

# Electricity Energy Supply State of the Industry 2025-Q3



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## Agenda



- A little on EPRI ....
- A look at Electricity Energy Supply
  - Capacity
  - Generation
    - Siting and permitting, the future of generation, workforce development, reliability, supply chain ...
- Discussion

# **EPRI**

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- Academia
- OEMs
- Regulators



#### **LISTENING**

- Financial Community
- Policy Makers
- Consumer Advocates
- Media

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## The Future of Energy

#### **Decarbonization**

Accelerate economy-wide, low-carbon solutions

- Electric sector decarbonization
- Transmission and grid flexibility: storage, demand, EVs
- Efficient electrification

Achieve a net-zero clean energy system

- Ubiquitous clean electricity: renewables, advanced nuclear, CCUS
- Negative-emission technologies
- Low-carbon resources: hydrogen and related, low-carbon fuels, biofuels, and biogas

Clean



#### **Transformation**

Drive affordability of a clean and resilient energy system through digital transformation

- Power system modernization: pervasive sensors, monitoring, advanced analytics using AI
- Upgraded and expanded communications infrastructure and control systems

Making Energy More
Affordable

#### Resilience

Mitigate climate impacts and cyber/physical risks

- System and asset hardening
- Improved response
- Faster recovery
- Cybersecurity

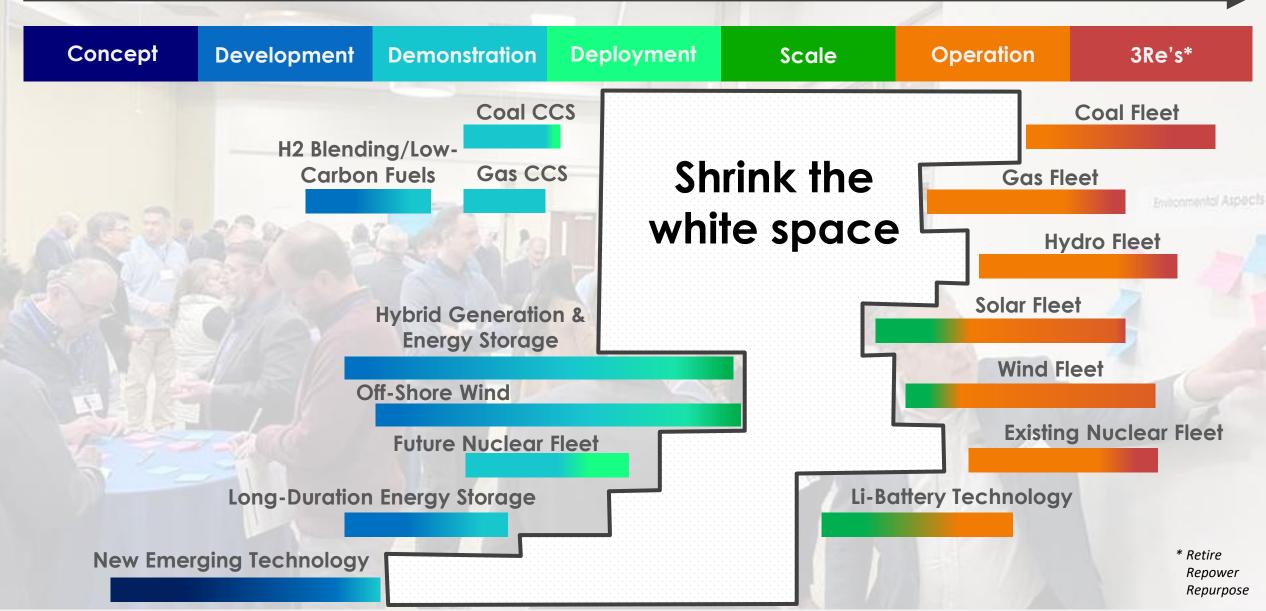
Future proof energy system design basis

- Resilient power system design
- Advanced asset design and strategic undergrounding
- Smart integration of energy carriers

Reliable



## **Energy Supply Technology Maturity**



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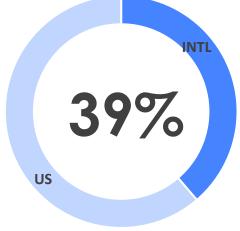
**Advanced Manufacturing** 



#### Generation and LCRI at a Glance







GENERATION SECTOR
RESEARCH
PORTFOLIO SCOPE
\*2024 Funding

OVERALL PARTICIPATION



62 ORGANIZATIONS ACROSS THE SUPPLY CHAIN

79 INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPANTS

204 TOTAL US AND INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPANTS



~150 TECHNICAL
GENERATION STAFF

2,000+ YEARS OF INDUSTRY
EXPERIENCE

Power Companies – OEMS – Suppliers Engineering Firms – Academia – Government



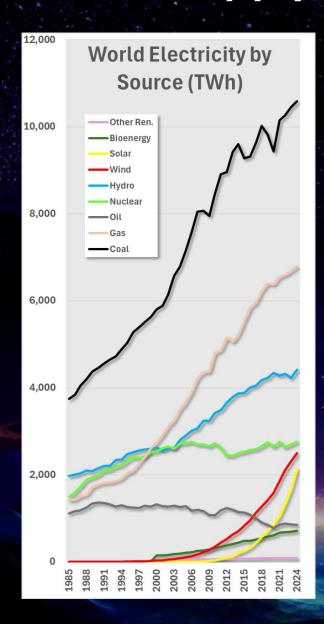


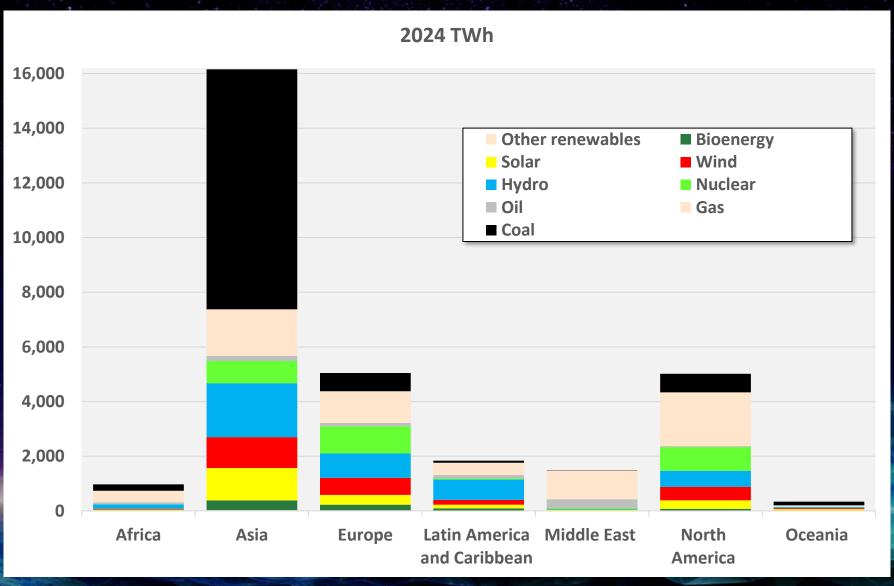




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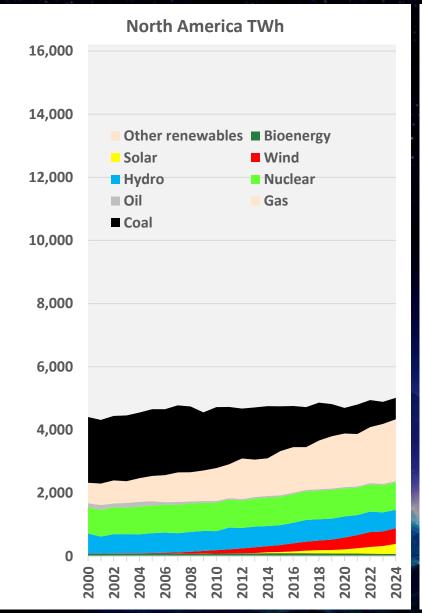
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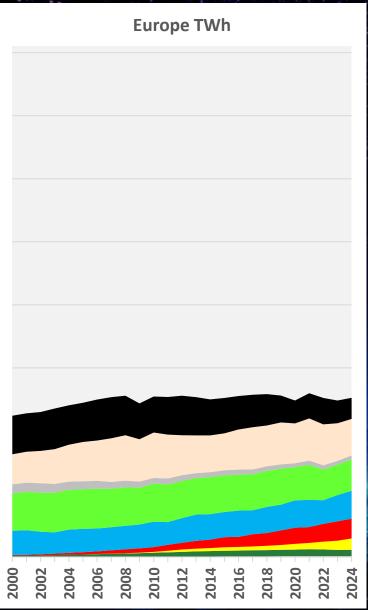


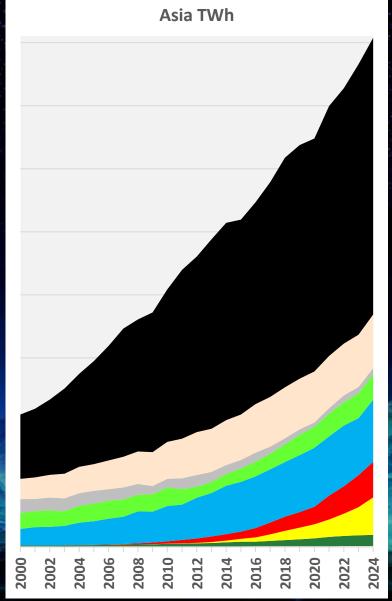




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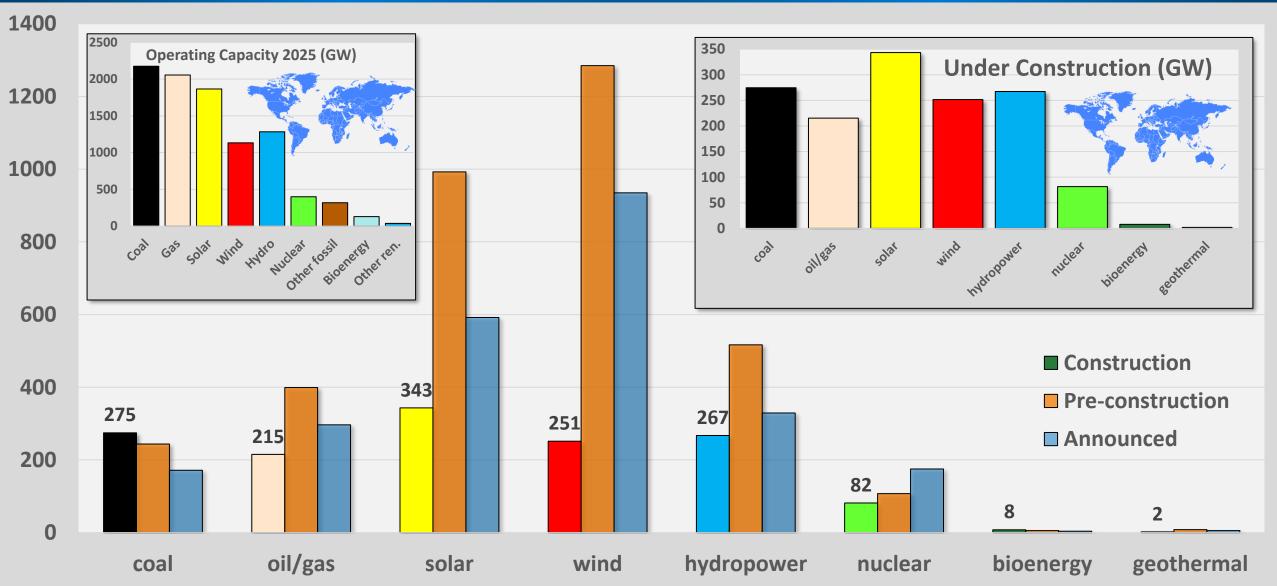


# **Global Capacity**

Capacity (GW)

## All of the Above

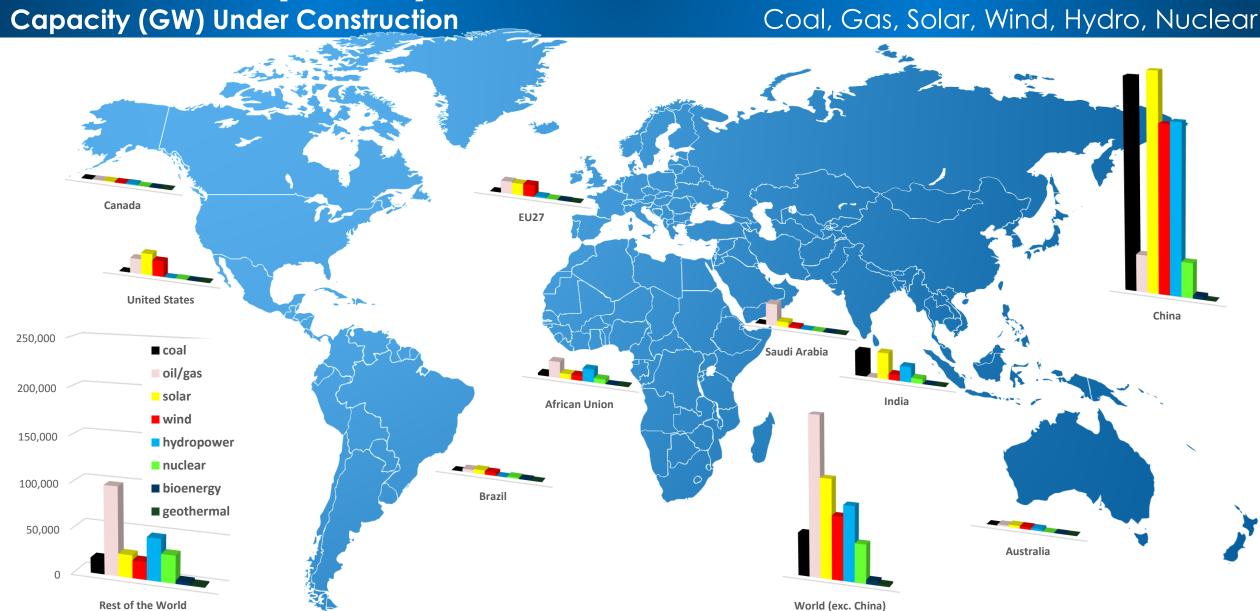
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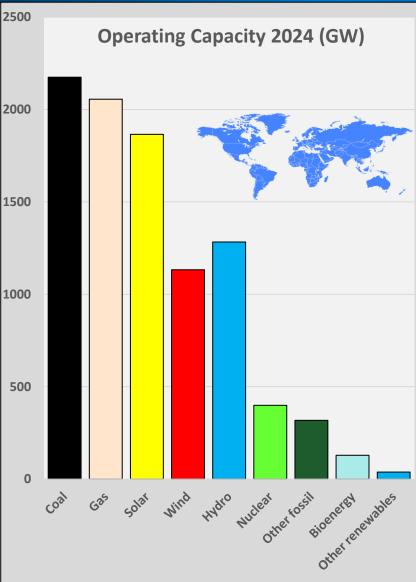
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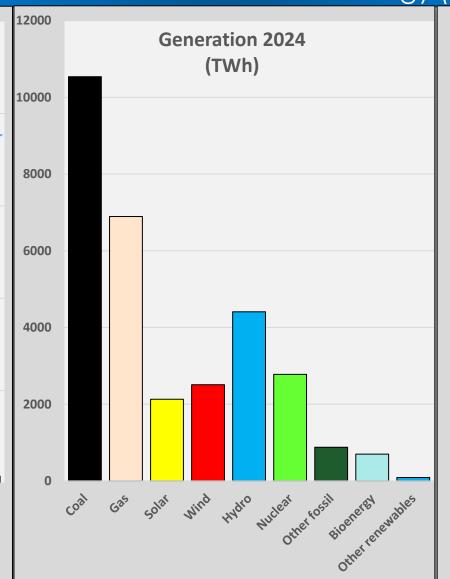


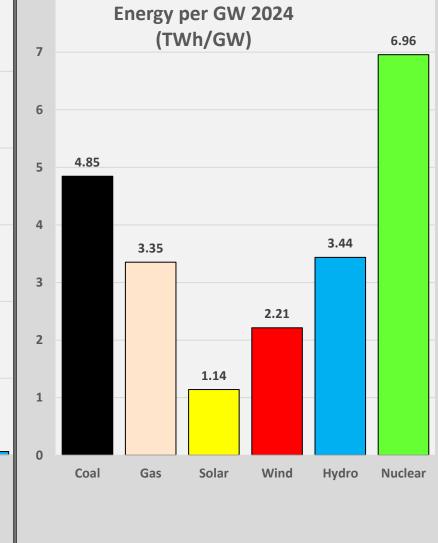
# Capacity & Generation AGW is not a GW is not a GW

Global 2024

Annual Energy (TWh) per GW Installed Capacity



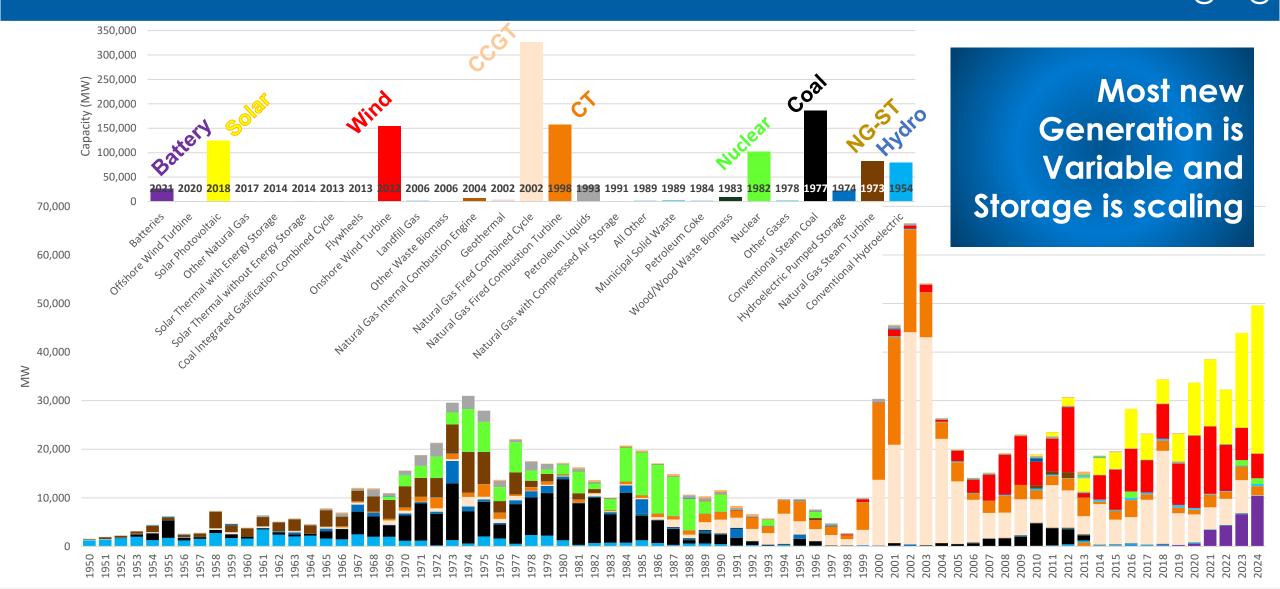




# USA

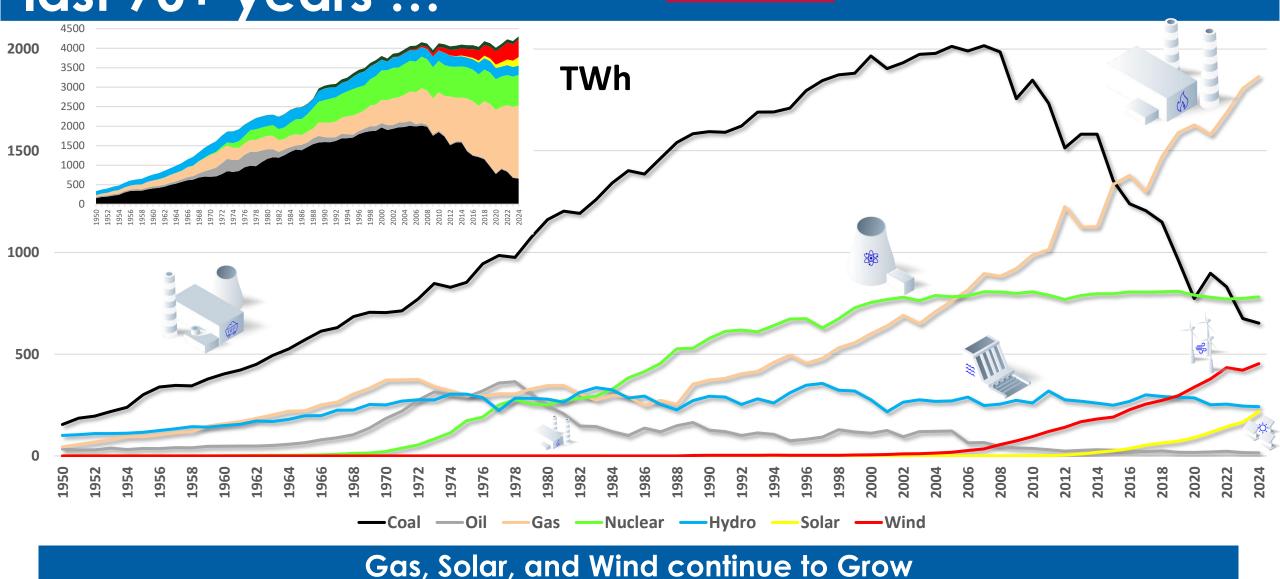
# **US Capacity Detail**

# Few New Dispatchable Aging



# US Electricity Generation last 70+ years ...

# **Electricity Evolution**

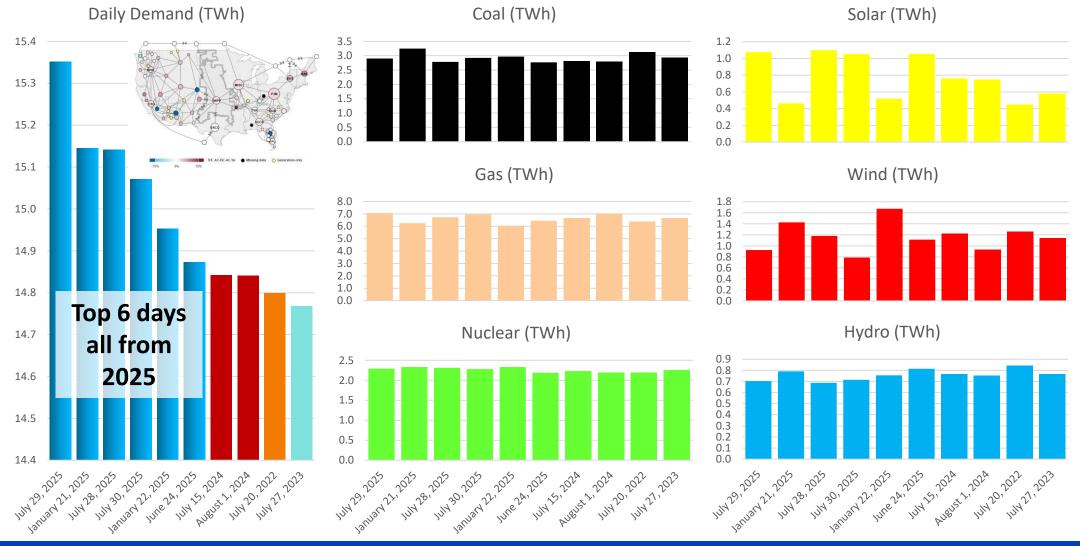


# **US48 Peak Days**

## 2025 Peak Days

Includes Winter peak days in 2025

500 GWh greater than 2024 (20 GW baseloaded)



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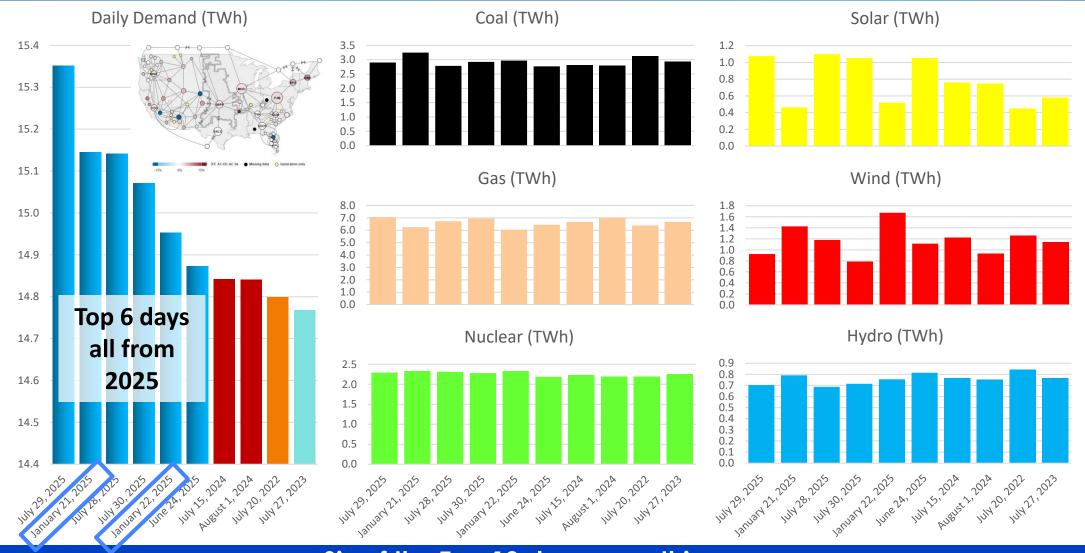


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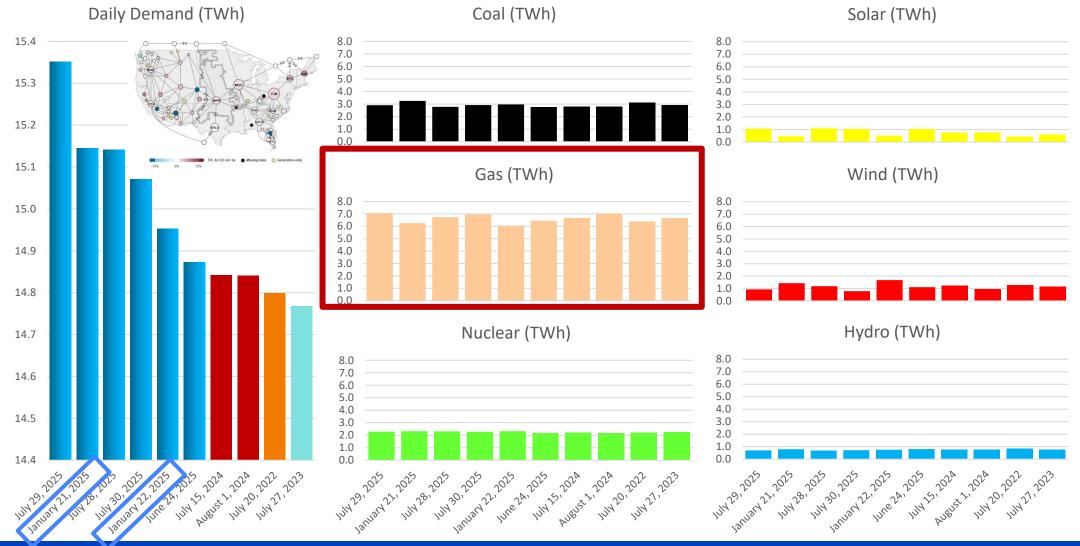


# **US48 Peak Days**

#### **Gas Generation Critical**

## Gas Dependence

Gas, Coal, Nuclear provide majority of Energy



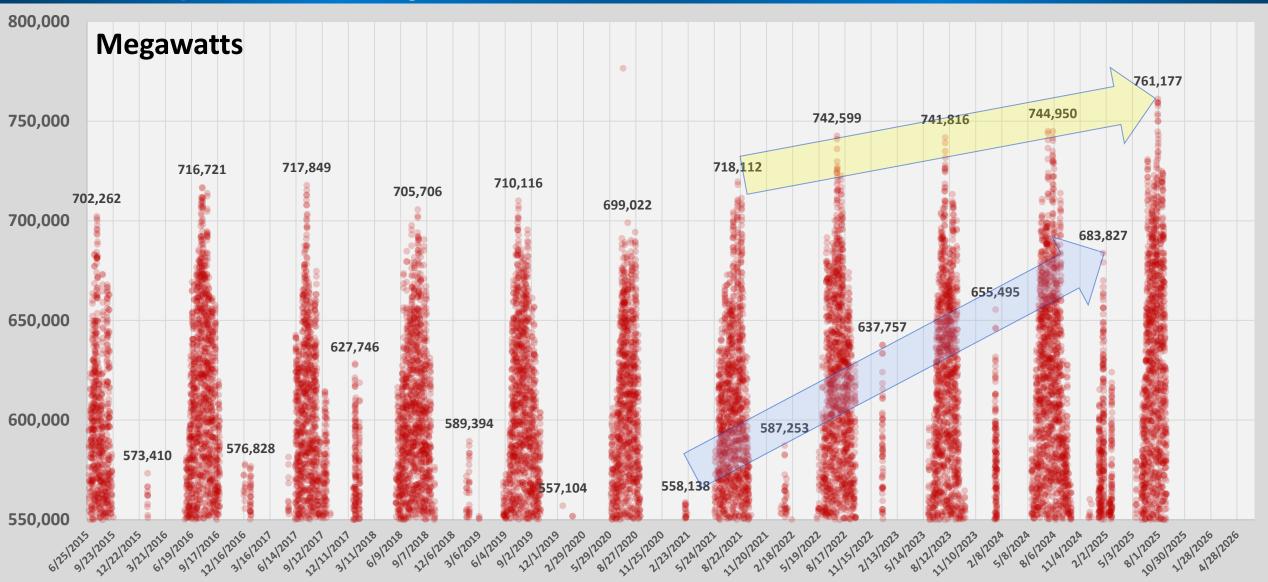
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# **US48 Hourly Demand**

Rapid Winter Peak Growth
This Winter 125 GW Greater than 2021

Winter Hourly Peaks Increasing

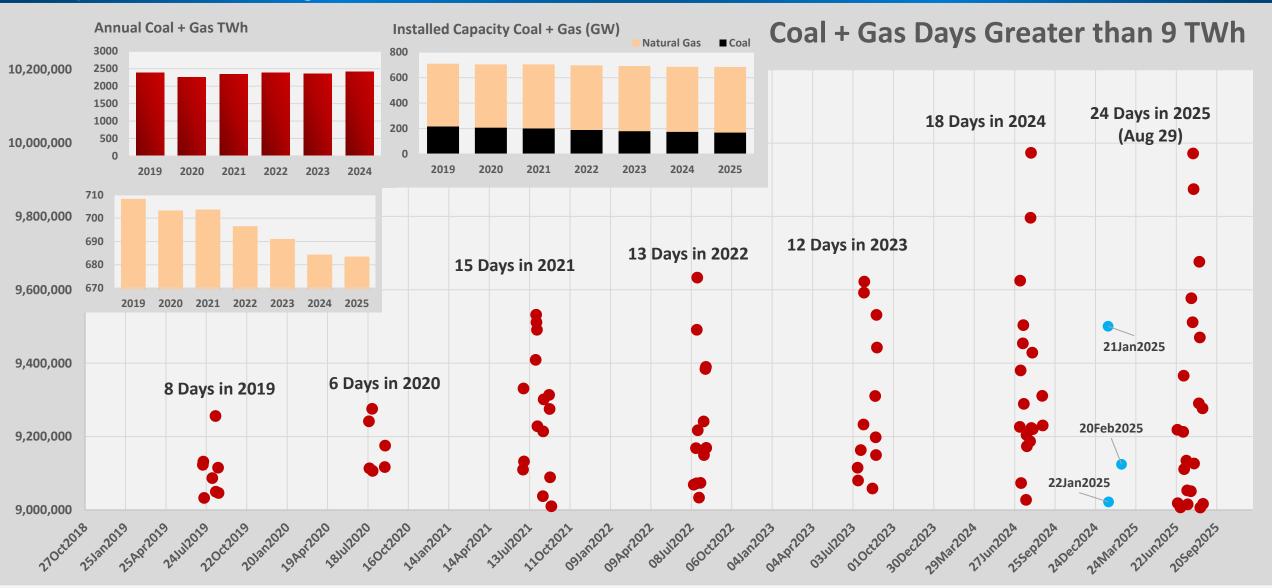


## Coal and Gas Reliance

# Growing Reliance

Shrinking Capacity (Down >20GW)

**Daily Peaks Increasing** 

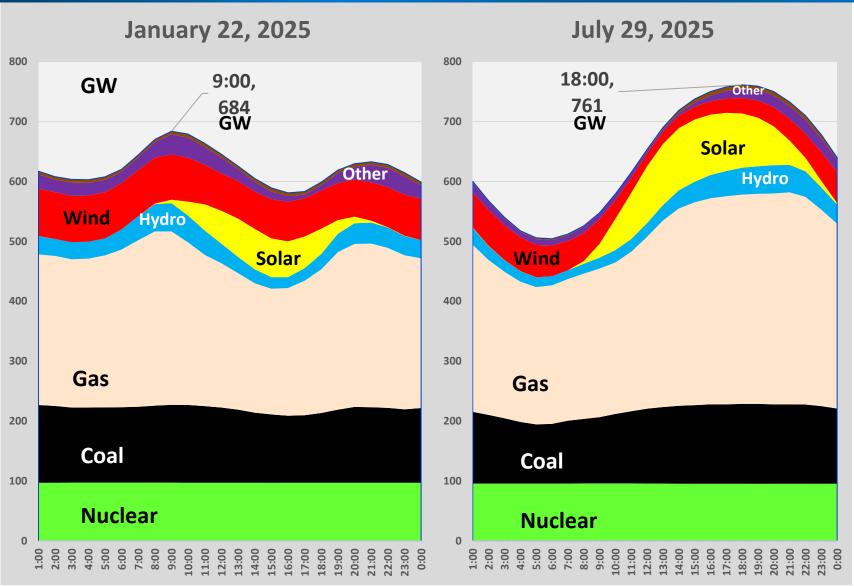


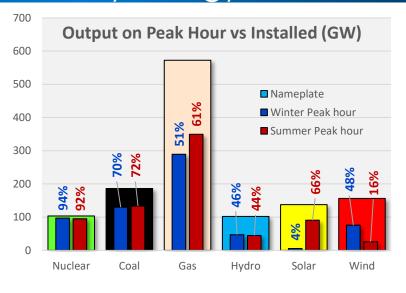
## **US48 Seasonal Peaks**

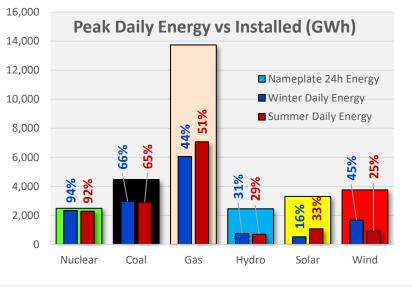
#### Different Resources

Winter and Summer (Peak Hourly Days)

Peak Hour and Daily Energy vs Installed

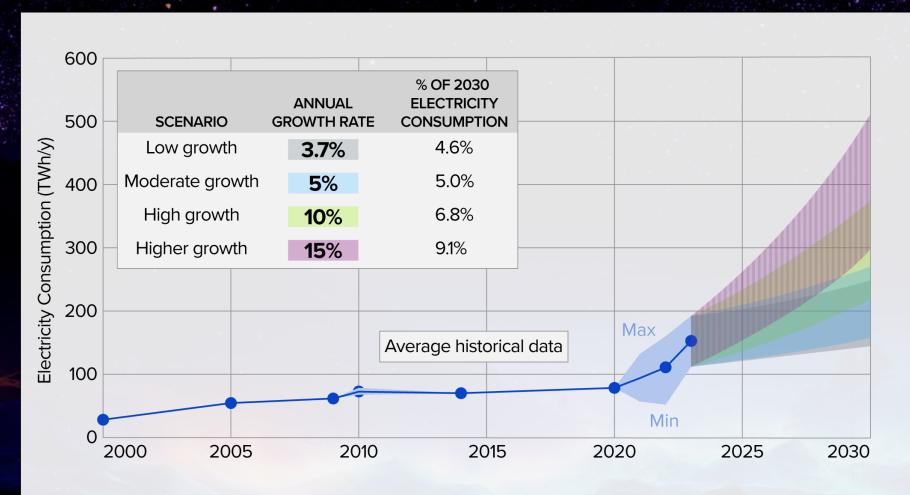








## U.S. Data Center Power Demands are Growing



#### **Revisions Coming Soon:**

- Load doubled from 2017-2023, reaching 176TWh (LBNL, Dec 2024)
- 3.7% and 5% growth scenarios unrealistic given investment levels
- Likely will add a 20% annual growth scenario
- Growth rate will moderate as installed base grows
- Will add crypto load

Source: EPRI, Powering Intelligence, May 2024



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Entergy's stock is surging after a \$10 billion Meta deal — the CEO says mega AI data centers are changing the utility business



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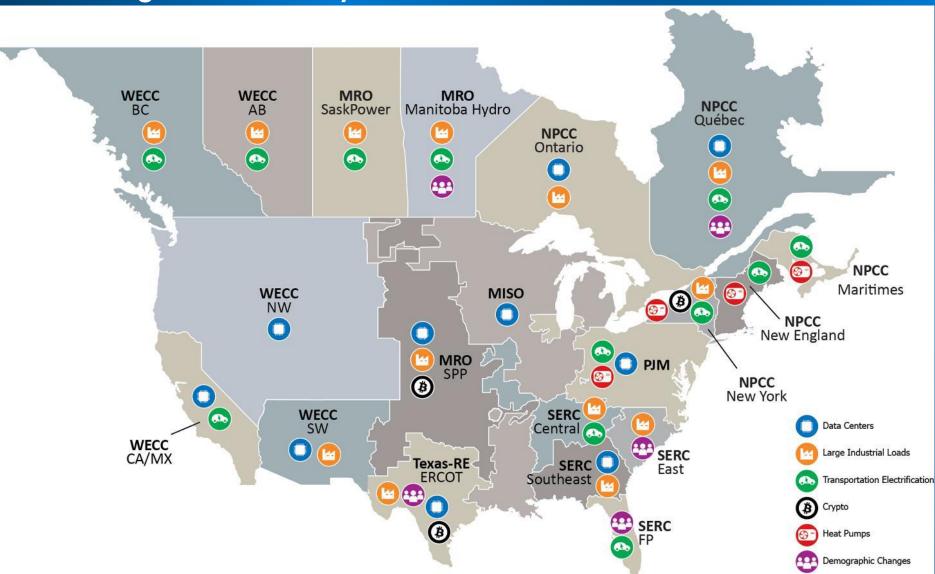
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## **NERC Assessments**

From Long Term Reliability Risk 2024

#### **North America**

Regional Reliability Concerns



Data Centers
Driving Load
Growth in the
United States

NERC Long-Term Reliability Assessment

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# Summary of OBBBA (2025)

# US Energy Supply Changing Policy

#### **Energy Tax Credits**

Technology	IRA Incentives (2022-2025) vs OBBBA Policy Changes (2025 onward)	Industry Outlook <sup>2</sup> in the U.S. with OBBBA
Solar & Wind	<ul> <li>48E and 45Y credits available until 2033</li> <li>Phased out after 2027¹; sourcing rules tightened (FEOC)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Continued growth trend through 2030, significant slow-down by 2035<sup>3</sup></li> <li>Overall higher electricity end-user prices</li> </ul>
Green Hydrogen	<ul><li>45V credit available until 2033</li><li>Phased out by 2028</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Deployment undermined by weak demand, loss of incentives, and sourcing restrictions</li> </ul>
Electric Vehicles	<ul> <li>30D, 25E, and 45W credits for EVs; 30C for charging infrastructure</li> <li>Phased out by 2026 (30D/25E/45W by Oct 2025, 30C by Jul 2026)</li> </ul>	Consumer adoption hit by loss of credits and policy uncertainty
Manufacturing	<ul> <li>45X and 28C credits support clean tech supply chain</li> <li>45X phased out after 2027 (wind) and 2028 (solar/storage);</li> <li>48C compromised by sourcing rules</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Clean energy manufacturing hit by loss of credits and supply chain constraints</li> <li>Subsidy loss threatens existing investments</li> </ul>
Carbon Capture	<ul> <li>45Q credit available until 2033</li> <li>Preserved; EOR provisions enhanced</li> </ul>	Growth in oil and gas CCS, challenged by foreign entity restrictions
Energy Storage	<ul><li>48E credit available until 2033</li><li>Preserved in full</li></ul>	Preserved credits support growth, challenged by foreign entity restrictions
Biofuels	<ul> <li>45Z credit available until 2027</li> <li>Extended to 2029; feedstock sourcing rules tightened; capped SAF</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Slow adoption, challenged by foreign entity restrictions</li> </ul>
Geothermal	<ul> <li>48E and 45Y credits available until 2033</li> <li>Preserved in full</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Moderate growth from low baseline</li> <li>R&amp;D support for superhot geothermal</li> </ul>
Nuclear	<ul> <li>ITC/PTC for new, 45U for existing plants available until 2033</li> <li>Preserved in full; fuel sourcing rules apply after 2028</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Challenges remain for large ~1GW reactors</li> <li>More optimistic outlook for SMRs, XMRs</li> </ul>
Oil, Gas	<ul> <li>No support</li> <li>Gains tax breaks, public land access, and regulatory rollbacks</li> </ul>	Stable or rising share, as renewables face disadvantage

#### Source: Columbia Business School (<u>link</u>)

(1) Construction by 4 July 2026 = 4 years to completion, after = in service before 2028. (2) EV, Carbon Capture, Energy Storage, Biofuels, Hydrogen and Oil, Gas & Coal's Outlook use EIA's reference case and alternative transportation case. (3) Outlook expectations for solar and wind based on EIA's 2025 AEO, using "Reference" Case and "High Zero-Carbon Technology Cost" Case. Sources: Congress, One Big Beautiful Bill Act (2025); DOE, Inflation Reduction Act (2022); Norton Rose Fulbright, Effects of "One Big Beautiful Bill" On Projects (2025); CKI Analysis (2025). Credit: Mariana Castaño, Ariela Farchi, Nicolas Herrera Isaza, Isabel Hoyos, Hyae Ryung Kim, and Gernot Wagner. Share with attribution: Castaño et al, "Climate Impact of One Big Beautiful Bill Act" (15 July 2025).



## 2024 Finalized EPA Regulations



#### **GHG Rule (111 b/d)**

#### Existing Coal & New Gas

#### **Existing Coal**

- Operate beyond 2038 CCS
- Operate thru 2038 40% NG Cofiring
- Control by Jare **31**32 (CCS) or Jan **1**, 2030 (Co-firing)

New/MPMOPS as

- Lefined as Commencing construction after May 2023
- >40% Cap Factor CCS
- 20%<CF≤40% High Efficiency Req



# Effluent Guidelines (ELG)

#### **Existing Coal**

Control no later than Dec 2029

Retire by 2028 – nothing

Currension

- . GD Wardposed
- All ash transport water

#### Landfill leachate

- Operate to 2034 Hg & As limits
- Operate beyond 2034 ZLD

# Legacy CCR Impoundments

#### No Operating Unit Impacts

Inclusion of previously excluded inactive ash impoundments & landfills

Meet 20 ptions & Requirements ension

- I spections proposed
- Gloundwater Monitoring & Connective Actions
- Closure & Post Closure Care
- Others

Additional Impoundment Closures / Remediation



# MATS Risk & Technology Review

Existing Coal & Oil Fired

Lower filterable particulate matter (PM) standard \_

Lowering standard for lignite units Repeard of the lignite

PM Configure Emissions
Monitoring Oposequire

for compliance

Additional Continuous Emissions Monitoring

Isolated Unit-specific Controls Improvements

**Accelerated Coal Retirements** 

40% CF Caps for New gas

Significant Post-retirement
Water Treatment

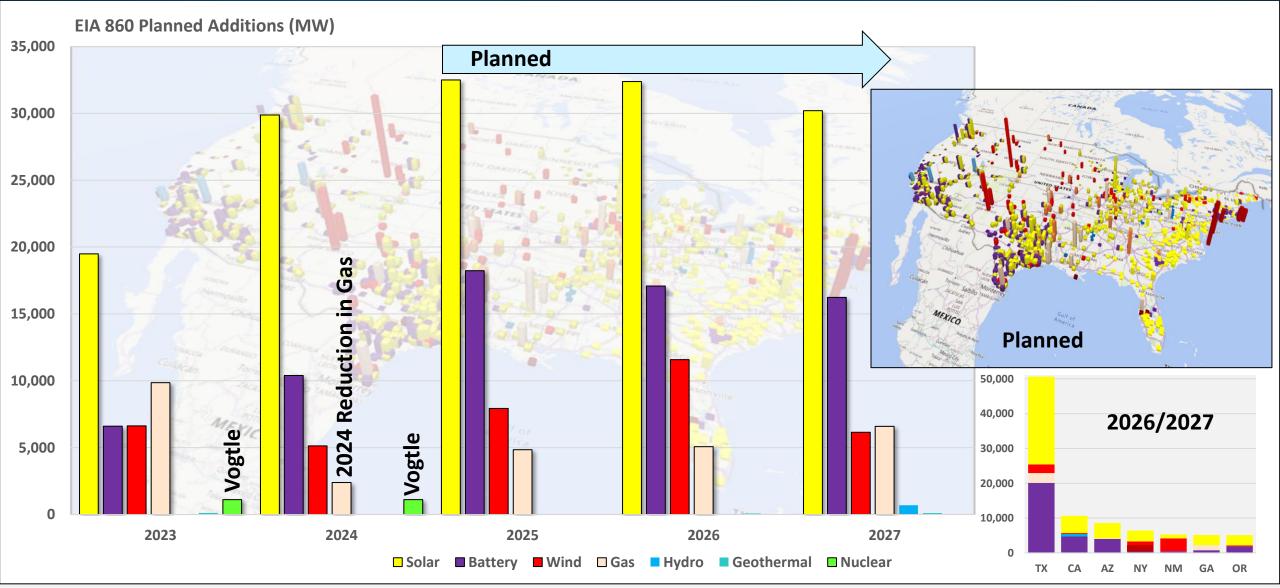


# **US Additions**

#### **EIA 860 Data Generation**

#### Planned and Actuals

Solar and Batteries still dominate in Planned

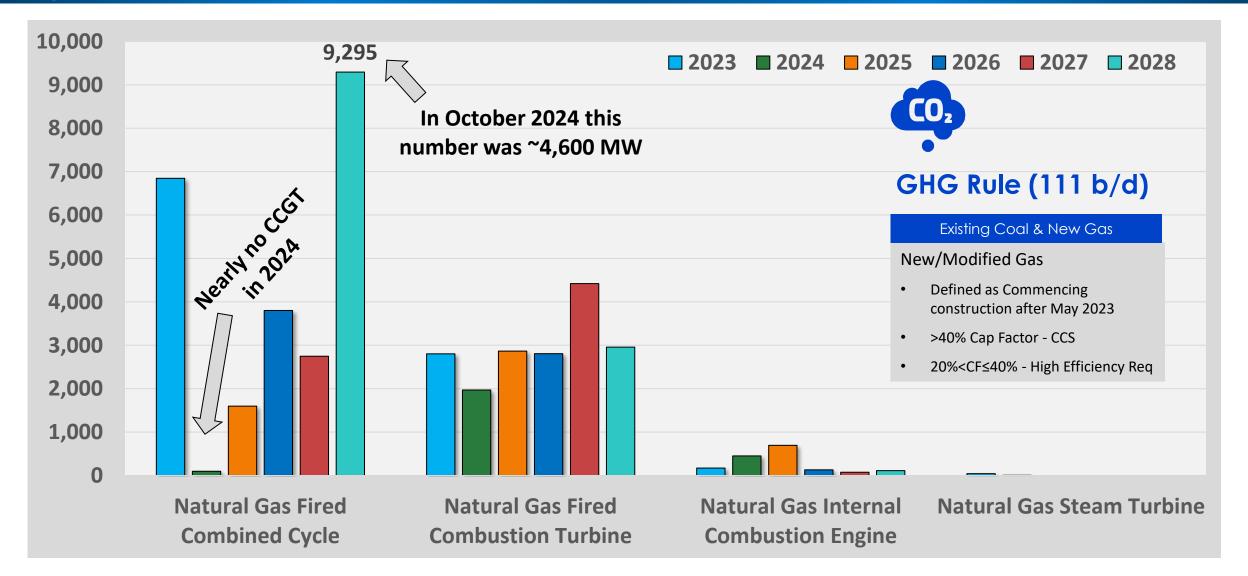


# Changing Gas Generation

## Impacts of Rules

And Demand Growth

July 2025 Data

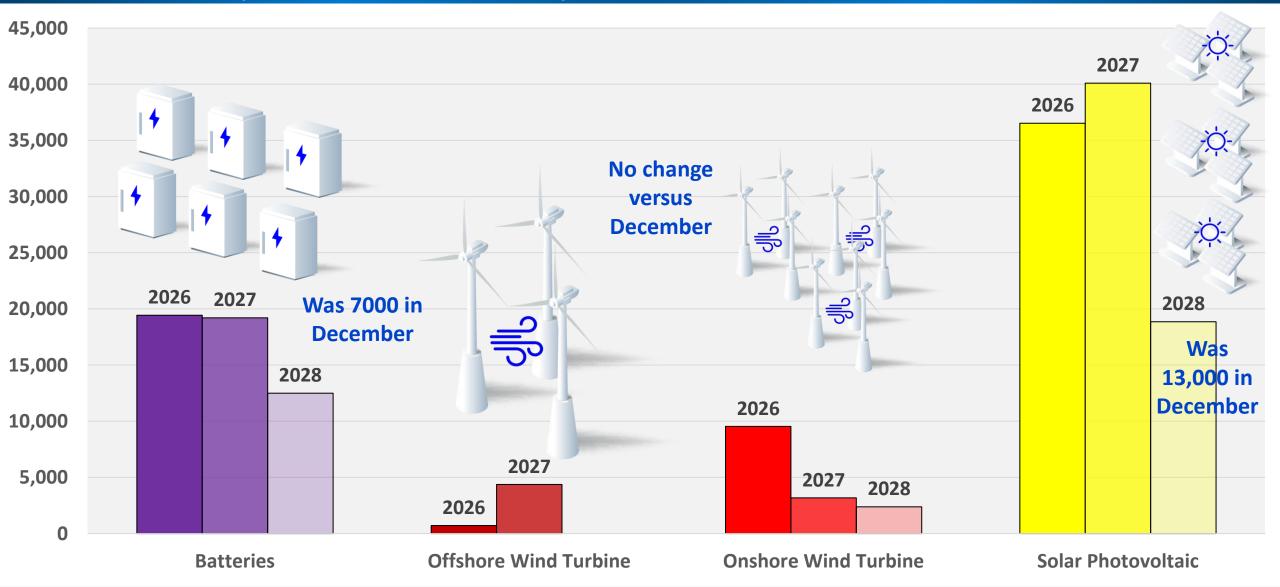


# Changing Renewable + Storage

## Impacts of Rules

United States (plans as of July 2025)

2028 Reductions? ...

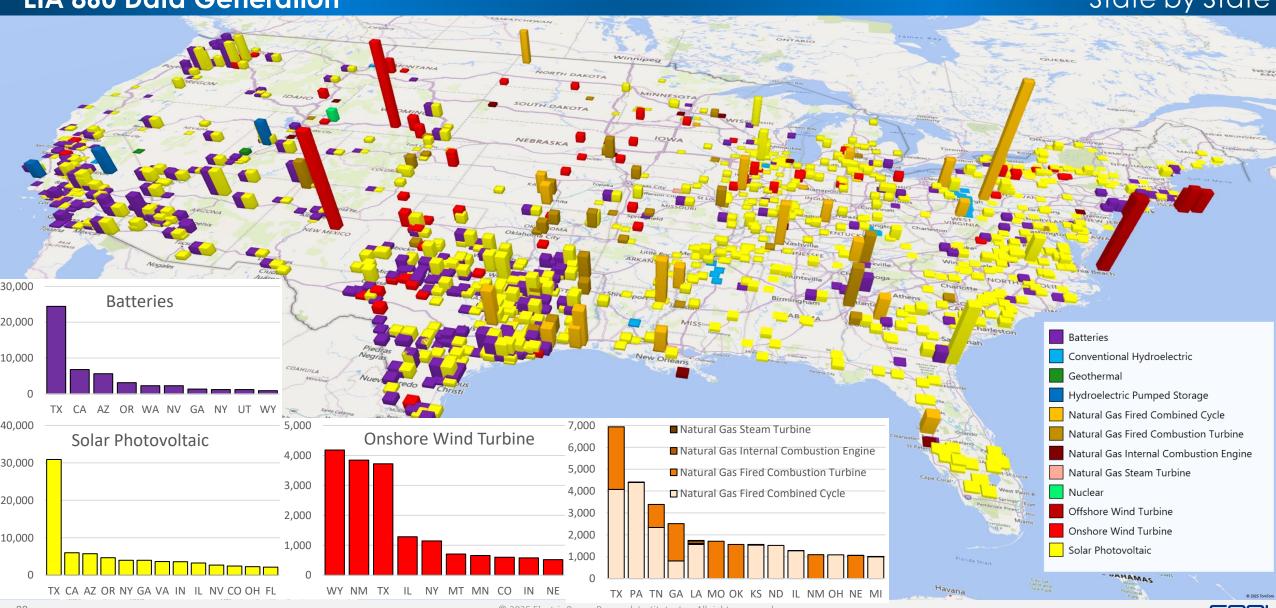


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Planned 2026-2031

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State by State

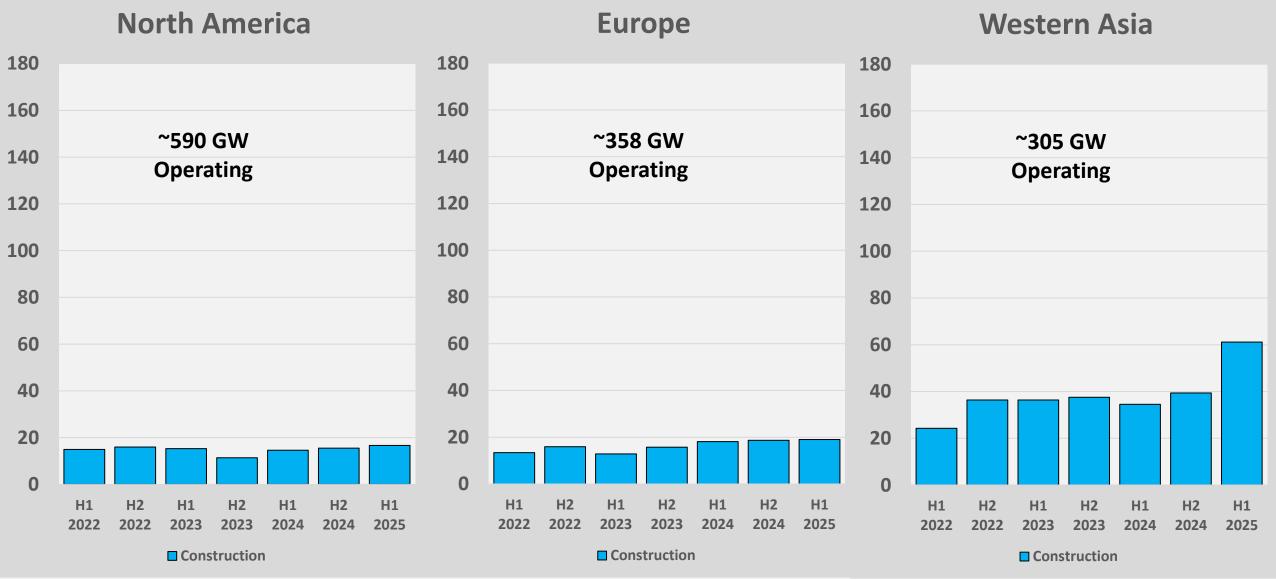


# Gas and Oil Generation

## Significant Regional Growth

**Predominantly Gas** 

North America Plans, Western Asia Construction

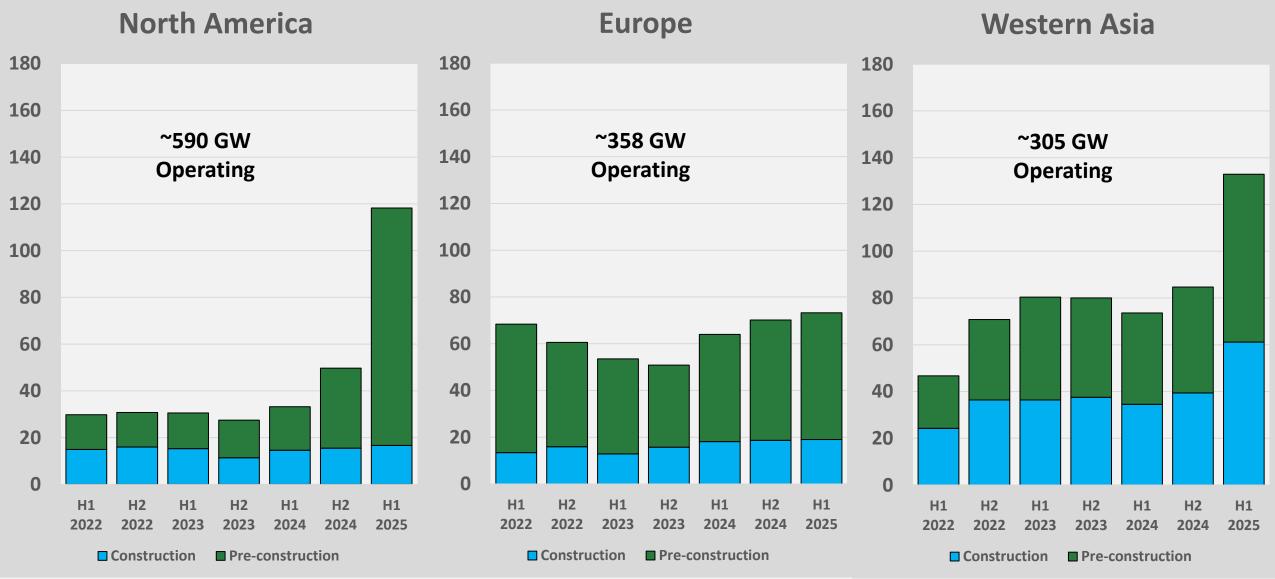


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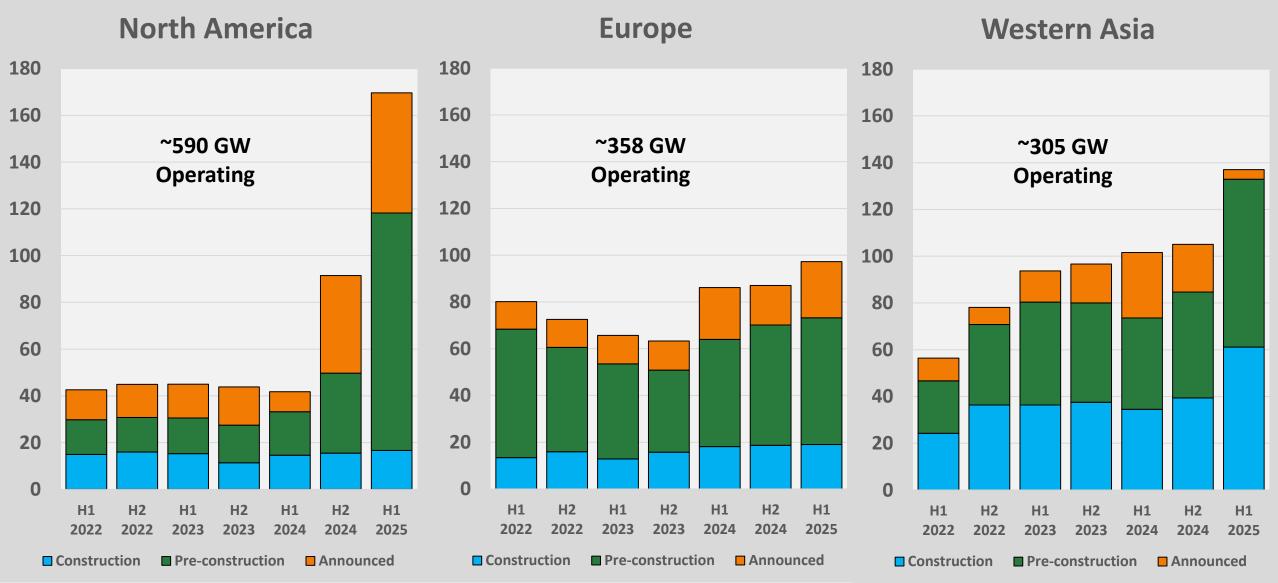


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## **Supply Chain**



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Costs to build gas plants triple, says CEO of NextEra Energy

#4 Aging Gas Turbine Fleets: Time for Tough Choices

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**Natural Gas Data** 

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Georgia was about to retire coal plants. Then came the data centers.

Daily Gas Price Index

Earnings

Power Generation

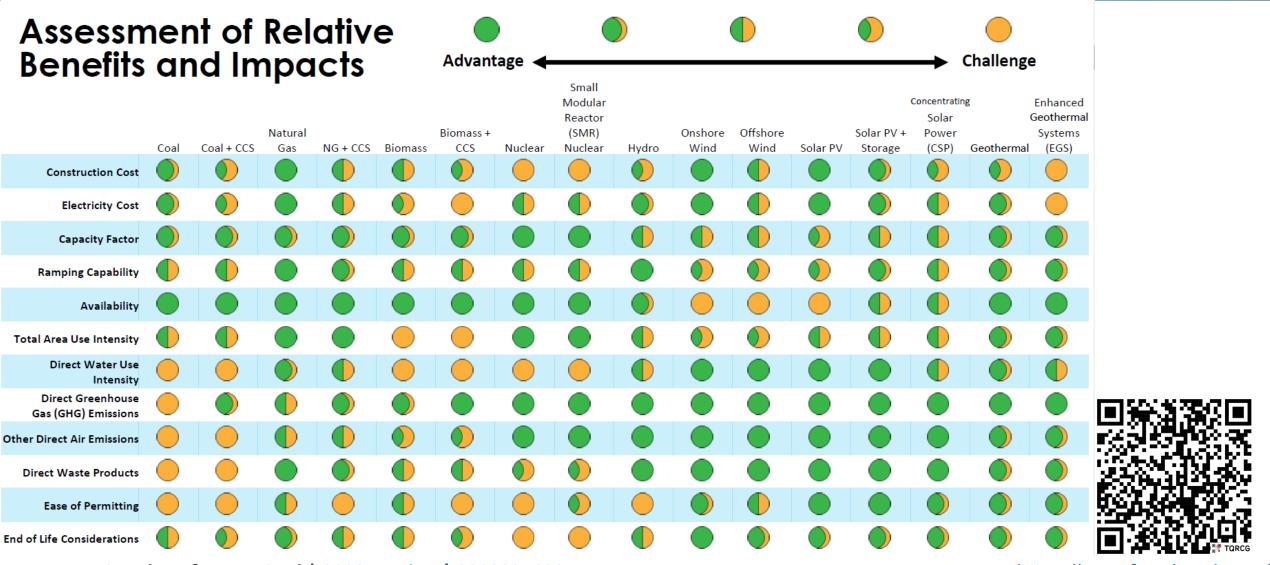
'Higher-for-Longer' Natural Gas Power, With Equipment Sold Out Through 2027, Says GE Vernova CEO & new builds

Supply chain impacts current fleet & new builds

# Relative Advantages

#### **Generation Sources**

Varying Advantages and Challenges



## **Timelines**

#### Generation Sources

Varying Durations

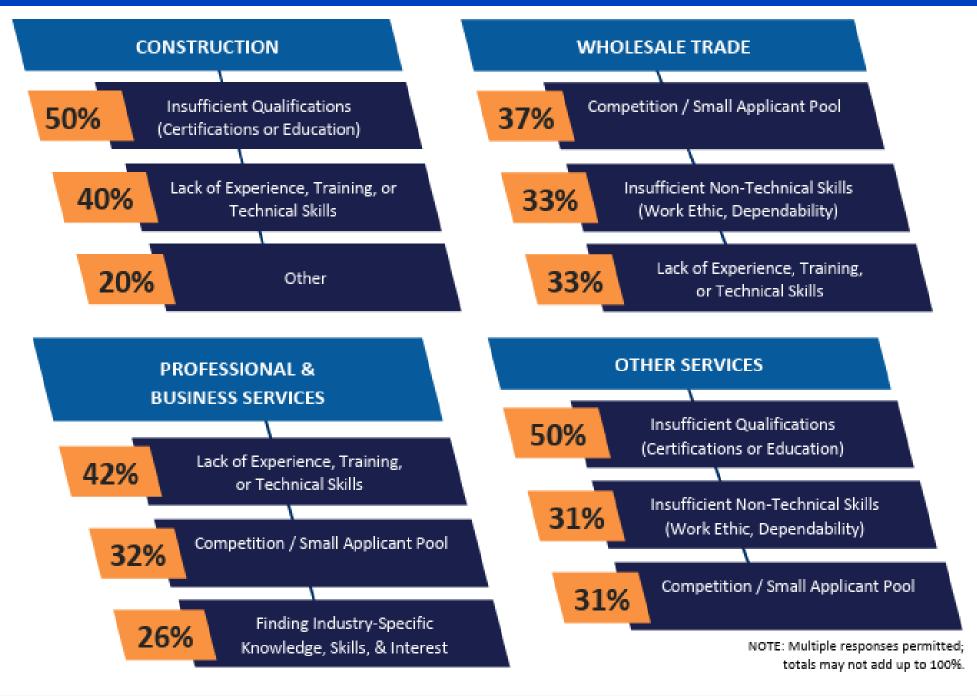
Technology	Pre-development & Development		Total
Lithium Ion	1-2	1-1	2-3
Solar PV	1-2	1-2	2-4
Reciprocating Engine	1-2	1-2	2-4
Combustion Turbine	1-2	1-3	2-5
Onshore Wind	2-4	1-2	3-6
Combined Cycle	1-2	2-4	3-6
Pulverized Coal Steam Turbine	2-4	3-4	5-8
Carbon Capture and Storage	2-5	2-4	4-9
Offshore Wind	6-9	2-3	8-12
Conventional Hydro	5-10	4-7	9-17
Nuclear	5-10	5-10	10-20
Pumped Storage Hydro	5-10	3-12	8-22

3002028509 Technology Deployment Timelines Project Development





#### 2025 United States Energy & Employment Report



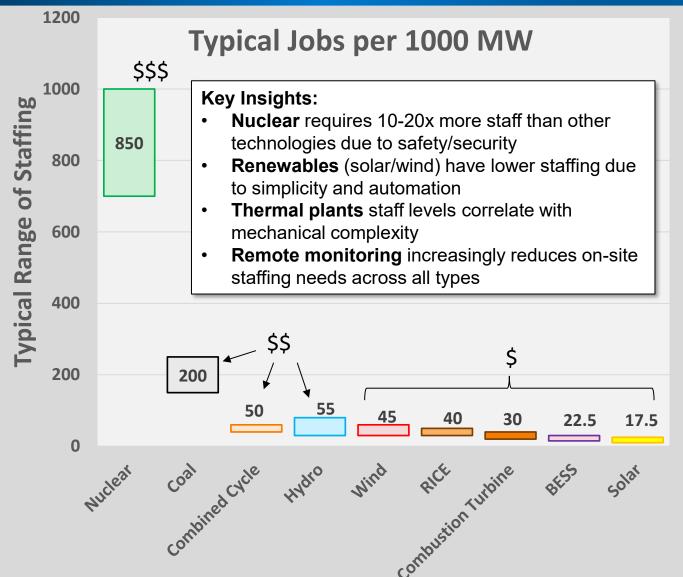


# **Operating Staffing Estimates**

#### 1000 MW facilities

Vary based on technology, automation level, regulatory requirements, and operational philosophy

**Not Definitive – Indicative Numbers** 



#### **Nuclear Power**

Operations: 200-300 (licensed operators, shift supervision) Maintenance: 250-400 (extensive preventive maintenance)

Engineering: 100-150

Security: 100-150 (NRC requirements)

Radiation Protection: 30-50 Management/Support: 50-100

Nuclear plants require by far the largest staff due to safety

requirements, security, and regulatory compliance.

#### **Coal Power Plant**

Operations: 60-80 (boiler, turbine, coal handling, emissions control)

Maintenance: 60-100 (more equipment complexity)

Engineering/Environmental: 20-30 Management/Support: 10-40

#### Gas, Hydro, Solar, Wind, BESS

Operations: (multi-skilled)

Maintenance: (can be mechanical, electrical, I&C technicians)

Management/Support/Engineering

Varies by technology but typically 80-90% Operations and Maintenance, 10-20% Management/Support/Engineering

Indicative Numbers Only Actuals may vary widely



## **Construction Estimates**

**Not Definitive – Indicative Numbers** 

### 6000 **Typical Peak Staffing per 1000 MW** 5000 60-120 months Peak Construction Staff 4000 4000 3000 2000 600 1000 500 325 0

#### 1000 MW facilities

Vary based on technology, automation level, regulatory requirements, and operational philosophy

Combined Cycle Gas Turbine (CCGT) - 1000 MW

•Engineering/Management: 40-60

•Project managers, construction engineers, QA/QC, schedulers

•Mechanical trades: 120-180

•Pipefitters, welders, millwrights, HVAC technicians

•Electrical/I&C: 80-120

•Electricians, instrument technicians, controls specialists

•Civil trades: 100-150

•Concrete workers, ironworkers, heavy equipment operators, carpenters

•Specialized contractors: 40-60

•Turbine/generator installation, commissioning specialists

•Support: 20-30

•Safety, warehousing, logistics

Solar Field (PV) - 1000 MW

•Engineering/Management: 40-60

•Project managers, electrical engineers, civil engineers

•Electrical trades: 150-300

•Electricians, wire pullers, termination specialists

•Civil/Installation: 150-300

•Equipment operators (grading), pile drivers, racking installers

•Solar installers: 50-120

•Panel installation crews (often semi-skilled labor)

•Specialized contractors: 10-20

•Inverter installation, SCADA systems

Large solar projects are labor-intensive but with shorter skill requirements; workforce can

scale up quickly.

**Indicative Numbers Only Actuals may vary widely** 



#### **Workforce & the Generation Transition**

- Demand for labor is increasing faster than new capacity or capability can be created
- The workforce supporting the existing fleet is already constrained
- 3. The current workforce is reducing, making successful recruitment, training, and retention essential
- Transitioning the workforce to other roles is valuable but challenging
- 5. Many organizations have mitigation and retention strategies, but cross-industry collaboration can provide significant value



#### An Industry-wide effort is needed.



## **Powering the Future: A Modern Workforce Strategy**

Cultivating a Skilled, Agile, and Optimized Utility Workforce



#### **Workforce Training**

Educate and develop staff.

- ✓ Educate staff on new technologies and applications. Address knowledge gaps on existing technologies and job functions.
- ✓ Deliver training in an effective manner by leveraging emerging technologies and delivery mechanisms.
- ✓ Leverage training resources to build resilient expertise.



#### **Build the Pipeline**

Proactively cultivate a deep and diverse talent pool through strategic partnerships.

- ✓ Partner with schools and colleges for internships & apprenticeships.
- ✓ Recruit from non-traditional sources like veterans and career changers.
- ✓ Address the why and the impact to attract talent.



#### **Optimize Labor**

Use data and technology to schedule projects with maximum efficiency and foresight.

- ✓ Collaborative approach for smart major project scheduling.
- ✓ Use data-driven analytics for strategic, proactive outage planning.
- ✓ Capture institutional knowledge through structured mentorship.

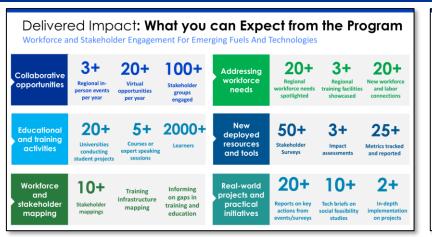


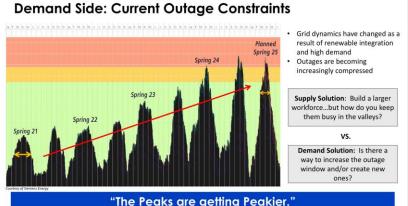
### **Ongoing EPRI Research**

#### Moving Forward: Modernized Workforce Development

- 1. Modernization of Training: Active Learners are Lifelong Learners
  - · SAT Based and Purposeful
  - Active Learner Centric
  - · Appropriate Use of Technology
- 2. Pipelines to Braided Rivers: Individualized Career Progression
- Non-Linear Career Pathways
- Diverse Backgrounds
- · Sustainable and Adaptive
- 3. One Workforce Perspective: Same Tasks Across Technologies
- Leverage Technology Synergies
- Unified and Versatile Workforce
- · Task Oriented Competencies and Qualifications
- 4. Regional and Community Focused: Regional Economic Needs
  - Build Regional Workforce Collaborations
  - Purposeful K-12 Focus
  - · Individual Ties to Community
- 5. Enable Sustainable Models: Resilient and Modern Approaches
- Shared Training and WFD Resources
- · Scalable: Up and Down
- · Continual Technology Advancements







Increase integration of training resources.

Leverage common trainings across fossil and nuclear.

Building the pipeline is critical to success.

Partner with universities, community colleges, unions, etc. to ensure needed skills are being integrated into programs.

Collaborative optimization of labor deployment to support workforce development and increase efficiency



## Generation Workforce Affinity Group

- Industry wide. Members, Labor Unions, OEM's, EPC's & Others
- Coordinate, facilitate, expedite workforce solutions
- Free to Join.

**KICKOFF WEBCAST – SEPT 30<sup>th</sup>** 



A Big Tent, Industry-wide approach.

**Generation Workforce Affinity Group** 





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