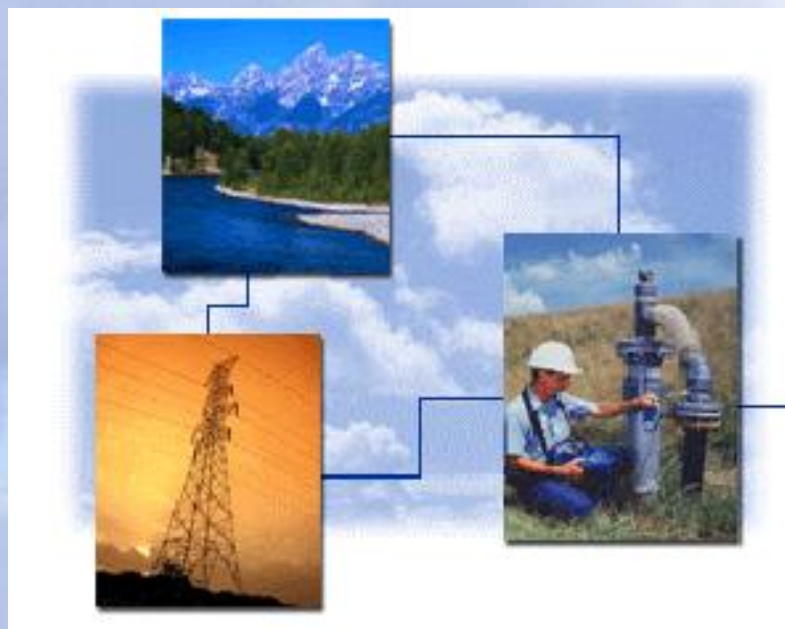


# ***US EPA LMOP Introduction and Overview***



***Pacific Island Energy Conference  
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Landfill Methane Outreach Program (LMOP)  
June 22, 2009***



# ***Presentation Outline***

- LMOP/LFG 101
- LFG Project Costs & Revenues
- State of LFGE
- Case Studies
- Partnering with LMOP
- Other Energy Partnerships and Services from EPA



# ***EPA's Landfill Methane Outreach Program***

- Established in 1994
- Voluntary program that creates alliances among states, energy users/providers, the landfill gas industry, and communities

*Mission: To reduce methane emissions by lowering barriers and promoting the development of cost-effective and environmentally beneficial landfill gas energy (LFGE) projects.*



# ***Landfill Gas 101***

- Landfill gas (LFG) is a by-product of the decomposition of municipal solid waste (MSW):
  - ~50% methane ( $\text{CH}_4$ )
  - ~50% carbon dioxide ( $\text{CO}_2$ )
  - <1% non-methane organic compounds (NMOCs)
- If uncontrolled, LFG contributes to smog and global warming, and may cause health and safety concerns





# ***Why EPA is Concerned about Landfill Gas***

- Why is methane a greenhouse gas?
  - Methane absorbs terrestrial infrared radiation (heat) that would otherwise escape to space (GHG characteristic)
- Methane as GHG is over 20x more potent by weight than CO<sub>2</sub>
- Methane is more abundant in the atmosphere now than anytime in the past 400,000 years and 150% higher than in the year 1750
- Landfills were the largest human-made source of methane in the United States in 2005, accounting for 24% generated

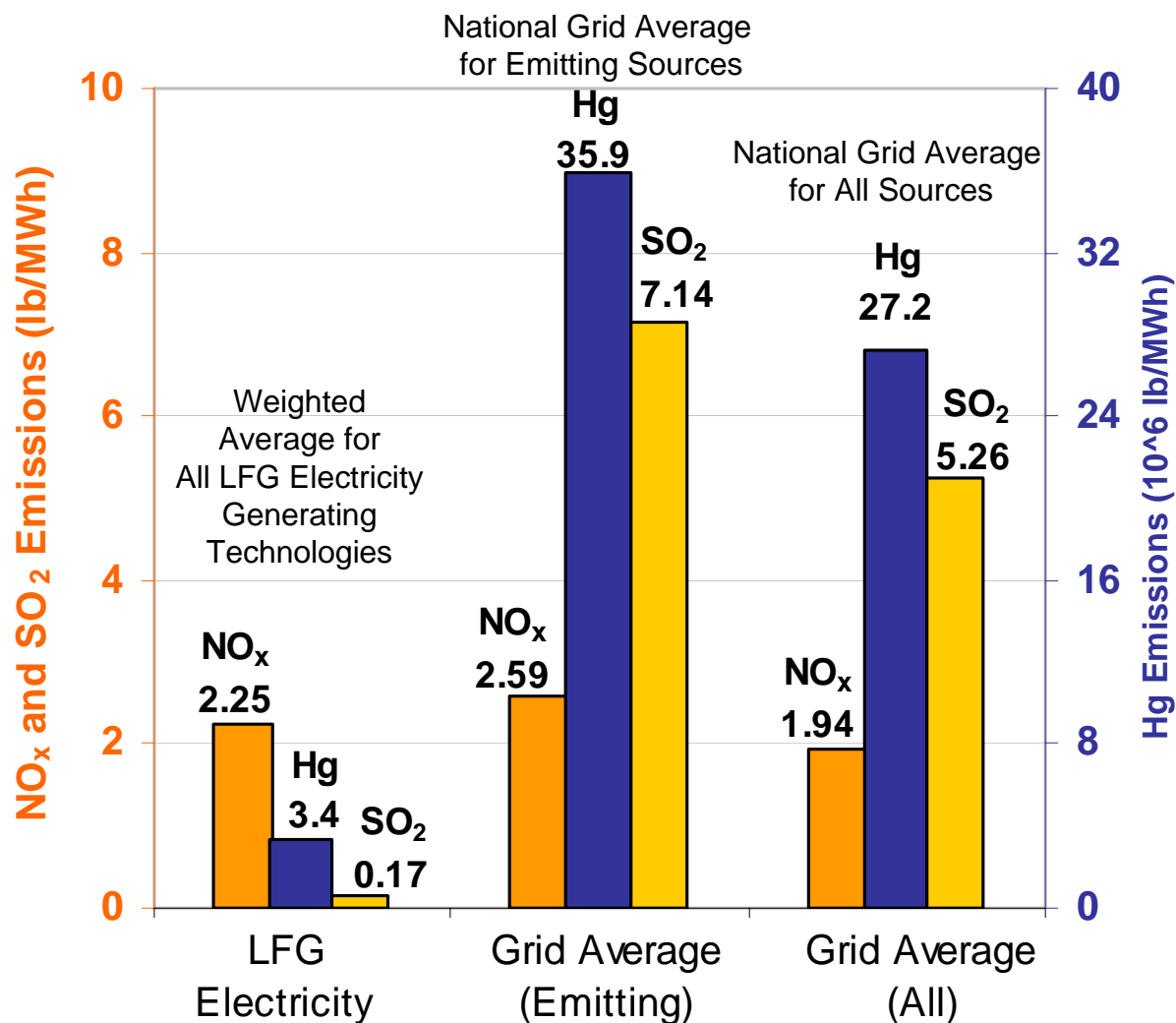


# ***Landfill Gas and Green Power A Winning Combination***

- Dual benefit → destroys methane and other organic compounds in LFG
- Offsets use of nonrenewable resources (coal, oil, gas) reducing emissions of
  - $\text{SO}_2$ ,  $\text{NO}_x$ , PM,  $\text{CO}_2$
- LFG is a recognized renewable energy resource
  - Green-e, EPA Green Power Partnership, 28 states, Sierra Club, NRDC
- LFG is generated 24/7 and projects have online reliability over 90%
- LFG can act as a long-term price and volatility hedge against fossil fuels



# ***LFG Electricity Emission Reduction Benefits***



Sources: LFG from AP-42 (1998); Grid averages from eGRID2007 V1.1

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# ***Jobs and Revenue Creation***

- A typical 3 MW LFG electricity project is estimated to have the following benefits (direct, indirect, and induced) during the construction year:
  - Increase the output of the national economy by ~\$14 million (\$3 million of which is a local benefit and mostly employee earnings)
  - Employ nearly 70 people nationally (expressed in full-time equivalents [FTE] per year)





# ***Jobs and Revenue Creation (cont.)***

- A typical 1,040 scfm LFG direct-use project is estimated to have the following benefits (direct, indirect, and induced) during the construction year:

	5-mile pipeline	10-mile pipeline
Increase output of national economy	\$6 million	\$12 million
Portion of national benefit at local level	\$2 million	\$4 million
People employed nationally (FTE)	43	80



# ***Typical Electric Project Components & Costs***

- 3 MW engine project for 15 years:
  - Installed engine and gas treatment skids
    - Installed capital cost = ~\$5,100,000
  - Interconnect
    - ~\$250,000 (approximate – many variables at play)
  - Annual operation & maintenance
    - Cost = ~\$570,000/year
- Total capital cost = ~\$5.35 million
- Total annual cost = ~\$570,000



# ***Typical Direct Use Components & Cost***

- 800 scfm project for 15 years:
  - Gas compression & treatment
    - Installed capital cost = ~\$1,040,000
  - Pipeline
    - Installed capital cost = ~\$330,000/mile
  - Annual operation & maintenance
    - Cost = ~\$50,000/year
  - End-of-pipe combustion equipment retrofits, if needed
- Total capital cost (5-mile) = ~\$2.69 million
- Total O&M cost = ~\$750,000



# ***Potential LFG Revenue***

- Electric projects
  - Sale of electricity (4 - 6 cents/kWh)
  - Sale of Renewable Energy Credits (RECs)
  - Premium pricing for renewables through RPS/RPG or voluntary green power markets
  - Tax credits & incentives
  - Clean Renewable Energy Bonds (CREBs)
- Direct-use projects
  - Sale of LFG (\$/MMBtu)
- Both
  - Greenhouse gas emissions trading
  - Energy cost savings
  - Other federal incentives (EECBG)





# State of the LFG Industry

## February 2009

- At least 470 operational projects in 44 states supplying:
  - 12 billion kilowatt hours of electricity and 82 billion cubic feet of LFG to direct-use applications annually
- Estimated **Annual** Environmental Benefits
  - Carbon sequestered annually by **~19,000,000 acres of pine or fir forests**, or
  - CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from **~195,000,000 barrels of oil consumed**, or
  - Annual greenhouse gas emissions from **~15,400,000 passenger vehicles**
- Estimated **Annual** Energy Benefit
  - Powering more than **936,000 homes** and heating more than **567,000 homes**



# ***Many Untapped LFG Resources***

- Currently 520 candidate landfills with a total gas generation potential of 610 million standard cubic feet per day OR electric potential of 1,200 MW
- If projects were developed at all these landfills, estimated
  - **Annual Environmental Benefit =**  
Planting 1.70 million acres of forest  
OR removing the emissions from  
1.2 million vehicles on the road, and
  - **Annual Energy Benefit =**  
Powering 763,000 homes per year



# ***LFG Energy Projects and Candidate Landfills***



\* Landfill is accepting waste or has been closed for 5 years or less and has at least 1 mmtons of waste and does not have an operational/under construction LFG project; or is designated based on actual interest/planning.

These data are from LMOP's database as of December 22, 2008.

◊LMOP does not have any information on candidate landfills in this state.



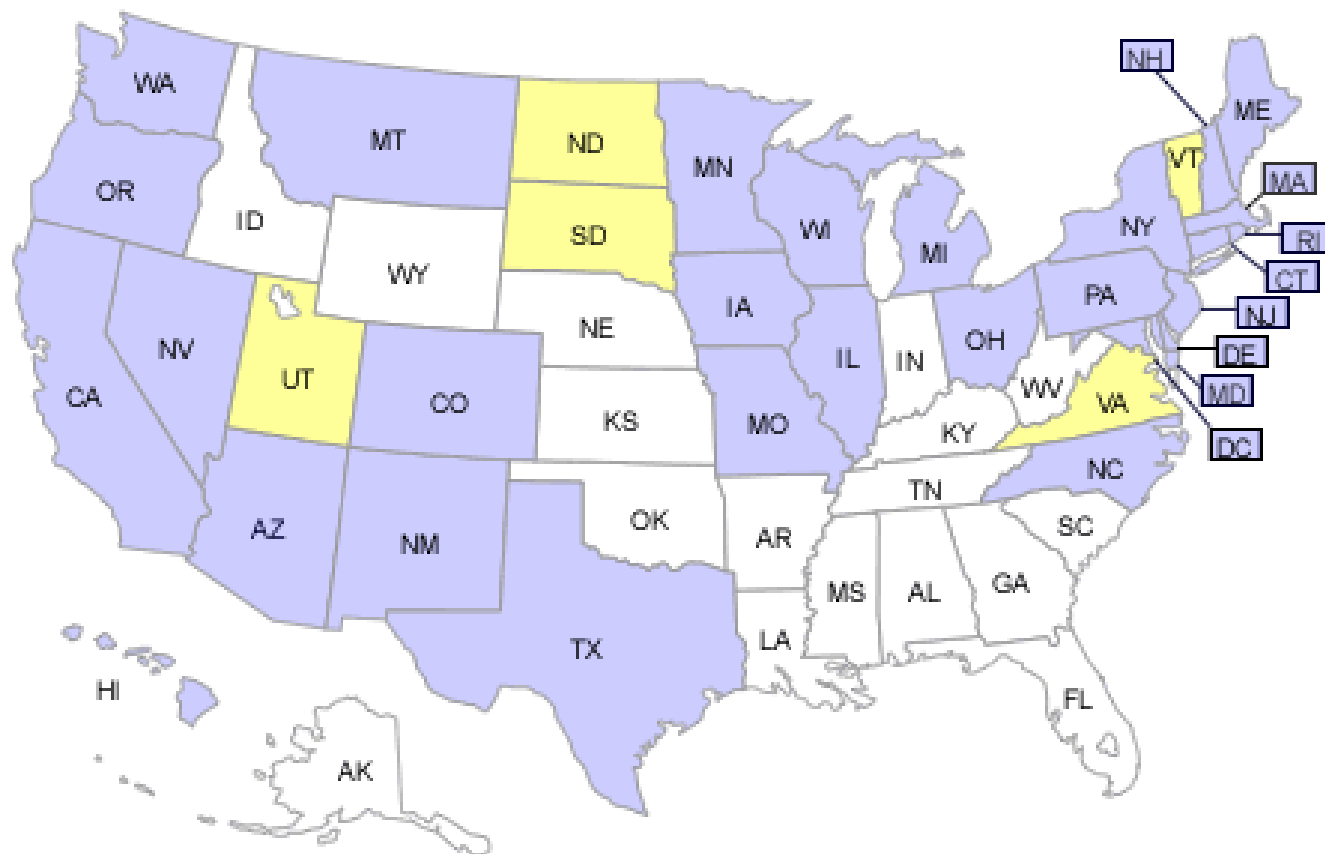
# ***Federal Financial Incentives***



- Section 45 Tax Credit
  - Electricity generation – 1.0 cent/kWh
  - Placed in service by 12/31/13
  - 10-year payout period
- U.S. Treasury Grant Program
- EECBG Program
  - National allocation of \$3.2 billion in FY'09





# ***States with RPS or Goal***



-  States with RPS
-  States with RPS Goals



# ***Public and Private Entities Moving to Reduce GHG Emissions***

- Voluntary Markets
  - Currently where most GHG activity occurs
  - Examples – CCX, VCS
- Compliance Markets
  - Rapidly evolving, will become the dominant market
  - Led by RGGI and CCAR (note Nov. deadline registering your project!)





# ***Tracking Trends***

- GHG trading markets continually evolve and mature..... new entries into the market- GE-AES, VCS, etc.
- State/regional initiatives taking the lead- RGGI did first auction September 08, went into effect January 2009; second auction planned
- Impacts of Congressional legislation and potential landfill CH<sub>4</sub> regulation – particularly cap and trade
- Three year tax credit extension and new CREBs allocation as part of American Recovery & Reinvestment Act
- New state RPSs include LFG
- Corporate sector interest in LFG continues to grow
- Consolidation in the waste sector



# ***Diversity of Project Generation Types***



**Internal  
Combustion Engine**  
(range from 100 kW  
to 3 MW)



**Gas Turbine**  
(range from 800 kW  
to 10.5 MW)



**Microturbine**  
(range from 30 kW to 250 kW)





# *Direct Use*

- Direct-use projects are growing!
  - Boiler applications – replace natural gas, coal, fuel oil
  - Combined heat & power (CHP)
  - Direct thermal (dryers, kilns)
  - Natural gas pipeline injection
    - Medium & high Btu
  - Greenhouse
  - Leachate evaporation
  - Vehicle fuel (LNG, CNG)
  - Artist studio
  - Hydroponics
  - Aquaculture (fish farming)

Greenhouse Burlington, NJ



LFG-fired Boiler Ft. Wayne, IN



# ***Emerging Technologies: LFG for Vehicle Fuel***

- Los Angeles, CA converts LFG into CNG to fuel landfill equipment (Puente Hills LF)
- Franklin Co, OH converts LFG to CNG to fuel 2 sedans and 4 pick-ups with plans to build commercial CNG facility in coming years
- Central LF, CA plans to convert LFG to CNG to fuel Sonoma County school buses
- Waste Management in CA plans to produce 10-20K gal LNG per day for garbage trucks





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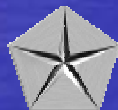


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# Look Who's Talking about LFG!

**Charlotte.com**  
The Charlotte Observer

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**GreenBiz.com**

**USA  
TODAY**

**CNBC**

**The  
Economist**

**boston.com**  
**The Boston Globe**

**NATIONALGEOGRAPHIC.COM**

**Greenwire**

THE LEADER IN ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY NEWS

**The Philadelphia Inquirer**

**The New York Times**

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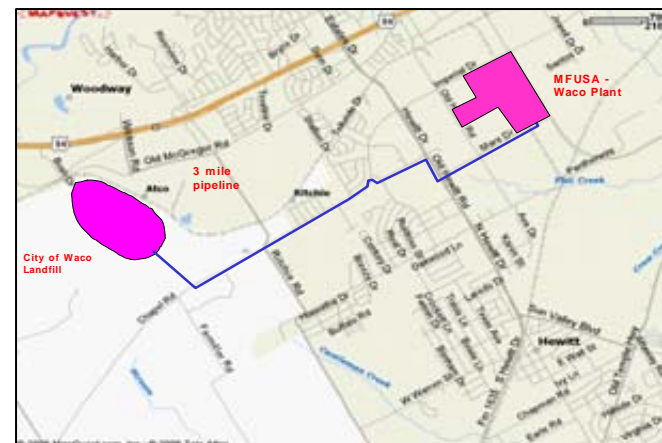




## *Direct-Use Case Study* **MARS Snackfood USA and City of Waco Landfill**

LFG from city landfill is piped to MARS for use in boiler

- Replaces natural gas
- LFG replaced 60% of plant's boiler fuel – 600 mmBTU/day
- Saves plant over \$600,000/year
- Project lifetime of at least 25 years
- Reduced CO2 emissions by 10,000 tonnes
- Equivalent to 3% of MARS total energy use for U.S. factories



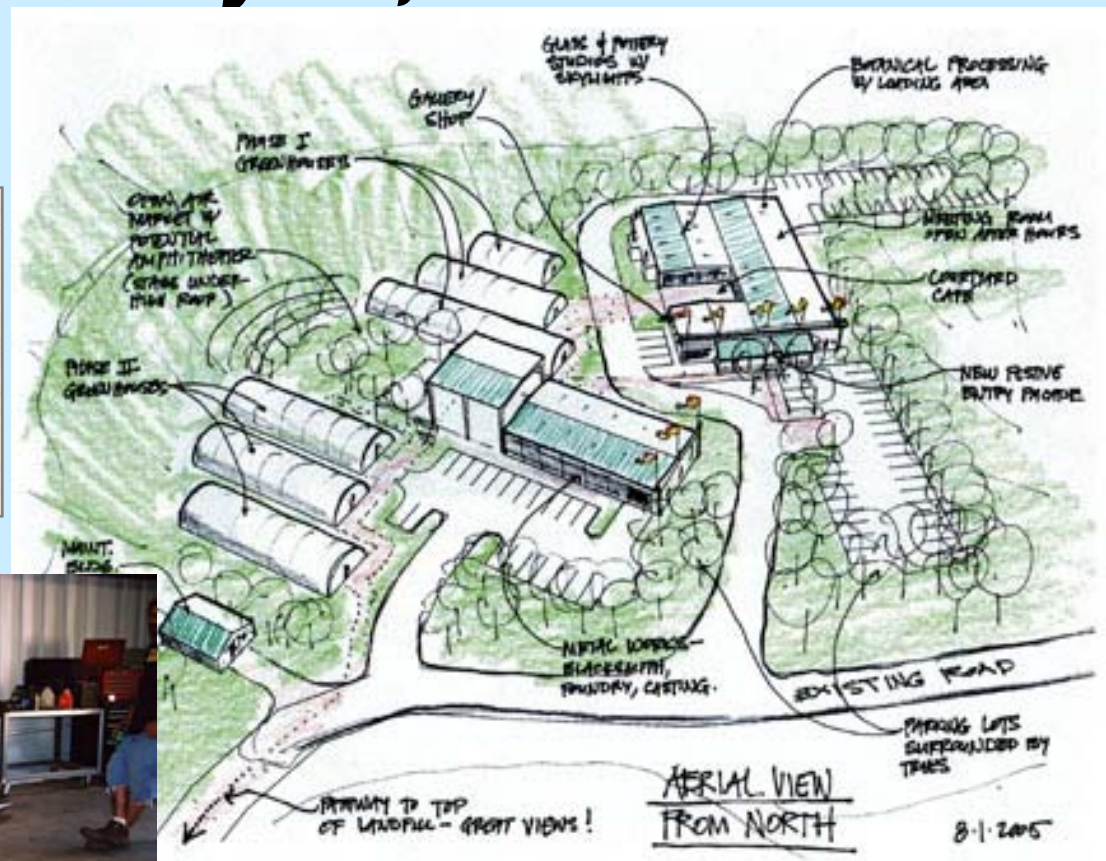
**2008 LMOP  
Award Winner**



# Direct-Use Case Study Jackson County Green Energy Park Sylva, NC



*LMOP  
2006  
Project of  
the Year*







# ***LMOP Tools and Services***

- Network of 800+ Partners (and growing)
- Newsletter and listserv
- Direct project assistance
- Technical and outreach publications
- Project and candidate landfill database
- Support for ribbon cuttings and other public relations
- Presentations at conferences
- State training workshops
- LMOP Annual Conference & Project Expo



# ***How Can We Work Together?***

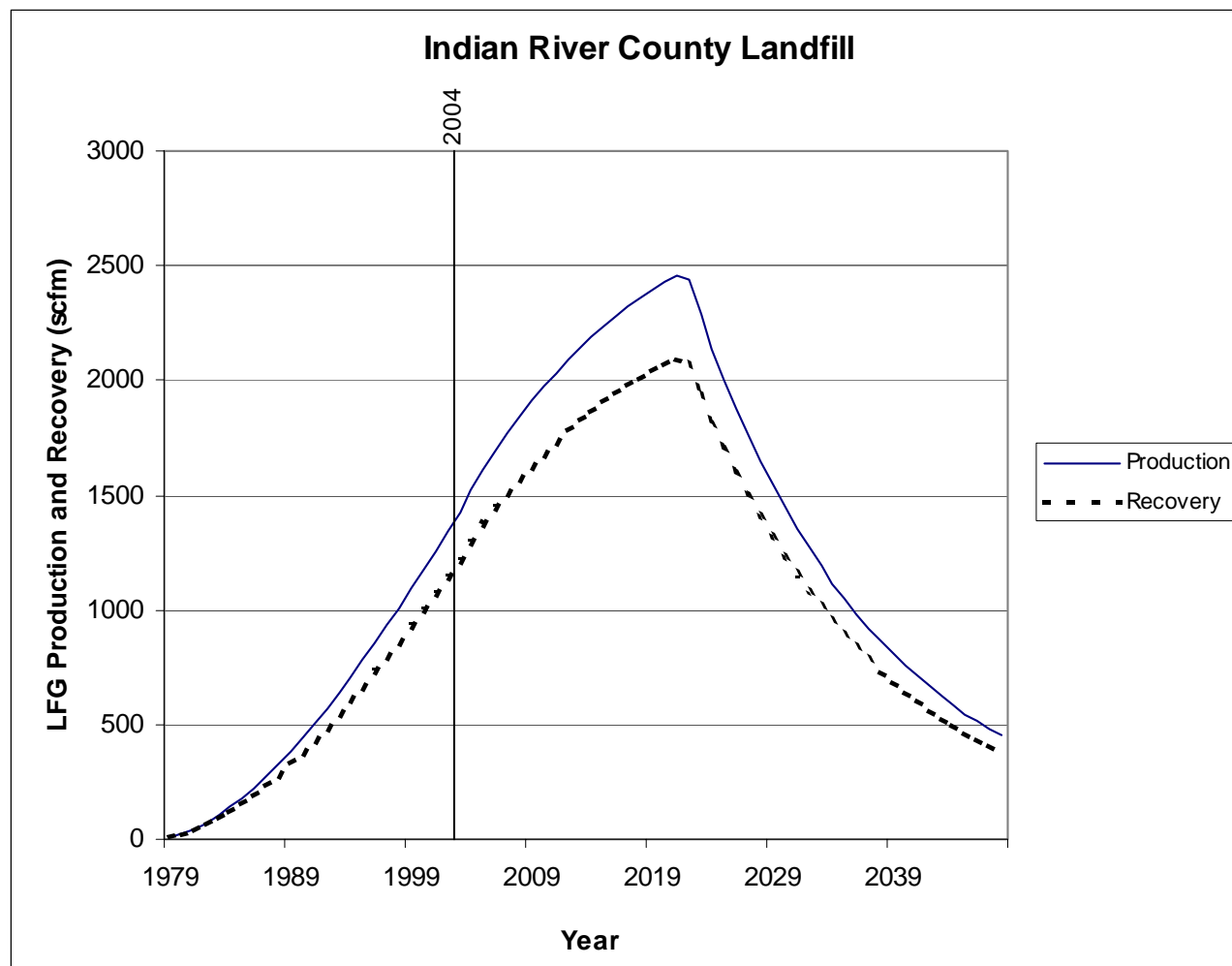
## ***Direct Project Assistance***

- Analyze landfill resource – gas modeling
- Identify potential matches – *LMOP Locator*
- Assess landfill and end user facilities
- Look at project possibilities
  - Direct-use (boiler, heating, cooling, direct thermal)
  - Combined Heat & Power (engine, turbine, microturbine)
  - Electric (engine, turbine, microturbine)
  - Alternative Fuels (medium or high Btu, LNG, CNG)
- Initial feasibility analyses – *LFGcost*



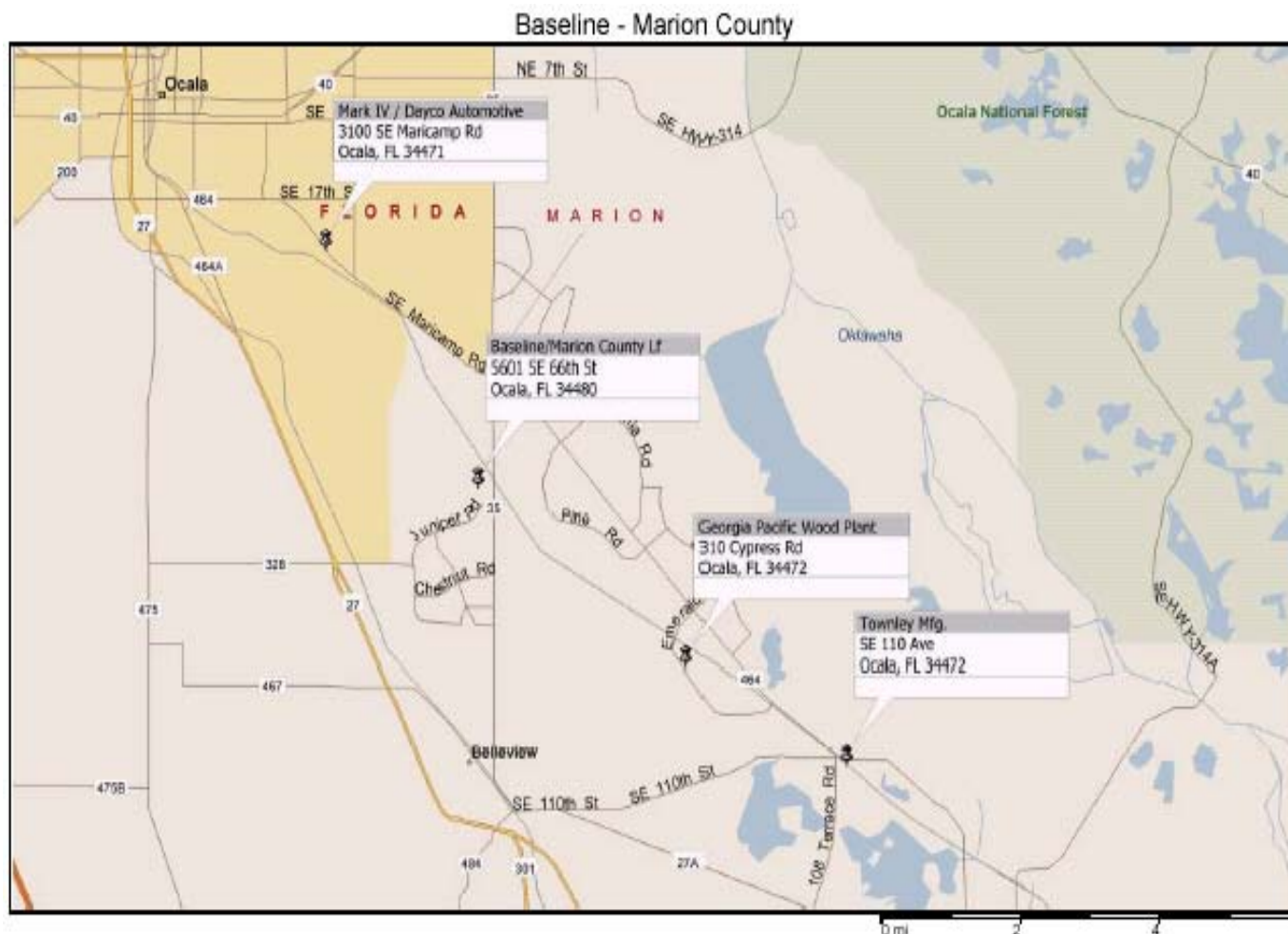


# ***Analyze Energy Potential from Landfill***





# ***Identify Potential Matches***





# ***EPA Project Expo***

- Interested in an LFGE Project?
- EPA features a select number of landfills at the Annual LMOP Conference in January.
- LMOP will develop a “resume” for your landfill to feature at the conference.
- Contact me if interested!



# ***Methane to Markets Partnership***

- Encourages development of **cost-effective** methane recovery and use opportunities in
  - coal mines
  - landfills
  - oil and gas systems and
  - agriculture (manure waste management)
- Private companies, multilateral development banks and other relevant organizations participate by joining the ***Project Network – over 790 organizations now participating***
- **29 Partner Governments**

Argentina  
 Australia  
 Brazil  
 Bulgaria  
 Canada  
 Chile  
 Colombia  
 China  
 European Comm.  
 Ecuador  
 Finland  
 Germany  
 India  
 Italy  
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 Mexico  
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# ***Tools and Services Offered to M2M Partners***

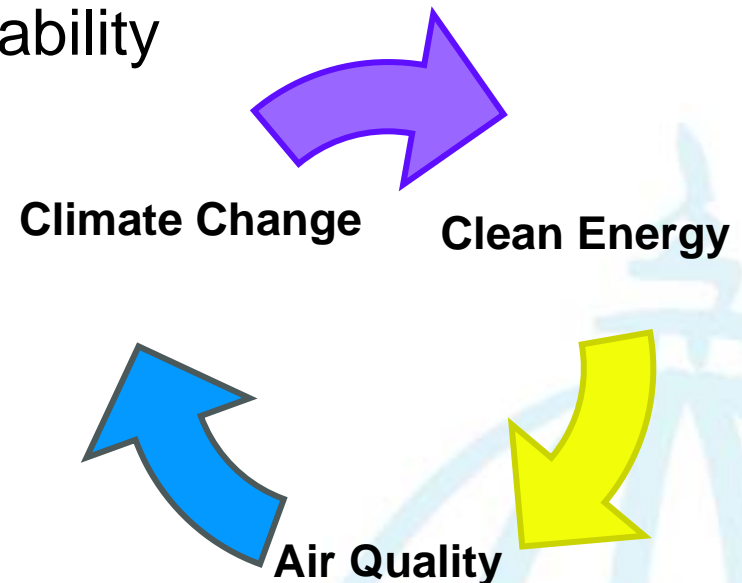
- ◆ **Hands-on Technical Assistance**  
– assisting partners to identify and assess potential landfill energy projects
- ◆ **Training and Outreach** – reaching out to and training government officials, landfill owners and operators, and project developers
- ◆ **Developing Tools and Resources** – to identify, assess, and develop projects in partner countries



# Climate – Clean Energy Framework: Multiple Benefits

- **Territorial Governments are looking for:**

- Air quality improvements
- Greenhouse gas emission reductions
- Energy security and reliability
- Economic development
- Public health
- Quality of life

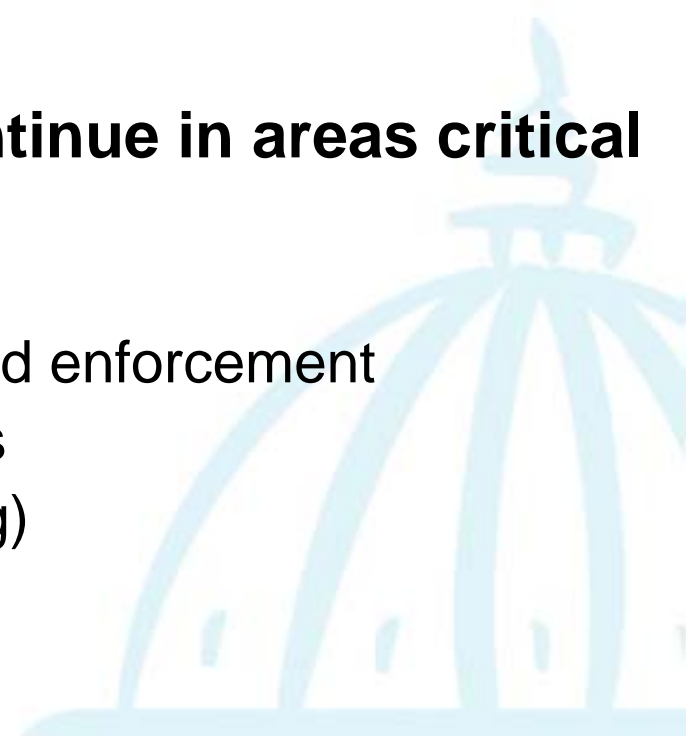


Clean Energy: Energy Efficiency, Renewable Energy, Combined Heat and Power



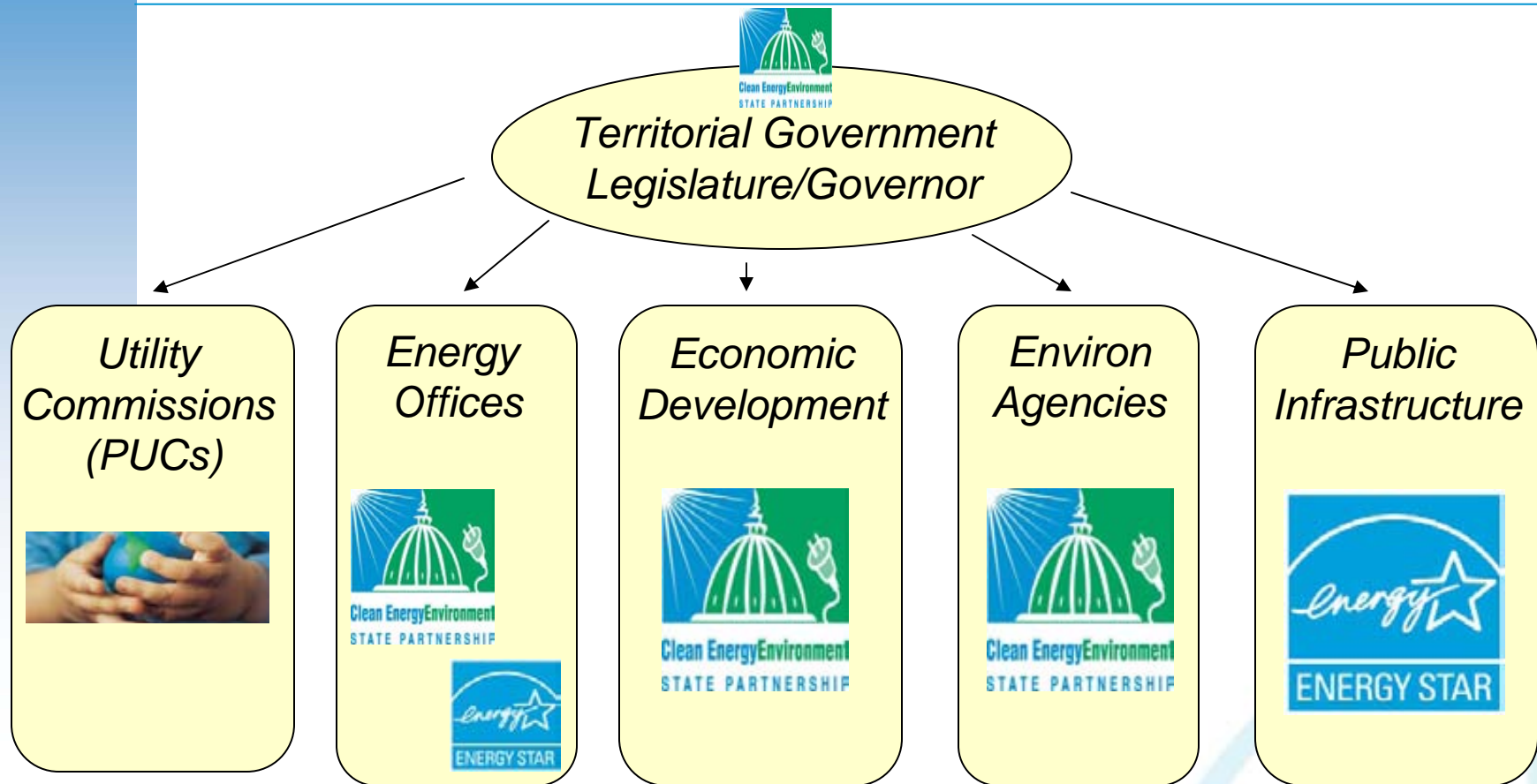
# Roles for State / Local Governments in Addressing Climate Change

- **State / Local experience to date includes:**
  - Clean Energy/Climate Action Plans (32 states)
  - Regional cap-and-trade (RGGI, WCI, MWA)
  - Energy efficiency programs
  - Renewable Portfolio Standards (RPS) / RE promotion
  - Transportation
- **Regulatory authority will continue in areas critical for climate:**
  - Utility regulation
  - Building code development and enforcement
  - Appliance efficiency standards
  - Land use decisions (incl. siting)
  - Transportation





# State Government Work is Dispersed; Local Gov'ts Range from Complex to All-in-One



# Leverage EPA's Climate / Clean Energy Programs

CPPD



Clean EnergyEnvironment  
STATE PARTNERSHIP



Clean EnergyEnvironment  
MUNICIPAL NETWORK



Help State and Local Governments:

- Learn from Best Practices
- Emphasize Co-Benefits
- Integrate Planning
- Prioritize EE as a Resource

Offer:

- Direct Technical Support
- Peer Exchange
- Tools and Guidance

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## **State Climate - Clean Energy Programs**

[www.epa.gov/cleanenergy/energy-programs/state-and-local/state](http://www.epa.gov/cleanenergy/energy-programs/state-and-local/state)

## **Local Climate - Clean Energy Programs**

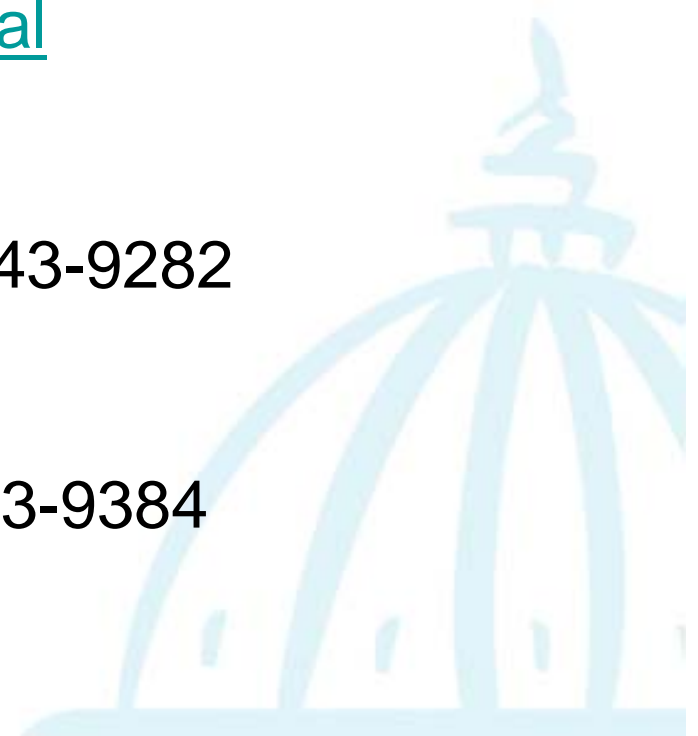
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# ***Useful Links for More Info.***

**U.S. EPA LMOP**

[www.epa.gov/lmop](http://www.epa.gov/lmop)

**LMOP Funding Guide**

<http://www.epa.gov/landfill/res/guide/>

**LMOP Database of Projects**

<http://www.epa.gov/lmop/proj/index.htm>

**Database of State Incentives for Renewable Energy (DSIRE)**

[www.dsireusa.org](http://www.dsireusa.org)

**DOE – Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grants Program**

[http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/wip/block\\_grants.cfm](http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/wip/block_grants.cfm)