

## **Applied Energy Programs**

Innovating, collaborating, and delivering on solutions for a secure energy future

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## LANL delivers national security solutions

- In 1943, the Laboratory was founded with an urgent purpose: to build an atomic bomb
- Today, LANL focuses on maintaining a strategic nuclear deterrent to protect the nation's security
- We address national security issues and the world's most difficult challenges
  - by applying multidisciplinary STE capabilities;
  - in distinctive experimental, computational, and nuclear facilities;
  - with an agile, responsive, and innovative workforce; and
  - by partnering with peer institutions for mission success

#### LAB STATISTICS

40 square miles, ~50 technical areas

800+ bldgs., 8.4M sq ft.

13 nuclear facilities

17,500 workers

1,948 students, 502 postdocs

67% male, 33% female, 51% minorities

39% were born in New Mexico



## LANL's national security mission is broad and important It motivates and is enabled by ST&E discoveries





# Los Alamos applied energy focus areas reflect the diverse energy portfolio DOE is pursuing for the nation

"A portfolio approach that takes advantage of the full range of technology, planning, and operational solutions best ensures reliable, clean, secure, and affordable power"

DOE 2024 The Future of Resource Adequacy Report





## Collaboration is central to how we innovate solutions to big energy problems

Capturing and storing Making fuel cells more affordable carbon **ElectroCat**Electrocatalysis Consortium H<sub>2</sub>NEW eXtremeMAT CWTAC Argonne 📤 Los Alamos Argonne 🗅 S&OAK RIDGE

Modernizing and securing the electric grid







Developing biofuels and bioproducts













































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## Connecting energy technologies, projects, and communities

- Place-based approaches focus on the unique geographical, environmental, and demographic attributes of the region
- Technology-neutral approach leverages opportunities across numerous symbiotic energy economies
- Integrated approaches to assessing technology readiness in tandem with societal readiness for a just and equitable energy transition
- Community engaged research and coalition building to encourage regional partnerships



## Four Corners Rapid Response Team

Addressing immediate needs of energy communities facing challenges associated with power plant and mine closures

- Gather stakeholder input and give regional voices a platform
- Interface with 12 federal agencies in the IWG on regional priorities

#### High-level Tasks

- Identify and coordinate use of IWG member agency resources
- Establish working relationships with community leaders and members
- Provide dedicated assistance to address immediate needs and longer-term economic transition strategies
- Assist in ensuring programs from IWG member agencies work for communities' efforts to transform and grow their economies





Interagency Working Group on Coal & Power Plant Communities & Economic Revitalization



























## Regional partners are critical to many of our R&D projects A few highlights...

#### Carbon Management



- CarbonSAFE
- Four Corners Power Plant Integrated Carbon Capture and Storage
- CUSP: Four Corners Regional Initiative



Undocumented Orphan Well R&D Program



#### Hydrogen & Fuel Cells



 Fuel cell manufacturing and workforce development



 Expanding to include SJC



 M2FCT consortium industry partner

**Libertad Power** 

 Hydrogen production initiatives

### **Energy Infrastructure**



- Microgrid transmission and distribution modeling
- GHG emissions reduction analysis and calculations



 Case study on feasibility of transmission corridor across tribal lands



## Looking ahead, national energy drivers will continue to motivate and inspire our applied energy programs

#### **DOE Energy earthshots**

Targeting the remaining solution points of the most challenging technical problems across the energy economy.



- Hydrogen
- Industrial Heat
- Long Duration Storage
- Affordable Home

- Carbon Negative
- Clean Fuels and Products
- Enhanced Geothermal
- Offshore Wind

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Creating a common fact base and tool to accelerate clean energy technologies accelerate clean energy technologies from the lab to market.



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- Virtual Power Plants

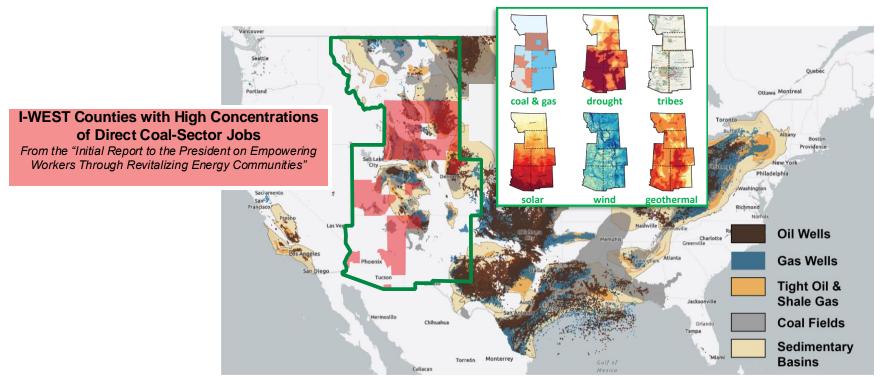


## Backup



### Why these states?

The Intermountain West encompasses numerous communities currently dependent on fossil-based economies—and many positioned to emerge as leaders in new energy economies





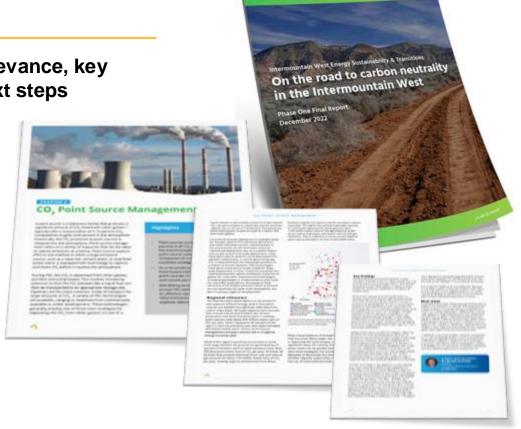
## **Phase-I Final Report**

Online at www.iwest.org

## Public report summarizing regional relevance, key findings, and recommendations for next steps

- Regional Overview
- CO2 Point Source Management
- Direct Air Capture
- CO2 Storage and Utilization
- Certification
- Hydrogen Supply
- Hydrogen Demand
- Bioenergy
- Low-carbon Electricity
- Environmental, Energy, and Social Justice
- Policy
- Economic Impacts
- Workforce Impacts

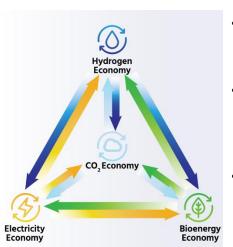
Supplemented by 600+ pages of detailed reporting written for subject matter experts, available upon request.





## I-WEST strategy to accelerate energy transition and prioritize energy and environmental justice

#### **Explore symbiotic economies**



- Achieving carbon neutrality will require multiple pathways
- Pathways must reduce greenhouse gas emissions and be sustainable
- e Symbiotic energy economies can be exploited to decarbonize critical energy sectors and create supply-and-demand scenarios for new energy industries

#### **Build regional coalitions**



- Successful energy transition strategies depend on effective planning and implementation at local levels
- A place-based approach engages regional stakeholders to assess societal readiness in tandem with technology readiness
- Regional coalitions are critical to roadmap implementation and technology deployment



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