

Net Zero Labs Pilot

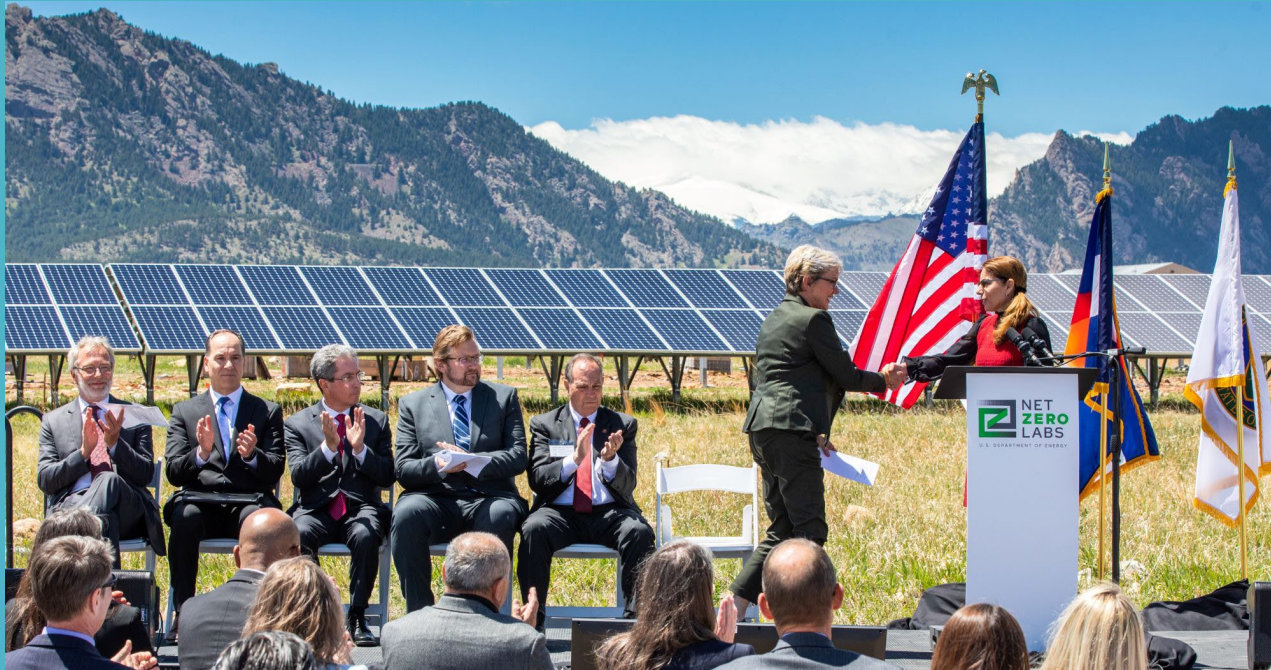
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Net Labs Pilot Initiative



Secretary Granholm announces the launch of DOE Net Zero Labs on May 25, 2022



Four Lab Collaboration

- ✓ 2020: Four labs working on net zero efforts saw opportunity to collaborate as pilots across DOE
- ✓ Jun 2021: Asst Secretary of Energy issues charge letter to the pilot labs to develop roadmaps, engage with other labs, and engage with stakeholders
- ✓ Aug 2021: Pilot labs complete roadmaps to achieve net zero between 2026 and 2034
- ✓ Oct 2021: Hosted decarbonization Workshop for 17 national labs
- ✓ Initiated stakeholder engagements
- ✓ May 2022: DOE publicly launches pilot NZL initiative

NZL Guiding Principles and Motivation

“Walking the talk” on decarbonization

Labs are among the largest and most complex energy users in the Govt
We are up for the challenge to tackle the hard problems

“Anything is possible”

If energy-intensive Labs can be net-zero, then anything can be net-zero

Showcase S&T and climate leadership

Processes, tech, and systems developed at DOE Labs for NZL will promote American innovation to the world

Across the board

NZL addresses challenges in all the major sectors of emissions: facilities, industry, transportation, and even agriculture

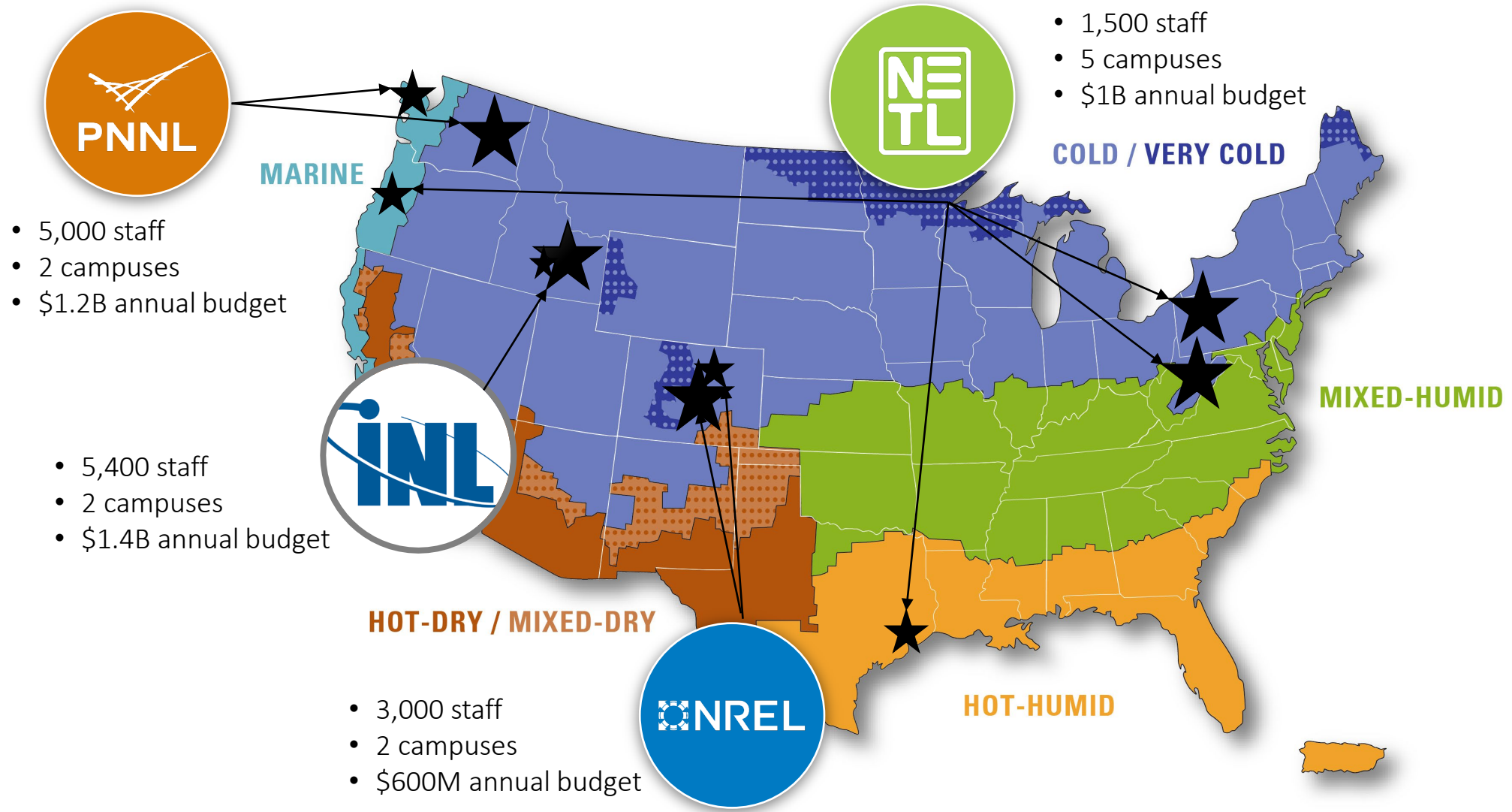
Across the Nation

NZL labs cover four of the seven major U.S. climate zones and represent a wide range of energy and emissions mixes

Workforce-driven

NZL has staying power because it was born internally from motivated lab personnel, not from the top down

Pilot Launch: 4 National Labs, 10 campuses, diverse regions

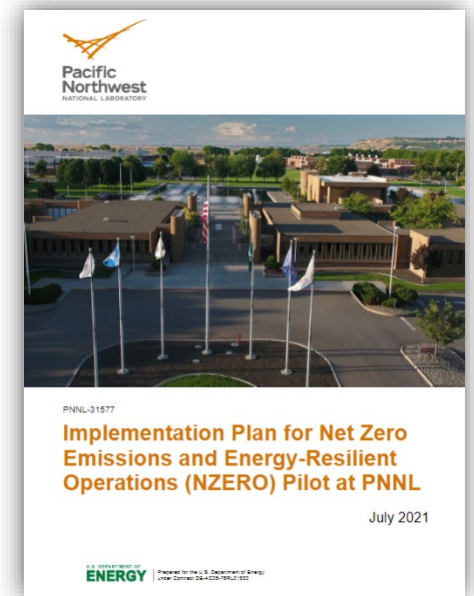


4 pilot labs - Vision to expand to all 17

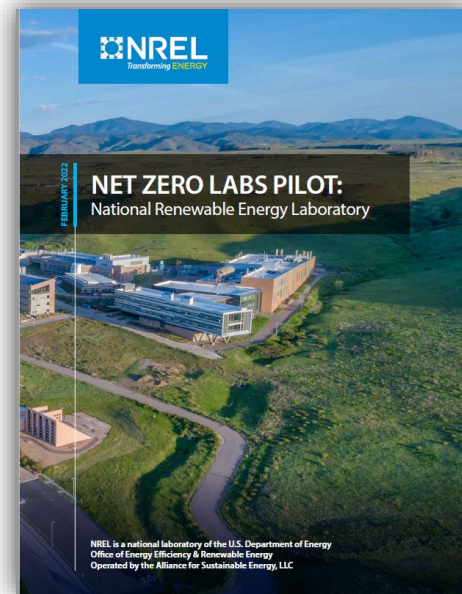
NZL Implementation Plans



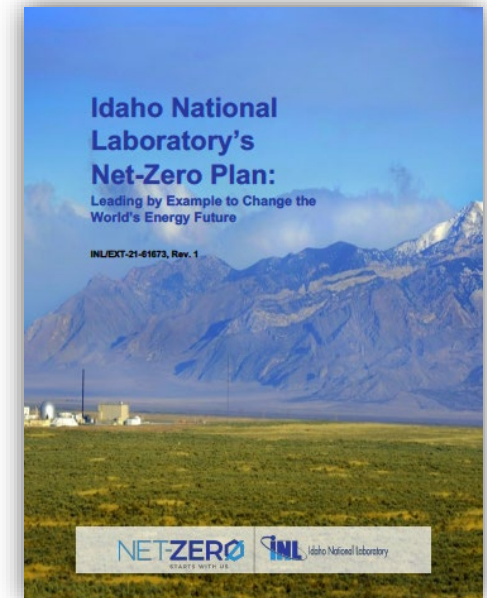
<https://netl.doe.gov/node/11790>



<https://www.pnnl.gov/net-zero>



<https://www.nrel.gov/about/net-zero-labs>



<https://inl.gov/net-zero/>

NZL Plan Highlights



Planned Energy Source:
Nuclear & Hydrogen

Primary Mitigation Tool:
Nuclear-enabled microgrid

Signature Research:
Advanced nuclear on integrated microgrid



Planned Energy Source:
Electricity

Primary Mitigation Tool:
Electrification, efficiency and district energy

Signature Research:
Data-driven, optimized control of diverse energy assets



Planned Energy Source:
Electricity, Hydrogen

Primary Mitigation:
Efficiency, electrification, and ground source heat pumps

Signature Research:
Advanced distributed energy districts



Planned Energy Source:
Biomass, Electricity, and Natural Gas

Primary Mitigation Tool:
Negative Emissions Tech. Carbon Storage
Net Zero Power Purchase
Combined Heat & Power

Signature Research:
Integrated Energy System
(Biomass, CCS, H₂)
Direct Air Capture

Next Steps for NZL Pilot Collaboration

NZL Planning Tools and Methods

- Net zero campus scenario planning
- CFE emissions accounting and role of EACs
- Getting started with low-hanging fruit

Funding for NZL Implementation Plans

- Strategies for attracting investment within existing budgetary frameworks
- Demonstration projects that leverage strengths and have broad applicability to DOE and other federal sites

Federal Stakeholder Collaboration

- Explore collaboration with other agencies to share lessons learned to reach net zero

NREL Net Zero Goals

Proposed Decarbonization Targets for NREL's Operational Footprint



End of FY23

Flatirons campus to operate at net zero emissions (Scope 1 and 2 only)



End of FY26

South Table Mountain campus to operate at net zero emissions (Scope 1 and 2 only)



End of FY30

Demonstrate NREL campus operations with 24/7 carbon-free energy (Scope 1, 2 and 3)



STM Campus

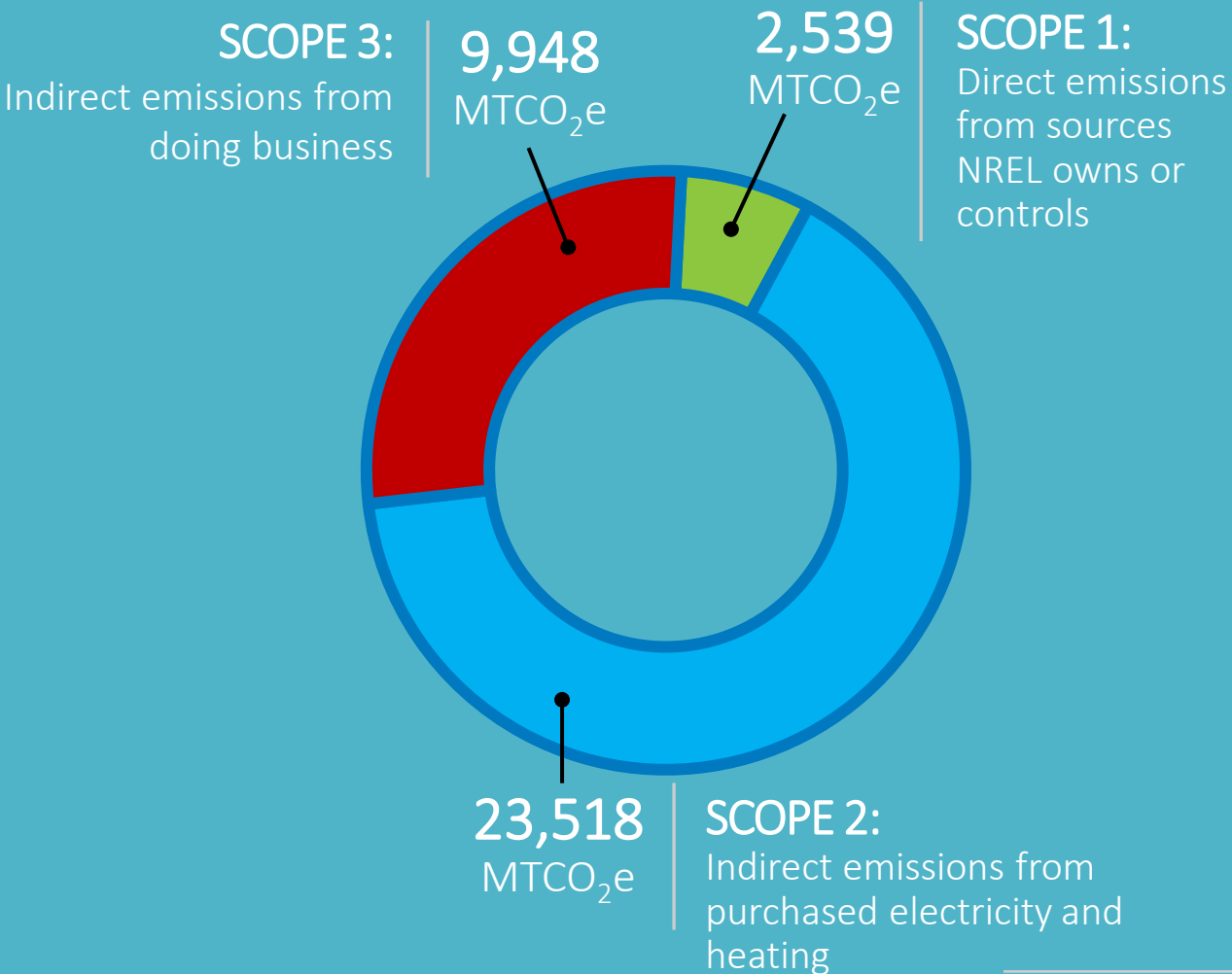
- Xcel Energy supplies 31% clean energy for purchased electricity
- 23% clean energy with solar and biomass



Flatirons Campus

- 33% clean energy with wind and solar
- **Net-zero electricity annually**

Tools for the biggest reduction



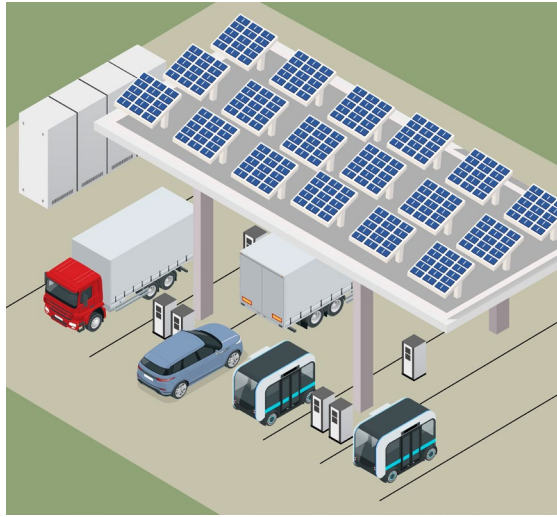
Challenges and Solutions

- **SCOPE 1:**
Challenge: Natural gas supplies central plant
Solution: Conversion to non-carbon fuel sources
- **SCOPE 2:**
Challenge: Xcel Energy 80% clean power by 2030
Solution: On-site and Off-site Renewable Systems
- **SCOPE 3:**
Challenge: Staff Commuting and Business Travel
Solution: Increased staff ownership of electric vehicles, hybrid and remote work, and continuous use of virtual meetings

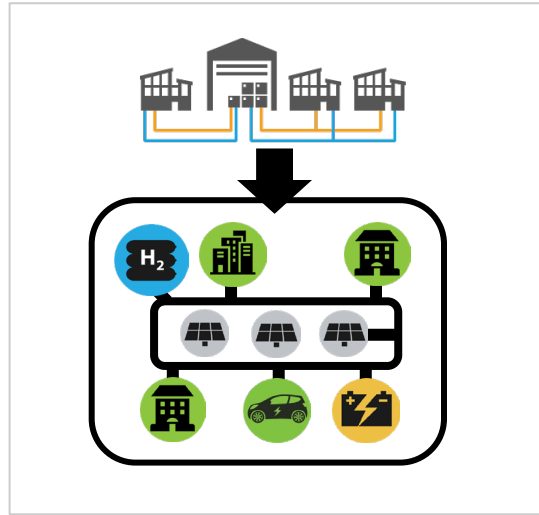
**Offset purchases only for Scope 3 or research emissions that cannot be mitigated*

Major Initiatives / R&D Focus Areas

Fleet Electrification



Distributed Energy District



Renewable Energy



Back-up Power

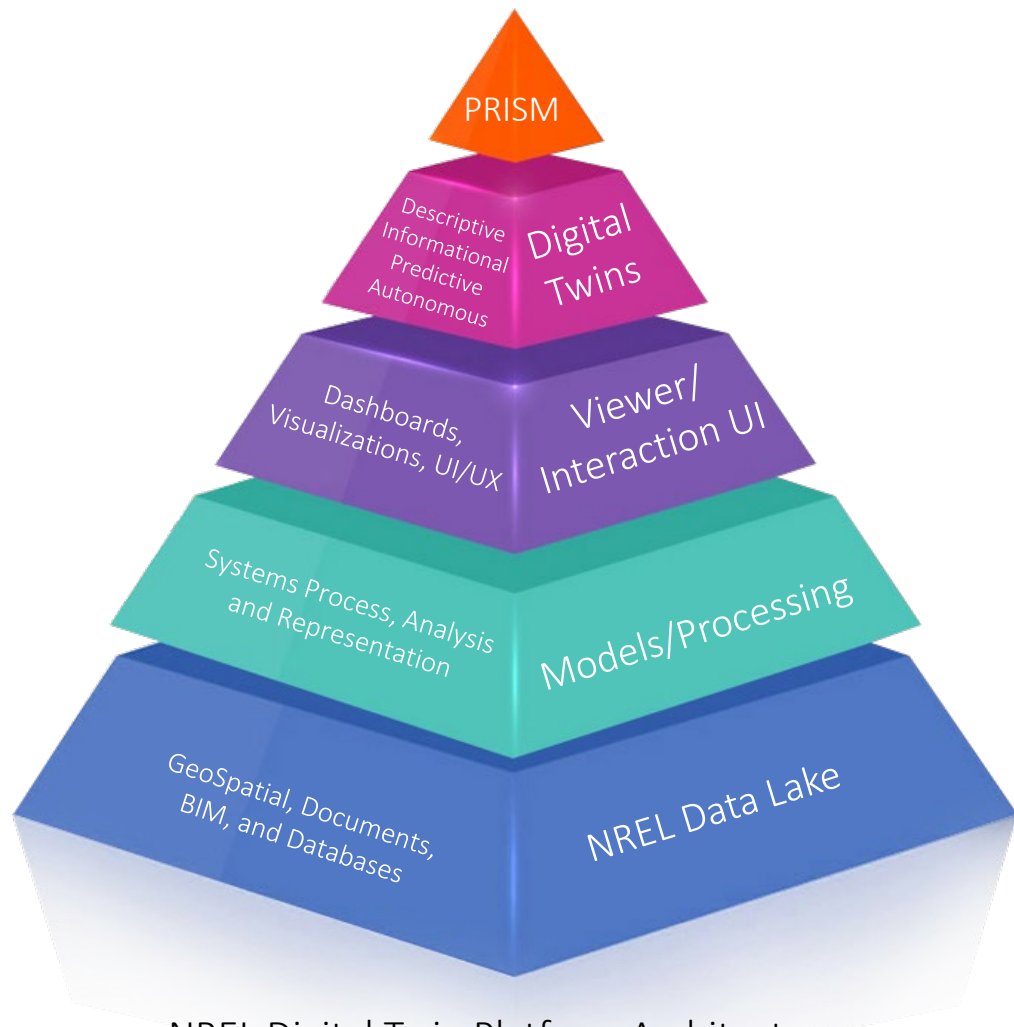


AI for Operations



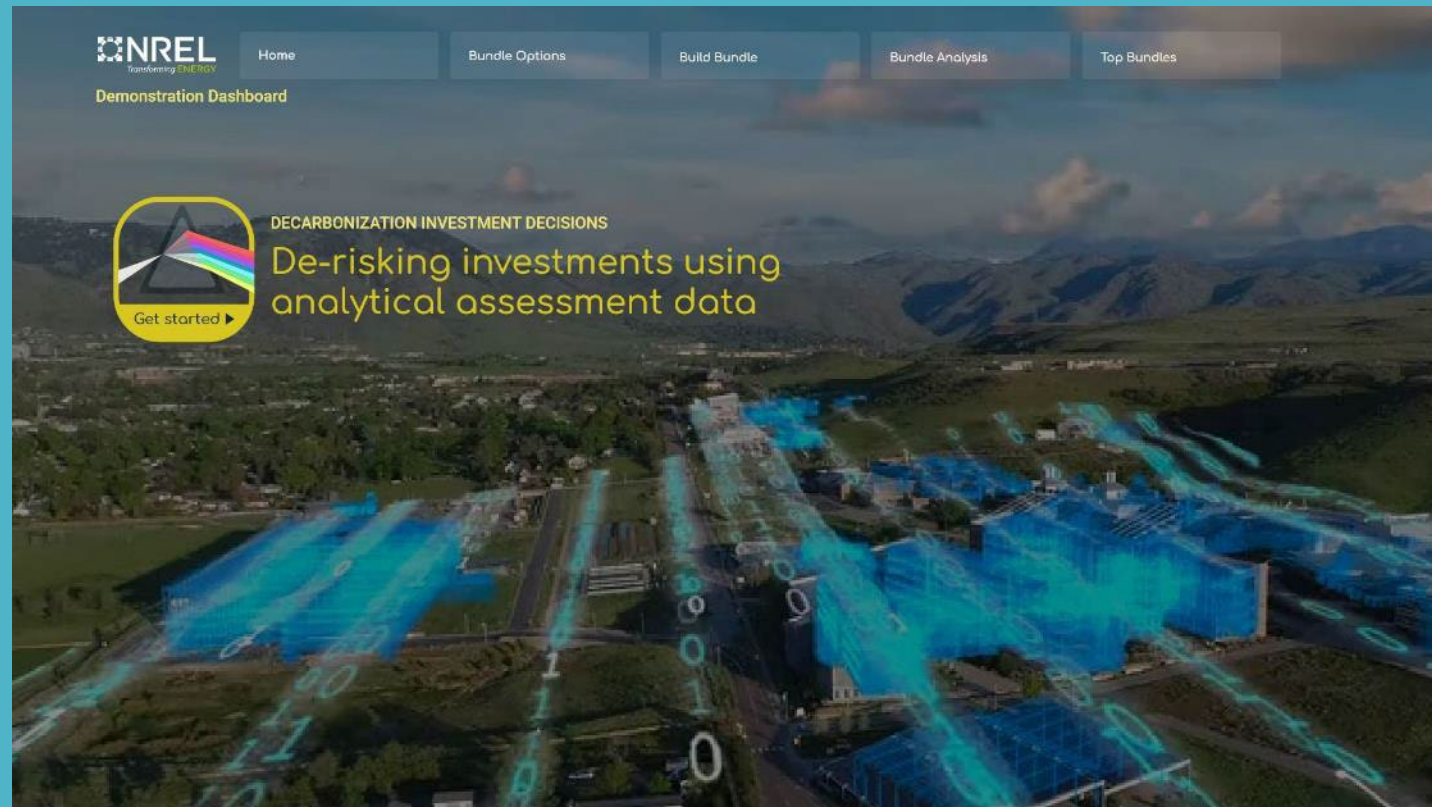
Next Steps

- ✓ Contracting Fleet Electrical Vehicles when available from GSA
- ✓ Converting Natural Gas Supply for HVAC equipment to non-carbon resources
- ✓ Procuring Solar and Energy Storage through Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs)
- ✓ Replacing diesel generators with hydrogen fuel cells
- ✓ Developing Digital Twin for Planning and Investment



NREL Digital Twin Platform Architecture

AI for Operations



- ✓ Integrates disparate dynamic and static data for **interoperability** to achieve and sustain net zero emissions and resilience readiness that supports mission critical objectives.

<https://nrelghg.azurewebsites.net>

NET ZERO LABS PILOT:
National Renewable Energy Laboratory

INL Net Zero Goals

Proposed Decarbonization Targets



End of FY23

Continued fleet transition



End of FY24

MARVEL demonstration underway
Landfill emissions assessment complete



End of FY26

50% CO₂e reduction



End of FY31

Demonstrate INL campus operations with 24/7 carbon-free energy (Scope 1, 2 and 3)



Desert Site

- Idaho Power supplies electricity
- Clean Energy Your Way proposal under review

Research & Education Campus

- Idaho Falls Power
- Clean Energy Program

Tools for the biggest reduction



INL's Scope 1, 2, & 3 Emissions (FY19)

SCOPE 1:

Challenges: Converting HVAC, Landfill emissions unknown, Limited EV availability

Solutions: Building electrification, landfill monitoring, and use of R99

SCOPE 2:

Challenge: Idaho Power + Idaho Falls Power

Solution: Pursue clean power options & potential to add nuclear

SCOPE 3:

Challenge: Staff Commuting and Business Travel

Solution: Expand public transit options for employees, continue hybrid and teleworking options, establish Bike Commuter Resource Center, Net-Zero iMap tools, install additional EV charging stations for staff EVs

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Fleet Electrification



Nuclear-Enabled Microgrids

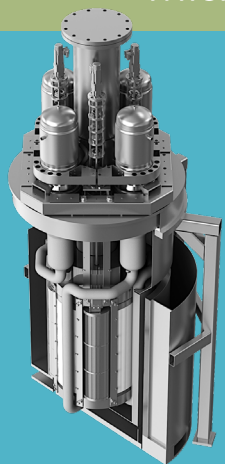


| Hydrogen Production

Value-Added Products



Nuclear-Enabled Microgrids

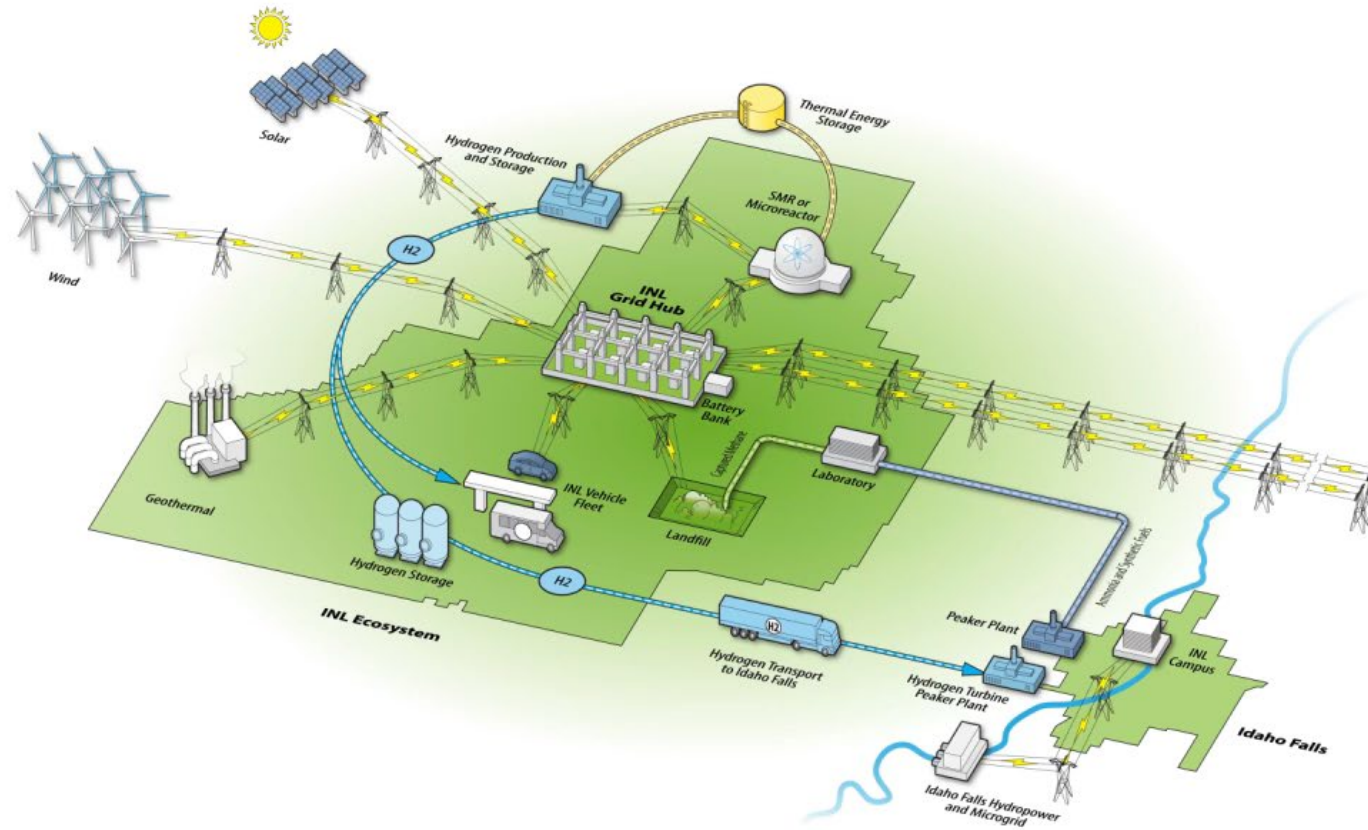


Next Steps

- ✓ Contracting Fleet Electrical Vehicles when available from GSA; R99; hydrogen fuel cell motorcoach testing
- ✓ Developing scaling microgrids for microreactor and small modular reactor demonstrations
- ✓ HVAC electrification
- ✓ PPAs with energy suppliers

NET ZERO LABS PILOT:
Idaho National Laboratory

INL secure, resilient net-zero energy future.



Discussion

What resources do decision makers and operators of federal campuses need that the Net Zero Labs Initiative might help address?

What do you see as collaboration opportunities for the Net Zero Labs Initiative and ISWG?

