Generation/Savings for 2016 is calculated by using the Avert emissions factors in Table 1:

Table 1: AVERT Factors

Technology	CO <sub>2</sub> tons / MWh	NO <sub>x</sub> lbs / MWh	SO <sub>2</sub> lbs / MWh
Solar PV	0.5621	0.5754	0.4107
Energy Efficiency	0.5432	0.4803	0.3397
Energy Efficiency/PV	0.5528	0.5285	0.3754
Wind	0.5372	0.4284	0.3333

Using this method, the following is an example of changes to emissions based on 60 MW additions of either clean generation or improved energy efficiency:

Table 2: AVERT Examples

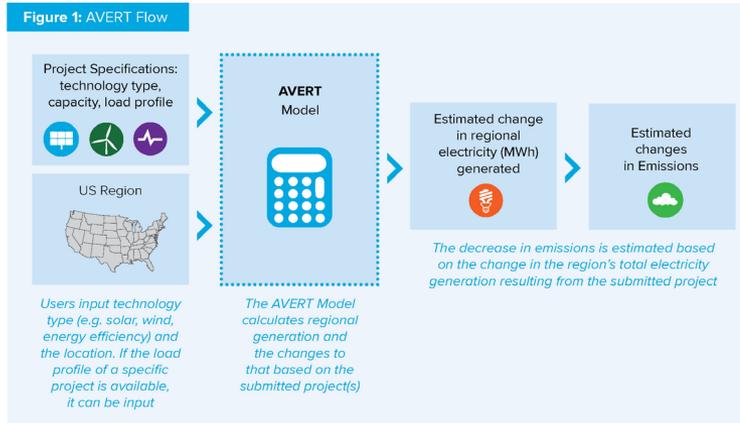
Capacity:	60 MW			
Technology	Annual expected generation change (MWh)	CO <sub>2</sub> savings (tons)	NO <sub>x</sub> savings (lbs)	SO <sub>2</sub> savings (lbs)
Solar PV	79,220	44,520	45,580	32,480
Energy Efficiency	63,090	34,260	30,300	21,430
Wind	104,930	56,370	44,920	34,980

Using the type of calculation outlined above, the Green Bank will include Societal Perspective benefits as well as the environmental impact of its programs in its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, green bonds issuances, and other communications. Further information about AVERT is available at: [https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2015-08/documents/avert\\_decision\\_makers\\_fact\\_sheet\\_2-13-14\\_final\\_508.pdf](https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2015-08/documents/avert_decision_makers_fact_sheet_2-13-14_final_508.pdf)

## Methodology

Previously, the Green Bank and its predecessor, the Connecticut Clean Energy Fund, estimated these impacts by using the results of the 2007 New England Marginal Emission Rate Analysis to calculate the expected annual and lifetime kWh savings of energy and production of clean energy. After working with the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) and the US Environmental Protection Agency, the Green Bank has adopted the EPA's Avoided Emissions and Generation Tool (AVERT) to calculate the air quality benefits associated with Green Bank projects.

AVERT is a complex model that represents the dynamics of electricity dispatch based on the history of actual generation in a selected year for a specified region. For Green Bank purposes, the model generates the expected annual change to regional electricity generation based on a specific clean energy project or projects, then calculates the decline in emissions based on the reduction in resources required. The graphic below is a simplified representation of the model.



To maximize the model's accuracy, the Green Bank has derived average project emissions factors by technology (solar, wind, EE) from its completed projects. It then applies these factors to the annual projected generation for individual projects to calculate the estimates of the expected NO<sub>x</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub>, and CO<sub>2</sub> savings. The Green Bank will update these factors annually based on changes to the regional generation profile and typical project sizes.

# Green Bank's Calculations



- **Energy Impact:**
  - 109 MW Installed Capacity
  - 123,944 MWh annual expected generation
  - 3,098,610 MWh expected lifetime generation
- **Economic Impact:**
  - \$39.7 million in Green Bank investment led to 384 million in private investment (10.68 leverage)
  - Created 5,693 Job Years (2,241 direct and 3,452 indirect and induced)
- **Environmental Impact:**
  - Annual Emissions avoidance: 69,322 Tons CO<sub>2</sub>, 71,821 lbs NO<sub>x</sub>, 57,598 lbs SO<sub>2</sub>, 6,038 lbs PM<sub>2.5</sub>
  - Lifetime Emissions avoidance: 1,733,056 Tons CO<sub>2</sub>, 1,795,513 lbs NO<sub>x</sub>, 1,439,947 lbs SO<sub>2</sub>, 150,943 lbs PM<sub>2.5</sub>

**But are these independent?**

# Climate Impact Score






## CERTIFICATE OF ASSESSMENT

Client: Connecticut Green Bank		
Investment: Solar Home Renewable Energy Credits (SHRECs), 15 years		
Amount: \$20,000,000		
Closing Date: November 2018 (expected)		
Location: Connecticut, USA	Sectors: Energy Supply	Project Types: Rooftop Solar PV

This SHREC securitization focuses on rooftop solar photovoltaic (PV) projects installed at residential properties in the State of Connecticut under the Residential Solar Incentive Program (RSIP) of the Connecticut Green Bank (Green Bank). The renewable energy credits (RECs) generated from PV systems installed under this program ("SHREC systems") are sold to Connecticut's two investor-owned utilities to raise funds for the RSIP to continue to meet the state's demand for residential solar.

The conclusion of this assessment is that the SHREC systems will result in real, measurable reductions in GHG emissions, as well as public health benefits. Based on the 15-year period represented by the SHREC securitization, the Climate Action Reserve estimates that the total climate impact of this offering will be a reduction in approximately 749,494 tonnes carbon dioxide equivalents (tCO2e) of greenhouse gases (GHGs), as compared to the baseline scenario (i.e., the absence of the solar PV projects). Based on the full value of the offering (\$20M), this represents a GHG reduction intensity of 46.7 tCO2e per \$1,000 invested. This is 100% of the GHG emission reductions that could be achieved under the "best in class" scenarios.

GHG REDUCTION TOTAL	GHG REDUCTION INTENSITY	GHG REDUCTION COMPARISON
749.5k	37.5	100%
tCO2e GHG emissions reductions	tCO2e reduced per \$1,000 invested	of reductions achievable in best in class scenario

CIS NO. 1

Why the difference with the CGB estimate? Both use AVERT???

- Climate Impact Score uses a more refined estimation of lifetime generation that was slightly different than CGB
- The Climate Impact Score assumes that the grid is cleaning over time and as a whole is getting cleaner so the impact of each system is less in their application of AVERT than in the Green Bank's application

# Take-Aways



## **Green Bank standardizing our forecasts:**

- Set guidelines on when we are using P50 and P90 forecasts for different purposes
- Where possible the Green Bank will use actual generation numbers fed to us through Locus and used for filings

**Bonds sold April 2 for \$38.6 million and the buyers know what their investment achieved**



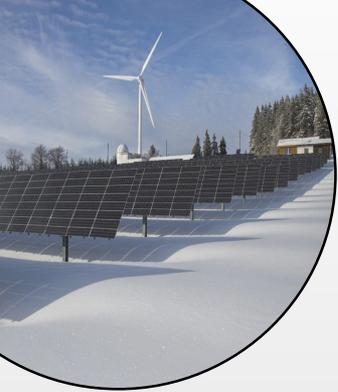
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## RESEARCH QUESTIONS & POLICY OBJECTIVES

1. Can we improve understanding of the interactions between energy, air, climate, and health?
2. Can we identify and quantify cost-effective win-win solutions?



**Buildings**

**Electricity**

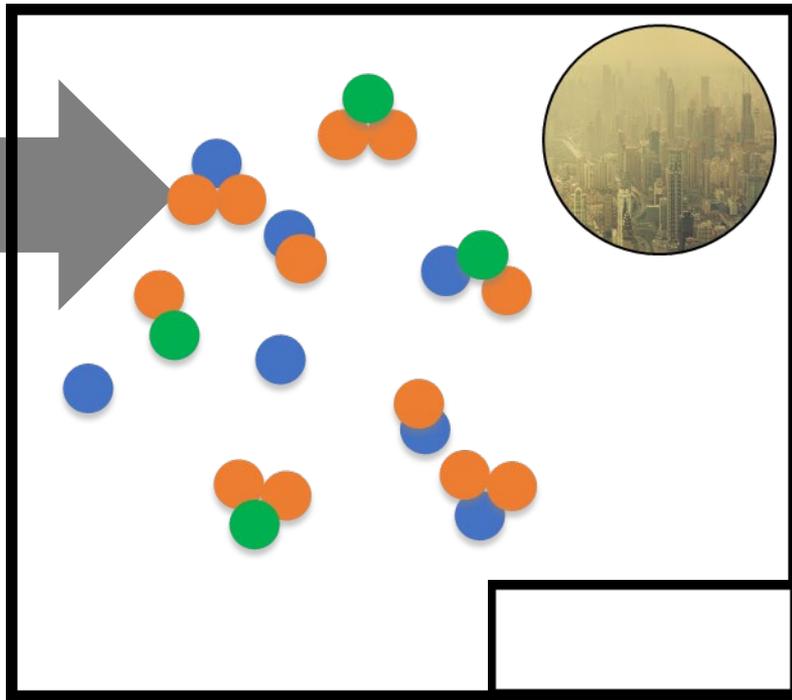
**Emissions**



**Air Quality**

"Ambient Concentration"

**Fine Particulate Matter (PM<sub>2.5</sub>)**  
**Ozone (O<sub>3</sub>)**

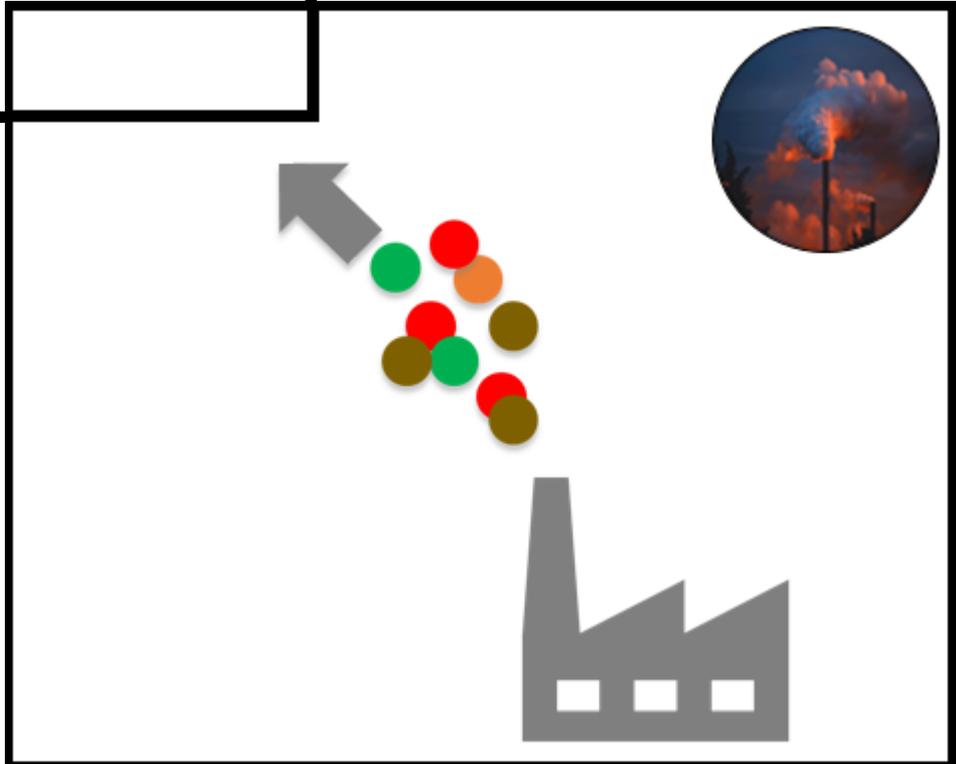


**Carbon Dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>)**



"Emissions"

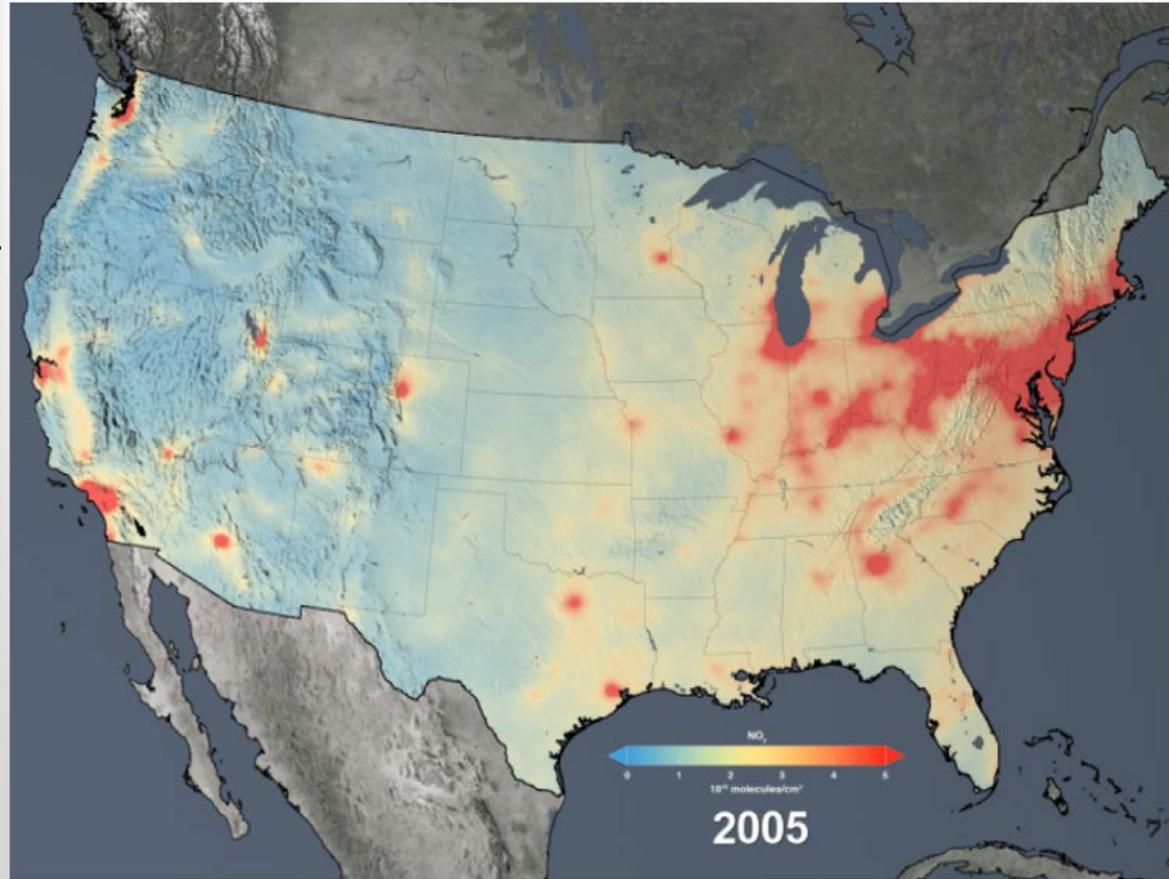
**Sulfur Dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>)**  
**Nitrogen Oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>)**



# Why Care?



- **\$50 Billion/year** achieving U.S. clean air standards
- **≈30:1** return in U.S. health benefits
- **≈100,000 deaths/year** in the U.S.
- **4<sup>th</sup> highest risk factor** for death globally, **≈7 million deaths/year**
- **91% exposed to unhealthy pollution** above World Health Organization air quality guidelines globally.

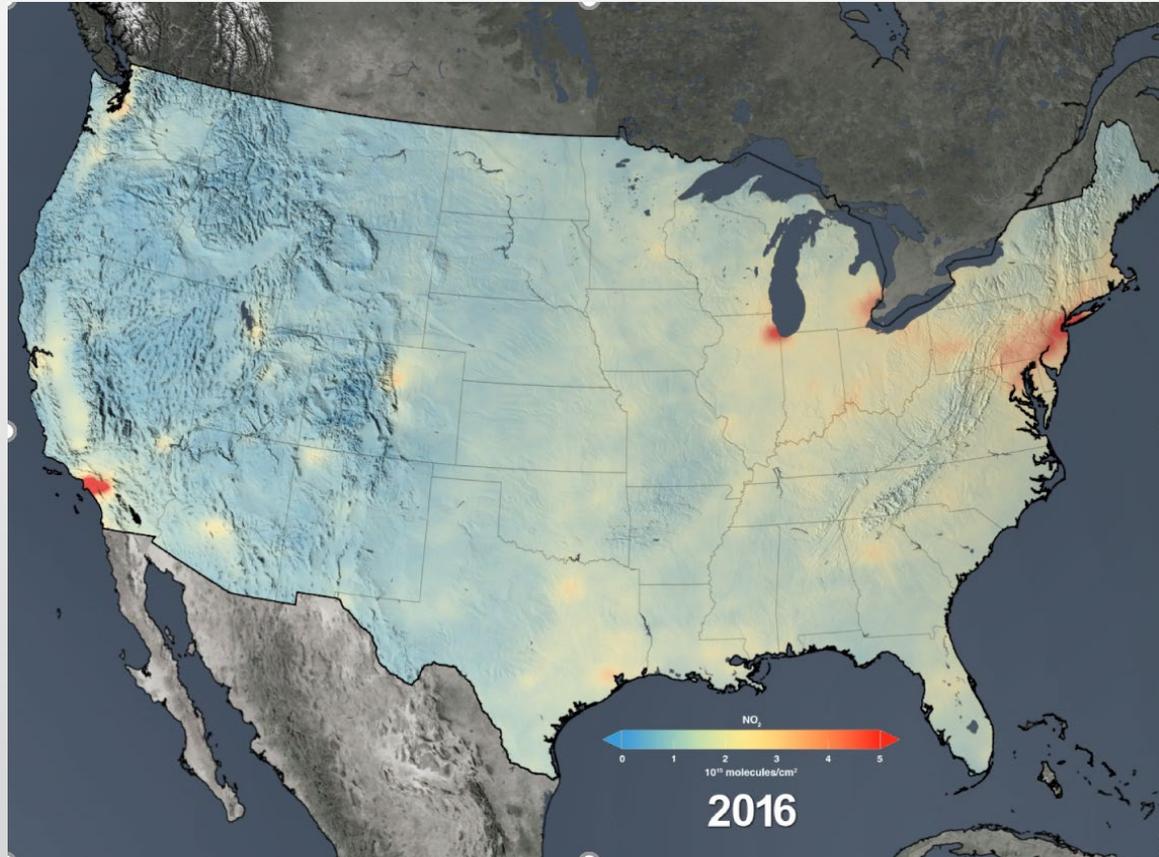


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- **91% exposed to unhealthy pollution** above World Health Organization air quality guidelines globally.



Lamsal et al., NASA Ozone Monitoring Instrument (OMI), Aura Satellite

# Energy Modeling & Emissions Quantification (often the most difficult step to integrate into modeling system)

## Basic Method

eGRID region non-  
baseload emission rates

## Intermediate Method

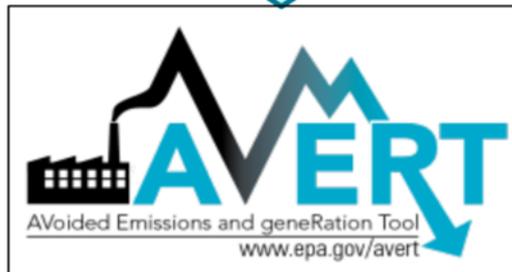
Historical hourly  
emission rates

## Sophisticated Method

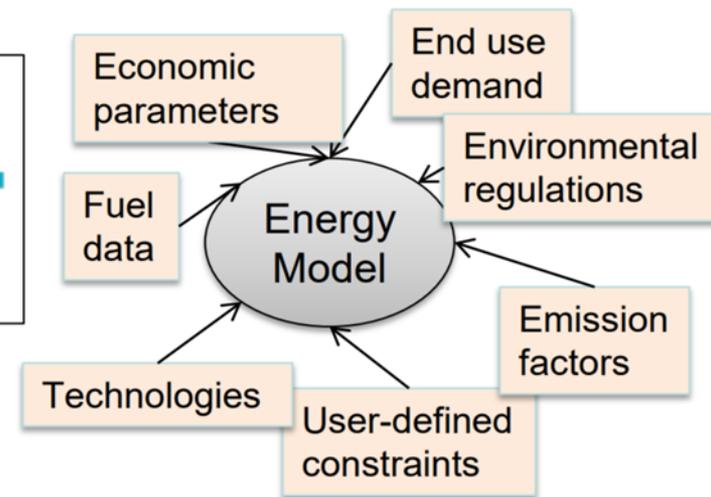
Energy modeling  
Dispatch or capacity  
expansion



Emissions &  
Generation Resource  
Integrated Database  
(eGRID)



AVoided Emissions  
and geneRation Tool  
(AVERT)





**Climate/Weather**



**Energy Efficiency**



**Renewable Energy**



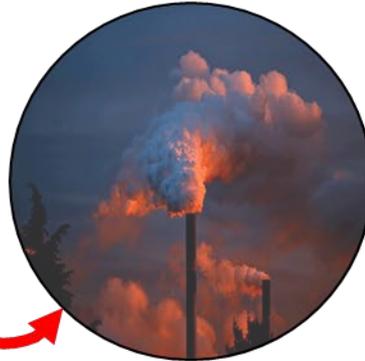
**Health**



**Buildings**



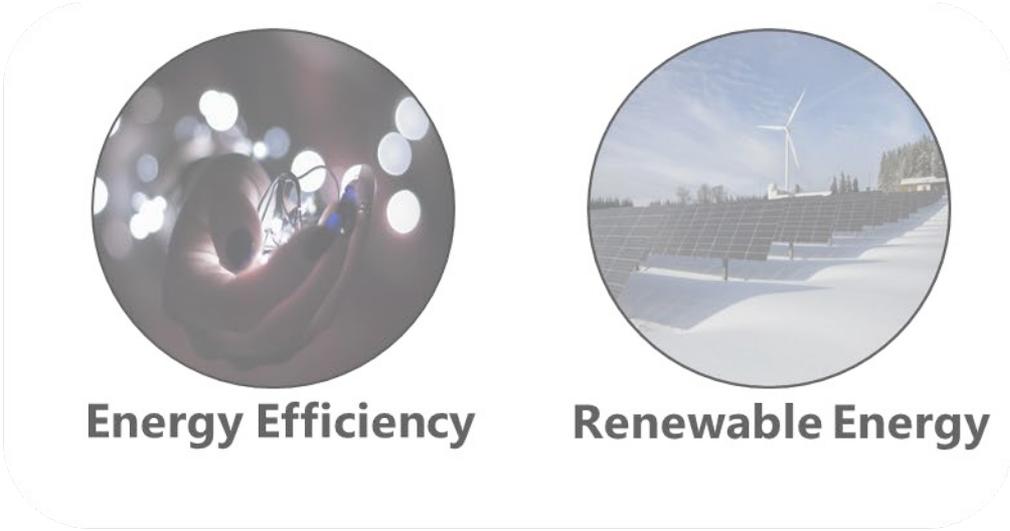
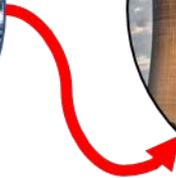
**Electricity**



**Emissions**



**Air Quality**



RESEARCH ARTICLE

# Air-quality-related health impacts from climate change and from adaptation of cooling demand for buildings in the eastern United States: An interdisciplinary modeling study

David W. Abel<sup>1\*</sup>, Tracey Holloway<sup>1,2</sup>, Monica Harkey<sup>1</sup>, Paul Meier<sup>3,4,5</sup>, Doug Ahl<sup>6</sup>, Vijay S. Limaye<sup>1,7</sup>, Jonathan A. Patz<sup>1,7</sup>

**The Economist**

The cost of cool

## Air-conditioners do great good, but at a high environmental cost

*The rapid growth in their use makes it urgent to limit the damage*

nature  
climate change  
research highlights

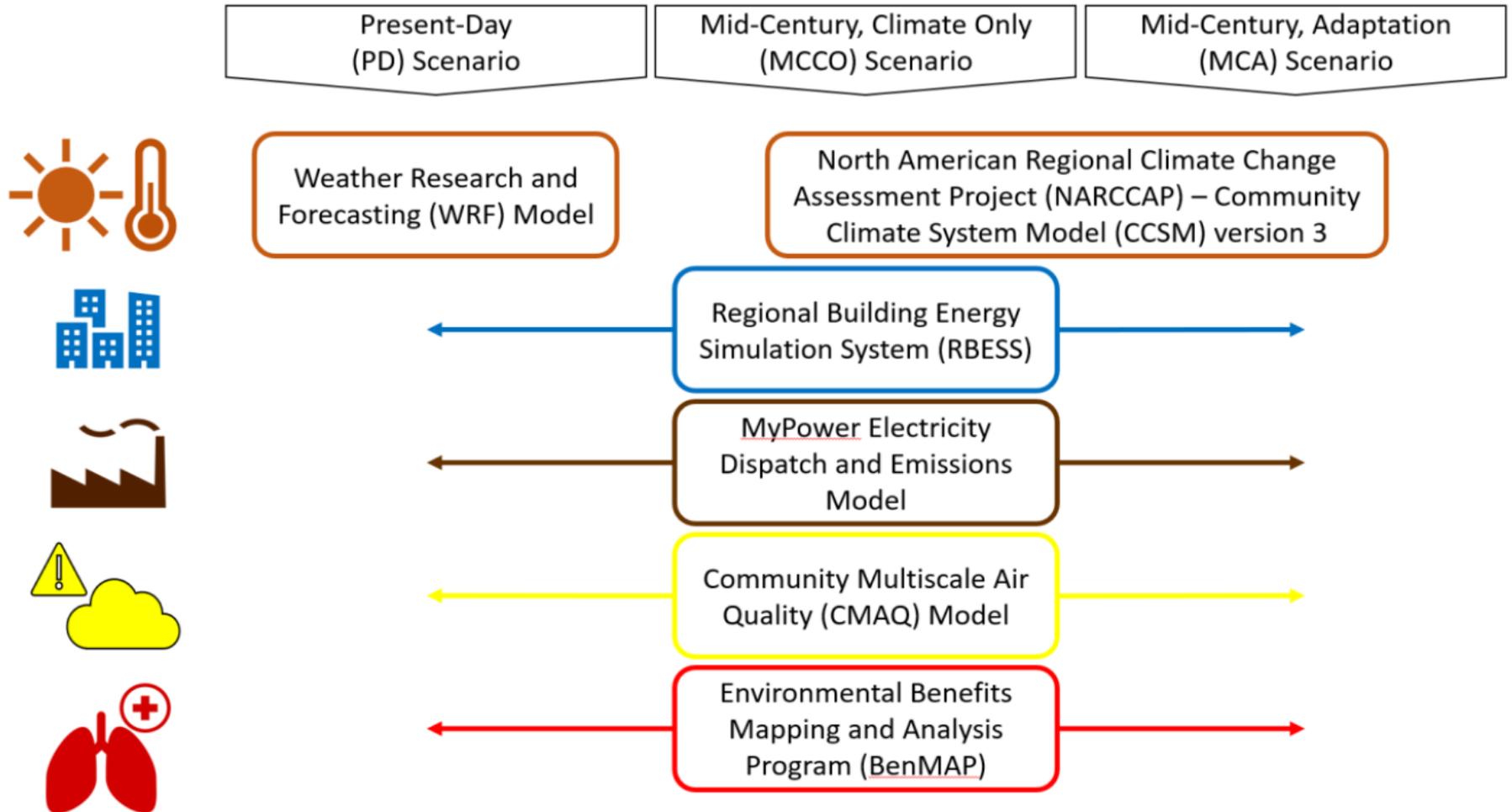
ADAPTATION  
**Air-conditioned health**  
PLOS Med. 15, e1002599 (2018)



Credit: Kwanchai Lerttanapunyaporn/EyeEm/EyeEm/Getty



# Adaptation of Cooling Demand and Air Quality Impacts

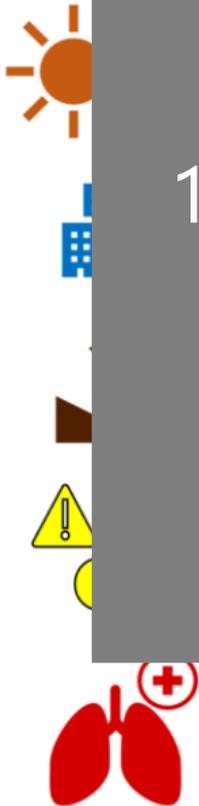


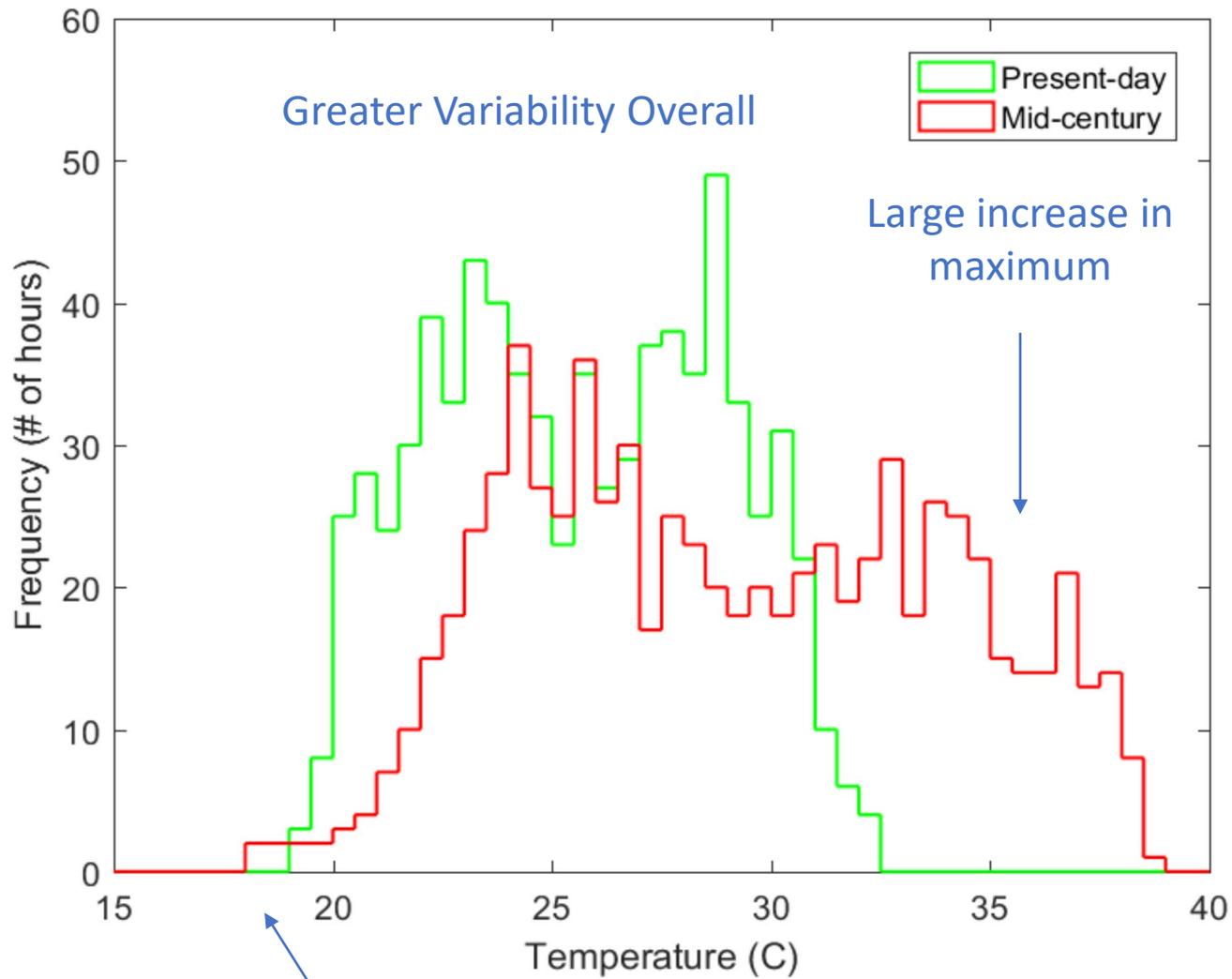
# Adaptation of Cooling Demand and Air Quality Impacts

## Key Challenges:

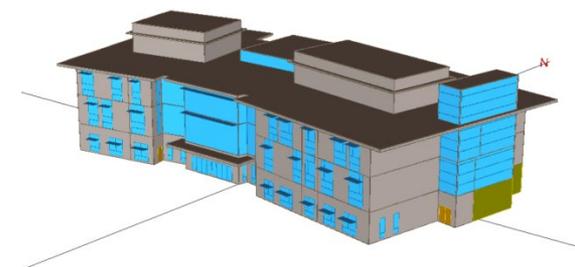
1. How do we link interdisciplinary tools?
2. How do we manage interdisciplinary teams?

Environmental Benefits  
Mapping and Analysis  
Program (BenMAP)





39 building prototypes  
(85% of energy)

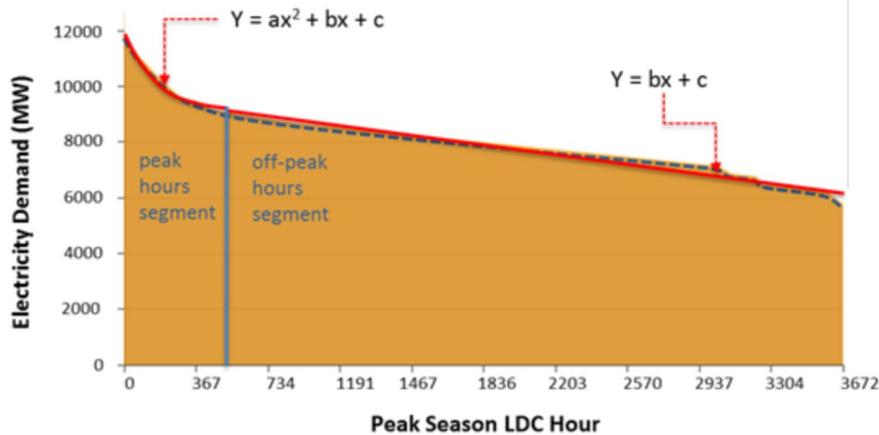
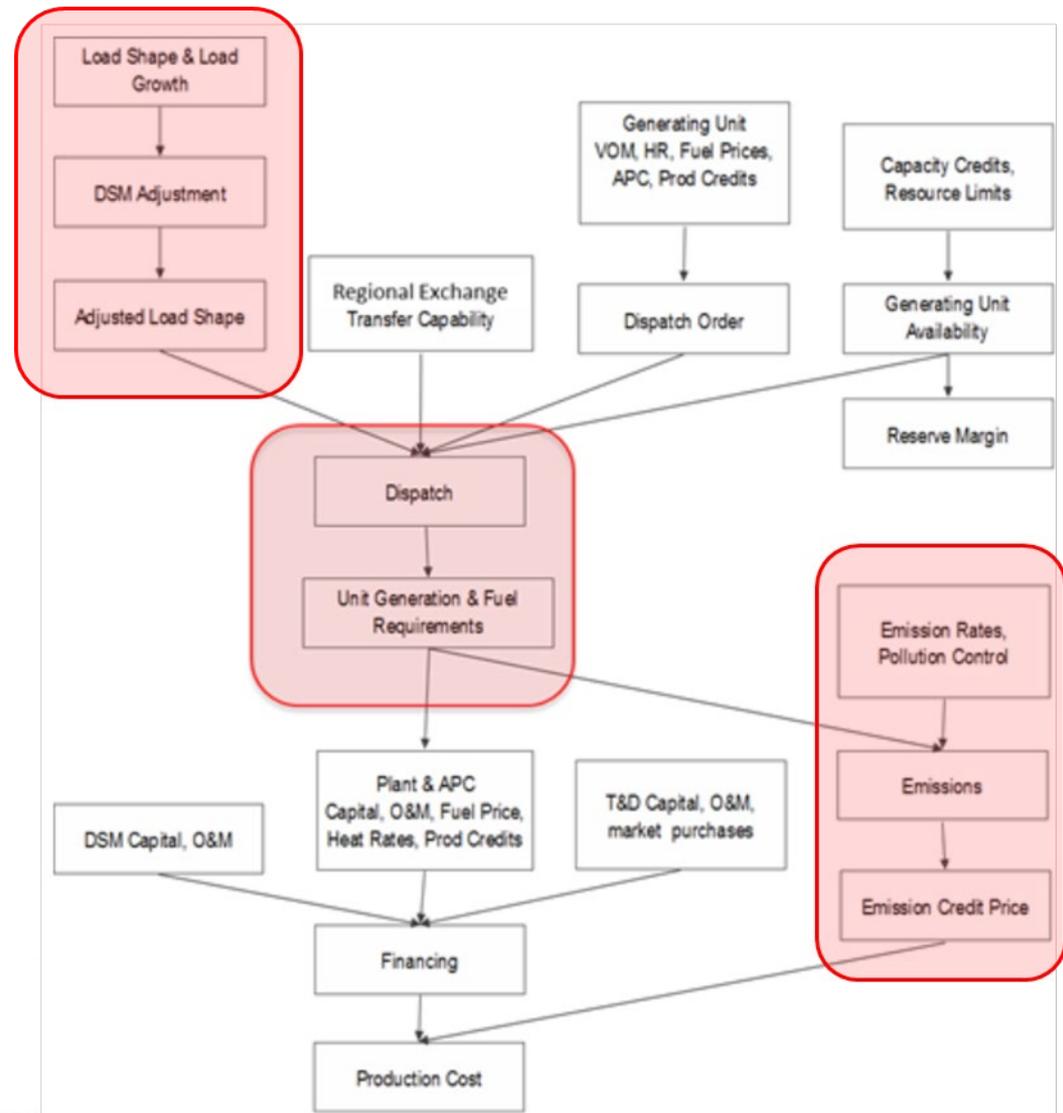


Abel et al., *PLOS Medicine* AND Meier et al., 2017, *ERL* AND Schuetter et al., 2014, *ASHRAE*

Image: <https://www.verdicalgroup.com/the-energy-modeling-breakdown/>

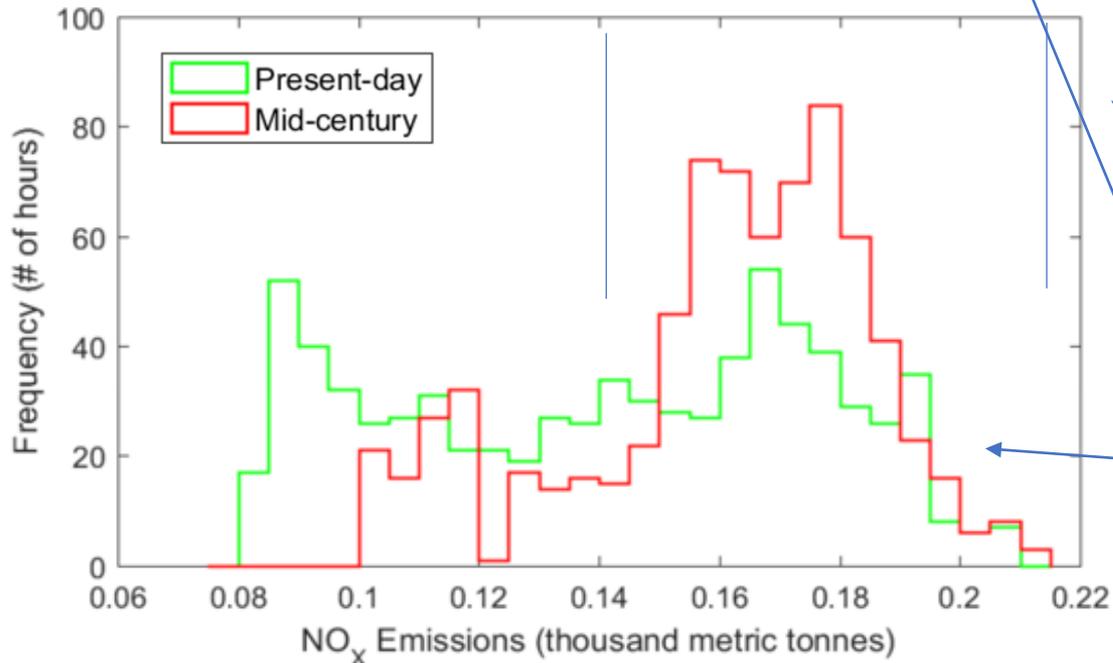
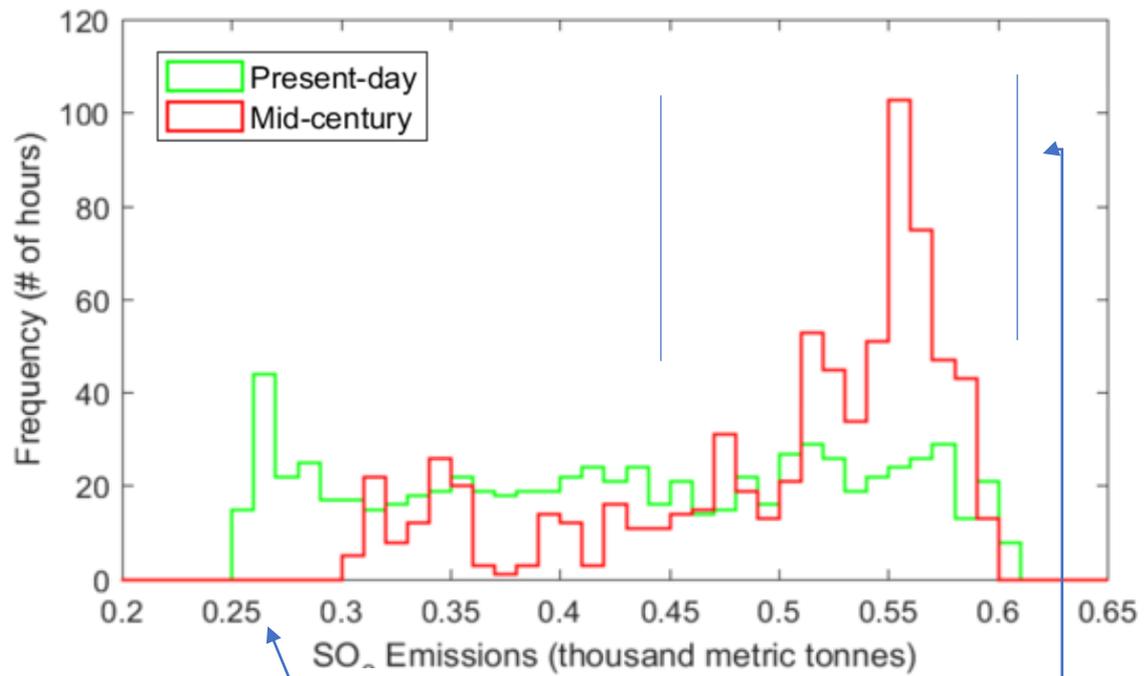
# MyPower Model (JuiceBox)

## Simultaneous In-Line Calculation of Unit Dispatch and Emissions



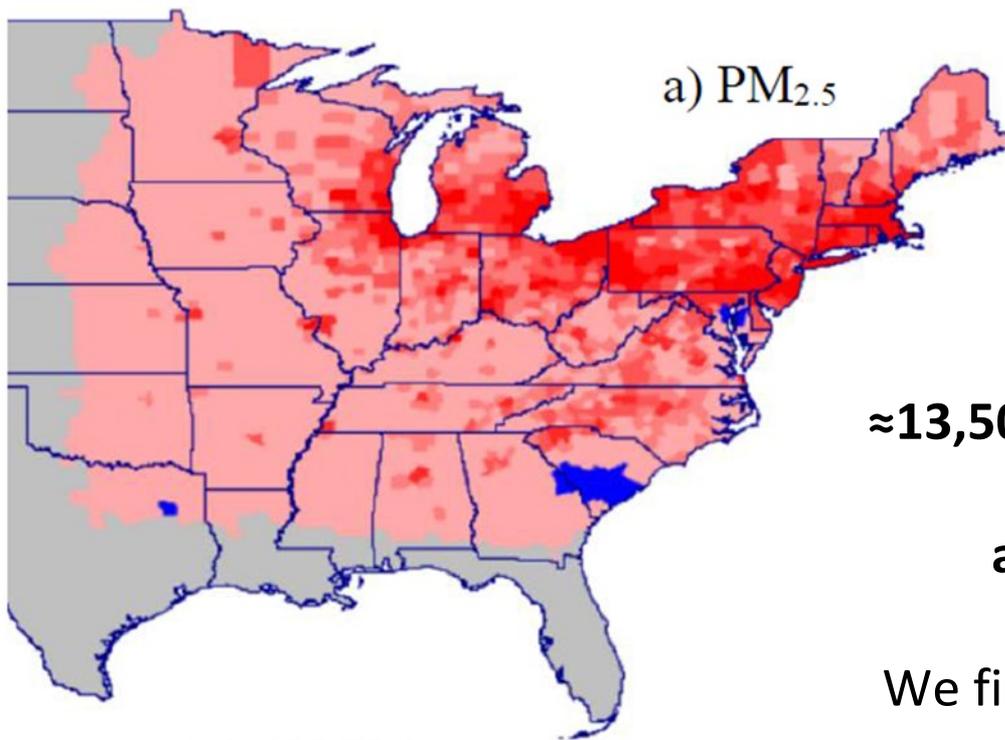


New mix of power plants isn't dirtier overall, but the dirtiest plants run more frequently.

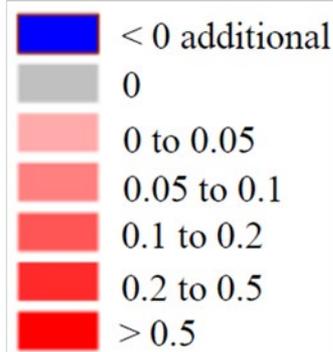


Much greater frequency of hours in upper 50% of range.

Increase in Minimum Emissions  
No Change in Maximum Emissions



July Mortality



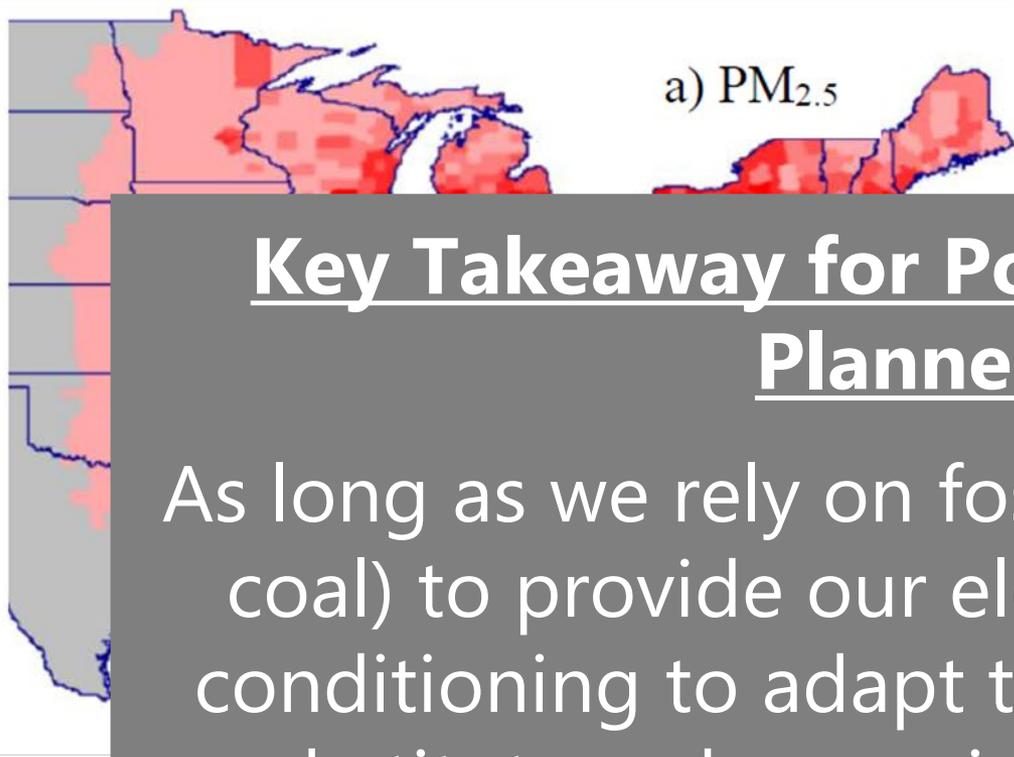
## Key Findings:

We calculate:  
**≈13,500 additional deaths annually from PM<sub>2.5</sub>**  
**and ≈3,000 from O<sub>3</sub> exposure.**

We find **ADAPTATION** is responsible for:

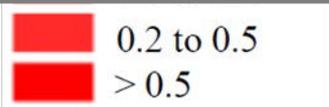
**650 or 4.8% (≈\$6B) of PM<sub>2.5</sub>-related deaths**  
**300 or 8.0% (≈\$3B) of O<sub>3</sub>-related deaths**

**How do we address or manage this?**



## Key Takeaway for Policymakers and Planners:

As long as we rely on fossil fuels (especially coal) to provide our electricity, using air conditioning to adapt to warmer climates substitutes adverse air pollution-related outcomes for heat exposure-related outcomes.



**How do we address or manage this?**

# Solar Energy for Managing Air Quality



**Climate/Weather**



**Energy Efficiency**



**Renewable Energy**



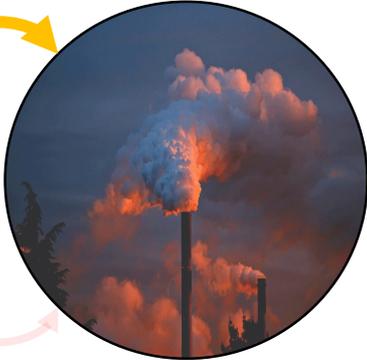
**Health**



**Buildings**



**Electricity**



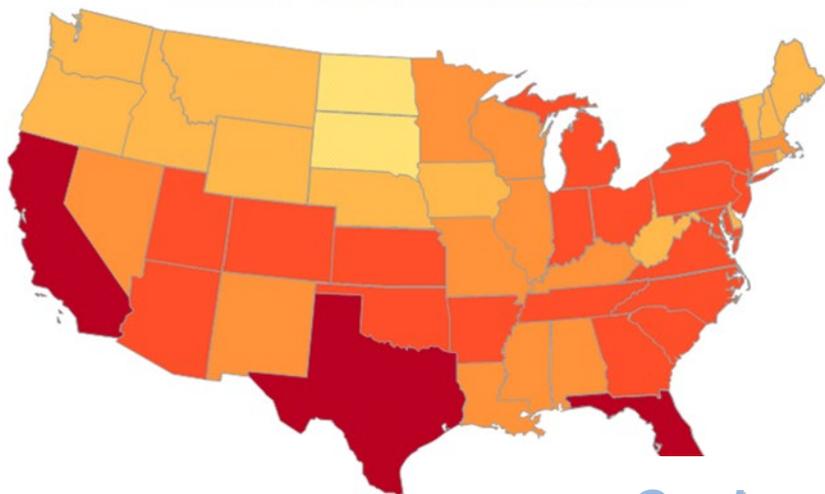
**Emissions**



**Air Quality**



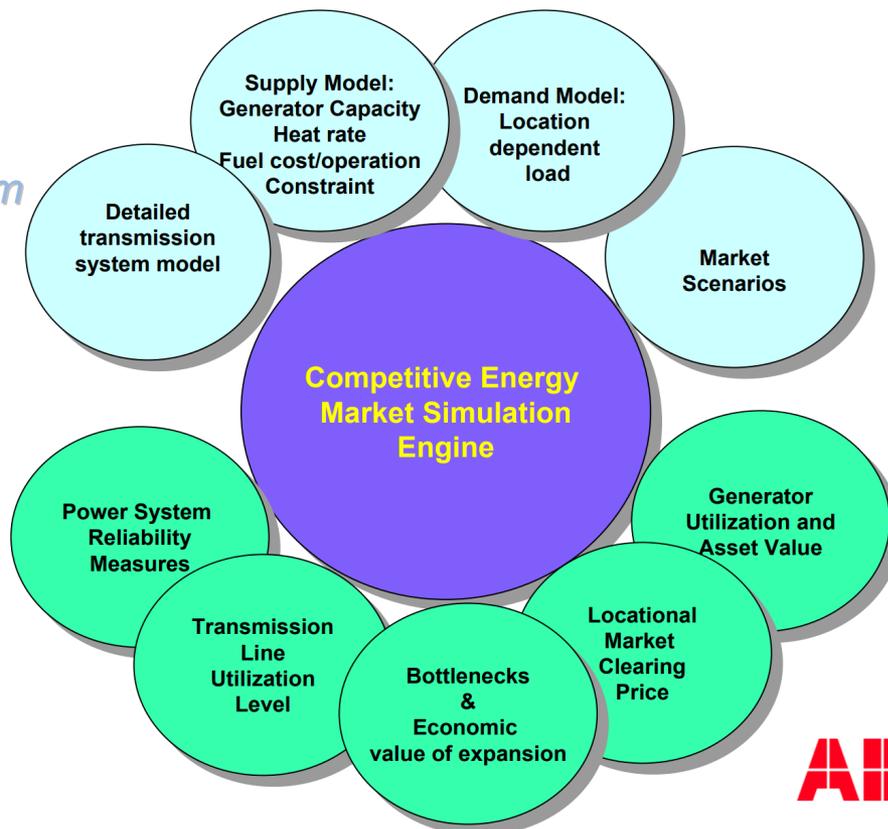
2050 PV Capacity: 632 GW



## The GridView Model

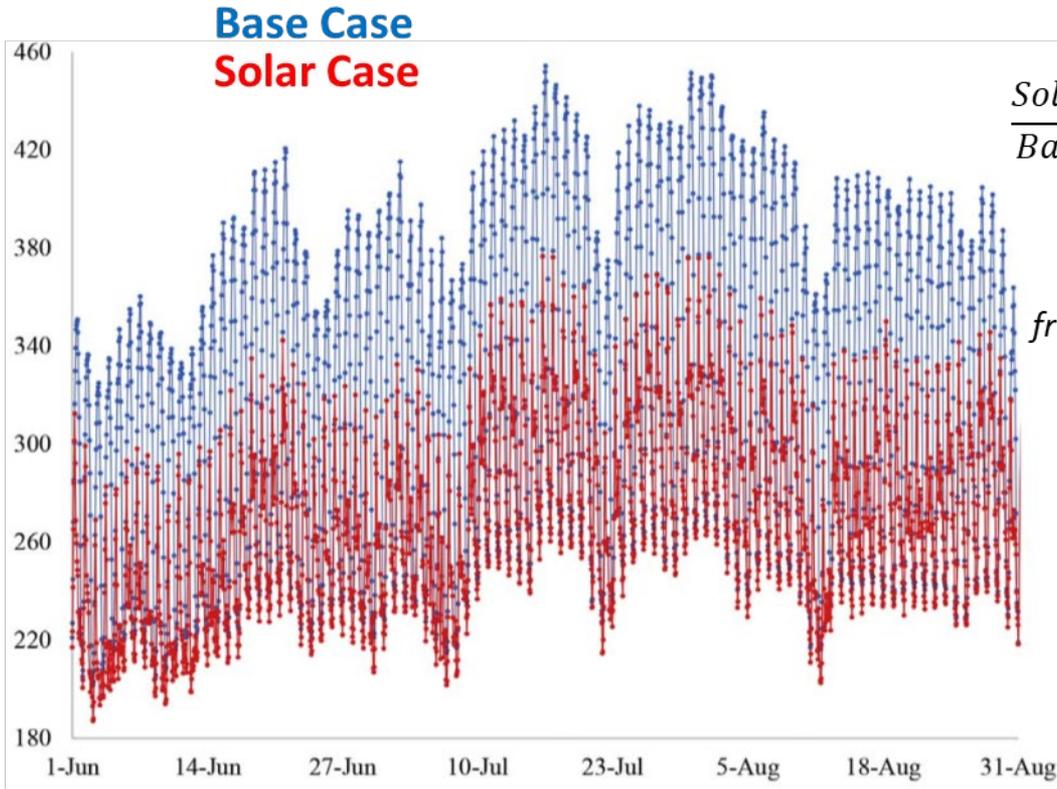
**Goal:**  
*Combine  
Power System  
Details with  
Market and  
Economic  
Aspects*

PV Capacity (GW)
< 0.5
0.5 - 1
1 - 5
5 - 10
10 - 30
30 - 50
> 50



## Solar Case Emissions

**Non-Solar Generation (GWh)**



$$\frac{\text{Solar Case Generation}}{\text{Base Case Generation}} \times \text{Base Case Emissions}$$

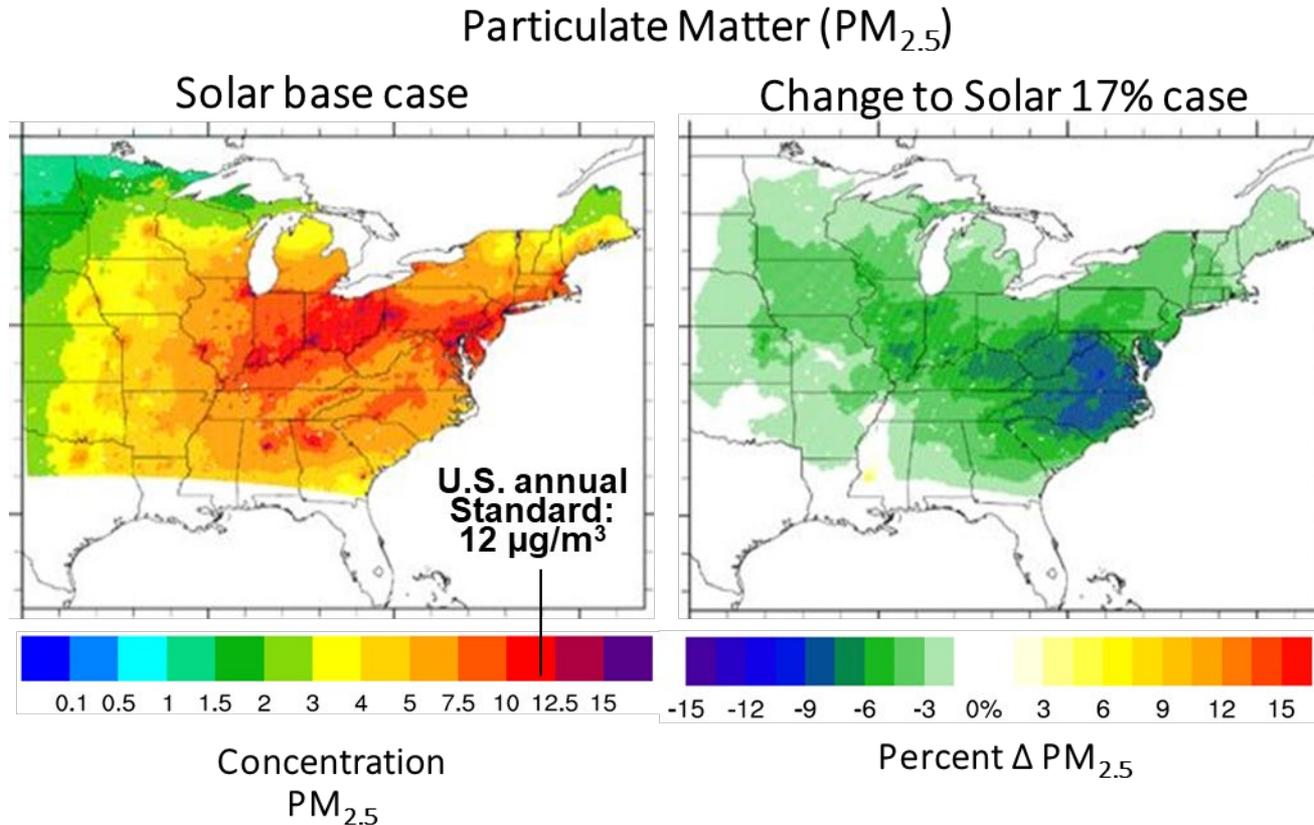
*from GridView*

*from EPA's National Emissions Inventory*

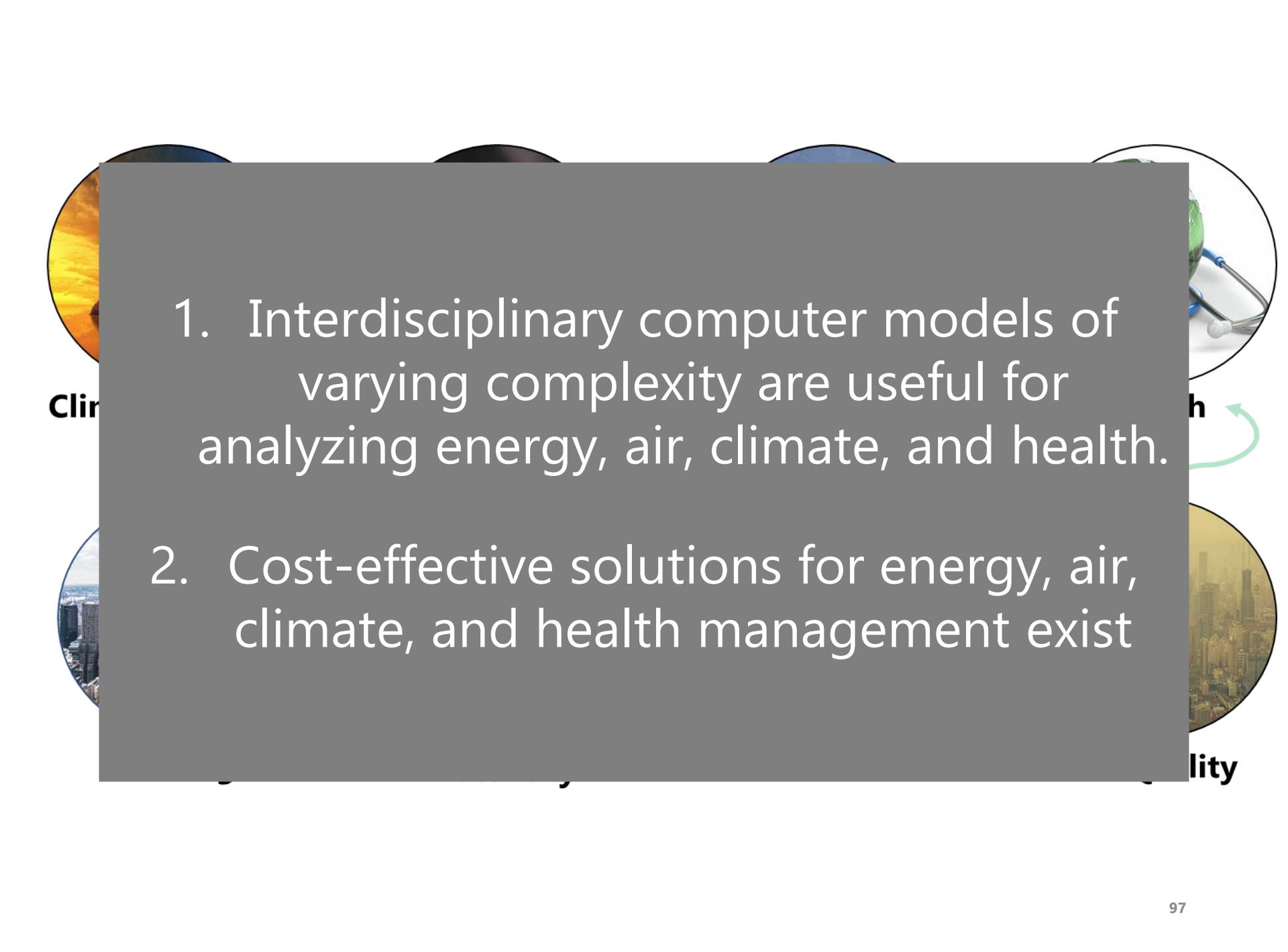
	NoPV (tonnes)	PV17 (tonnes)	Difference (tonnes)	Difference (%)
<b>Generation</b>	704 TWh	586 TWh	119 TWh	17%
<b>NO Emissions</b>	250,000	200,000	50,000	20%
<b>NO<sub>2</sub> Emissions</b>	42,000	34,000	8,000	20%
<b>SO<sub>2</sub> Emissions</b>	1,890,000	1,600,000	290,000	15%



# What are the air and health impacts of expanding solar (17%)?



- **17% solar energy** would reduce PM<sub>2.5</sub> pollution by **as much as 10% (4.7% average)** over the summer in the Eastern U.S.
- **Health savings of: 1,424 avoided premature deaths (\$13.1B)** from PM<sub>2.5</sub>-related causes.

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1. Interdisciplinary computer models of varying complexity are useful for analyzing energy, air, climate, and health.
2. Cost-effective solutions for energy, air, climate, and health management exist



# THANK YOU



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# Poll 3

# Question and Answer Session



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