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# Combined Heat & Power

## Technology Overview and Federal Sector Deployment

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**Combined Heat and Power**  
*Definition and Concept*



# What Is Combined Heat and Power?

CHP is an *integrated energy system* that:

- ▶ is located at or near a facility
- ▶ generates electrical and/or mechanical power
- ▶ recovers waste heat for
  - heating
  - cooling
  - dehumidification
- ▶ can utilize a variety of technologies and fuels
- ▶ is also referred to as cogeneration

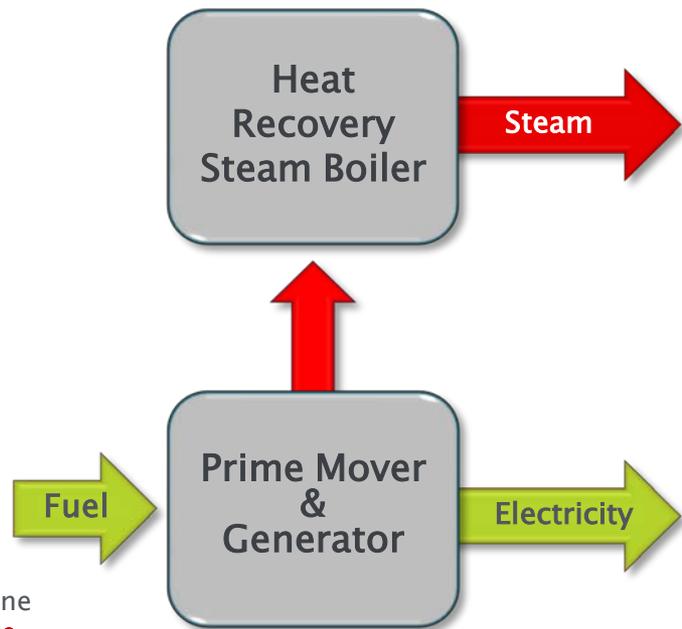


*The on-site simultaneous generation of two forms of energy (heat and electricity) from a single fuel/energy source*

# Defining Combined Heat and Power (CHP)

## Conventional CHP

(also referred to as Topping Cycled CHP or Direct Fired CHP)



Recip. Engine  
**Gas Turbine**  
Micro-turbine  
Fuel Cell  
Boiler/Steam Turbine

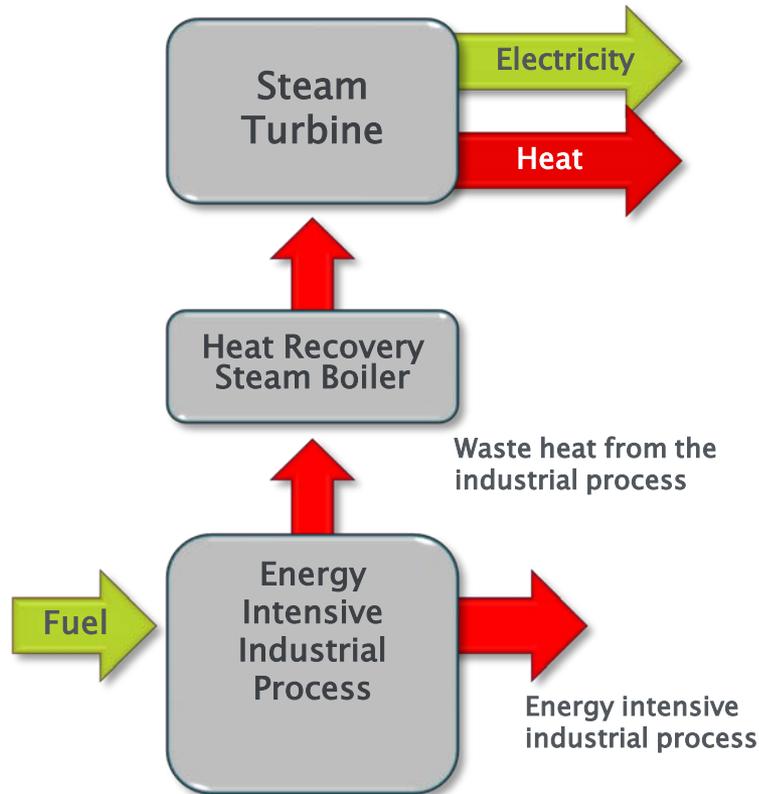
- Simultaneous generation of heat and electricity
- Fuel is combusted/burned for the purpose of generating heat and electricity
- Normally sized for thermal load to max. efficiency – 70% to 80%
- HRSG can be supplementary fired for larger steam loads
- Normally non export of electricity
- Low emissions – natural gas

*Source: Midwest Clean Energy Application Center*

# Defining Combined Heat and Power (CHP)

## Waste Heat to Power CHP

(also referred to as Bottoming Cycle CHP or Indirect Fired CHP)



- Fuel first applied to produce useful thermal energy for the process
- Waste heat is utilized to produce electricity and possibly additional thermal energy for the process
- Simultaneous generation of heat and electricity
- No additional fossil fuel combustion (no incremental emissions)
- Normally produces larger amounts of electric generation (often exports electricity to the grid; base load electric power)
- Normally requires high temperature (>800°F) (low hanging fruit in industrial plants)

*Source: Midwest Clean Energy Application Center*

# CHP Is Based on Proven Technologies and Practices



# What Are the Benefits of CHP?

Benefits to Federal Facility	National Benefits
Reduced energy costs	Low-cost approach to new electricity generation capacity
Reduced risk of electric grid disruptions and greater grid security	Lessens need for new T&D infrastructure
Stability related to uncertain electricity prices	Enhances US manufacturing competitiveness
Immediate path to increased energy efficiency and reduced GHG emissions	Uses abundant, domestic energy sources
	Uses highly skilled local labor and U.S. technology

# Regulatory Drivers for CHP

## Federal Drivers

- ▶ EISA 2007
- ▶ EPAAct 2005
- ▶ E.O. 13424 and 13514

## Also:

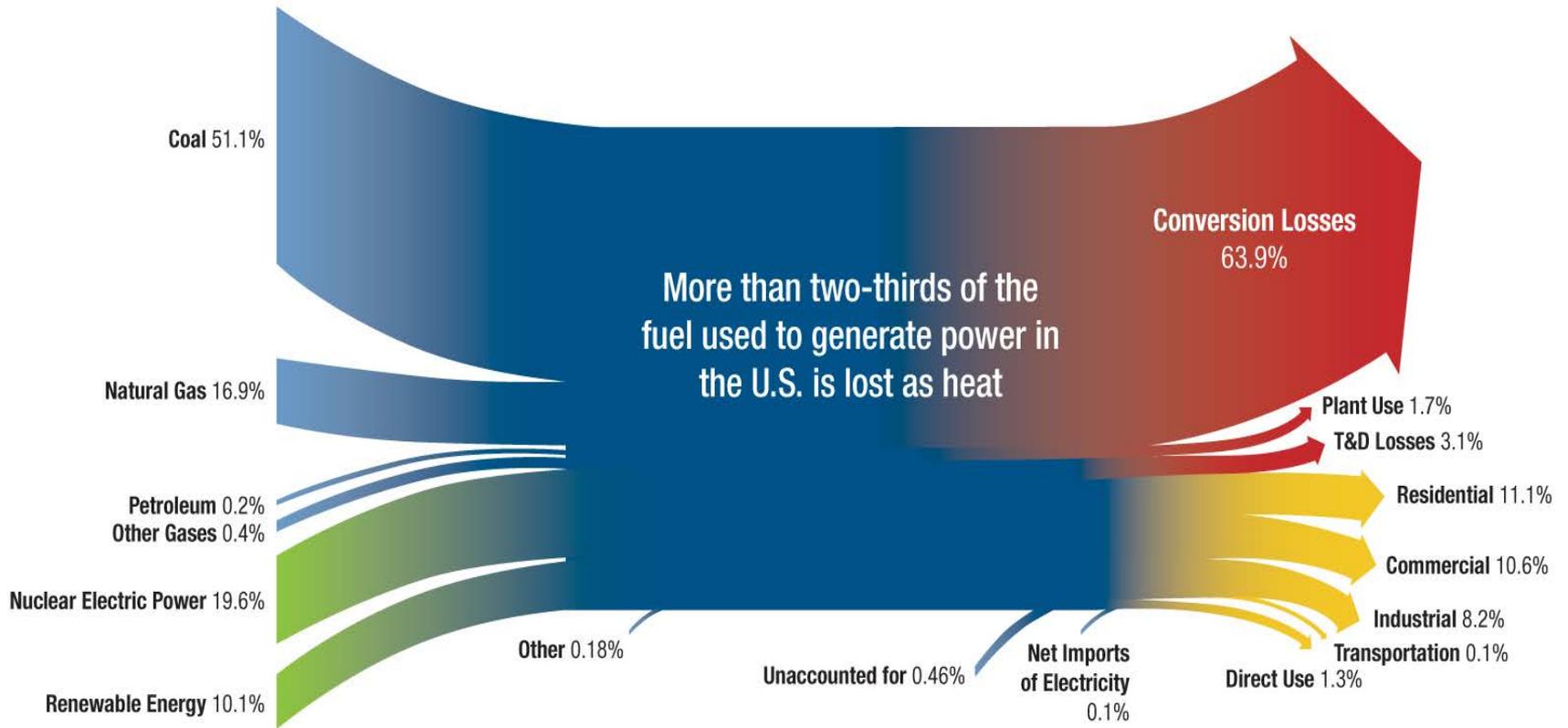
Executive Order of August, 2012

*Accelerating Investment In Industrial Energy Efficiency*

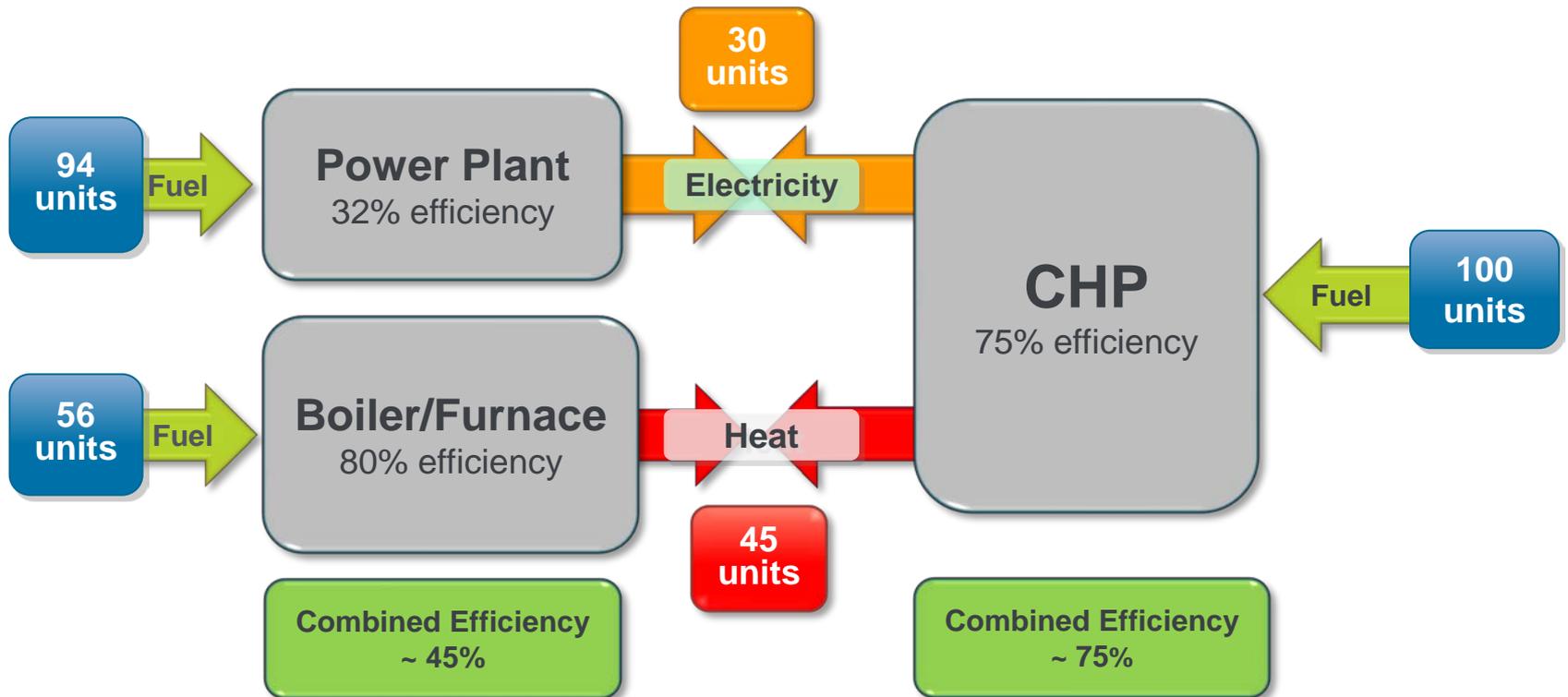


*Recognizing the benefits of CHP and its current underutilization as an energy resource in the United States, the Obama Administration is supporting a new National goal to achieve 40 gigawatts (GW) of new, cost-effective CHP by 2020*

# Over Two-Thirds of the Fuel Used to Generate Power in the U.S. Is Lost as Heat

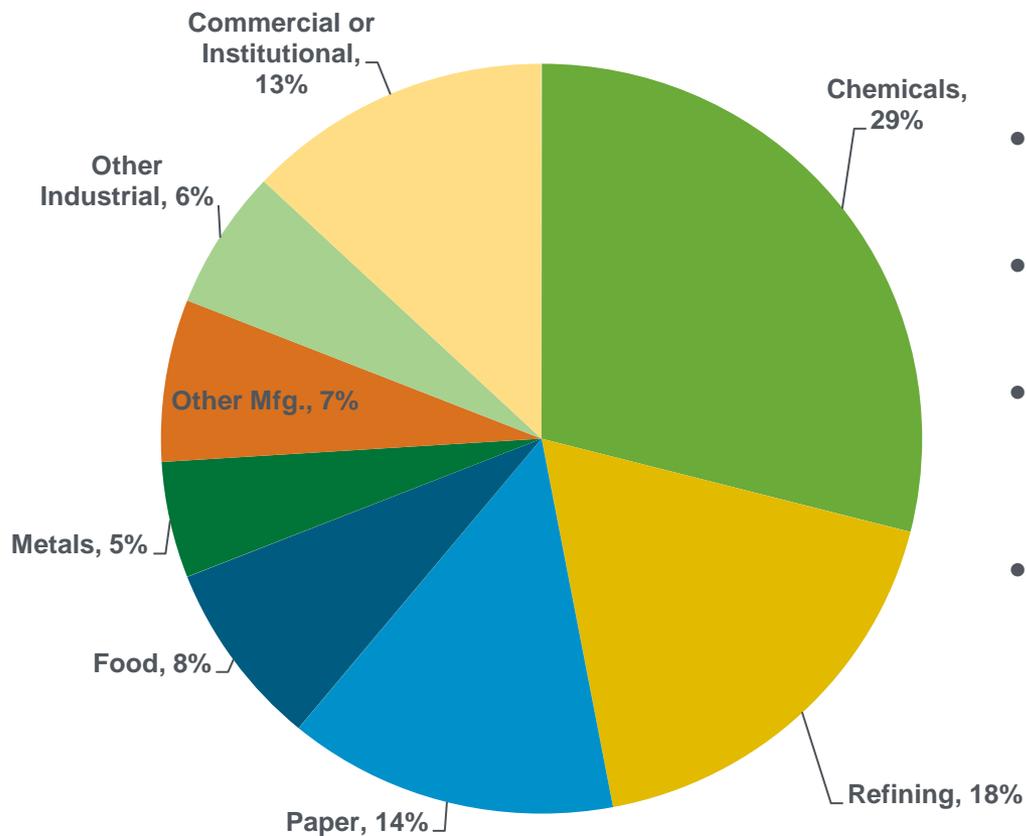


# CHP Recaptures Much of that Heat, Increasing Overall Efficiency of Energy Services



30% to 55% less greenhouse gas emissions

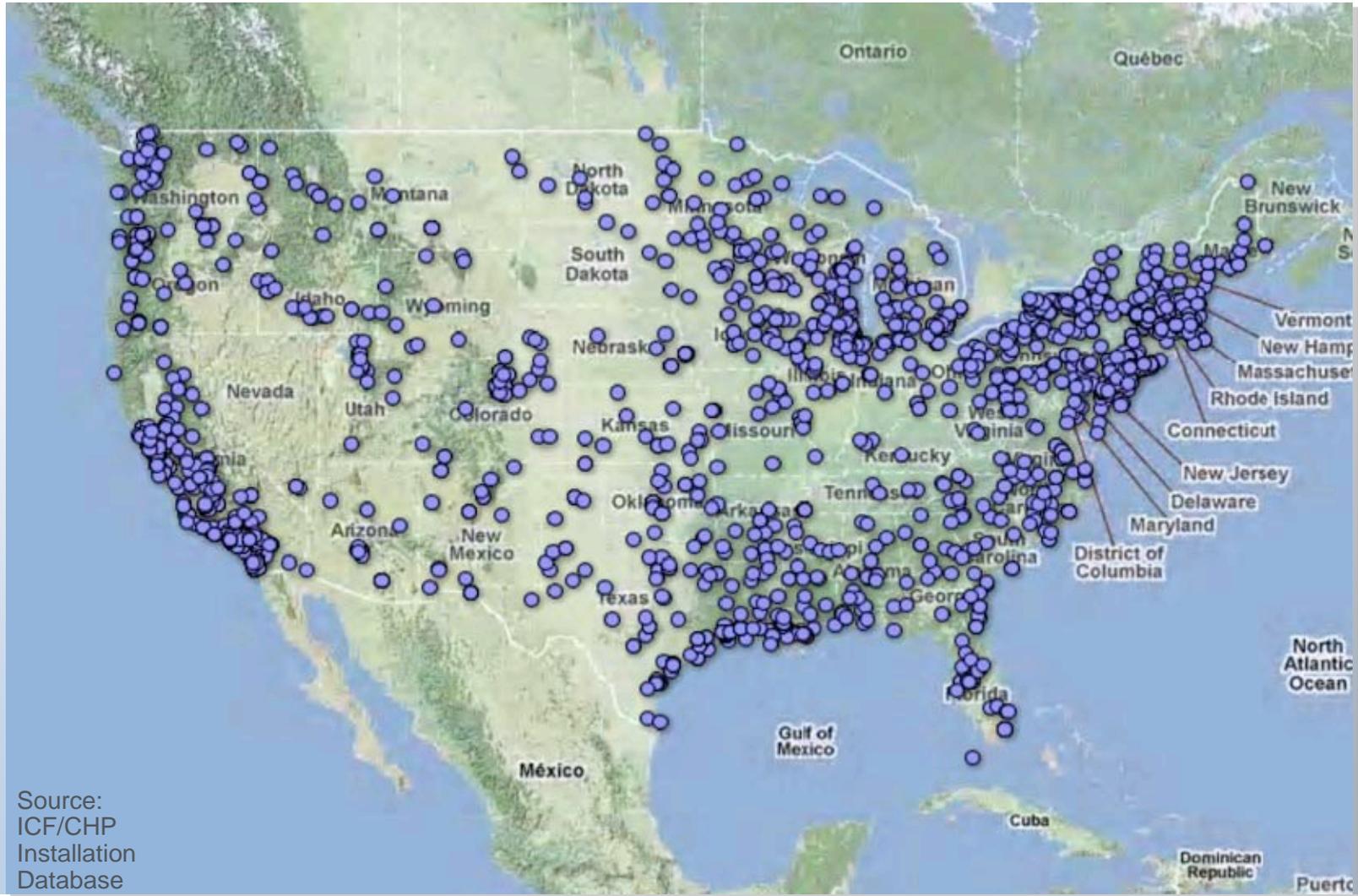
# CHP Is Already an Important Natural Resource



- 82 GW of installed CHP at almost 4,000 industrial and commercial facilities (2011)
- Avoids more than **1.8 quadrillion Btus** of fuel consumption annually
- Avoids **241 million metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub>** as compared to traditional separate production
- CO<sub>2</sub> reduction equivalent to eliminating **forty 1,000 MW coal power plants**

Source: Combined Heat and Power  
A Clean Energy Solution: August 2012: DOE and EPA

# CHP is Used at the Point of Demand

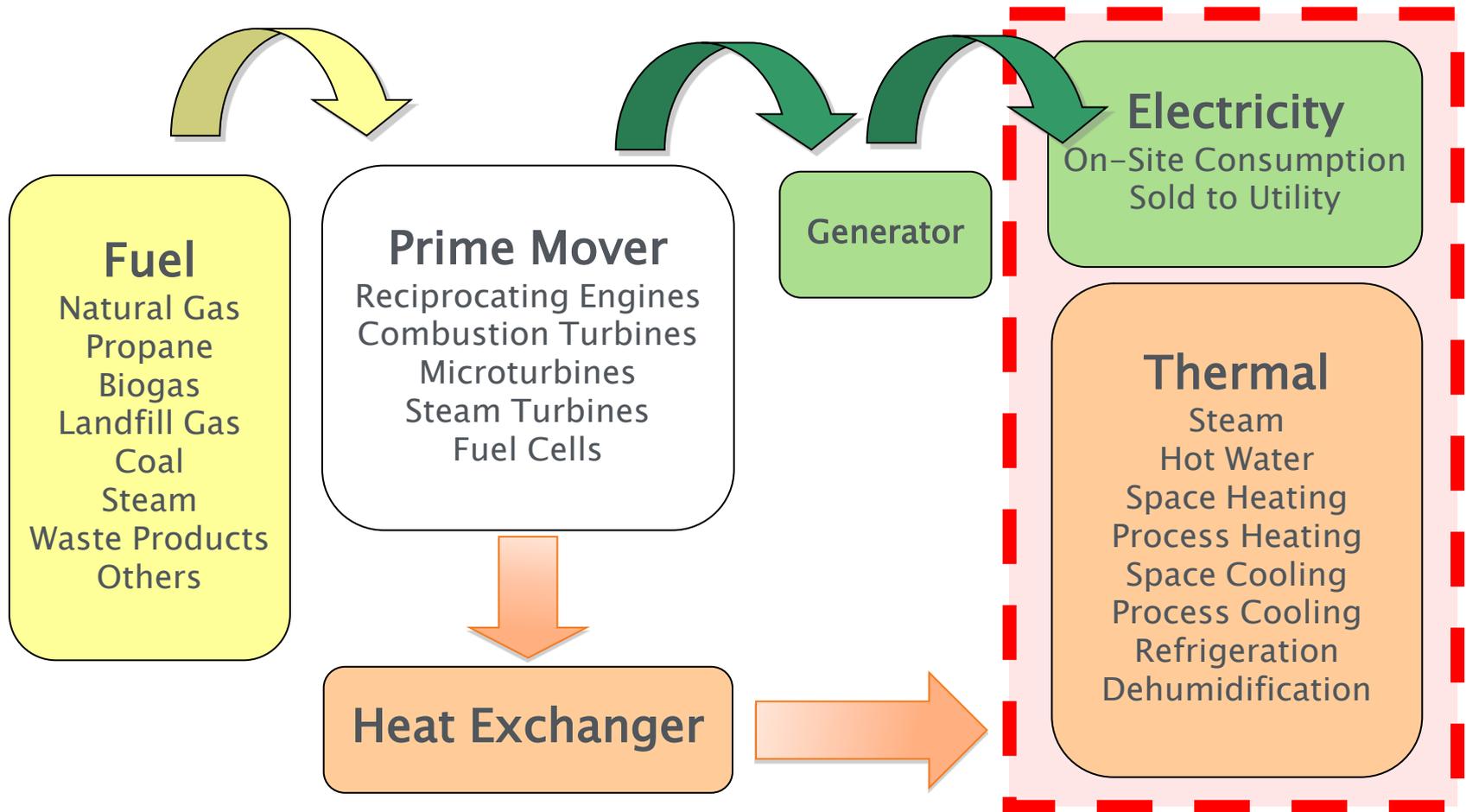


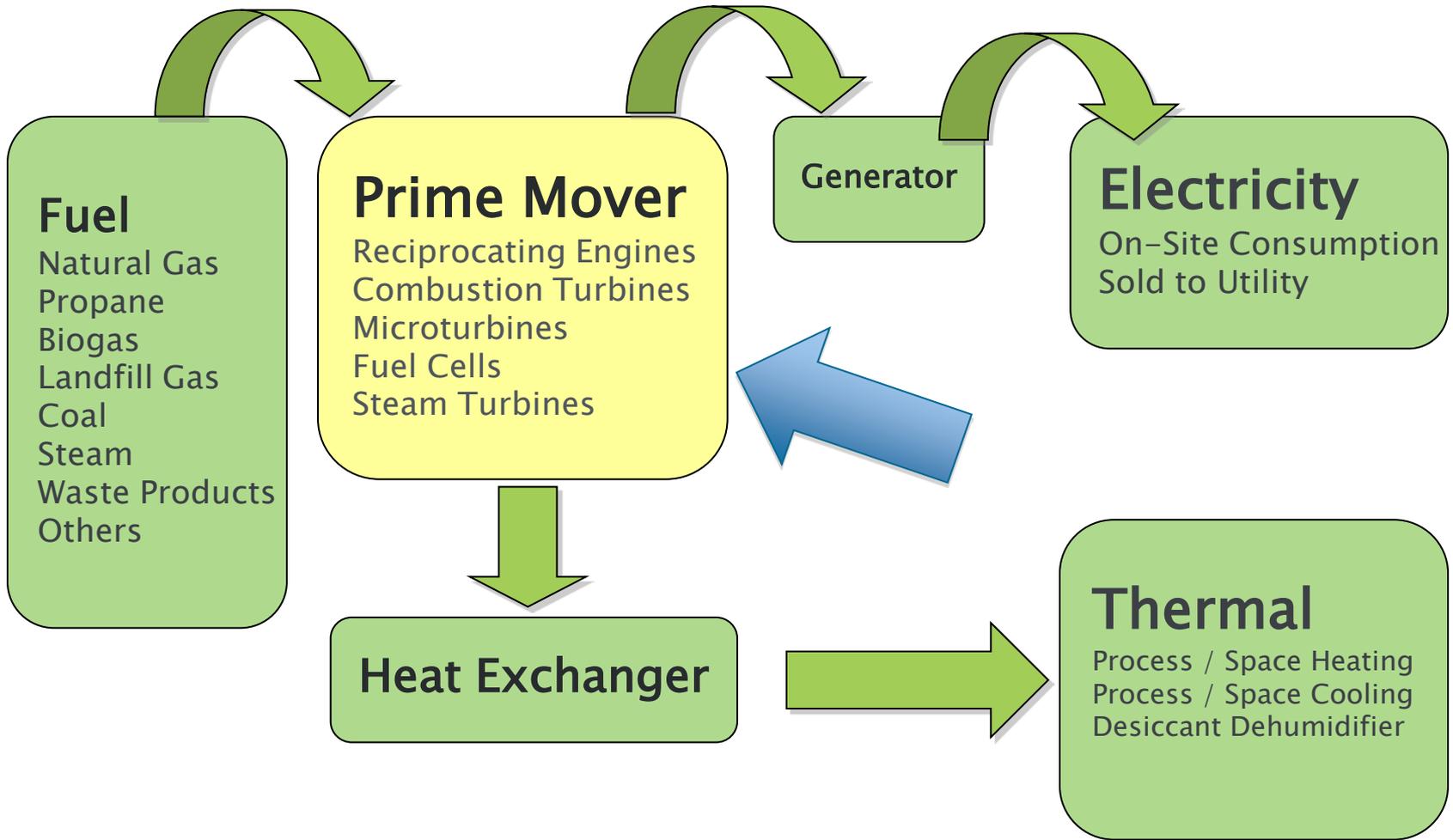
Source:  
ICF/CHP  
Installation  
Database

# Combined Heat and Power *Technologies*



# Topping Cycle





# Prime Mover

## Reciprocating Engines

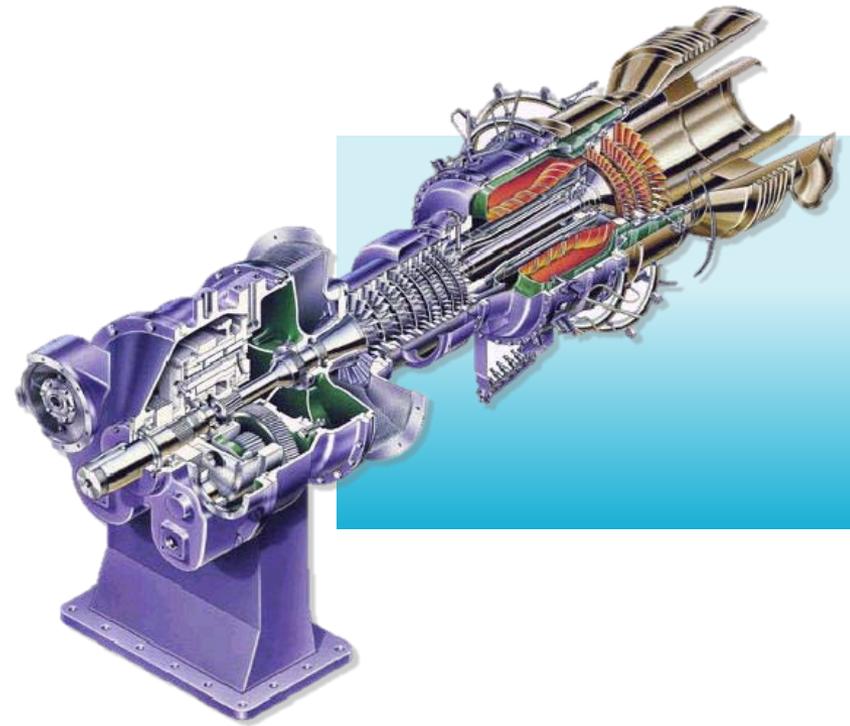
- 5 kW – 10 MW
- Excellent part-load operation
- Waste heat recovered from engine exhaust, engine jacket and oil coolant
- Low set-up cost, fast start-up
- Emissions signature has improved significantly
  - Lean-burn engines
  - Selective catalytic reduction (SCR)



# Primer Mover

## Combustion Gas Turbine

- 5 MW - 250 MW
- Same technology as a jet engine
- Best suited for base-load (24/7) operations
- Typically fueled by natural gas
- Produce high quality heat from exhaust



# Primer Mover

## Micro Turbines

- Small turbines with recuperation
- 25 kW to 500 kW
- Efficiency range: 25% to 30% LHV
- Recoverable heat: gas exhaust @ approx. 500°F
- Fuel flexible
- Low emissions <0.49lbs/MWh or 9ppm



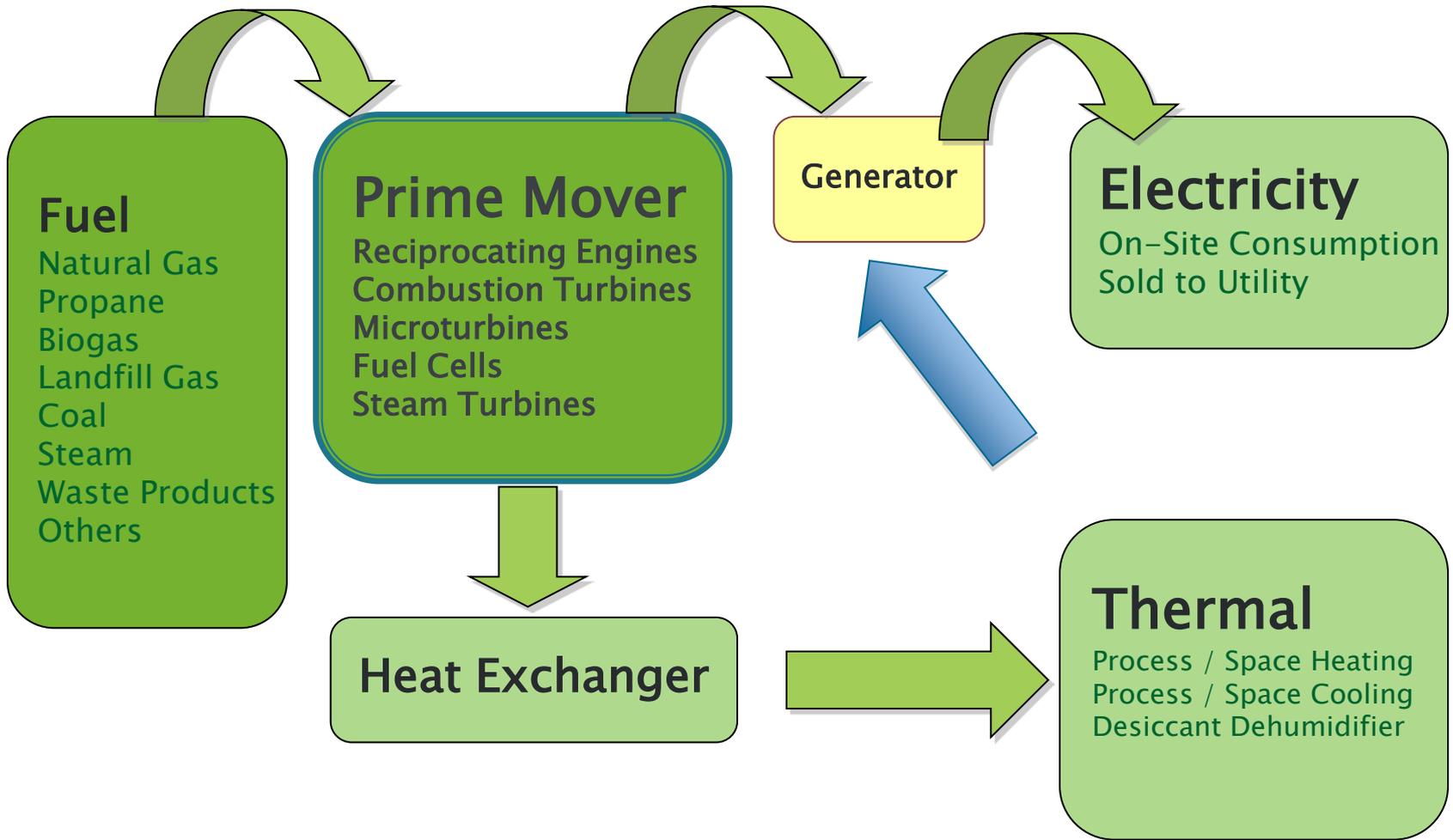
# Primer Mover

## Fuel Cells

- 5 kW – several MWs
- Generates power and heat through electrochemical reactions
- Very quiet, no combustion or shaft movement
- Environmentally cleanest CHP technology
- Different kinds:
  - Phosphoric acid
  - Solid oxide
  - Molten carbonate
  - Proton exchange membrane



Source: [www.eere.energy.gov](http://www.eere.energy.gov)



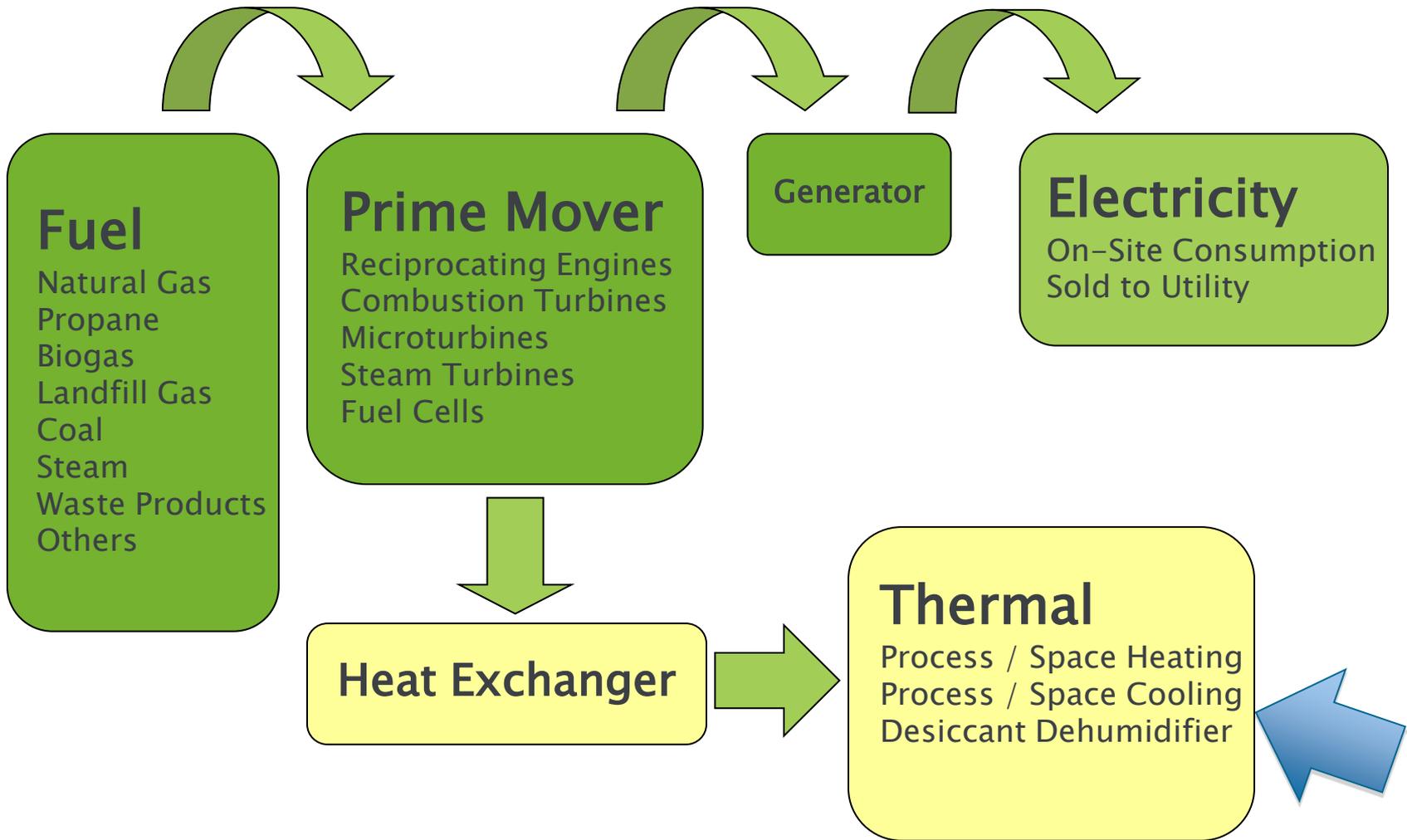
# Two Types of Generators

## Induction

- **Requires External Power Source to Operate (Grid)**
- Contributes to Poor PF
- **When Grid Goes Down, CHP System Goes Down**
- Less Complicated & Less Costly to Interconnect
- Preferred by Utilities

## Synchronous

- **Self Excited (Does Not Need Grid to Operate)**
- Can Assist in PF Correction
- **CHP System can Continue to Operate thru Grid Outages**
- More Complicated & Costly to Interconnect (Safety)
- Preferred by CHP Customers



# Heat Capture: Converting Heat into Work

## Heat Exchangers

- ▶ Recover exhaust gas generated by:
  - Gas turbine
  - Industrial processes
- ▶ Transfers exhaust gas into useful heat (e.g., steam) for downstream applications
- ▶ Heat recovery steam generator (HRSG) the most common



*Heat Recovery Steam Generator  
(HRSG)*

# Heat Capture: Converting Heat into Work

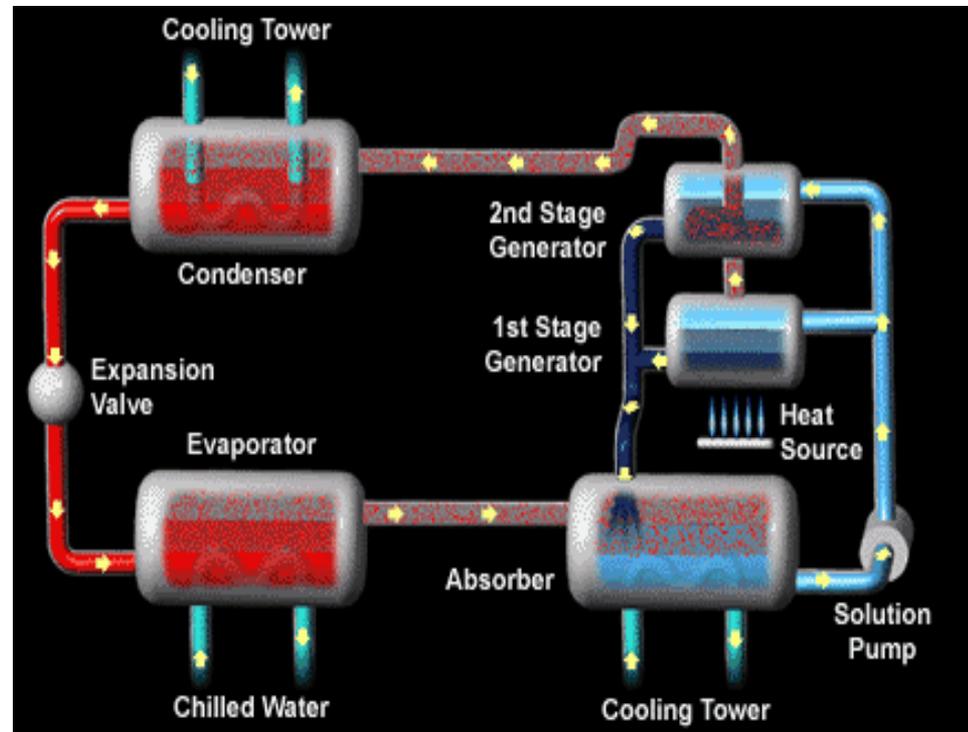
## Heat-Driven Chillers (Absorption)

- Use “waste” heat to chill water for A/C, cooling machinery
- More efficient, fewer emissions vis-à-vis electric chillers

### ABSORPTION CHILLERS

Use exhaust gas, hot water, or steam via thermal compressor to boil water vapor out of lithium bromide/ water solution and compress refrigerant to higher pressure; avoids CFCs/HCFCs

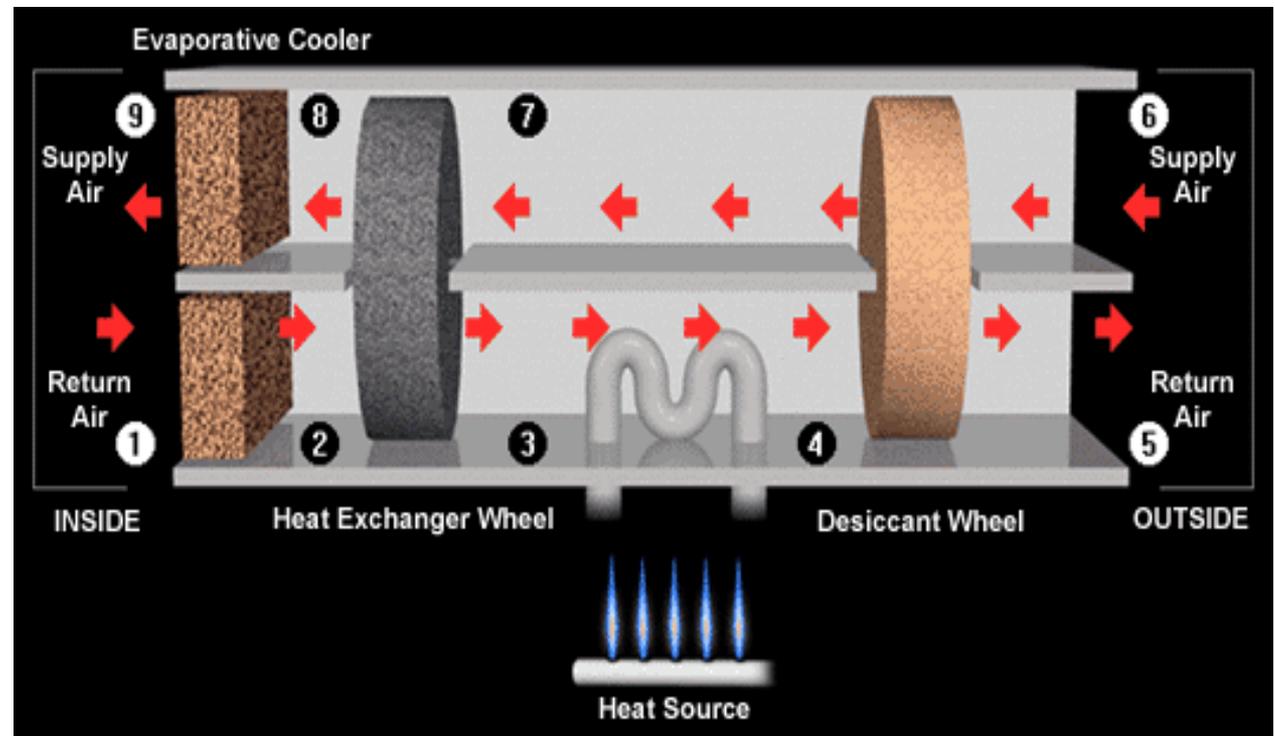
Range: 10-3,000 tons



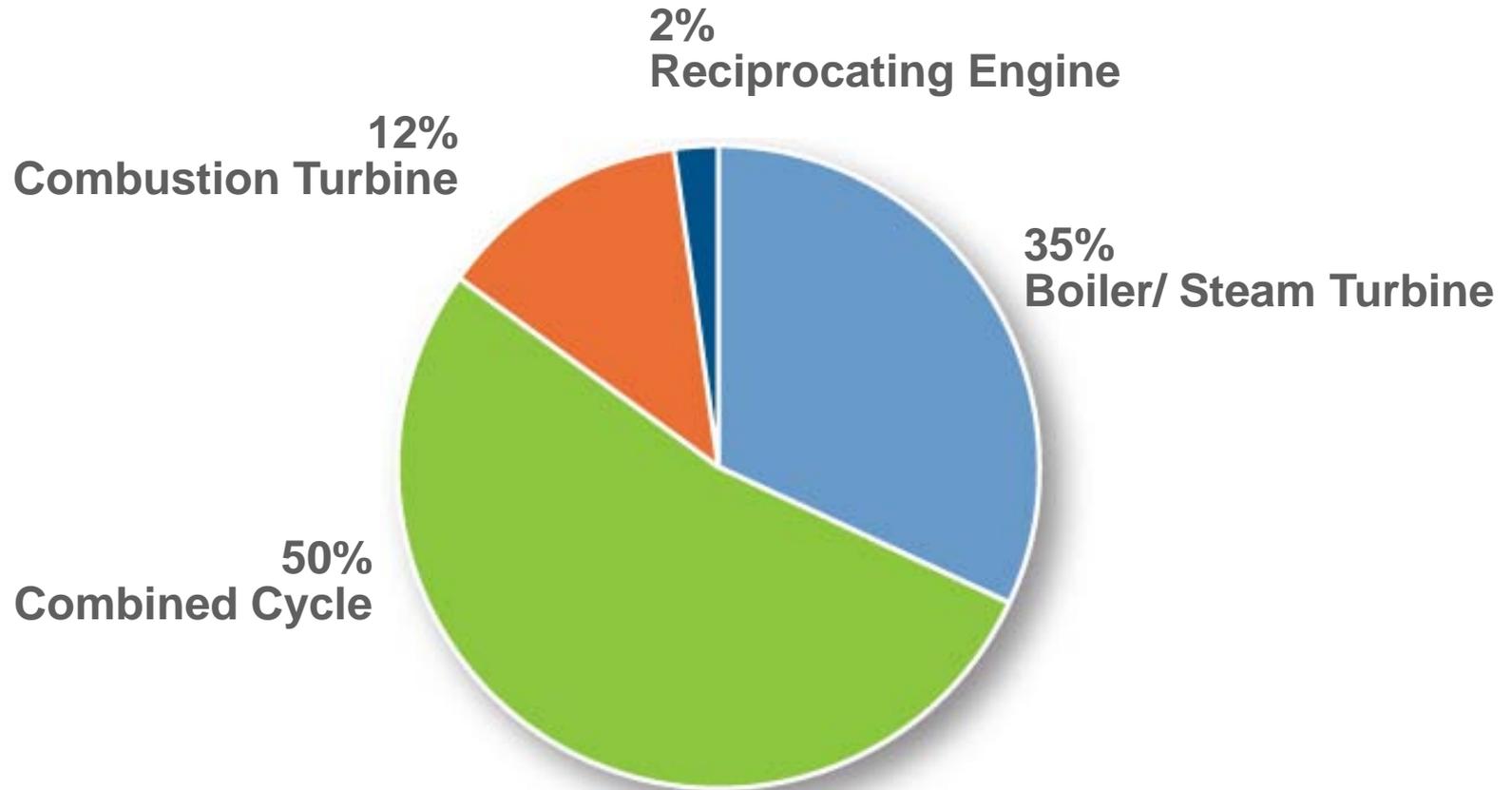
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## Desiccant Dehumidifiers

- ▶ Separates Latent from Sensible Load
- ▶ Reduces Humidity and Reduces AC Load



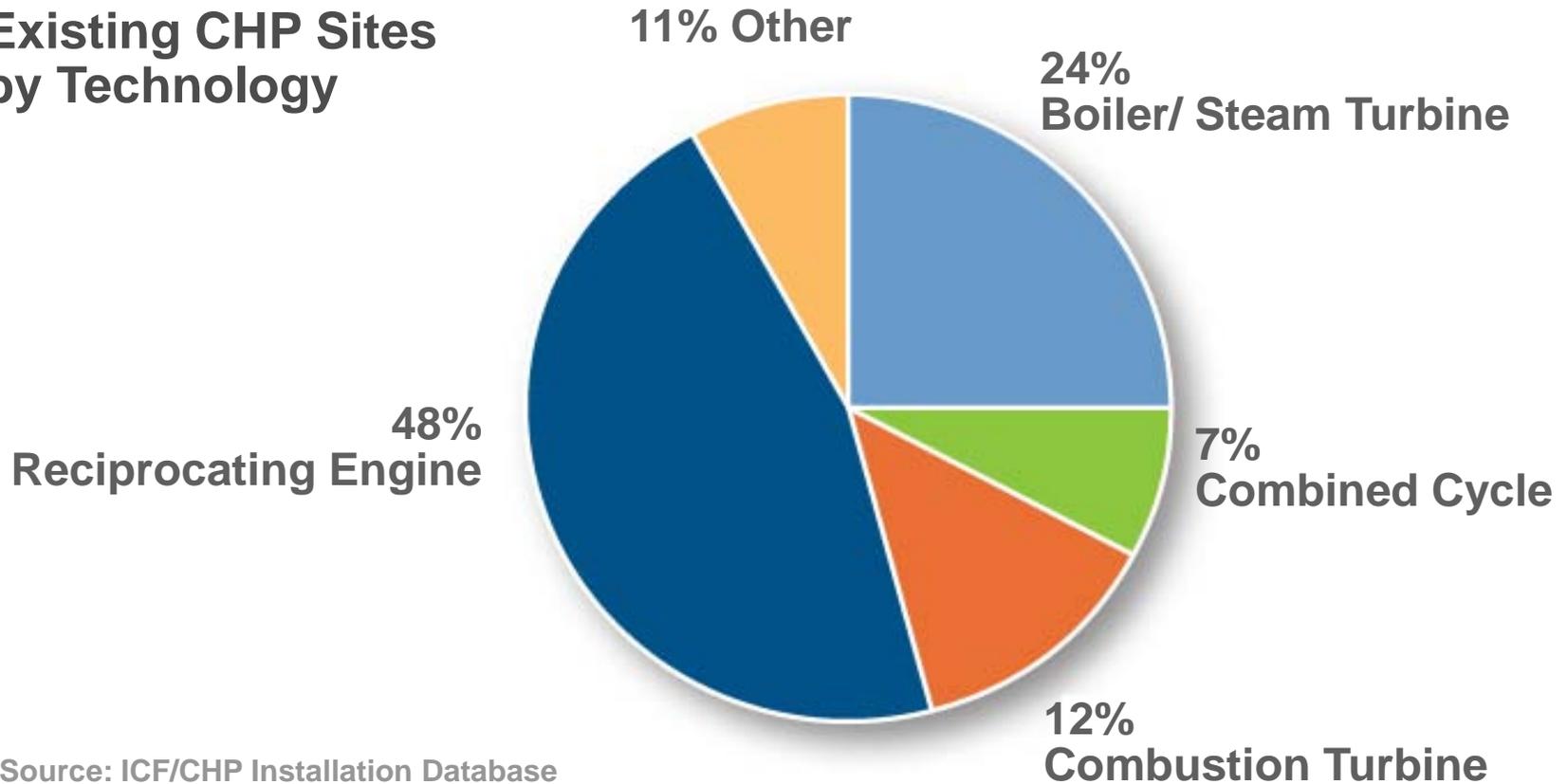
# Existing CHP Capacity by Technology – 82 GW



Source: ICF/CHP Installation Database

# CHP Technologies by Site

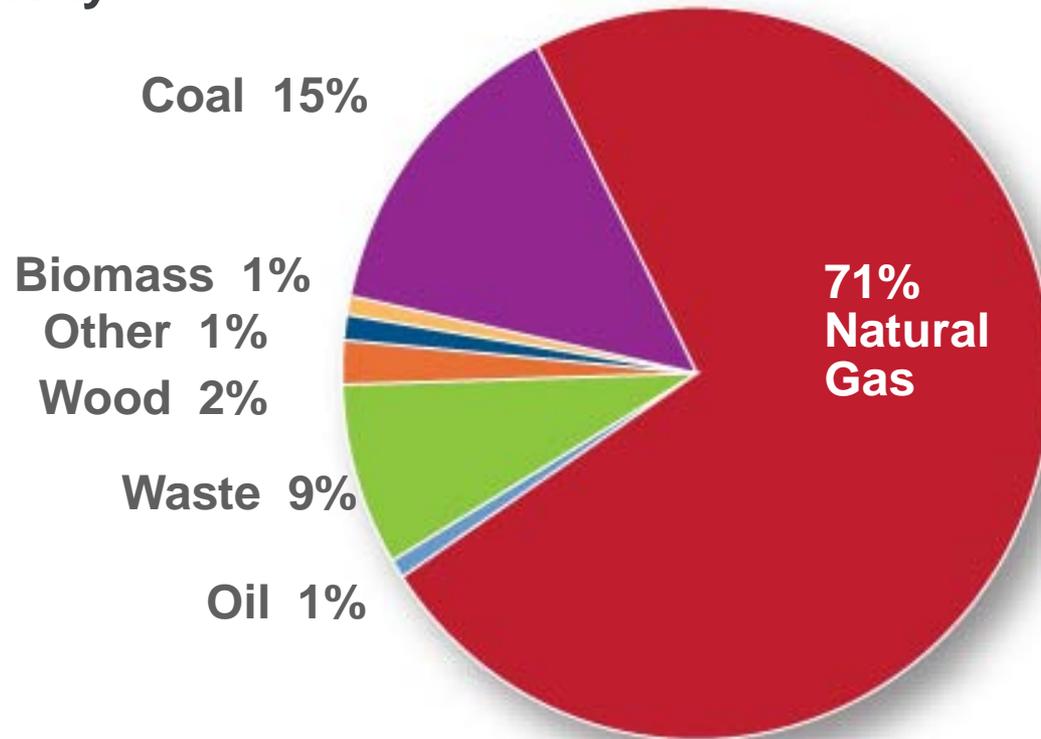
## Existing CHP Sites by Technology



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# Natural Gas is the Dominant Fuel for Existing CHP

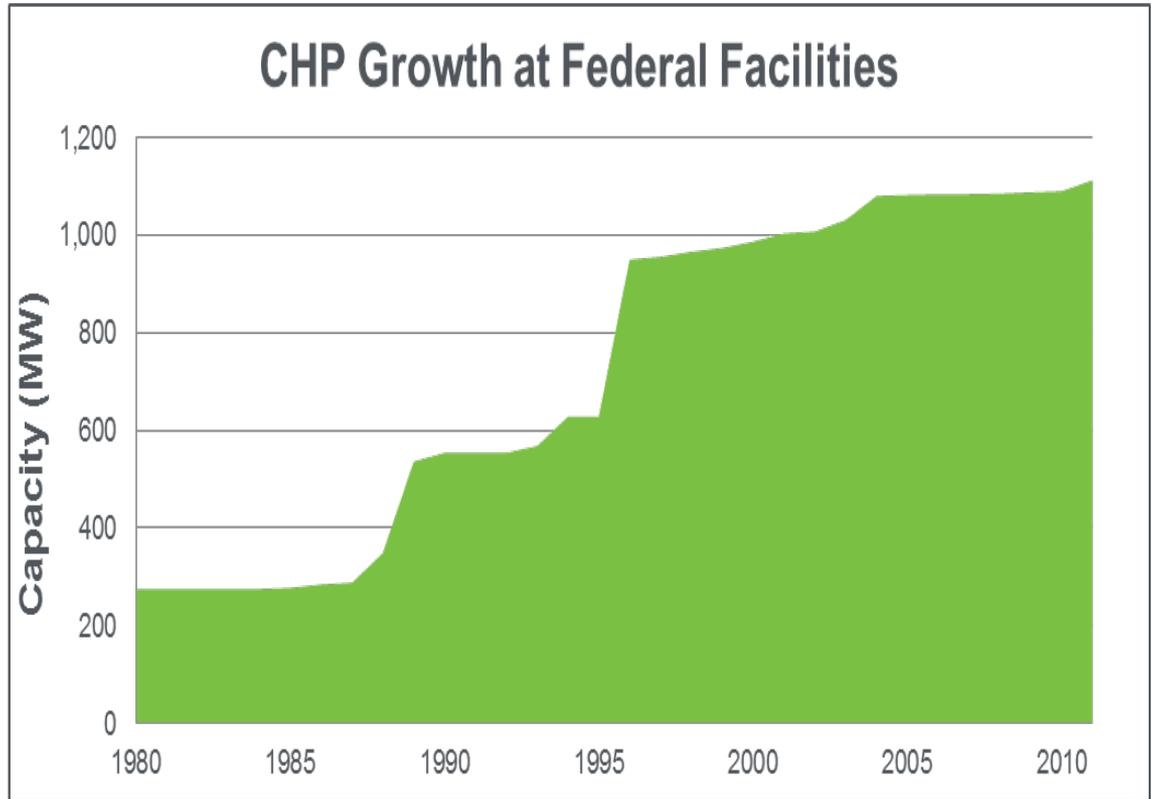
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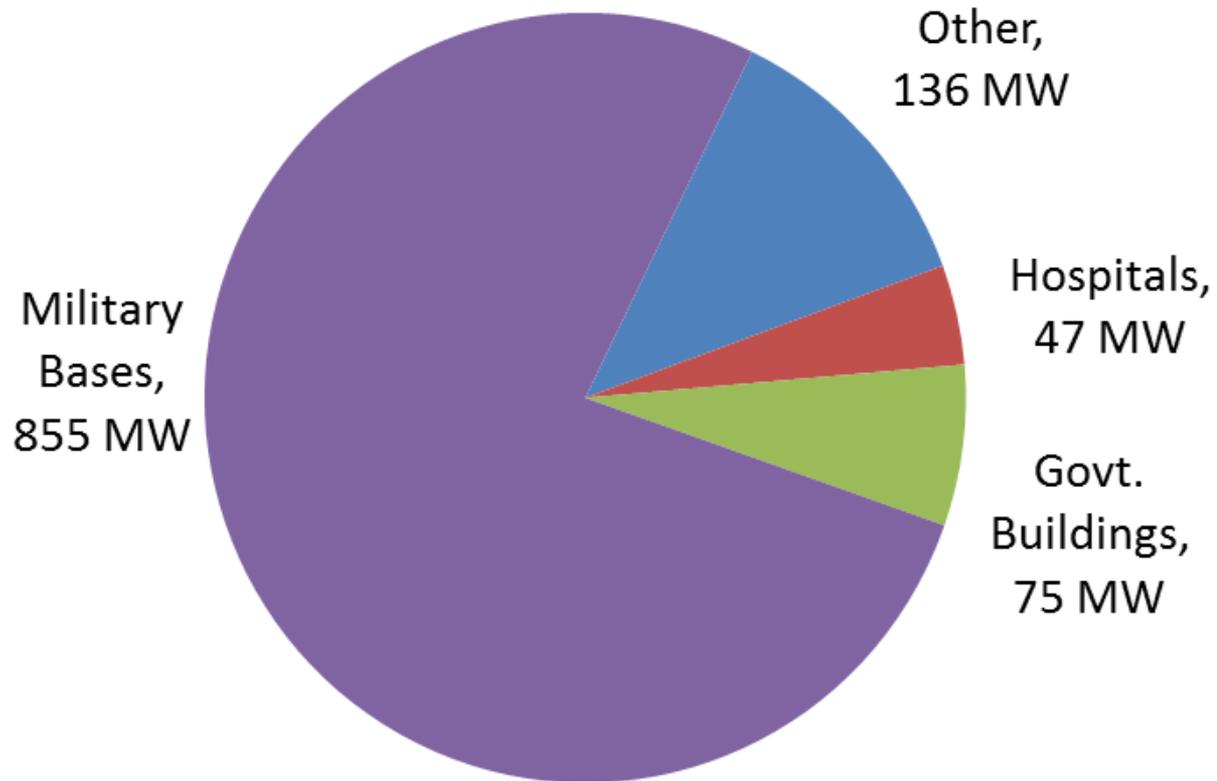
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# CHP at Federal Facilities

- ▶ 85 Federal facilities have CHP with 1,112 MW of operational capacity
- ▶ Represents 1.3% of US CHP capacity (81.8 GW)

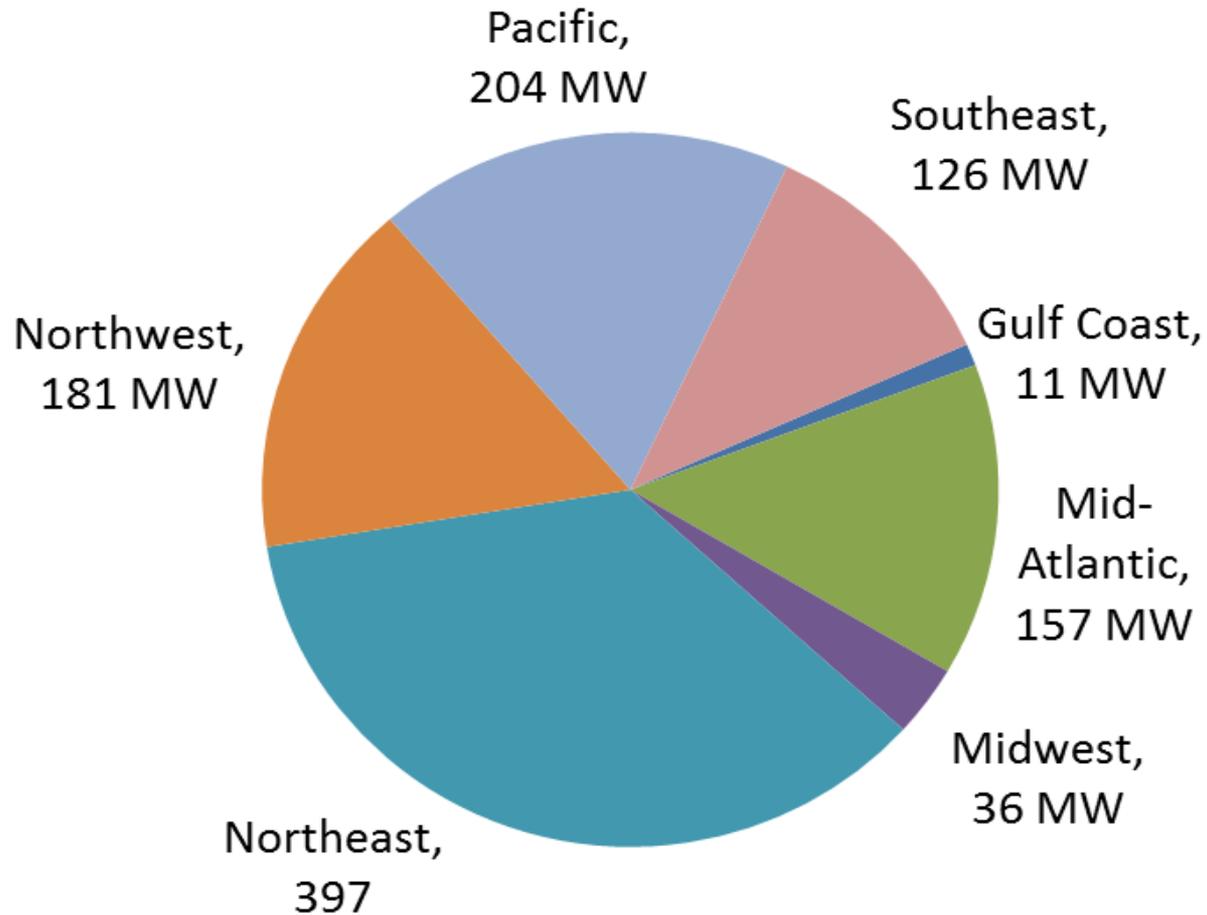


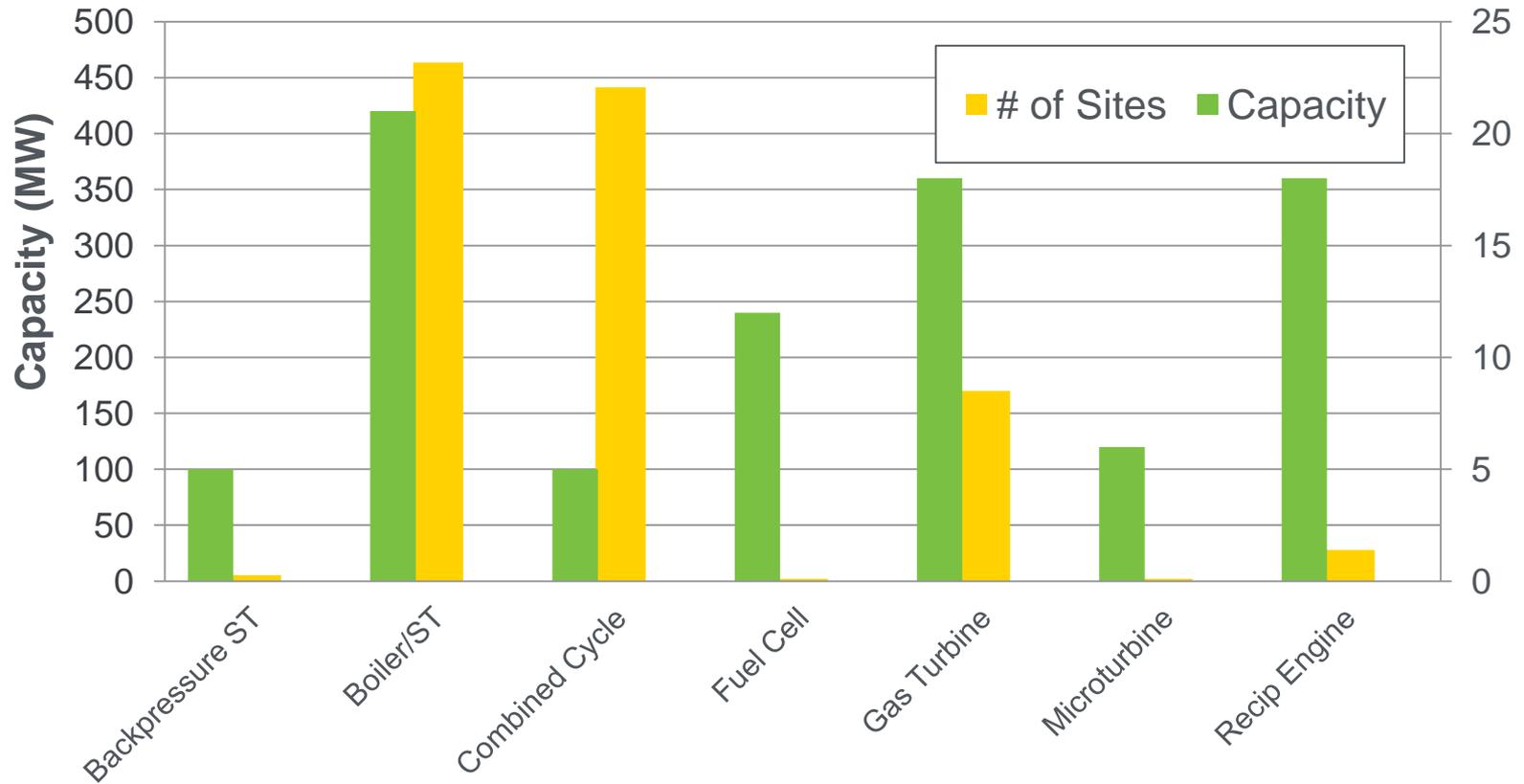
# CHP in Federal Facilities by Application Type



\*Other includes post offices, national labs, and other misc. government facilities

# Federal Facilities with CHP by Region



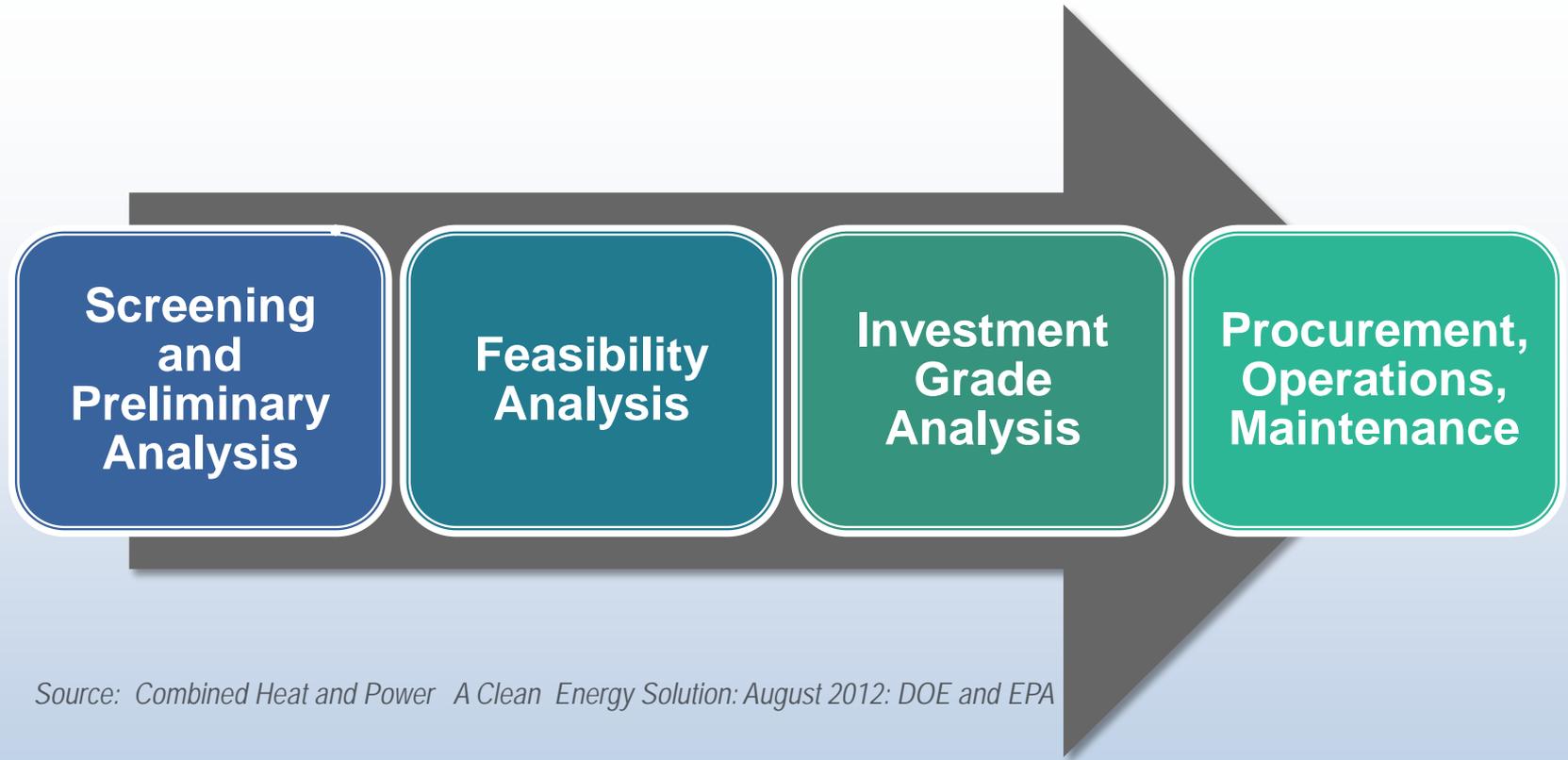


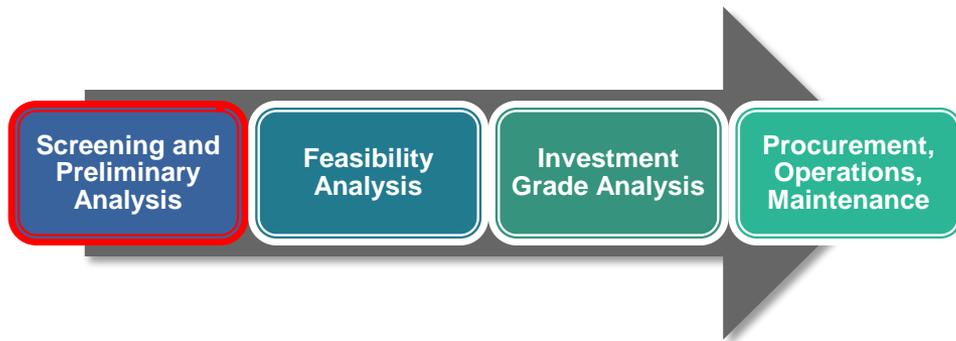
## CHP in Federal Facility by Prime Mover Technology

# CHP Project *Implementation*



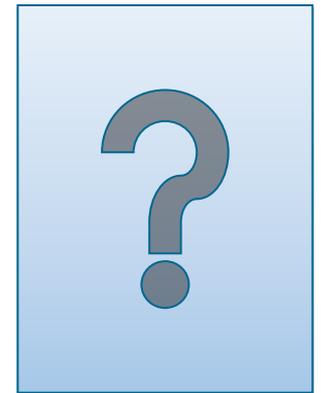
# CHP Project Process





# Screening Questions

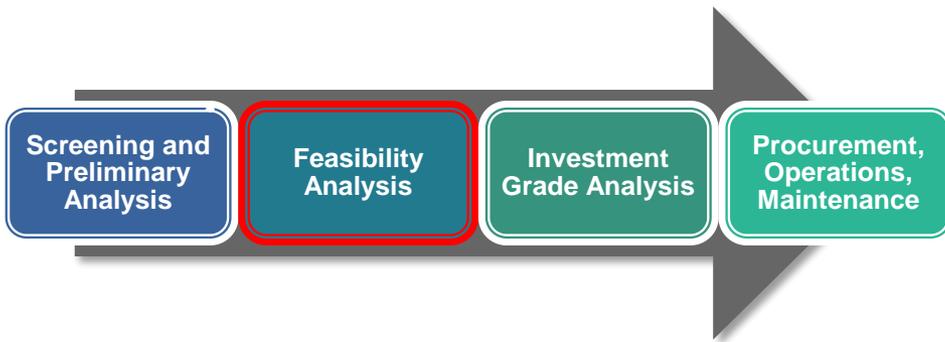
- ▶ Do you pay more than \$.06/kWh on average for electricity (including generation, transmission and distribution)?
- ▶ Does your facility operate for more than 3,000 hours per year?
- ▶ Do you have thermal loads throughout the year? (including steam, hot water, chilled water, hot air, etc.)
- ▶ Does your facility have an existing central plant?
- ▶ Do you expect to replace, upgrade, or retrofit central plant equipment within the next 3-5 years?
- ▶ Have you already implemented energy efficiency measures and still have high energy costs?
- ▶ Do you have access to on-site or nearby biomass resources? (i.e., landfill gas, farm manure, food processing waste, etc.)



# Screening: Likely Candidates for CHP

- ▶ Traditional buildings with hydronic distribution systems (steam or hot water and chilled water)
- ▶ Key locations
  - Military installations
  - Office buildings
  - Hospitals
  - Labs and Data Centers
  - Prisons





# Feasibility Analysis

## A Feasibility Analysis typically involves

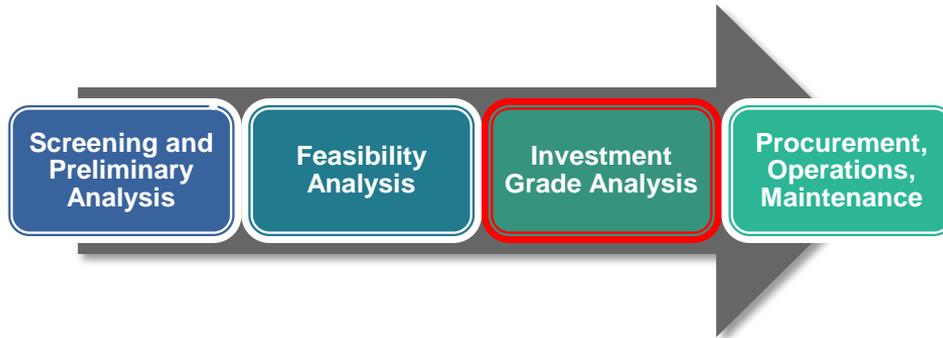
- ▶ Electrical load profiling
- ▶ Thermal load profiling
- ▶ New utility rate structure analysis
- ▶ Utility interconnection requirements
- ▶ Permitting Impacts
- ▶ Unit sizing
- ▶ Thermal use determination (what to do with the heat)
- ▶ Installation cost estimations
- ▶ Financing Options
- ▶ Analysis of ownership structure

# Utility Partnership Considerations

## Permitting, Tariffs, Rate Impacts

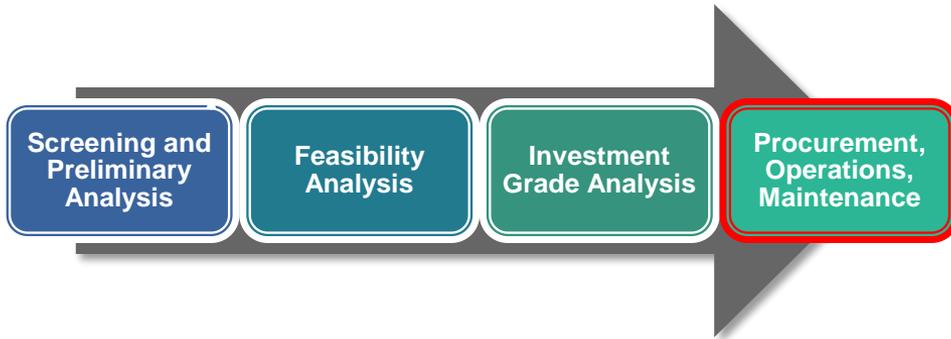
- Identify the state and local requirements for permitting a CHP plant early in the planning process.
- Identify potential impacts on utility rates under a CHP scenario – the availability, cost, and supply pressure of natural gas are issues that should be considered early in a feasibility study.





# Investment Grade Analysis

- ▶ Generally involves contracting with a design engineering firm
- ▶ Results in design specs that can become part of an RFP
- ▶ Consider best technologies
- ▶ May include a utility required “interconnect study”
- ▶ Consider balance-of-plant items such as piping, stack breaching, platforms, electrical switchgear, steam piping, pumps, etc.
- ▶ For small projects, may use feasibility study rather than IGA



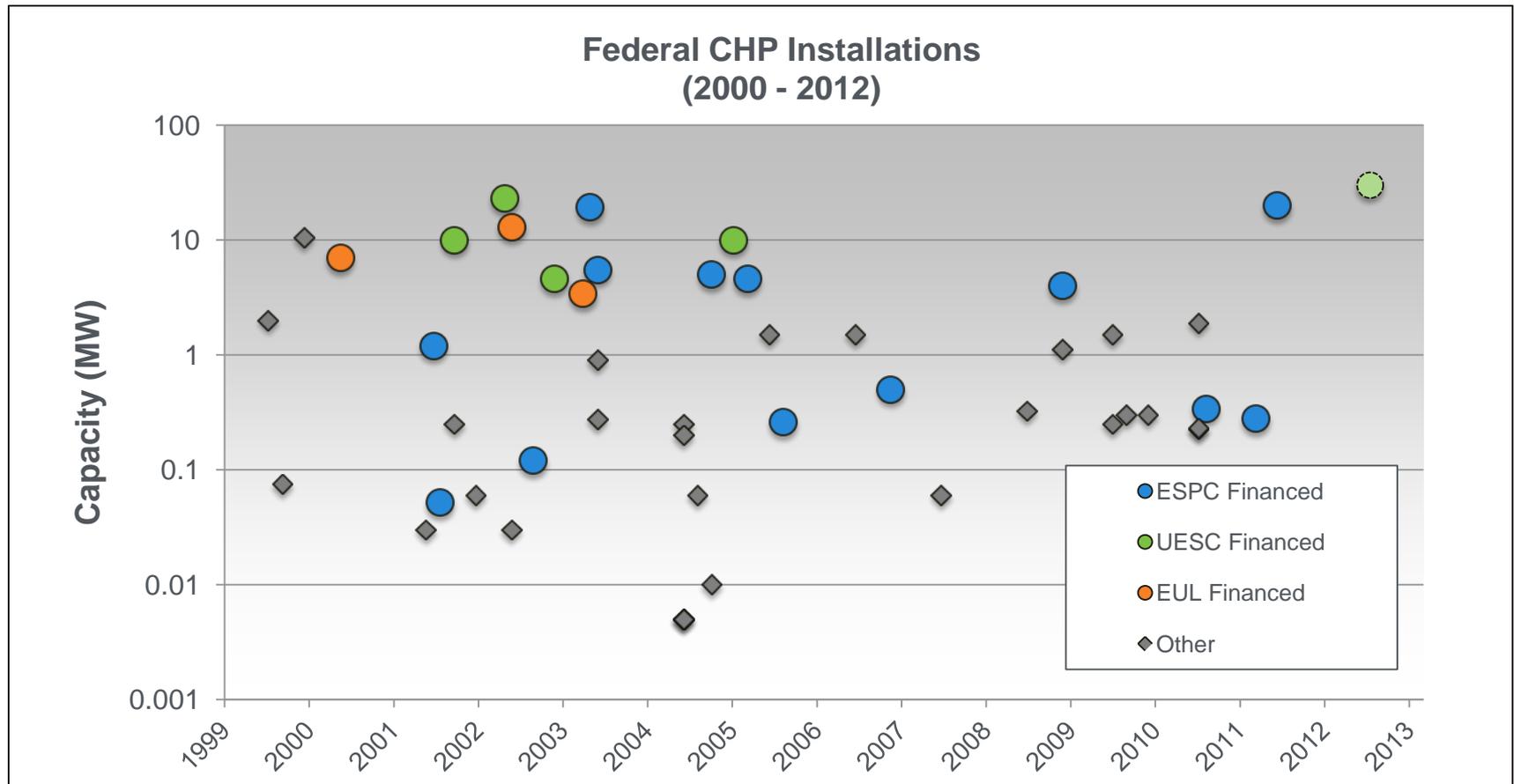
## Procurement, O&M

- ▶ Project financing
- ▶ Permits – number and complexity vary
- ▶ Emissions – site vs. source considerations
- ▶ Interconnection – varies from state to state
- ▶ Operations and Maintenance: in-house, contractors, or both

**Financing**  
***Utility Energy***  
***Service Contracts***



# Financing of CHP at Federal Sites



## Financing Vehicles utilized:

- Energy Savings Performance Contracts (ESPC)
- Utility Energy Savings Contracts (UESC)
- Enhanced Use Lease (EUL)

# Federal CHP Implementation Under UESC

## **National Institute of Health** (Bethesda, MD)

- 23MW Natural Gas Fired Turbine + Heat Recovery Steam Generator (HRSG) + Dual Fuel Aux. Duct Burner

## **General Services Administration/Smithsonian** (Washington, D.C.)

- 10MW, Natural Gas Fired Turbines + HRSG + Absorption Chillers

## **Navy/NAVMEDCEN** (San Diego, CA)

- 4.6MW Natural Gas Fired Turbine + HRSG

## **Navy/Naval Station Great Lakes** (Great Lakes, IL)

- 11MW, Dual Fuel (Natural Gas/Fuel Oil) Turbines + HRSGs

## ***Pending: GSA/DHS St. Elizabeth's Campus*** (Washington, D.C.)

- 20-25MW Natural Gas Fired Turbine (30% of site's electricity needs)
- Steam: HRSG (Building Heat/Hot Water + Absorption Chillers)

**CHP/UESC Case Study**  
*National Institutes  
of Health*



# NIH UESC CHP Project Overview

## Site Overview

- Bethesda, Maryland
- Medical Research and Hospital.
- 75 Buildings
  - Laboratories
  - Research hospital rooms
  - Teaching facilities
  - Offices
- 9 Million sq.ft. on 300 Acres
- 15,000 Employees

## Project Goals

Over 1 M sq.ft. campus expansion

- Add new steam capacity required to meet master plan

## Air Quality

- close proximity to neighborhoods

## Efficiency Improvement

- Existing NIH Central Plant
  - 5 Dual Fired Boiler Units
    - 800,000 pph Steam
  - 60,000 Tons Chiller Capacity
    - Steam Driven Auxiliary Capable

**NIH engaged with their local utility's energy service group to develop a project under a UESC**

# NIH CHP Project Solutions

## 23MW Natural Gas Fired Turbine

- Inlet Air Cooling System (improves turbine efficiency)

## Heat Recovery Steam Generator (HRSG)

- 100,000 pph Steam @165 psig

## Auxiliary Duct Burner

- Dual Fuel
- 80,000 pph Steam

## Emissions Control

- AEV Combustion System (dry-NOx burner system)
- Continuous Emissions Monitoring System



## Implemented through a Utility Energy Services Contract (UESC)

- Guaranteed performance
- Utility to Operate and Maintain CHP (10 Year term)
- 3rd Party Financed (15 Year financed term)
- Total Project Cost: \$38M
- Energy Savings pay for project over the financed term

## Video Case Study:

[http://www1.eere.energy.gov/femp/financing/uescs\\_nih.html](http://www1.eere.energy.gov/femp/financing/uescs_nih.html)

# Questions?



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