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# U.S DOE Resources for Sustainable Low-Energy Water Utilities

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# Overview

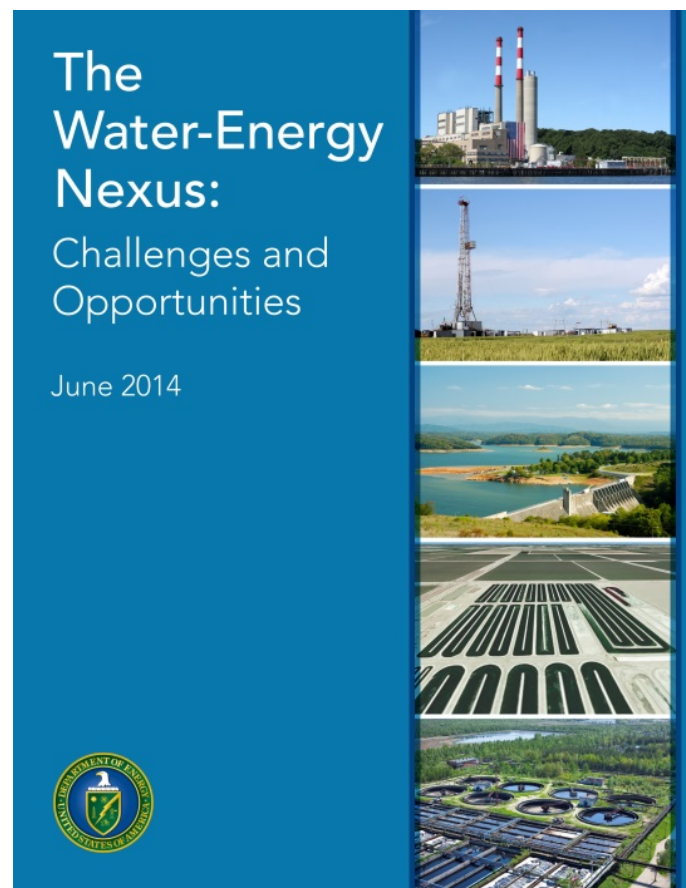
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- **DOE and the Water-Energy Nexus**
- **Water-Energy Flows: Sankey Diagrams**
- **DOE Technical Assistance and Related Activities**

# DOE and the Water-Energy Nexus

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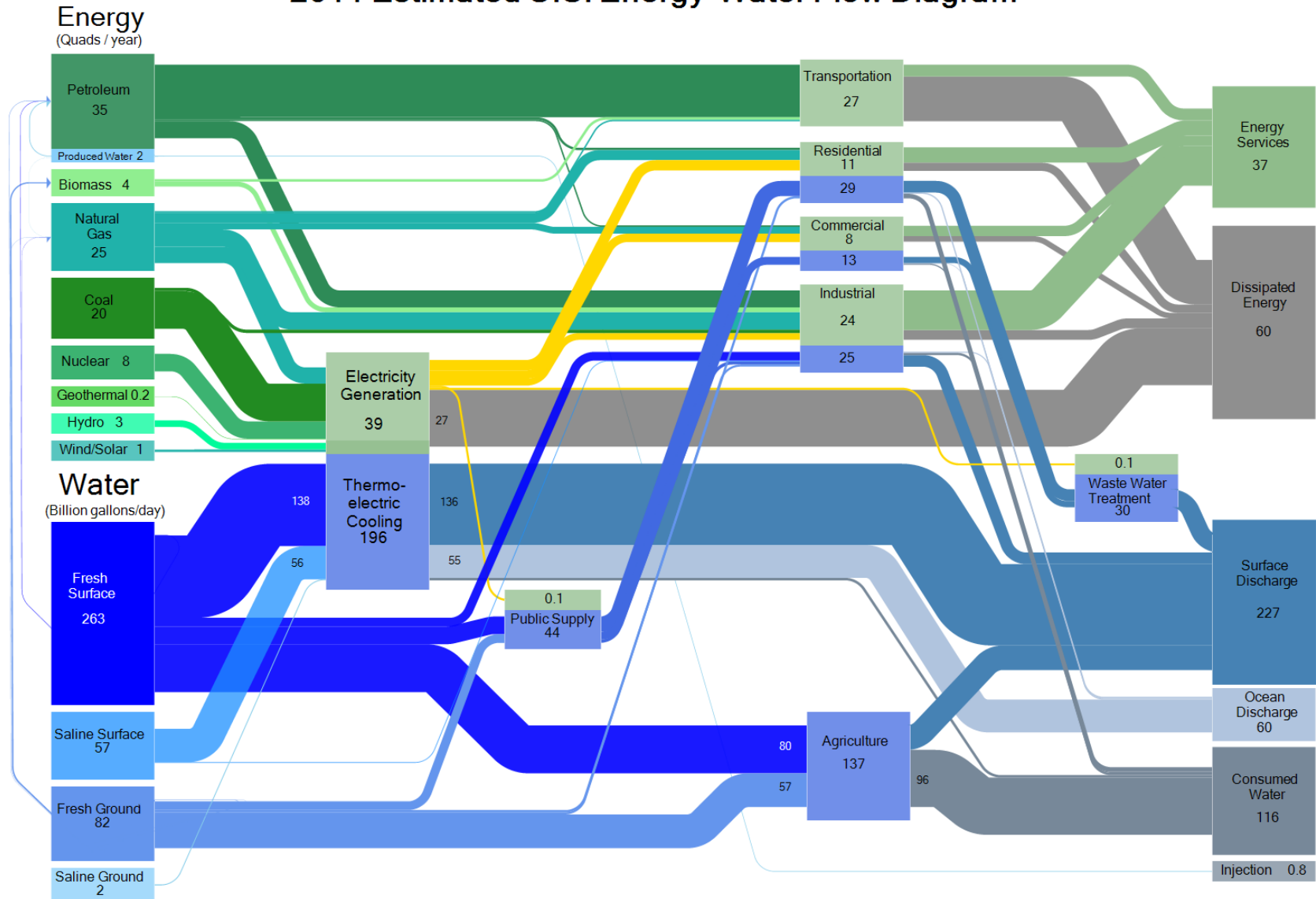
- DOE has strong expertise in technology, modeling, analysis, and data
- DOE's work has broad and deep implications
  - User-driven analytic tools for national decision-making supporting energy resilience
  - Technology RDD&D, policy analysis, and stakeholder engagement
- DOE approach focuses on energy:
  - Focus on technical strengths and mission
  - Leverage strategic interagency connections
- Energy Policy Act of 2005 directs DOE to carry out programs on energy for water and water for energy



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# Interconnected Energy and Water Systems

2011 Estimated U.S. Energy-Water Flow Diagram



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# DOE's Six Strategic Pillars for the Water-Energy Nexus

- Optimize the freshwater efficiency of energy production, electricity generation, and end use systems.
- Optimize the energy efficiency of water management, treatment, distribution, and end use systems.
- Enhance the reliability and resilience of energy and water systems.
- Increase safe and productive use of nontraditional water sources.
- Promote responsible energy operations with respect to water quality, ecosystem, and seismic impacts.
- Exploit productive synergies among water and energy systems.

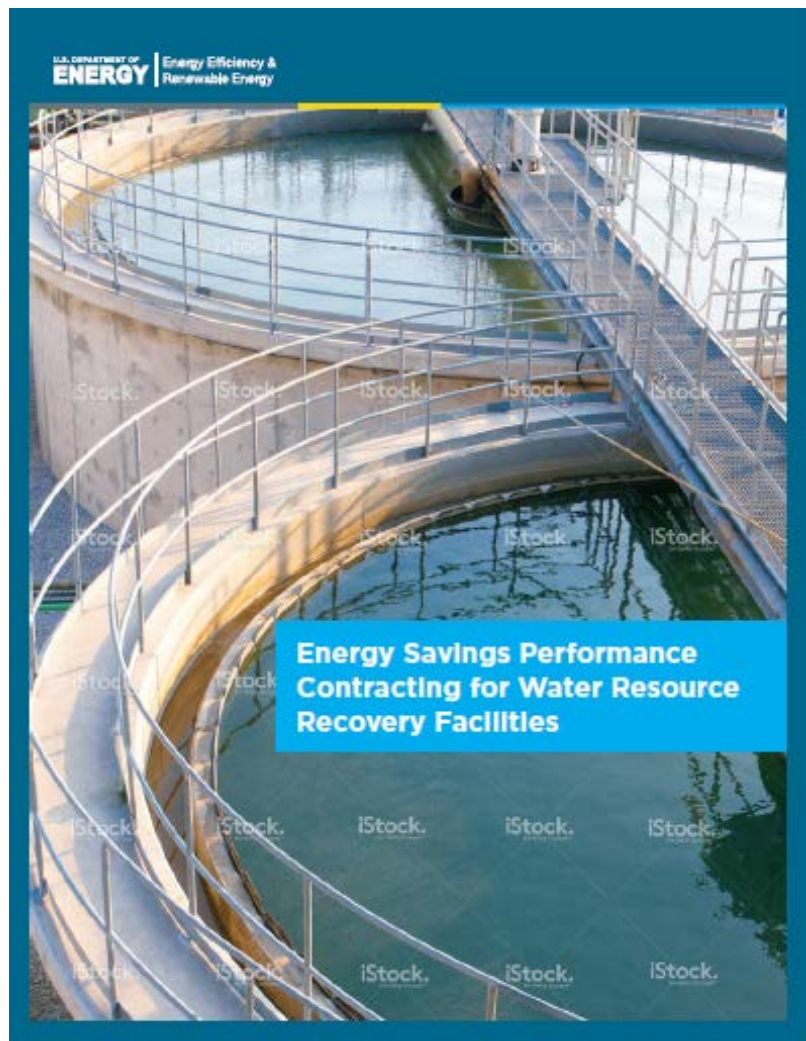
# Pillars discussed today

Topic discussed today	Connected Pillar
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Wastewater Infrastructure Accelerator</li><li>• Better Buildings, Better Plants</li><li>• Superior Energy Performance</li><li>• Industrial Assessment Centers (IACs)</li><li>• CHP Technical Assistance Program</li><li>• Tools</li></ul>	Energy efficiency of water management, treatment, distribution, and end uses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Better Buildings Water Savings Initiative</li><li>• IACs</li></ul>	Freshwater efficiency in energy production, electricity generation, and end uses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• CHP Resiliency Accelerator</li></ul>	Reliability and resilience of energy and water systems
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Energy Positive Resource Recovery</li></ul>	Synergies among water and energy systems
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Energy-Water Bandwidth Study for Desalination Systems</li></ul>	Use of nontraditional water sources



# Wastewater Infrastructure Accelerator

**Purpose:** To accelerate a pathway toward a sustainable infrastructure



## Snapshot

- Launched May 2016
- 22 partners, representing 80+ facilities
- Three-year commitment

## Areas of Activity

- ✓ Establish energy data management
- ✓ Assess technical, management, process, and resource recovery options
- ✓ Consider financing options
- ✓ Demonstrate energy conservation measures

## Outcomes

- Model infrastructure improvement plans
- Assessment & decision tools
- Road-tested examples of facility upgrades



# Better Plants – Water and Wastewater Utilities

- **Better Plants is the industrial component of the Better Buildings Initiative**
- **Through Better Plants:**
  - Organizations set long-term efficiency goals (25% energy intensity reduction over 10 years)
  - Receive technical assistance and national recognition for their leadership
- **Better Plants is now open to water and wastewater treatment agencies:**
  - 22 Utilities have joined, 9 at the Challenge Level, including some of the nation's largest and most complex systems (NY, LA, Boston)
  - DOE provides quarterly webinars to understand key challenges, refine metrics, and share solutions
  - [energy.gov/betterplants](http://energy.gov/betterplants)



# Better Plants – Partner Benefits

- Technical Assistance
- Peer-to-Peer Networking Opportunities
- National Recognition



DOE official poses with Volvo NRV employees

**DOE will assign an expert Technical Account Manager, who will help you navigate the program and tap into our energy-saving resources**

# Better Plants – In-Plant Training

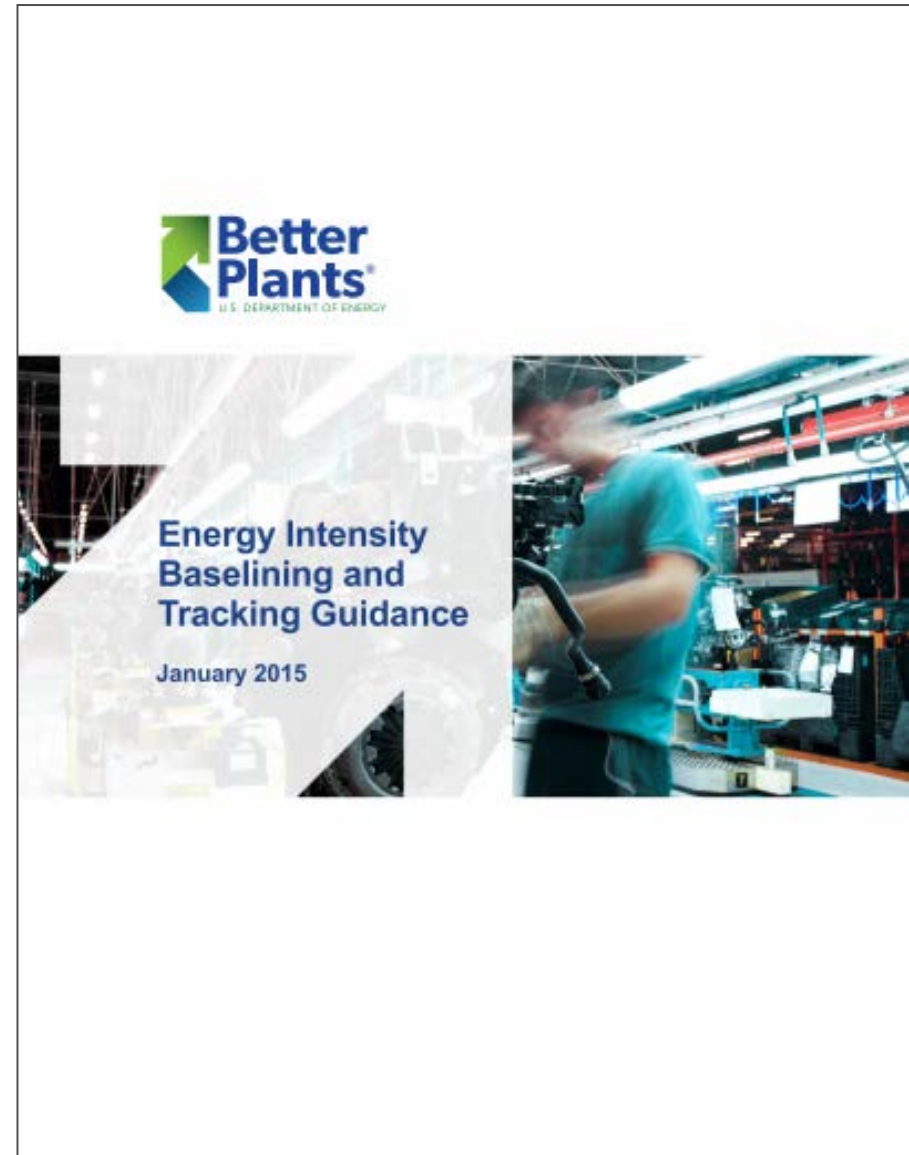
- Teach participants how to conduct assessments, use DOE tools, and implement projects
- Open to employees from host plant, peer companies, suppliers
- ~60 INPLTs covering steam, compressed air, process heating, pumps, and fans since 2011
- ~850 participants
- Identified > 3 TBTU and \$14 million in energy savings
- Pre-INPLT webinars available on program website
- New topic: Water/Wastewater Treatment Plant Energy Efficiency
  - Applications due out Oct '16
  - First trainings Jan '17



Process heating INPLT at an ArcelorMittal plant in Nov. 2013. Photo courtesy ArcelorMittal and ORNL.

# TAM Support / Improved Resources for Data Analysis

- Guidance on energy baselines and data tracking / reporting
- Guidance aligned with DOE's EnPI 4.0 tool, updated recently to include GHG and cost savings calculations
- DOE Technical Account Managers help companies compile and continuously improve metrics and methodology





# Superior Energy Performance (SEP)



- Certification program – meet the ISO 50001 energy management standard
- SEP verifies the energy savings they achieve
- 33 plants have been certified so far
- Average energy performance improvement of 11% in 18 months
- Savings over \$500,000 per year
- **New Water Utility Members:**

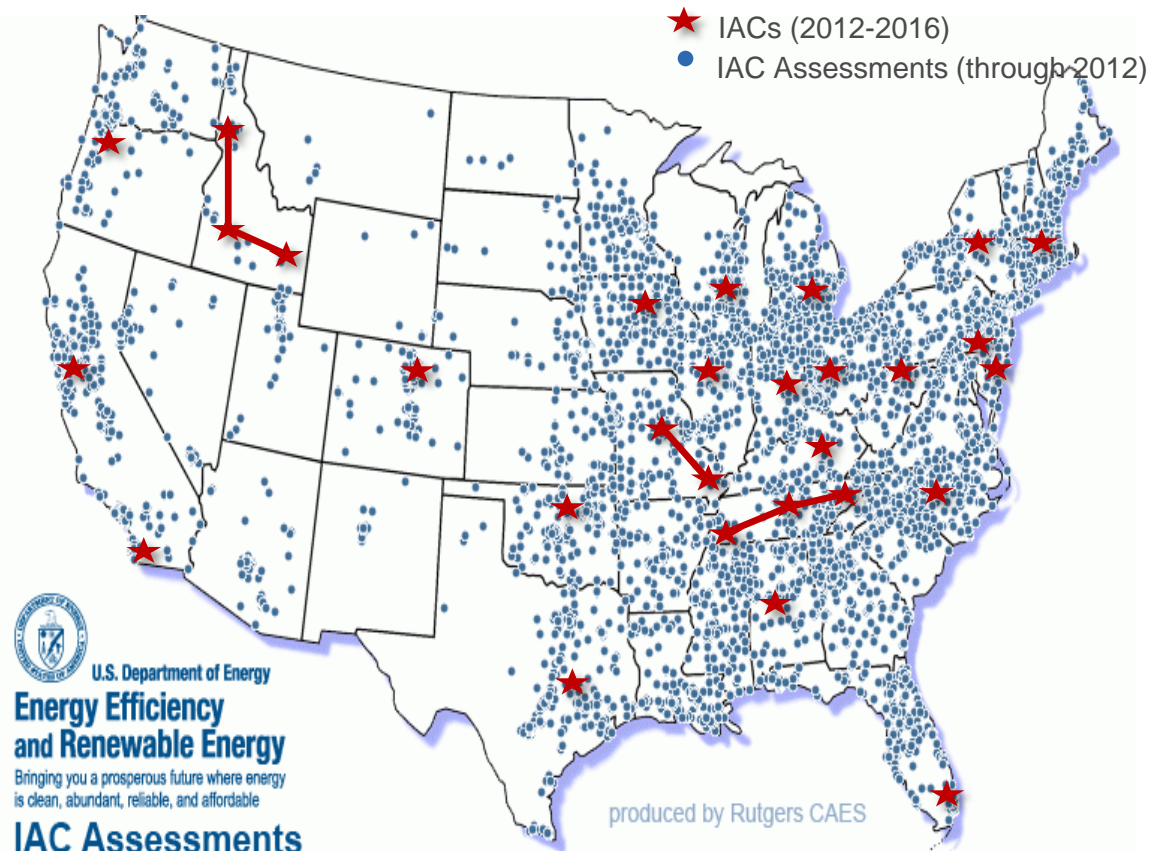


# Industrial Assessment Centers (IACs)

**24 University-based Centers** that support the industrial sector and train energy engineers

**FREE** assessment for small and medium sized manufacturers, including **water and wastewater plants**

- Energy expenses between \$250k - \$2.5M/year
- Water >5 MGD
- Wastewater >2 MGD
- Recommendations to reduce energy and water/waste and increase productivity
- On average, IAC clients report \$46,000 in 1<sup>st</sup> year energy and process improvements savings





# CHP Deployment Program

## Program activities include:

### • Market Analysis and Tracking

- [CHP Market Study – Technical Potential](#)
- [DOE/ICF CHP Installation Searchable Database](#)

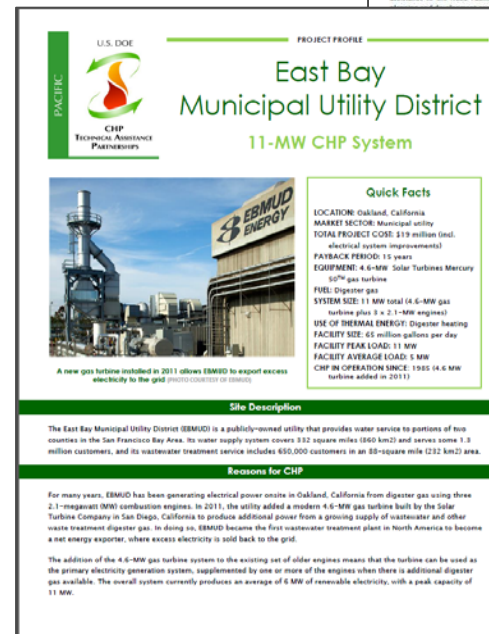
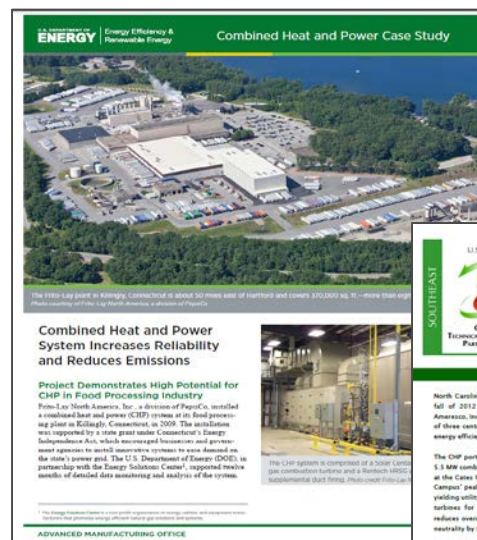
### • Fact sheets, reports, project profiles:

- [Waste Heat to Power Market Assessment](#)
- [CHP Project Profile Database](#)

### • CHP Technical Assistance Partnerships

- 7 CHP TAPs for National Coverage
- Provided support to over 780 projects in FY2009-2014, with more than 220 under development or online: estimated installed capacity of 1.7 GW.

### ➤ New Initiatives...



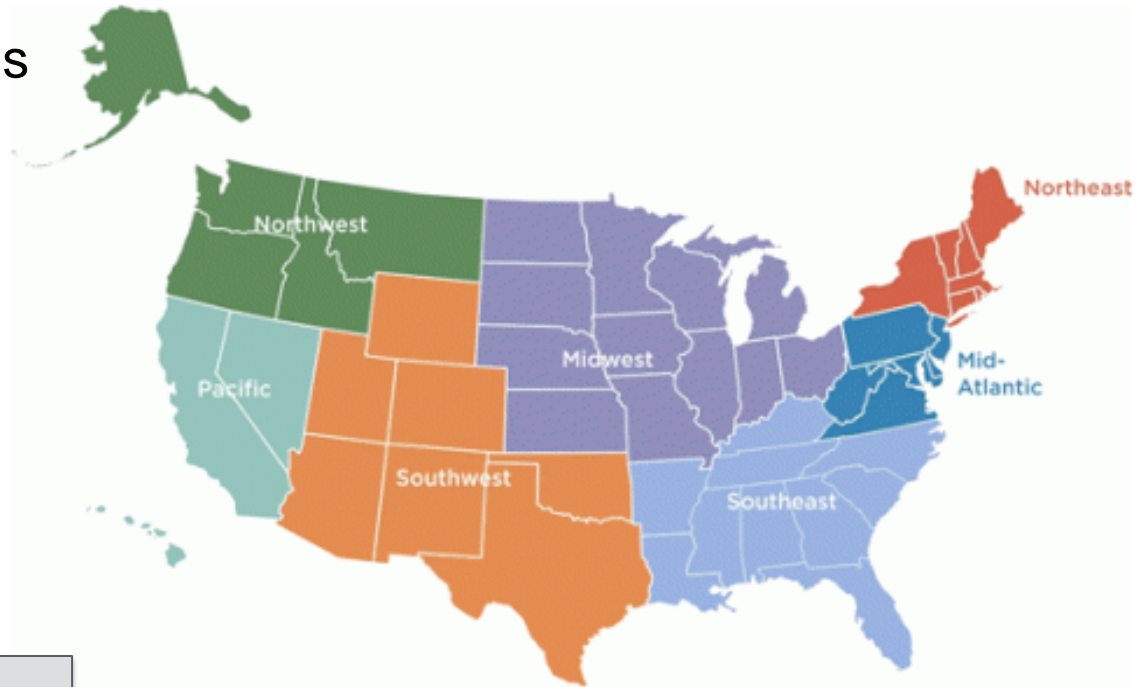
# CHP Technical Assistance Partnerships (TAP)

## CHP TAPs Provide:

- Market Opportunity Analysis
- Education and Outreach
- Technical Assistance
- See “[Project Profiles](#)” for wastewater:
  - 14 Projects = 100 MW
  - 150 kW – 60 MW

**Free CHP screenings and  
engineering assistance**

[www.energy.gov/CHP](http://www.energy.gov/CHP)



# Better Buildings Water Savings Initiative

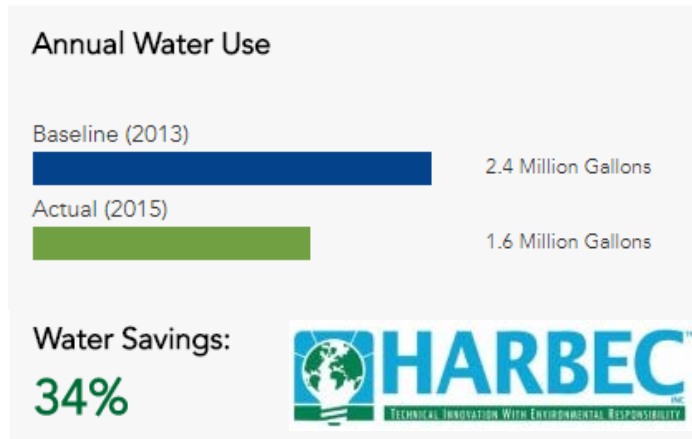
- Partners sign up with DOE to:
  - Set water savings goals
  - Track progress towards the goal
  - Publicly share success
- 35 partners across 5 sectors have signed up for the Water Savings Initiative
- Solutions shared include:
  - Implementation Models
  - Showcase Projects
  - Water Management Strategies
  - Visit:  
<https://betterbuildingssolutioncenter.energy.gov/challenge/water-savings>

Partners with Greatest Water Savings (since baseline year)	
HARBEC, Inc.	49%
<b><i>Cummins, Inc.</i></b>	<b>45%</b>
Ford Motor Corporation	44%
<b><i>United Technologies Corp.</i></b>	<b>43%</b>
Shari's Café and Pies	30%
<b><i>Poudre School District (CO)</i></b>	<b>29%</b>
<b><i>Atlanta, GA</i></b>	<b>20%</b>
State of North Carolina	19%
Hillsboro, OR	15%

***Denotes goal achiever***

# Saving Water in Industry

Rainwater pond  
cuts water bill by 1/3



Best practice list drives  
corporate-wide water savings



## REQUIRED ACTIONS

Water reduction initiatives should be scalable to match local conditions. Sites will review the best practices listed below for applicability and will develop an implementation plan for the water management best practices that are considered practical. Project details will be tracked in the EH&S Project Tracking Module.

### Water Management Best Practice Tracking

Best Practice for Existing Sites	Project Complete	Developing - Implementing	Not Started	Considered Not Recommended
Water Balance				
Leak management program				
Eliminate once-through cooling				
Implement cooling tower management program				
Install flow meters				
Install low flow fixtures				
Reduce or eliminate rinse tank overflow				
Reduce or eliminate landscape irrigation				
Recycle process wastewater				
Rain water harvesting				

# Better Buildings Solution Center



## 200+ showcase projects

- Large and small buildings
- All sectors
- Specific building types such as schools, hospitals, hotels, grocery stores, universities, civic centers, libraries, offices and labs

## 100+ implementation models (playbooks)

- Overcome barriers: finance, data, energy management, staff training, community and customer outreach, partnering with utilities, and more
- Multi-faceted and applicable across sectors

1,000 case studies, reports, tools, calculators and more

<https://betterbuildingsolutioncenter.energy.gov/>



# CHP for Resiliency Accelerator

**Purpose:** Elevate role & opportunity of CHP in Critical Infrastructure Planning



Long Island, NY 2012

## Offerings

- ✓ Establish resiliency action plans
- ✓ Utilize CHP TAPs
- ✓ Promote “Packaged CHP Challenge”
- ✓ National recognition and visibility

## Outcomes

- Integrated resiliency plans (local, state, utility)
- Collective lessons learned for replicability
- Increased CHP installations

## Timeline

- Launched May 2016
- Two-year commitment



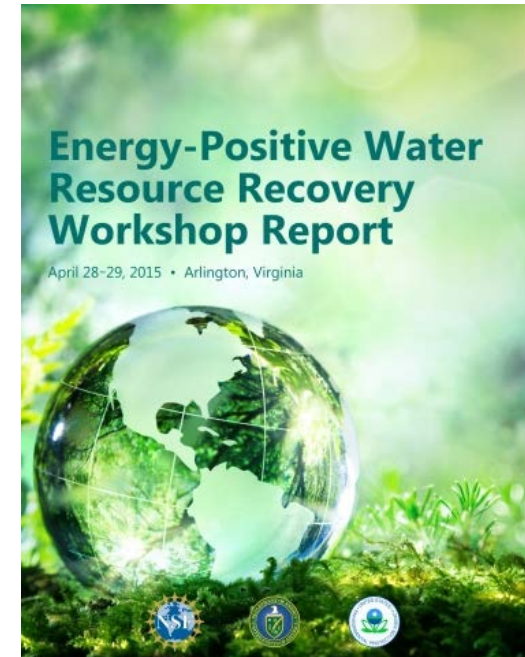
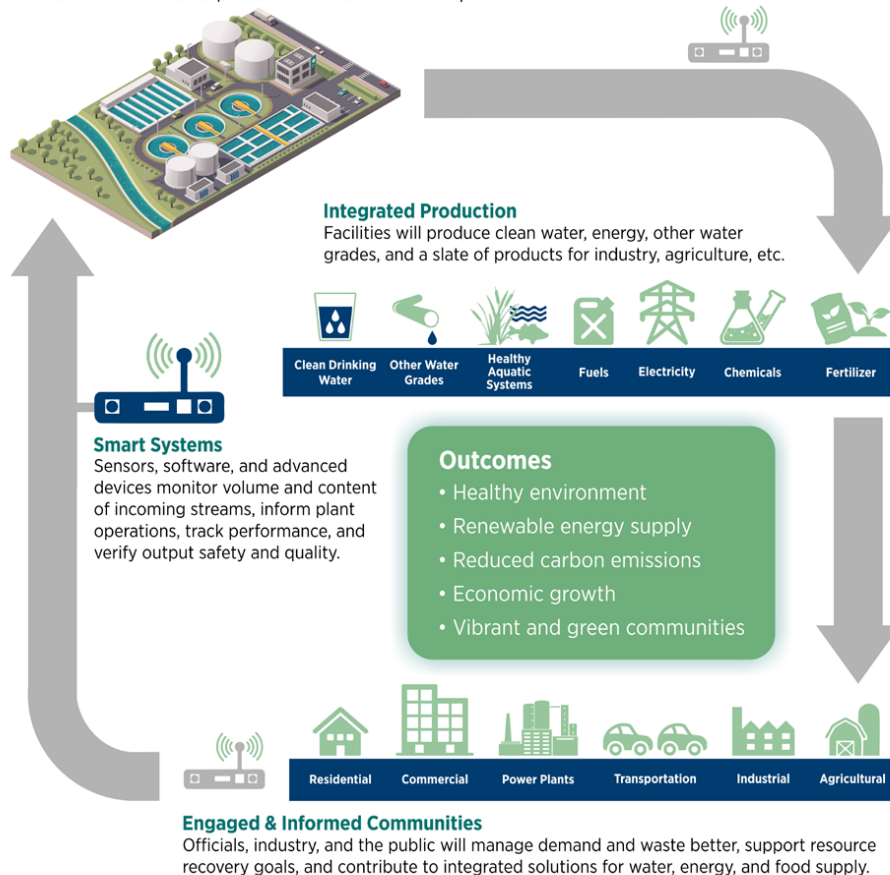
# Energy Positive Water Resource Recovery

## Water Resource Recovery Facility of the Future

Energy Positive and Beyond: The Vision for Transforming Wastewater Treatment

### Energy Efficiency and Resource Recovery

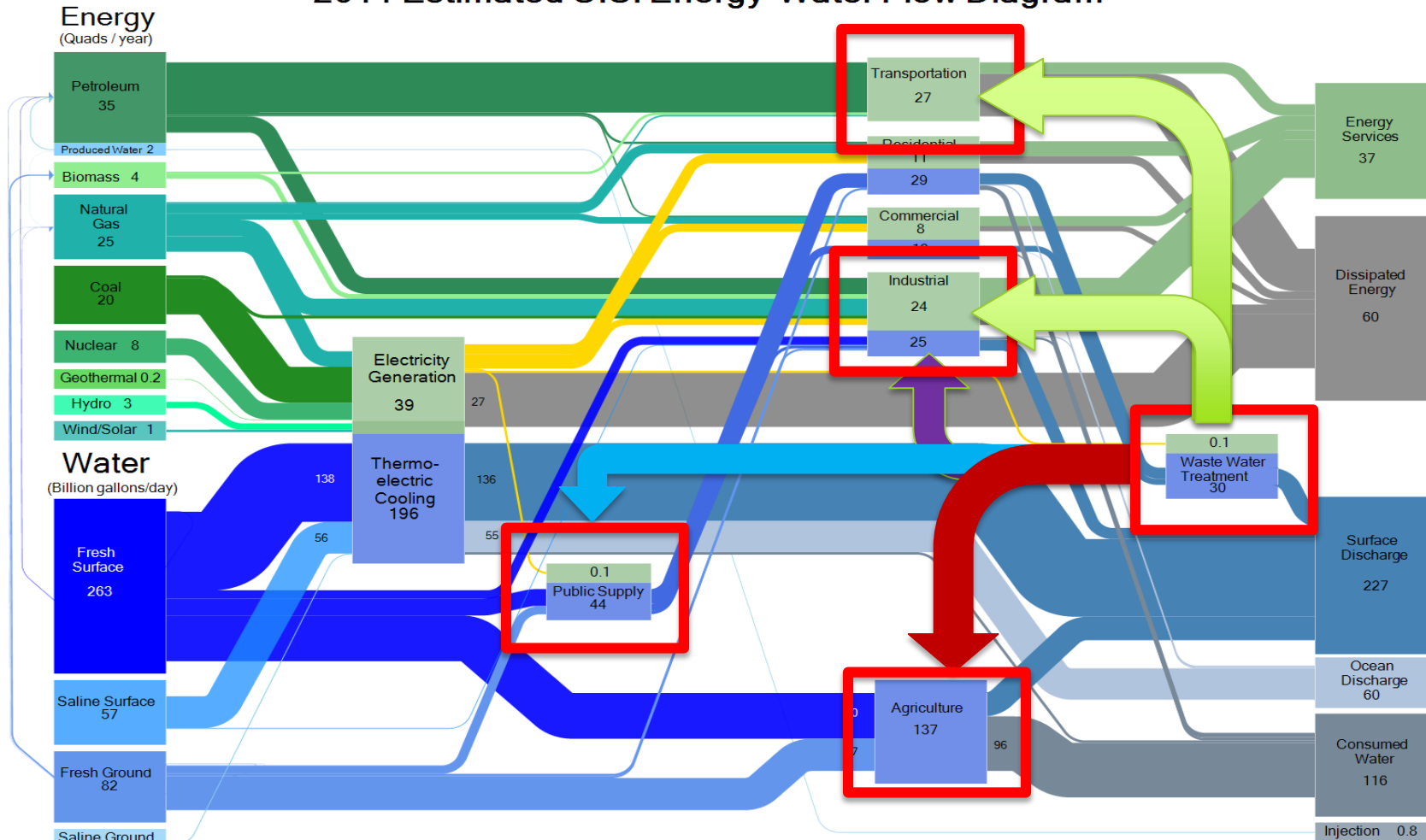
Facilities will use energy-efficient operations to recover water, energy, and nutrients as well as to produce clean water and other products.



**Water Resource  
Recovery Facilities  
are a Target Market  
for CHP TAPs**

# WRRF connects back upstream

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Energy

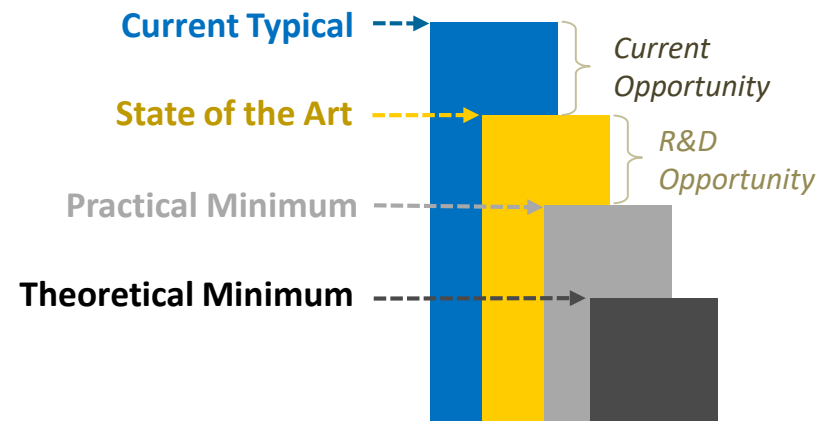
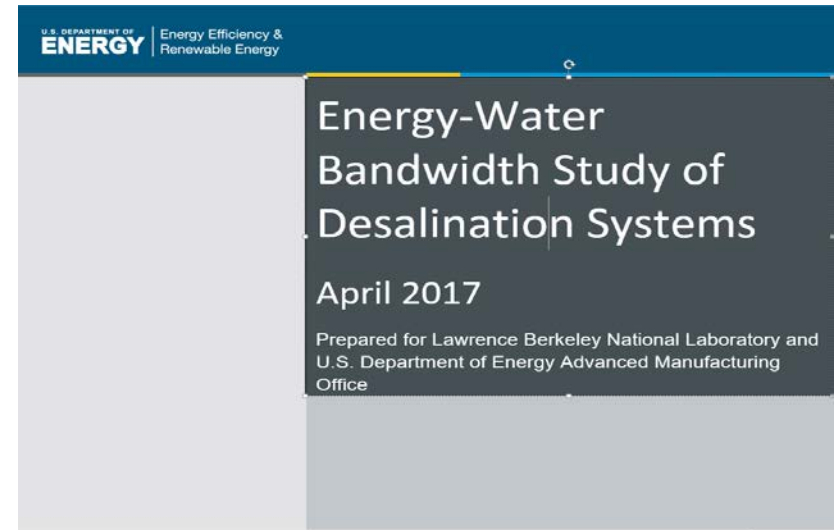
Recycled Water

Nutrients

Potable Water

# Energy–Water Bandwidth Study for Desalination Systems

Study will frame the current and R&D opportunity for reducing the energy consumption, CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, and costs of seawater desalination for U.S. public water supply under various uptake scenarios







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# Thank You

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# HARBEC: Rainwater harvesting

- 900,000 gallon rainwater retention pond offsetting cooling loads and tower make-up water
- 145,000 gallons/month reduction in purchased water
- Project aligns with company target to be water-neutral
- 17,000 kWh/month in energy savings from reduction in cooling pump and fan loads from 50 hp to 6 hp
- Motivated by increasing fire insurance premiums
- Simple financials:
  - Saved \$3,000 in water cost
  - Saved \$50,000 in avoided insurance costs
  - Energy cost savings
  - \$250,000 implementation cost





# Nissan - Water Reuse at Smyrna, TN plant

- Phosphate removal using once through rinsing
  - Water treated onsite (consumes energy) and discharged to sewer
  - Water replaced with municipal and RO water (consumes energy)
- Water filtration system installed
- Saved 50 million gallons of water in 2015 compared to 2014
- Simple financials:
  - \$320,000 water cost savings
  - \$640,000 implementation cost



# Responding to Challenges in the Energy-Water System

