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Renewable Energy

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Seminar Objectives

After completing this seminar, the learner will:

1. Discuss various types of renewable technologies – their benefits, uses, and limitations
2. Discuss processes for considering renewable energy technologies for your site
3. Discuss steps in the project delivery process from screening to procurement to commissioning
4. Consider financing alternatives
5. Discuss options for purchasing renewable energy



What is the Federal Definition of Renewable Energy?



Electric energy generated from:

- Solar
- Wind
- Biomass
- Landfill gas
- Ocean (including tidal, wave, current, and thermal)
- Geothermal
- Municipal solid waste
- New hydroelectric generation capacity achieved from increased efficiency or additions of new capacity at an existing hydroelectric project

EPA Act 2005

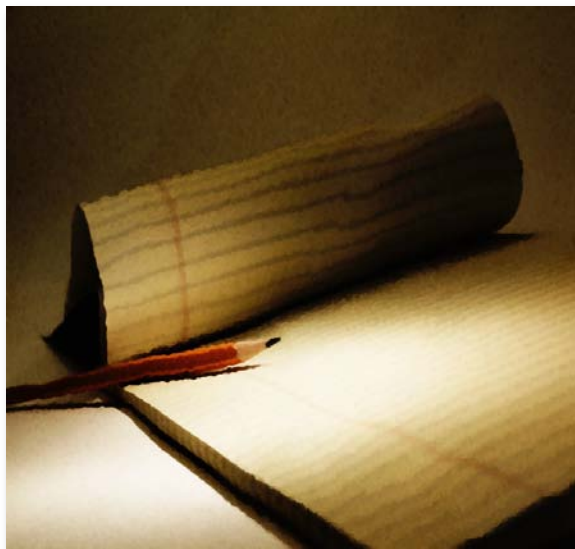
What are the Federal Mandates?

EPAct 2005



- Not less than 5% of Electricity consumed by the Federal government must come from renewable energy in fiscal years 2010-2012
- Not less than 7.5% in fiscal year 2013 and thereafter

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EPAct 2005

- Renewable Energy projects provide bonuses if energy is:
 - produced on Federal lands and used at a Federal facility; or
 - produced on Native American land and used at a Federal facility

What are the Federal Mandates?



Executive Order. 13423

- ½ of RE goal must be “new”
- Thermal counts in ½ new requirement

Executive Order 13514

- GHG accounting and sustainability plans

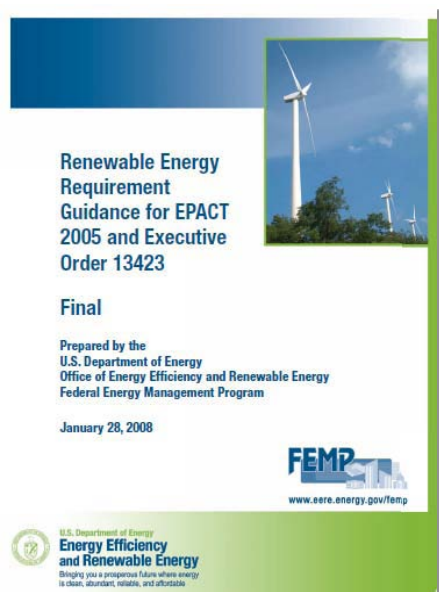
What are the Federal Mandates?



EISA 2007

- 30% solar hot water in new buildings
- 0% fossil fuels by 2030 in new buildings
- 40 year analysis period for RE
- Facilitates ESPC for RE

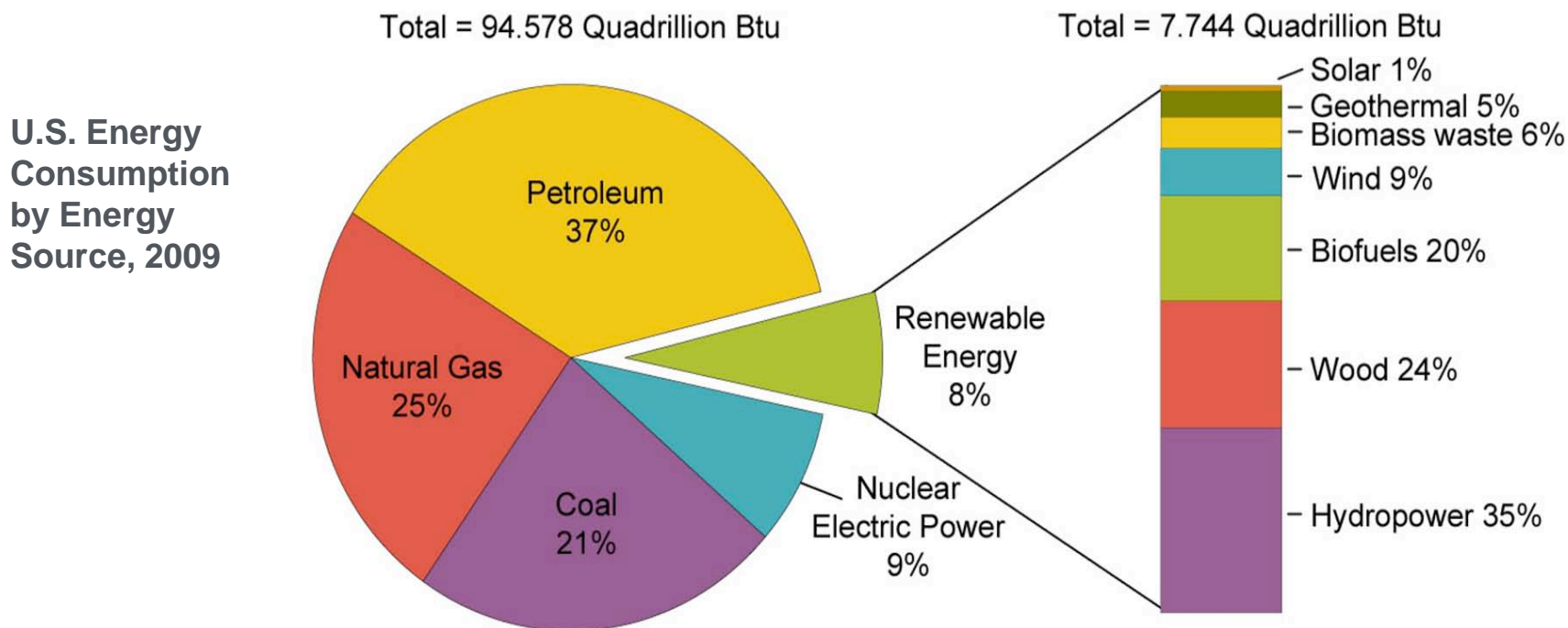
What Guidance is Available from FEMP?



- For on-site projects, agency must retain or replace RECs to show use
- Simply hosting a renewable project without RECs does not help meet Federal goals
- Excludes system mix energy and energy used to meet state RPS requirements
- Rules are stricter for GHG accounting than for EPACT 05 accounting

www1.eere.energy.gov/femp/pdfs/epact05_fedrenewenergyguid.pdf

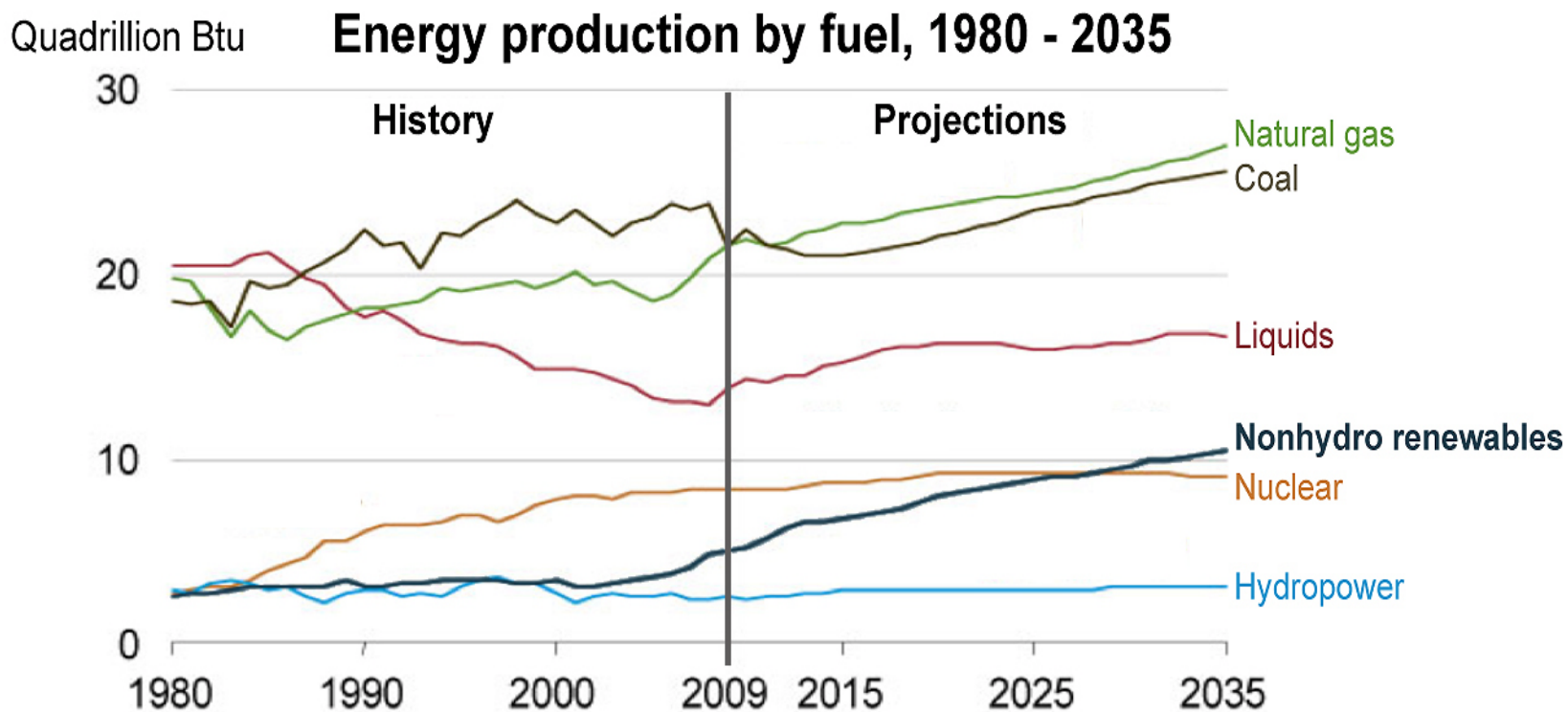
What is the U.S. Energy Consumption by Energy Source?



Note: Sum of components may not equal 100% due to independent rounding.

Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, *Annual Energy Review 2009*, Table 1.3, Primary Energy Consumption by Energy Source, 1949-2009 (August 2010).

What is the projection for Renewable Energy?



Source: REN 21

http://www.eia.doe.gov/forecasts/aeo/early_production.cfm

Renewable Technologies



What Types of Solar Energy Technologies are Available?



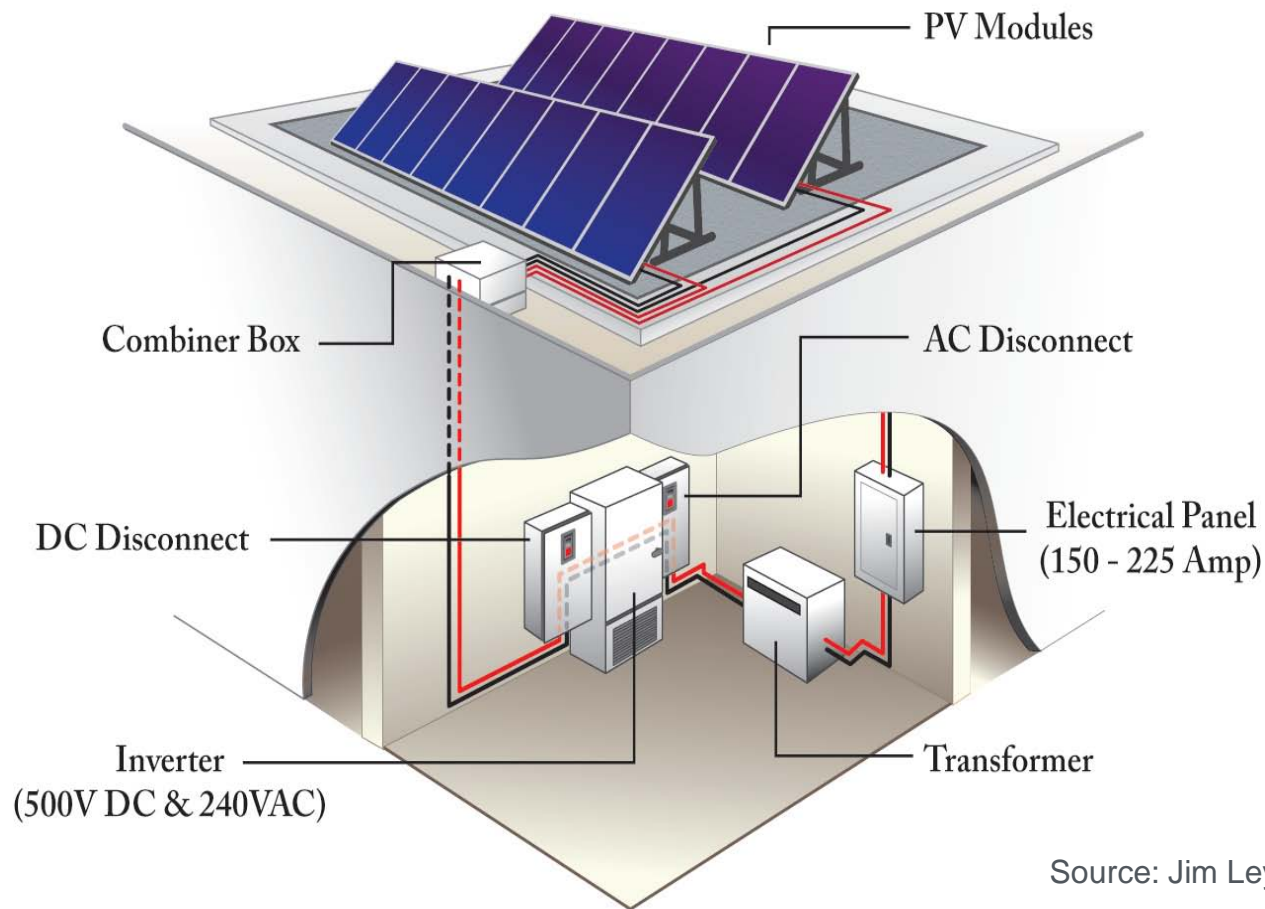
- The solar energy reaching earth is enough to satisfy annual energy needs of the globe
- Technologies for electricity production include:
 - Photovoltaics
 - Concentrating Solar Power
- Thermal energy technologies include:
 - Solar Hot Water
 - Solar Ventilation Preheat

What are Photovoltaics (PV)?



- Photovoltaic cells directly transform solar energy to an electrical energy
- DC converted to AC by inverter
- Solid-state electronics, no-moving parts

Grid Connect PV System



Source: Jim Leyshon, NREL

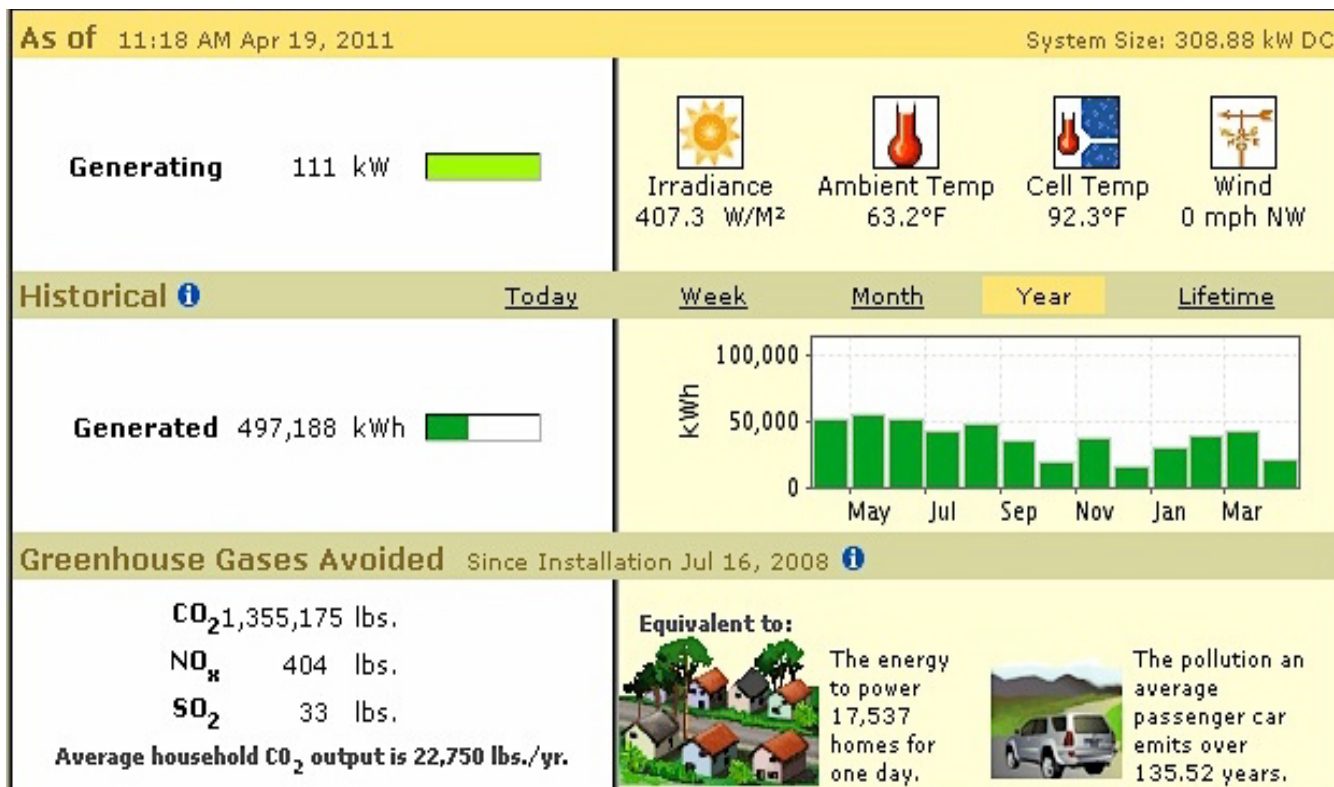
Veterans Administration Jerry L. Pettis Memorial Medical Center in Loma Linda, CA



- 309 kWdc
- 1,584 PV modules
- SunLink racks minimum roof penetration
- Advanced Energy Solaron 333kW inverter
- Feasibility Study by NREL estimates:
475 MWh/year delivery; \$60k/year
savings; \$2.9million cost without any
incentives
- Procured off GSA Schedule for
complete PV systems

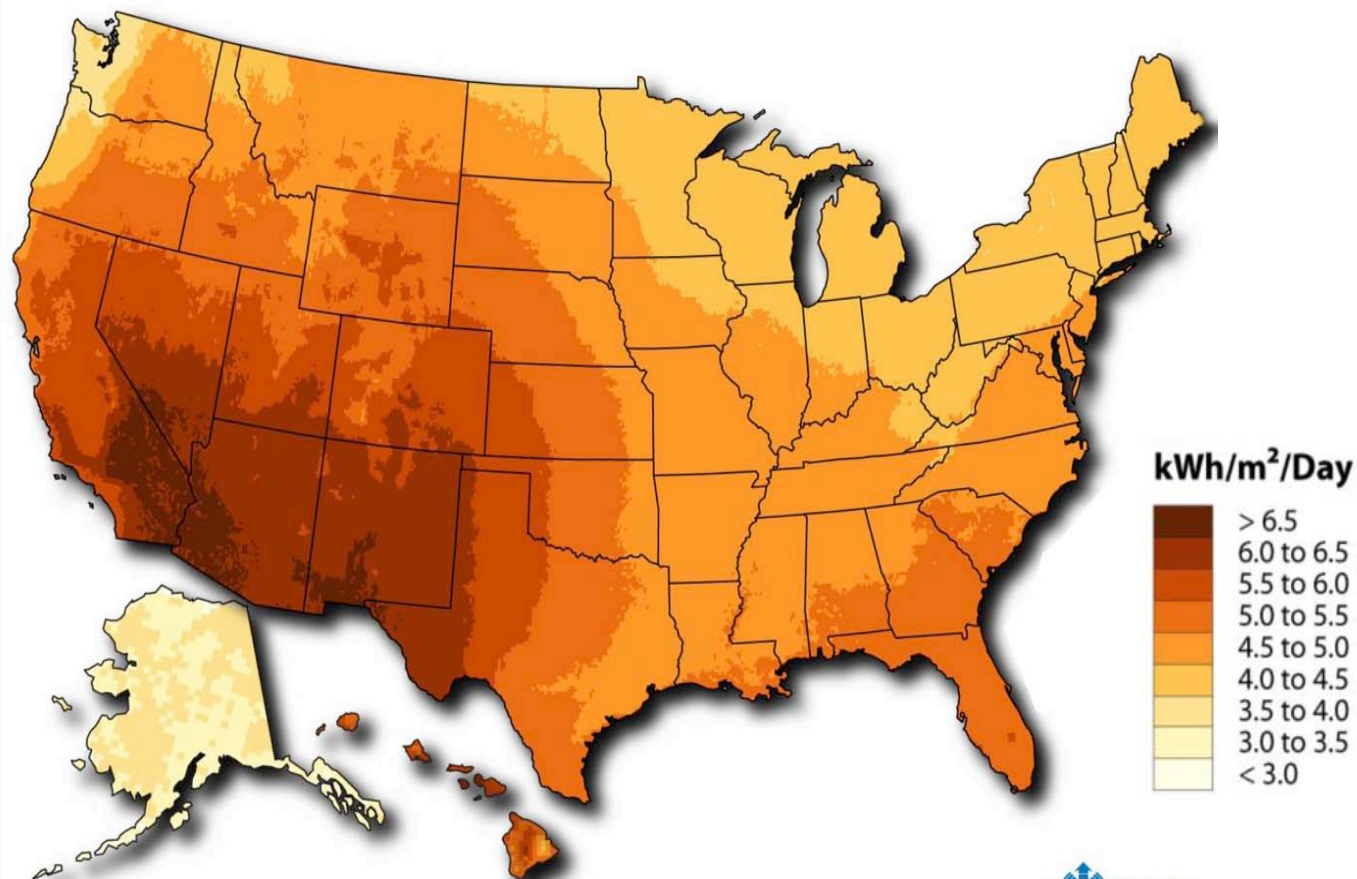
Results

Veterans
Administration
Loma Linda,
CA



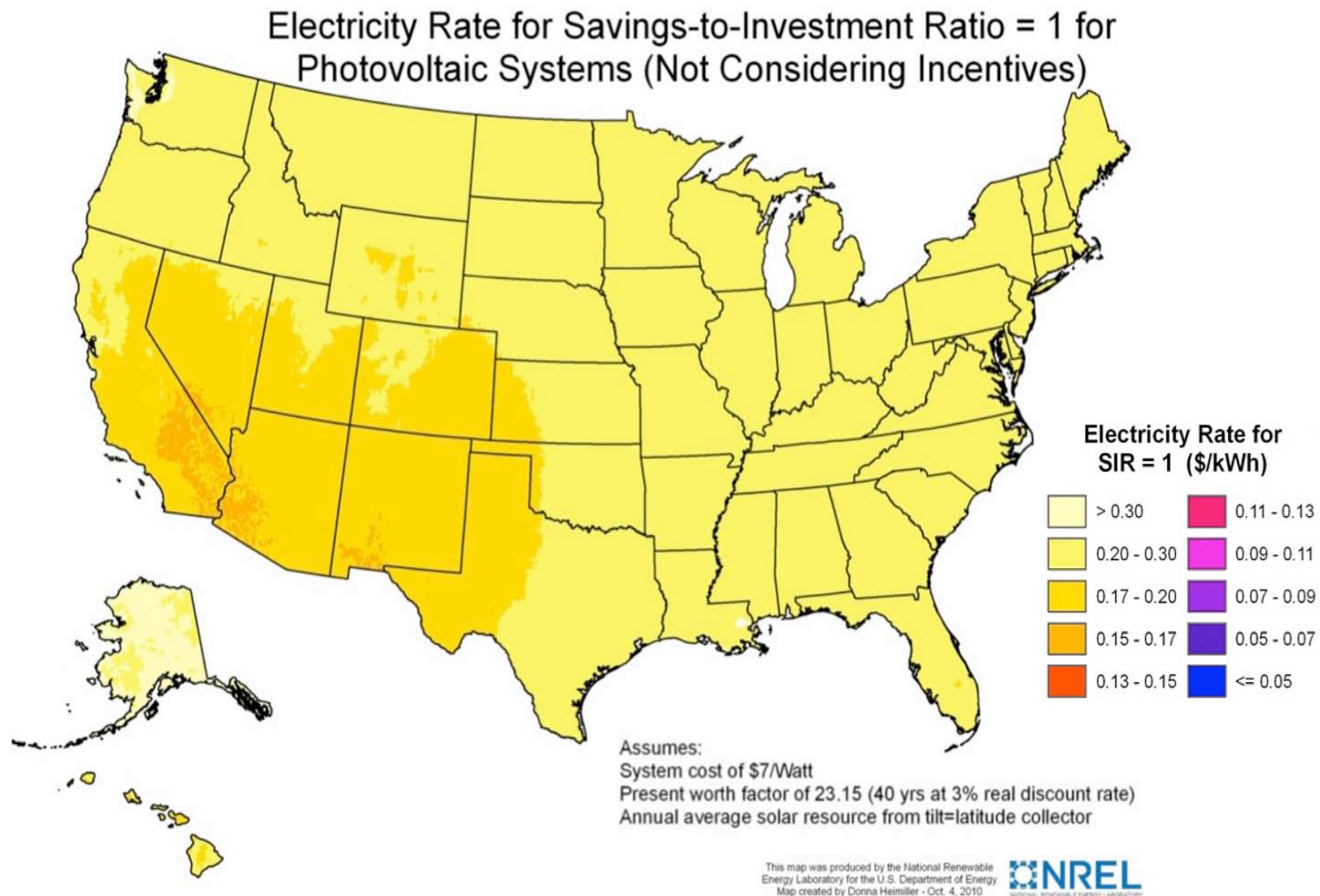
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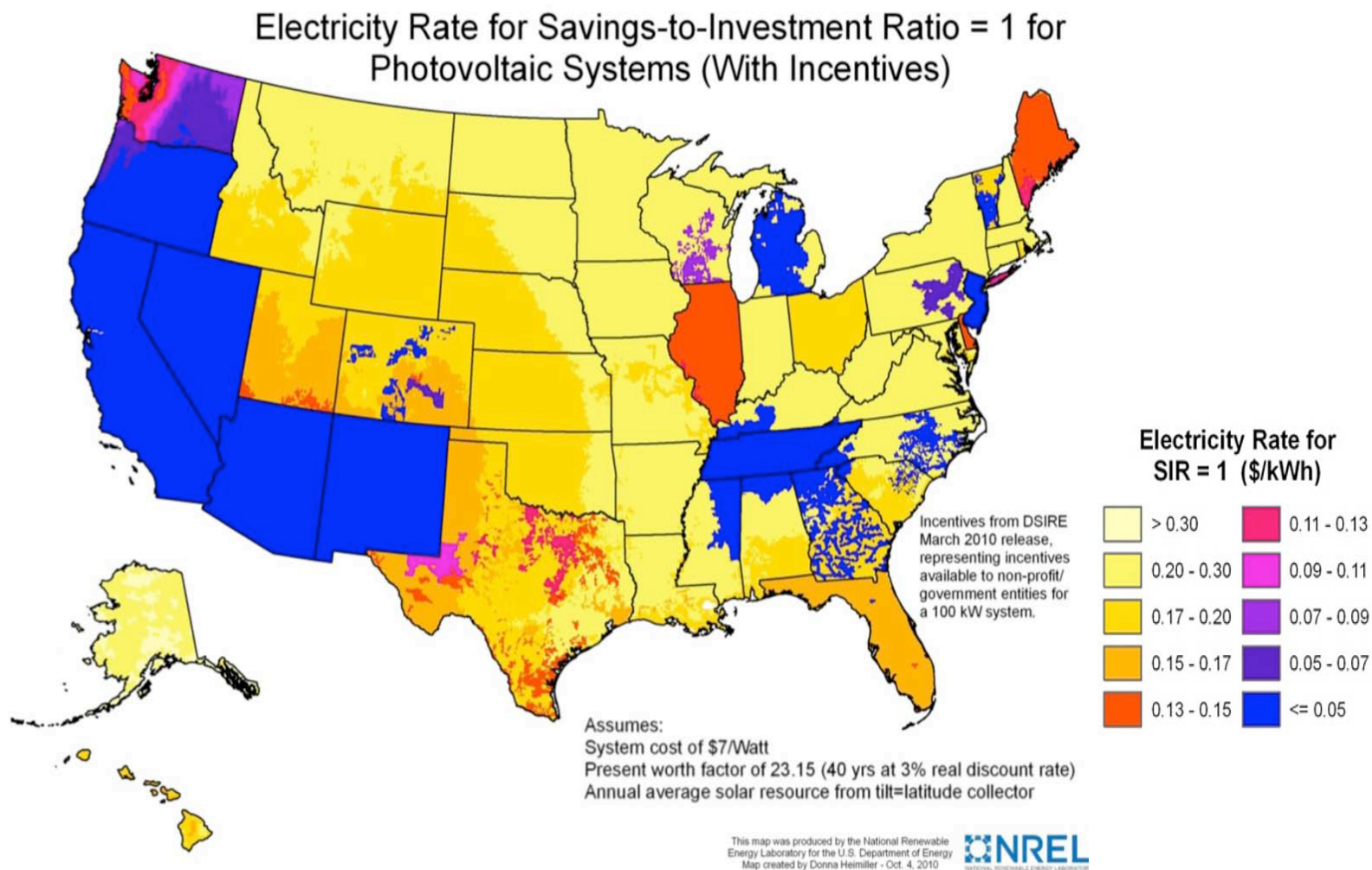
Photovoltaic Solar Resource of the United States



This map was produced by the National Renewable Energy Laboratory for the US Department of Energy.
October 13, 2009 Author: Billy J. Roberts



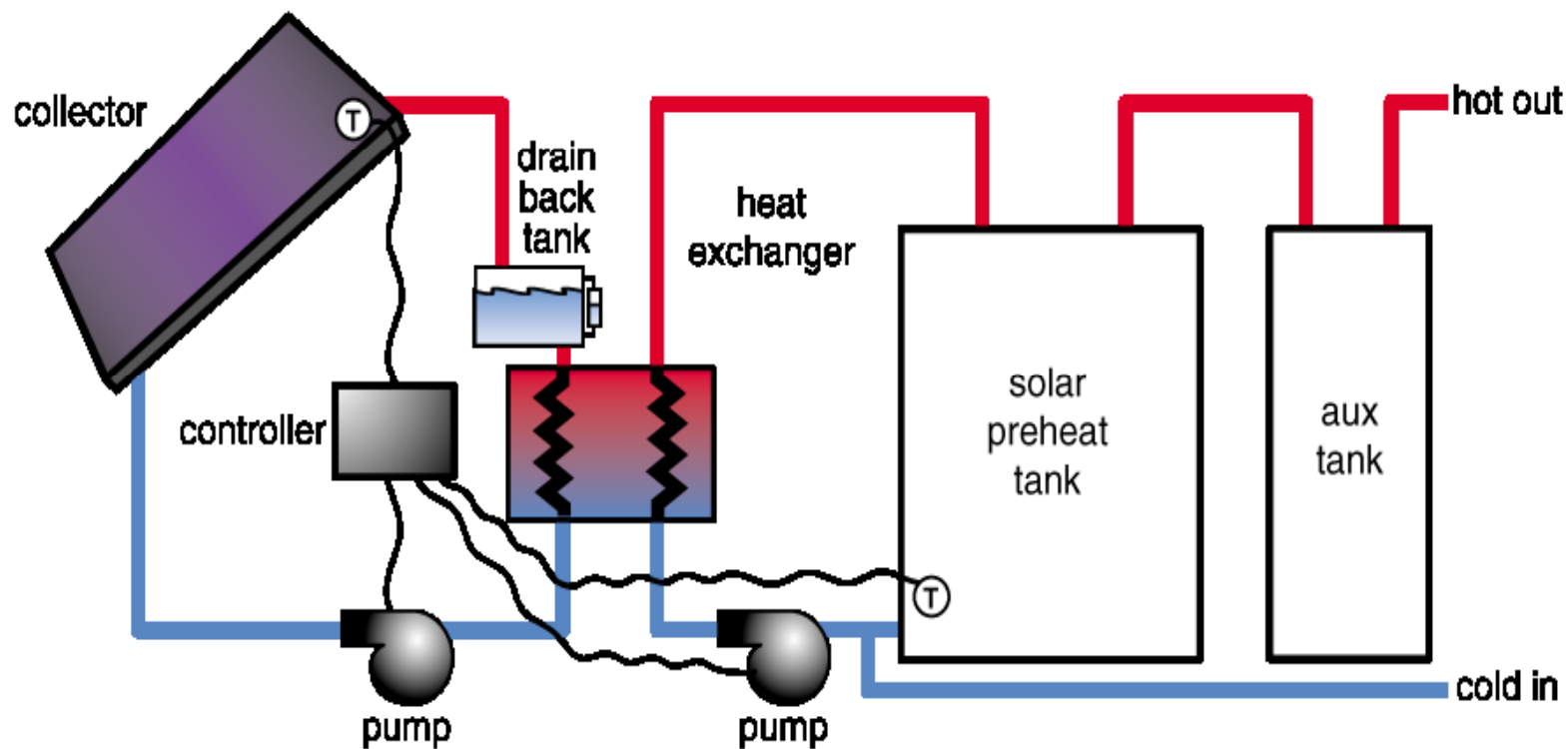




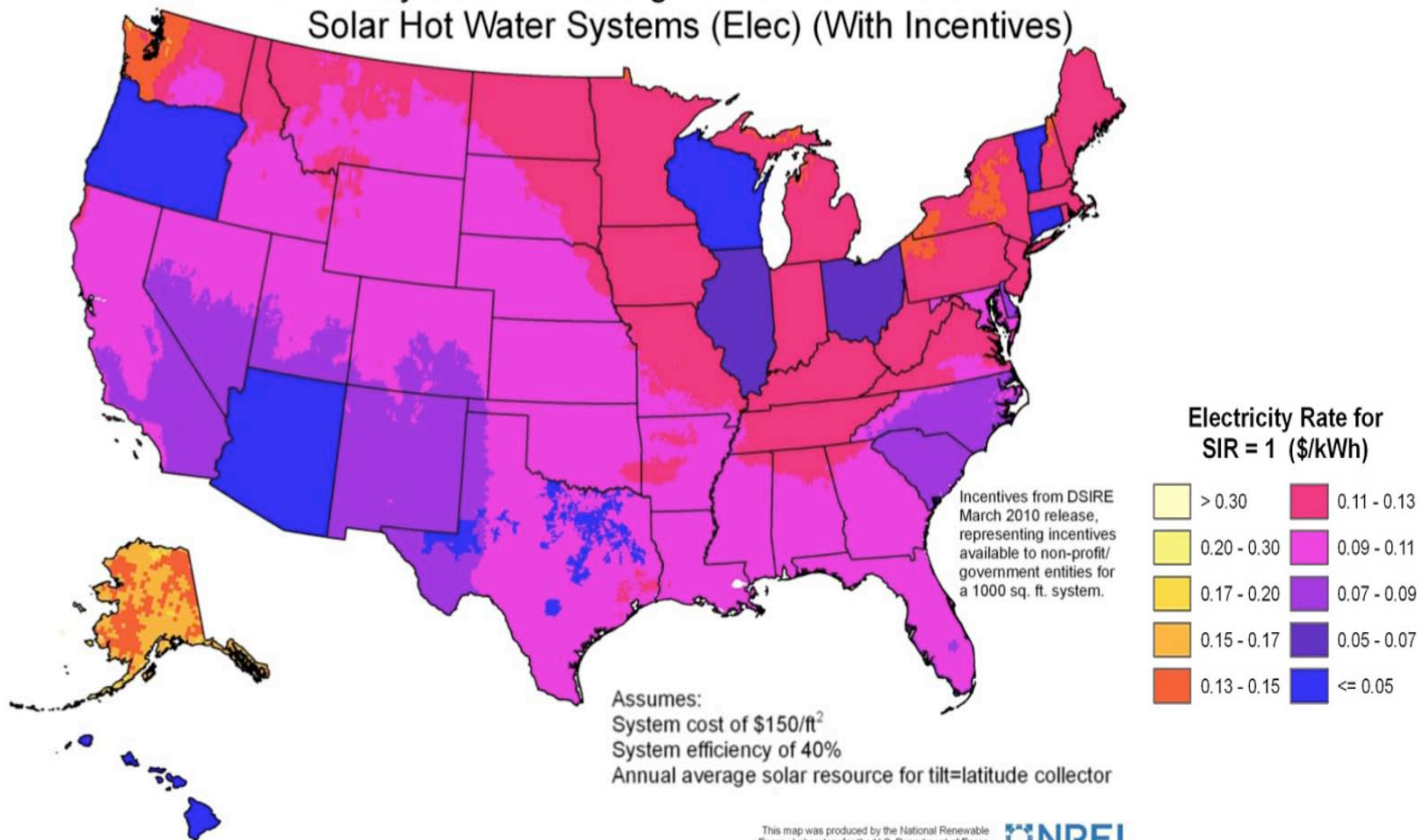
What are Solar Thermal Applications?



- Low Temperature
 - Swimming pool heating
- Medium Temperature
 - Domestic water and space heating
 - Commercial cafeterias, laundries, hotels
 - Industrial process heating
- High Temperature
 - Electricity generation



Electricity Rate for Savings-to-Investment Ratio = 1 for Solar Hot Water Systems (Elec) (With Incentives)

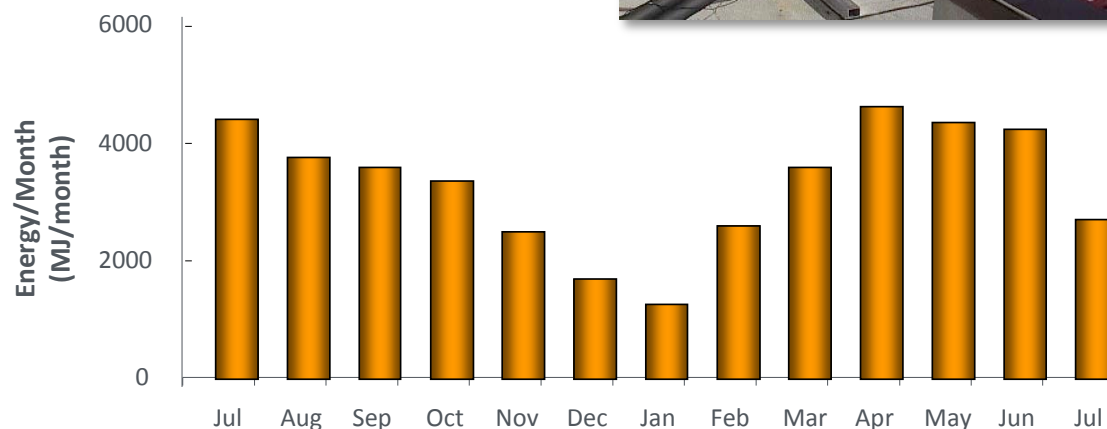


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Map created by Donna Heimiller - Oct. 7, 2010



Solar Water Heating: Social Security Administration (Philadelphia, PA)

- Reheats recirculation loop
- 180 evacuated heat-pipe collector tubes
- 27 m² gross area
- Cost \$37,500
- Delivers 38 GJ (36 million Btu)/year
- Installed 2004



What is Concentrating Solar Power?



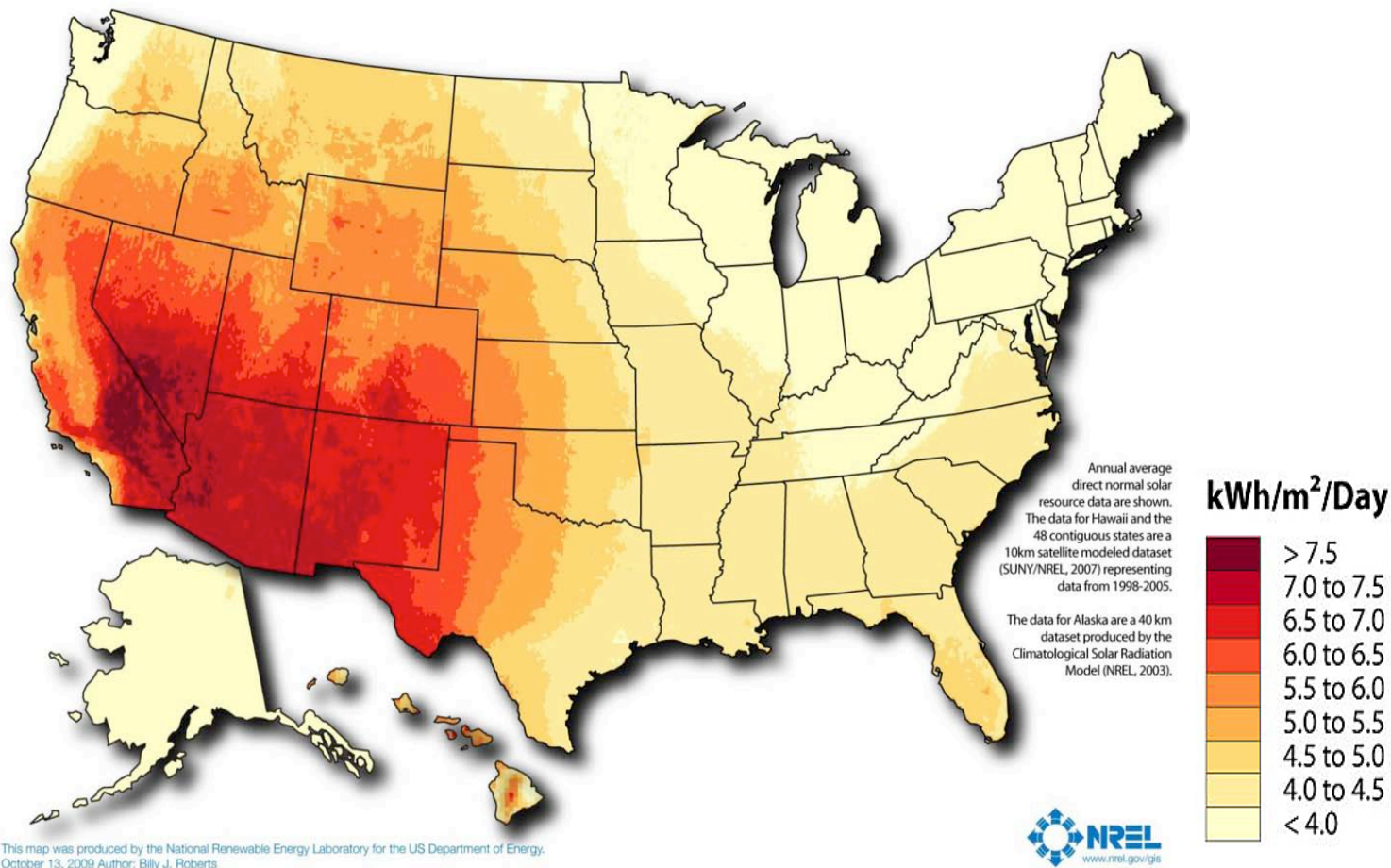
- Mirrors are used to reflect and concentrate sunlight onto receivers that collect this solar energy and convert it to heat
- Heat is used for generating hot water or steam
- Steam may be used to generate electricity

Concentrating Solar Heating Federal Correctional Institute, Phoenix

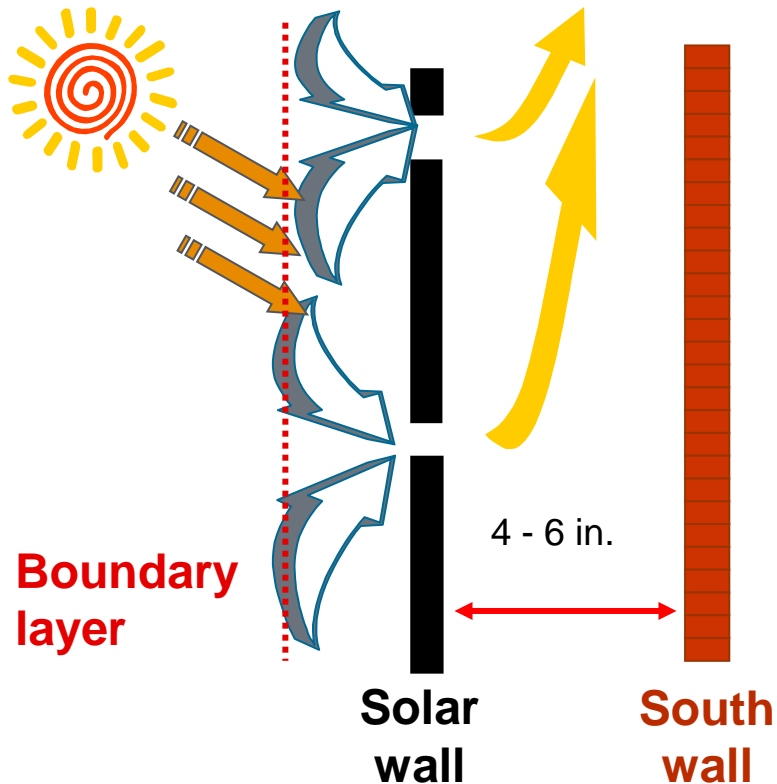


- 17,040 square feet of parabolic trough collectors
- 23,000 gallon storage tank
- Installed cost of \$650,000
- Delivered 1,161,803 kWh in 1999 (87.1% of the water heating load)
- Saved \$77,805 in 1999 Utility Costs

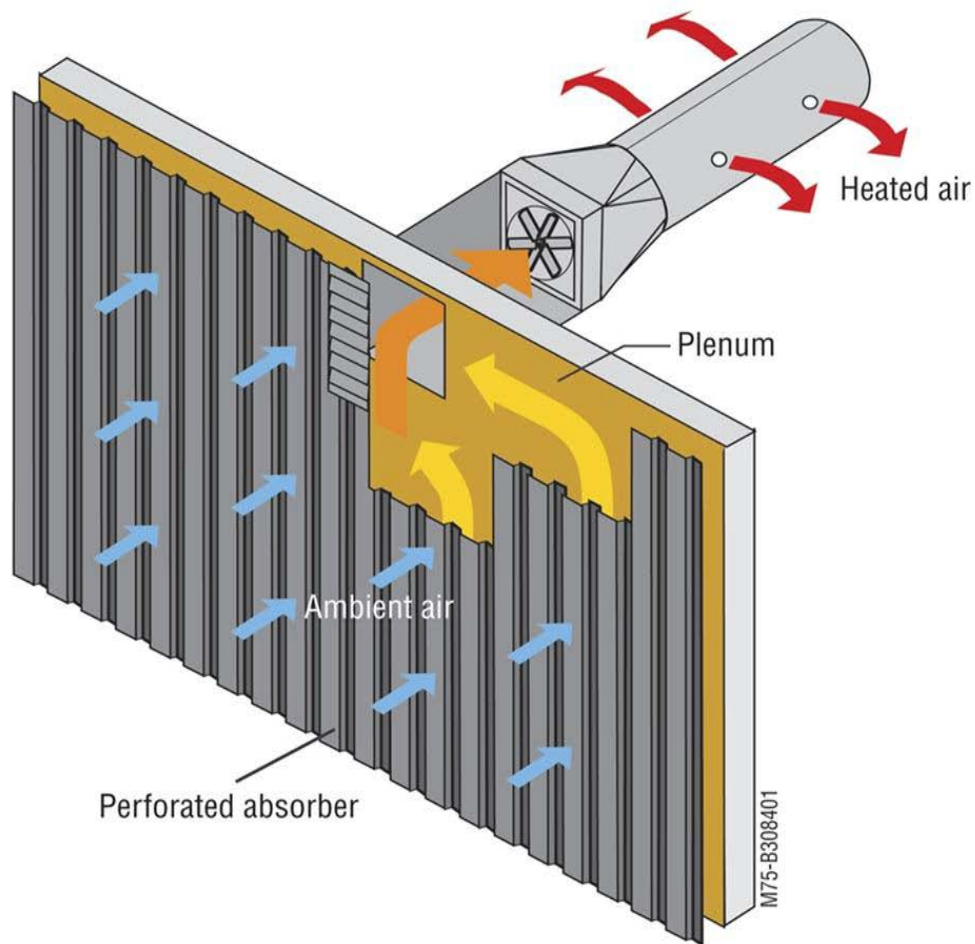
Concentrating Solar Resource of the United States



What is Solar Ventilation Air Preheating?



- Sun warms the collector surface
- Heat conducts from collector surface to thermal boundary layer of air (1 mm thick)
- Boundary layer is drawn into perforation by fan pressure before heat can escape by convection

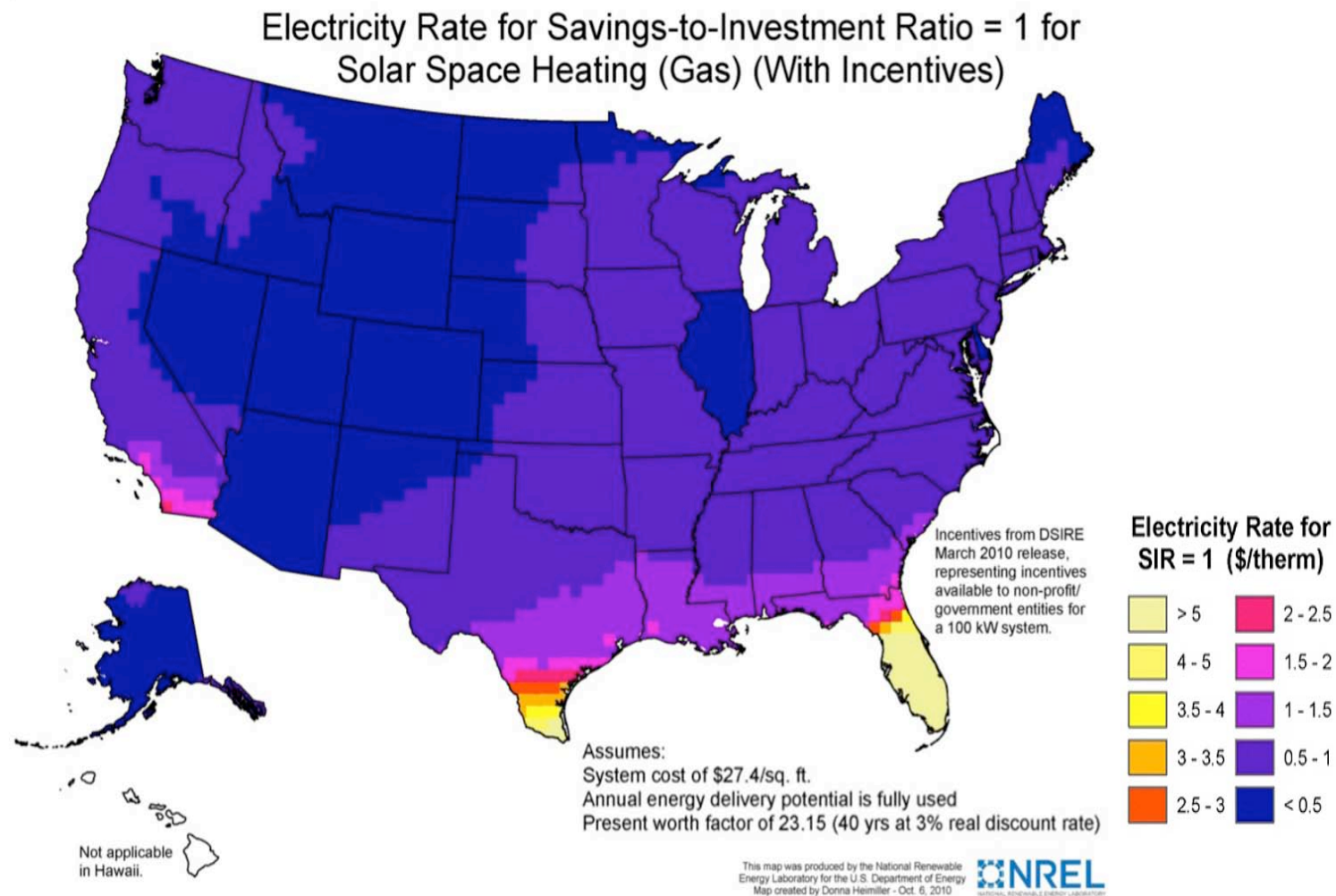


Solar Ventilation Applications



- Preheating outdoor ventilation air
- Process air heating





Solar Ventilation Air Preheating: EPA Lab (Golden, CO)

- Hazardous material storage building
- Installed in 2001
- 296 sf, 2000 cfm
- 58% measured efficiency
- Saves 60 Mil Btu/yr and \$450/yr of natural gas
- Payback = 13 years

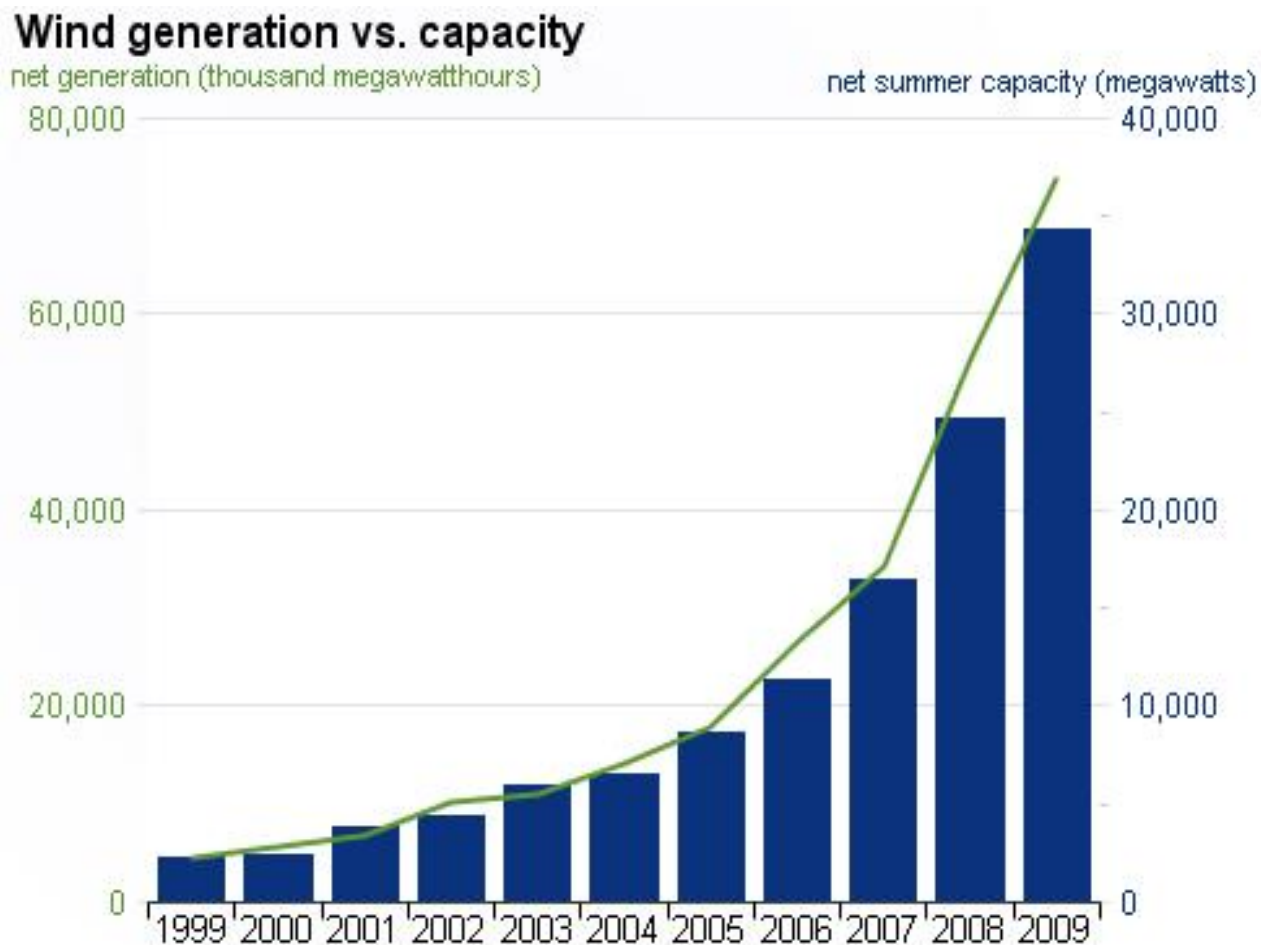


What Wind Technologies Are Available?

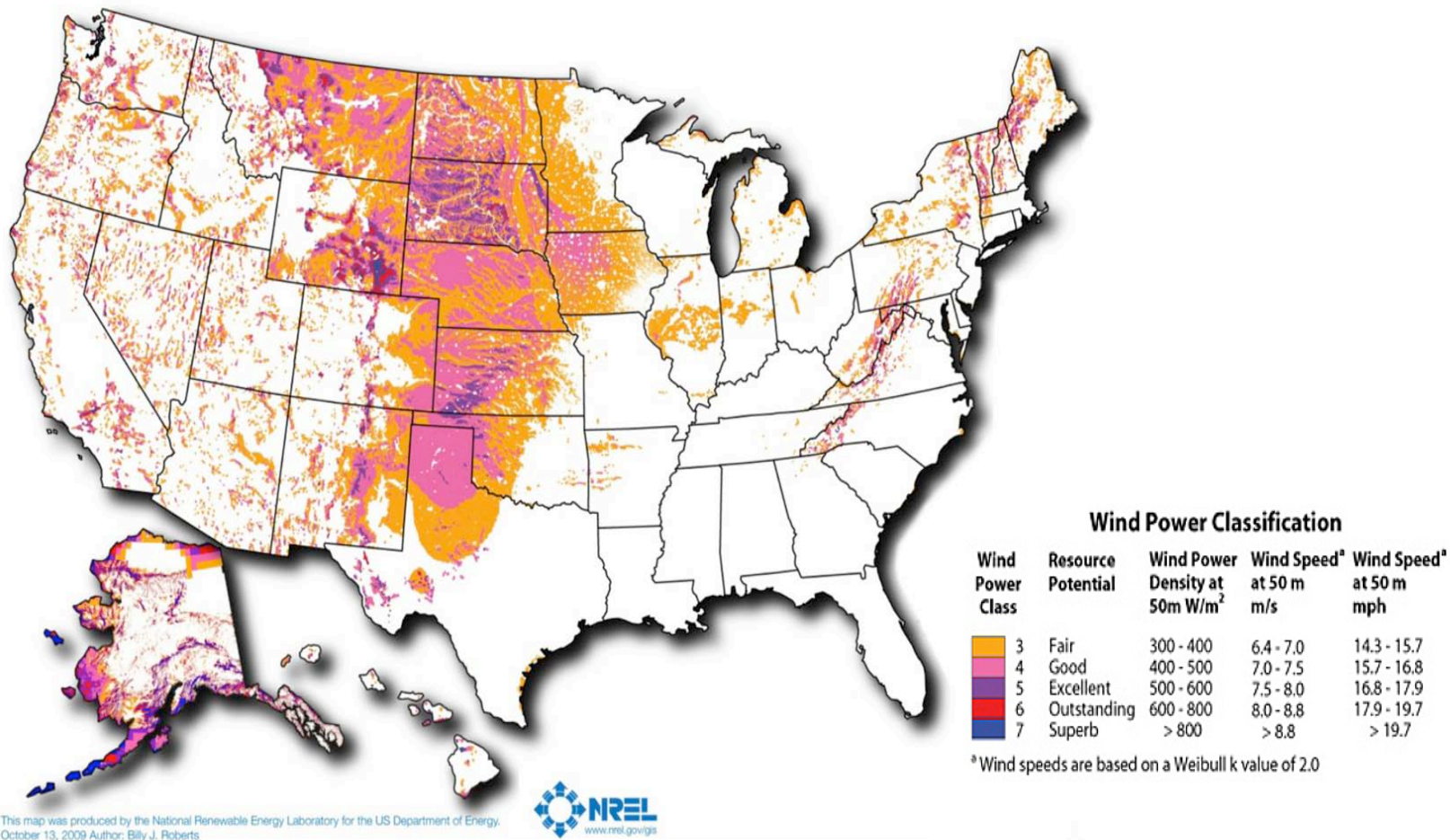


- **Small**
Home and farm applications
- **Intermediate**
Hybrid systems
Distributed power
- **Large**
Central station wind farms
Distributed power

Wind Generation in the U.S.



Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration.

Wind Resource (50m) of the United States

Warren Air Force Base, Cheyenne



F.E. Warren AFB

- 600 kW wind turbines
- \$2.5 million installed
- Generates energy to power 522 households on base
- Avoids 5,000 tons/year in GHG emissions
- Saves \$3 million in energy costs over 20 years
- Additional capacity planned

What is Biomass in Terms of Renewable Technologies?

- Wood and wood waste
- Agricultural waste
- Bagasse
- Food processing residues
- Animal wastes
- Municipal solid waste
- Energy crops
- Landfill gas
- Methane from waste and wastewater treatment



Biomass

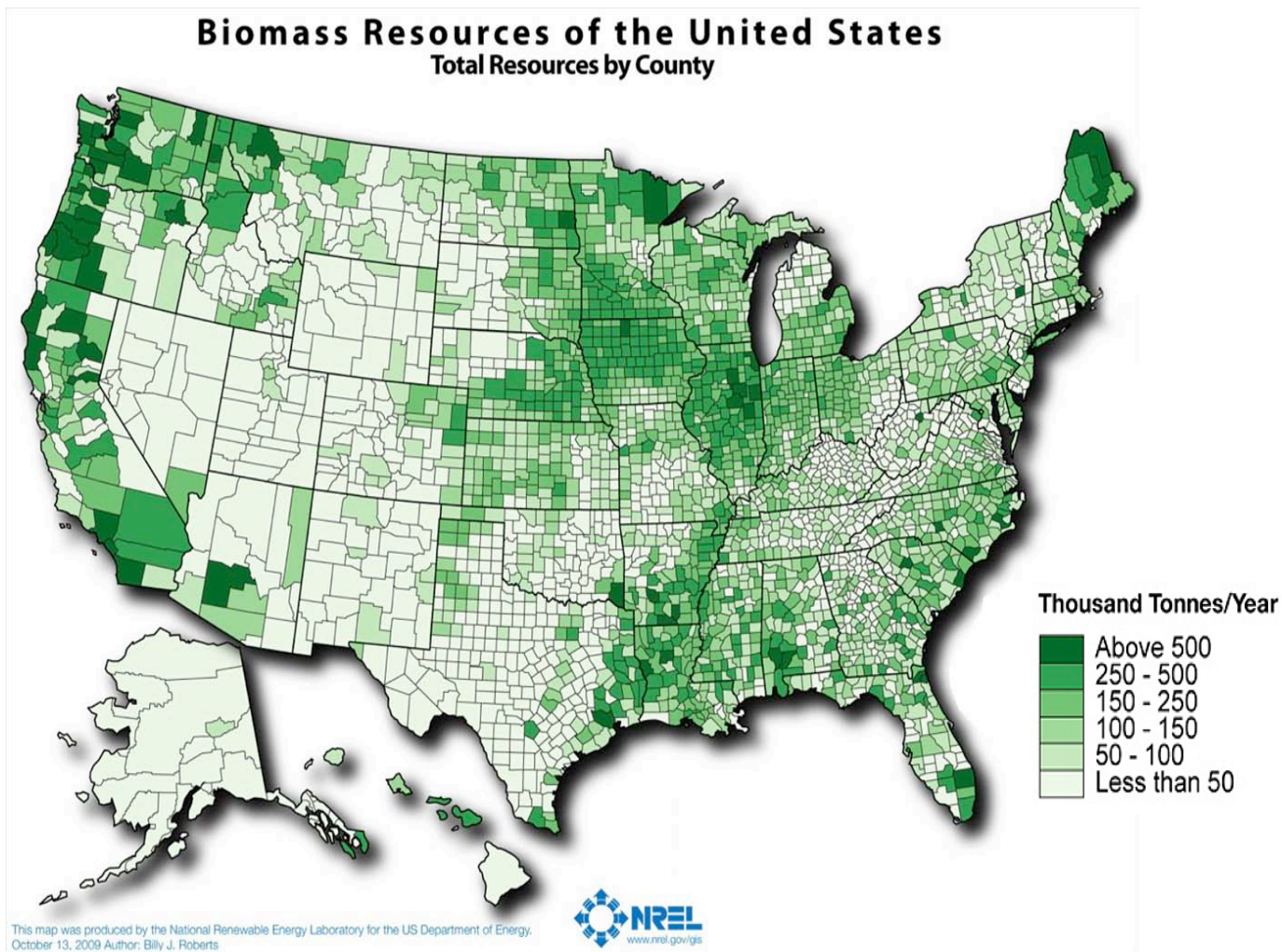
Conversion Options

- Direct Combustion
- Gasification
- Liquidification (pyrolyses)
- Biological Processes



Technologies

- Co-firing rankine cycle
- Biomass only rankine cycle
- Biomass only GT
- Biomass only IGCC
- Biomass only IC engine
- Cofiring (coal or NG rankine)
- Co-gasification



NREL Renewable Fuels Heating Plant (Golden, CO)



- \$3.3 million cost under an ESPC
- Pine beetle waste wood
- 75% of the 50,000 million Btus to heat campus
- Cost savings projected \$400,000/year
- The wood chips cost \$29 per ton or \$2.42 per million BTUs
- During cold weather, plant burns a truckload of wood chips per day; produces 600 gallons of hot water per minute
- Stores four days of wood chip fuel

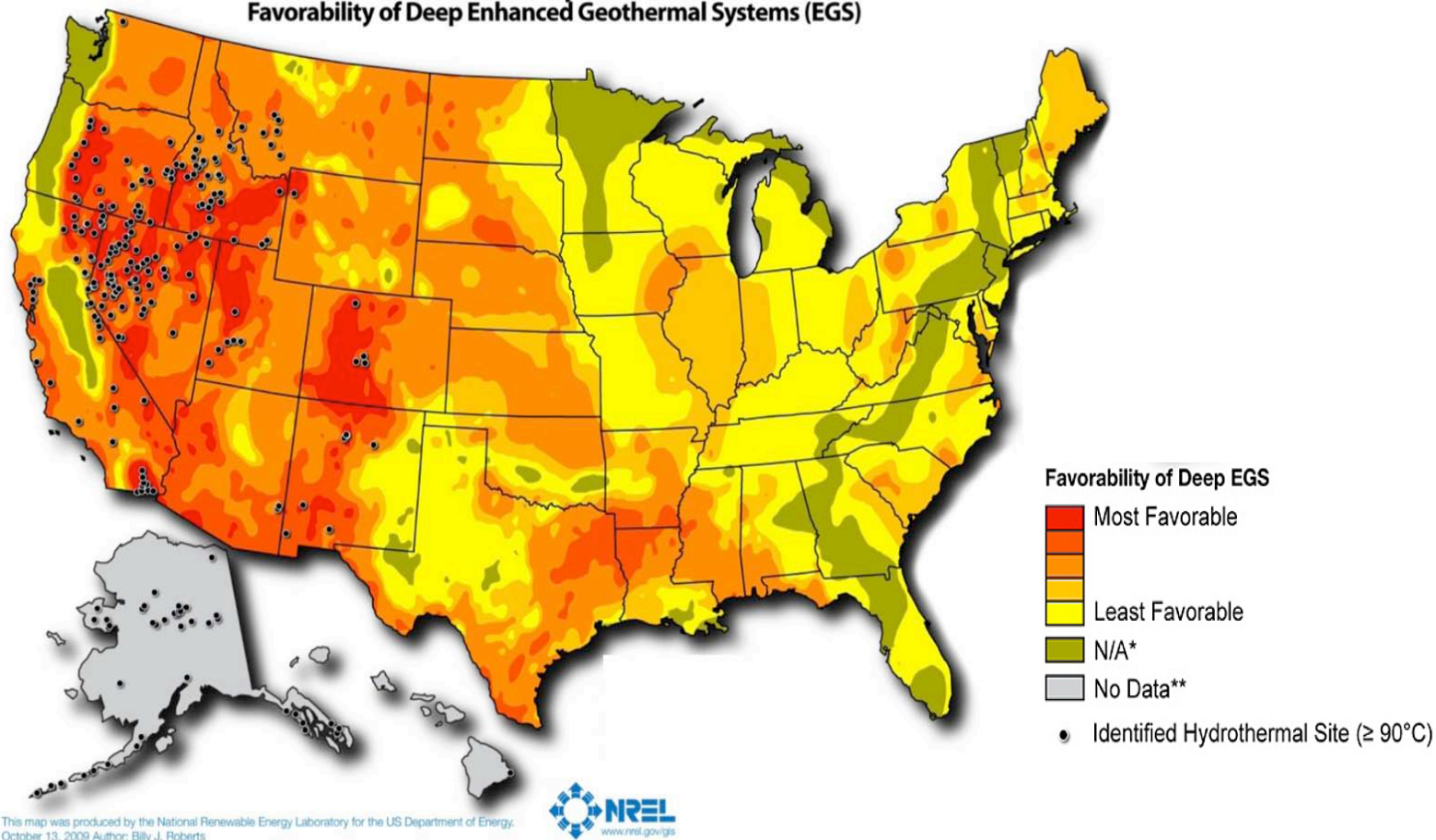
What Geothermal Technologies are Available?



- Direct Use - hot water from springs or reservoirs near the surface
- Electricity generation –Using steam, heat or hot water from deep inside the earth to drive turbines
- Geothermal heat pumps –Using the earth, groundwater, or surface water as a heat source and heat sink

Geothermal Resource of the United States

Locations of Identified Hydrothermal Sites and
Favorability of Deep Enhanced Geothermal Systems (EGS)



Marine Corps Air Station, Beaufort, SC



- Geothermal heat pump technology is the energy-saving centerpiece of this Marine housing facility
- Energy-efficient geothermal heat pumps replaced 2,500 tons of existing HVAC systems and hot water heaters
- These heat pumps provide space heating, cooling, and domestic hot water for 1,235 family housing units at the Beaufort Marine Corps installation

What are the Hydropower and Ocean Energy Options?



- Hydropower is typically not cost-effective unless the site has access to existing hydroelectric dam
- Hydropower is a common form of Renewable Energy Credits

Renewable Technologies: Ocean



- Wave power
- Marine current power
- Tidal Energy
- Ocean Thermal Energy Conversion



Relatively immature

How Can Passive Solar Be Used?

- For new construction, in areas with low internal heat gain
- South-facing Solar Apertures
- Added thermal mass to absorb heat and release at night
- Controls such as operable shades and windows



Direct Gain NREL



Trombe Wall, NREL



Sunspace, NREL

Daylighting



- Lighting accounts for 25% of total electricity used in Federal sector
- Daylighting uses windows & skylights in conjunction with automatic light controls to minimize the need for electric lighting during daylight hours
- Daylighting combined with lighting controls can reduce lighting energy consumption by 40 -60%

Renewable Energy Projects



RE Project Process

Facility
Screening

Feasibility
Study

Request for
Proposals

Contract

Design

Build
It!

Acceptance
and
Commissioning

Performance
Period

Closeout

How Do You Determine Which Technologies to Consider?

- Establish baseline and site data
- Determine local RE resources
- Explore state and local financial incentives
- Consider characteristics of technologies

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Screenings: Energy Manager

- NREL renewable energy resource maps
http://www1.eere.energy.gov/maps_data/renewable_resources.html
- FEMP renewable energy financial analysis maps
<http://www.nrel.gov/gis/femp.html>
- Savings to Investment Ratio (SIR)
 - Measure of project viability
 - $SIR > 1$, savings exceed costs, good investment
 - $SIR < 1$, costs exceed savings, poor investment
- Coming Soon: Levelized Cost of Electricity (LCOE) and Energy Performance and Cost Matrix

Screening Tools for Energy Manager

- In My Back Yard (IMBY) – PV and wind
 - Map-based interface
 - Choose location of your PV array or wind turbine
 - <http://www.nrel.gov/eis/imby/>
- RET Screen
 - Energy efficiency and RE technologies
 - <http://www.retscreen.net/>

Screening Tools for Energy Managers



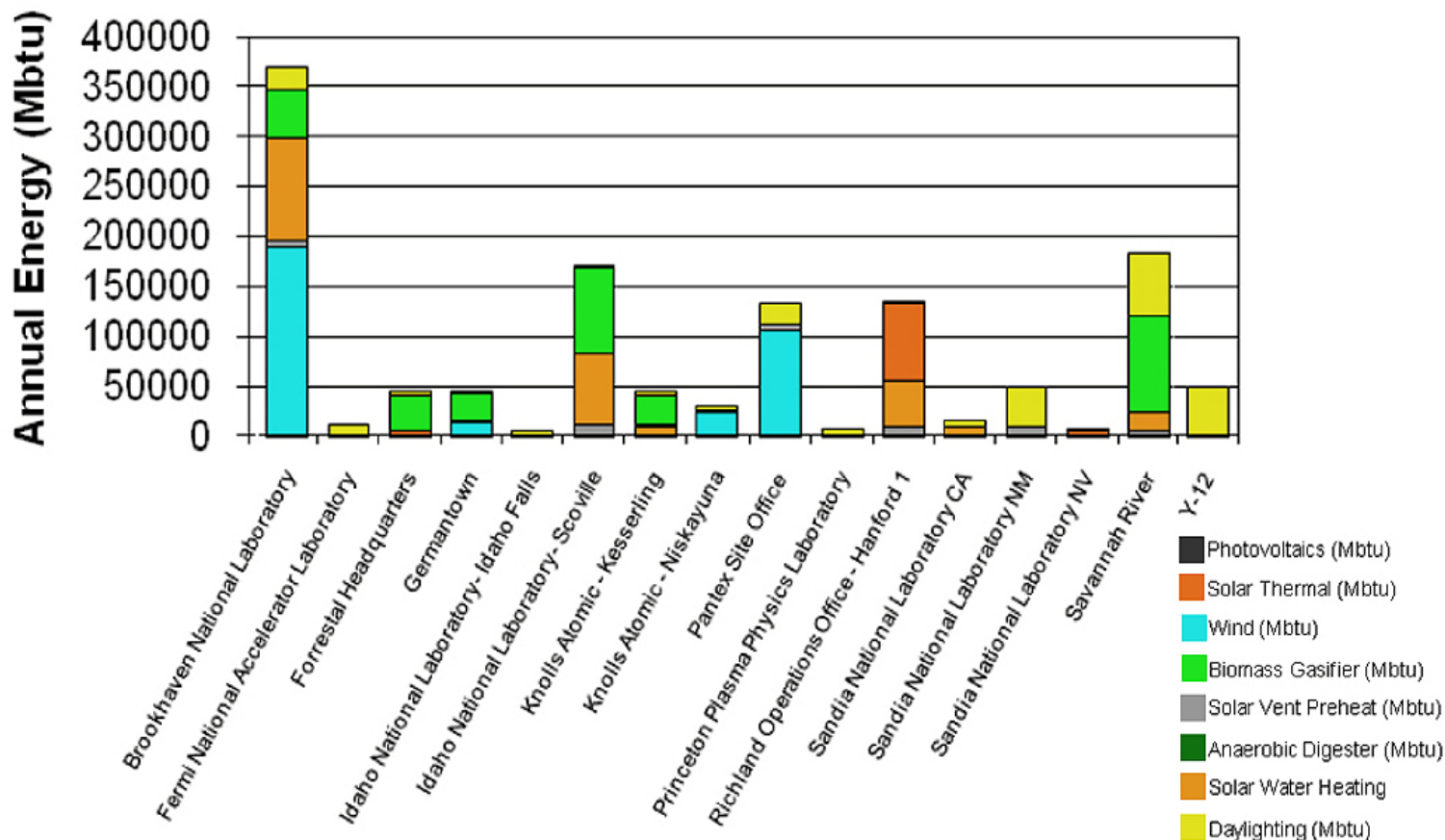
- FRESA
 - Under re-development
 - <http://analysis.nrel.gov/fresa/>
- HOMER
 - Multiple technologies simultaneously
 - <https://analysis.nrel.gov/homer/>

FEMP Assisted Screenings



- FEMP Technical Assistance Process
- Renewable Energy Optimization (REO) Service

Draft DOE Sites (Draft)

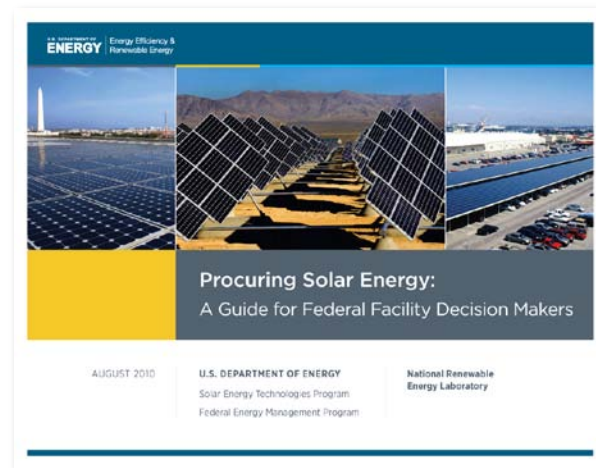


31 DOE Sites (DRAFT)

Initial Cost for Renewable Energy Projects	\$269,634,839
Annual Electric Savings (kWh/year)	217,734,776
Annual Gas/Fuel Savings (\$/year)	\$8,693,565
Annual Cost Savings (\$/year)	\$26,241,533
Simple Payback Period (years)	10.3
Rate of Return	11.3%

Procuring Solar Energy: A Guide for Federal Facility Decision Makers

- Plan
 - Goals and Team
- Execute
 - Financing and Contracts
- Available
 - Webinar available on demand from FEMP web site
 - http://www1.eere.energy.gov/solar/federal_guide/



What Options Are Available for Financing Renewable Energy Projects?



- Agency funding
- ESPC
- UESC
- Energy Project Incentive Funds from state and local sources
- Federal and state tax credits
- Enhanced Use Lease

Operational Phase – O&M

- **Energy Savings Performance Contract –**
You pay for delivered energy
- **Guaranteed Energy Savings Contract –**
You don't pay if energy is not delivered
- **Service Contract and Warranty –**
You pay fixed service costs, whether needed or not
- **Facility does maintenance -**
Or, possibly, facility doesn't do maintenance:
 - Low priority (always have hot water at the tap)
 - No inventory of parts and little expertise
 - Utility bill is always paid while efforts to reduce maintenance budgets are ongoing
- **Agency owned or third party owned**

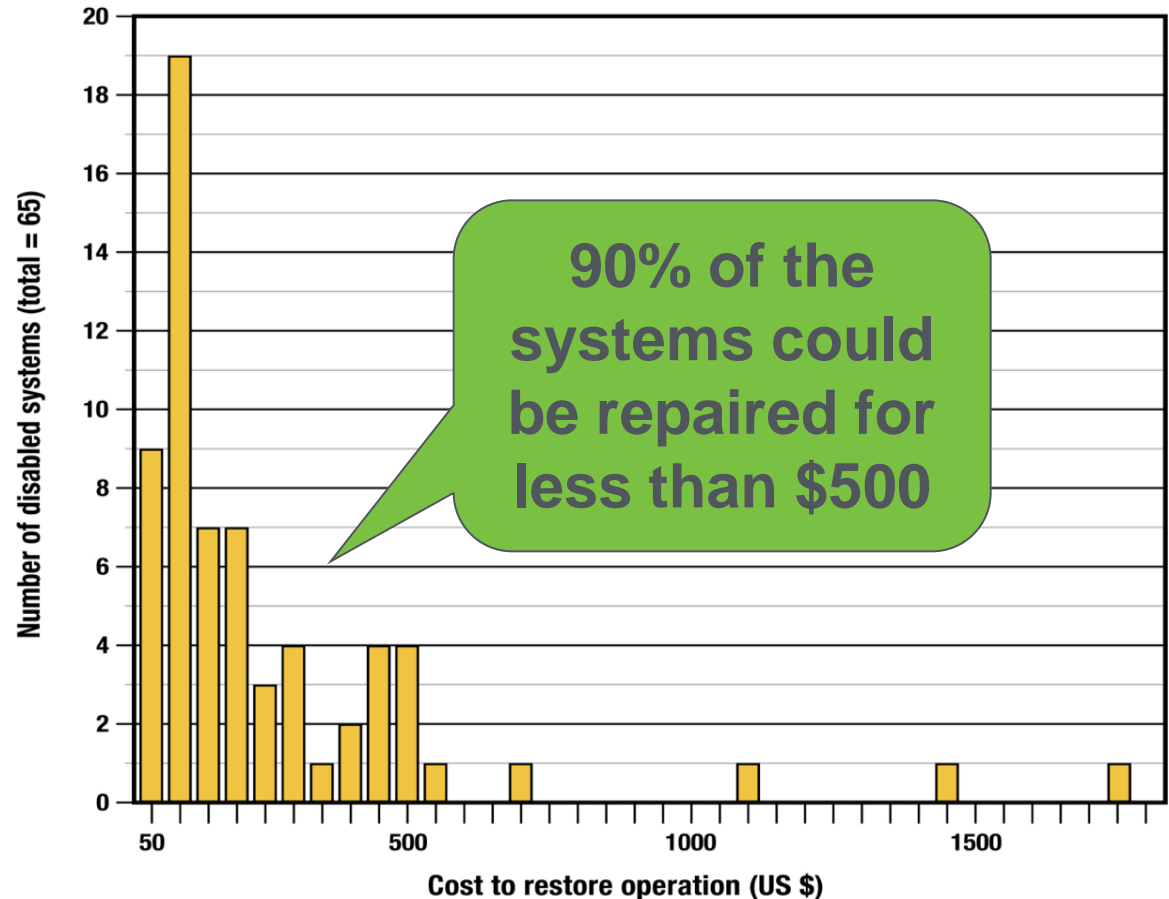
Operational Phase – Measurement and Verification (M&V)

- Validation of reduction in energy use
- Measuring reductions in GHG
- The FEMP M&V Guidelines:
www1.eere.energy.gov/femp/financing/superespcs_mvresources.html
- International Performance Measurement and Verification Protocol-
"Concepts and Practices for Determining Savings in Renewable
Energy Applications," Walker, A., Mills, D., Katz G. March 2000,
revised January 2003. IPMVP, (report number DOE/EE-0157),
available at <http://www.evo-world.org/>

*“It is easier to measure energy delivery from a
RE system than to infer savings from an efficiency measure”*

Operational Phase – Rehabilitation of Older Systems

O&M Survey of
185 Solar Water
Heating Systems



Renewable Energy in New Construction

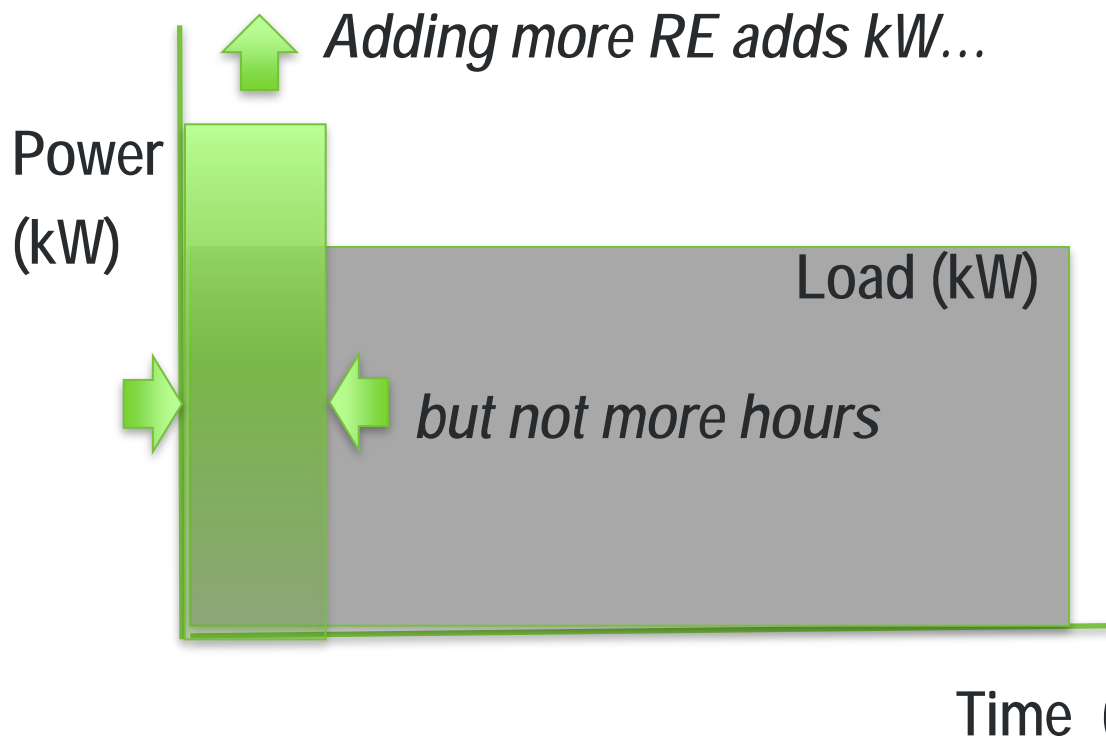
- Using renewable energy along with low-energy design
 - can greatly reduce facility's energy bills and O&M costs
 - FEMP can assist with financing options
- Include cost and benefits in prospectus
- Provide space in architectural program
- Coordinate among design team
- Inter-connect with conventional systems
- Integrate with controls

Integrating Renewable Technologies into Existing Technologies

- Electric Power
 - Feed Existing Building Panel
 - Upgrade Existing Building Panel
 - Line-side Tap at Utility Service Entrance
- Thermal Energy
 - Preheat for existing heating equipment
 - Add back-up to new RE system



Selling Excess Power To Utility



Excess Valued at:

- Net metering
 - same as retail rate
- Avoided Cost
 - wholesale < retail
- No Credit

Purchasing Renewable Energy



What Are the Options for Purchasing Renewable Energy?



- Regulated Utility Green Pricing Programs
- Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs)
- Competitive Renewable Power
- Power Purchase Agreements (PPA)

http://www1.eere.energy.gov/femp/technologies/renewable_training.html

Renewable Energy Certificates



- RECs represent the renewable and other attributes of electricity generated from a renewable project
- RECs are usually sold in one - megawatt-hour blocks
- Created at the source of electricity generation

Reasons to Buy RECs

- Satisfy renewable energy goals
- Support renewable energy economy
- Support development of renewable energy
- Create jobs in rural areas



Advantages of Buying RECs



- Improves market efficiency of Renewable Power
- Without RECs users would have to contract directly for delivery of the electricity including transmission and firming intermittent solar and wind energy

Resources for Buying RECs



- Western Area Power Administration (Western) through Renewable Resources for Federal Agencies program (RRFA)
<http://www.wapa.gov/powerm/pmtags.htm>
- DLA Energy (formerly Defense Energy Support Center)
<http://www.desc.dla.mil/DCM/DCMPPage.asp?pageid=589>
- General Services Administration (GSA)
- Federal Energy Management Program (FEMP) available for technical assistance

Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) for On-site Projects



- Federal agencies could sell RECs but...
- DOE requires RECs for RE Goal, and CEQ requires RECs for GHG Goal so...
- Renewable guidance allows agencies to purchase cheap replacement RECs if valuable RECs (like solar) are sold, to improve project cost-effectiveness

Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs)

- PPAs are long-term agreements between a Federal agency and a private developer.
 - The agency leases a portion of its facility or land to a partner, which uses that space to develop renewable energy systems
 - The agency then purchases energy generated from the system, which is owned, operated, and maintained by the partner



*Nellis AFB PV project
in Nevada*

http://www1.eere.energy.gov/femp/financing/power_purchase_agreements.html

Purchasing Renewable Energy

- Purchasing RECs or electricity in deregulated states
 - Competitive acquisition rules apply
 - Usually General Services Administration(GSA) or DLA Energy execute purchases
- No competition required for Utility Green Pricing Plans in regulated states



Summary



FEMP Website on Renewable Energy



- Requirements
- Technologies
- Project Processes
- Maps
- Tools
- Training
- Case Studies

http://www1.eere.energy.gov/femp/technologies/renewable_energy.html

Renewable Energy Working Group



Provides a forum for Federal agencies and the renewable energy industry to exchange information on

- existing and planned projects
- lessons learned
- project funding sources
- available technologies
- guidance

How Do I Get Started?

Questions to Ask

- What are the objectives of my renewable energy project?
- What renewable resources are available in my area?
- Which applications are best for my facility?
- How big (or small) should my project be?
- How much funding do I need?
- What kinds of assistance can FEMP provide?



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