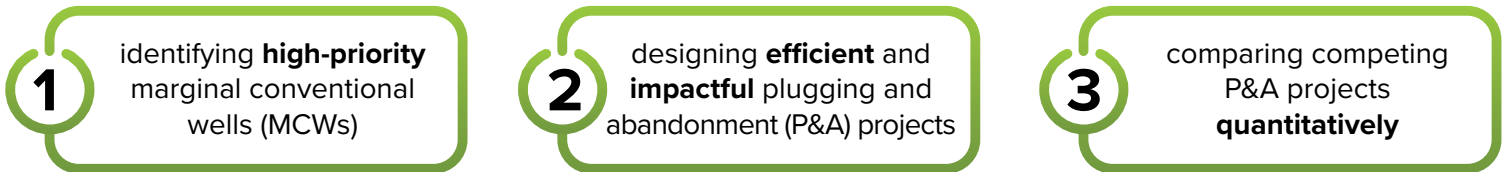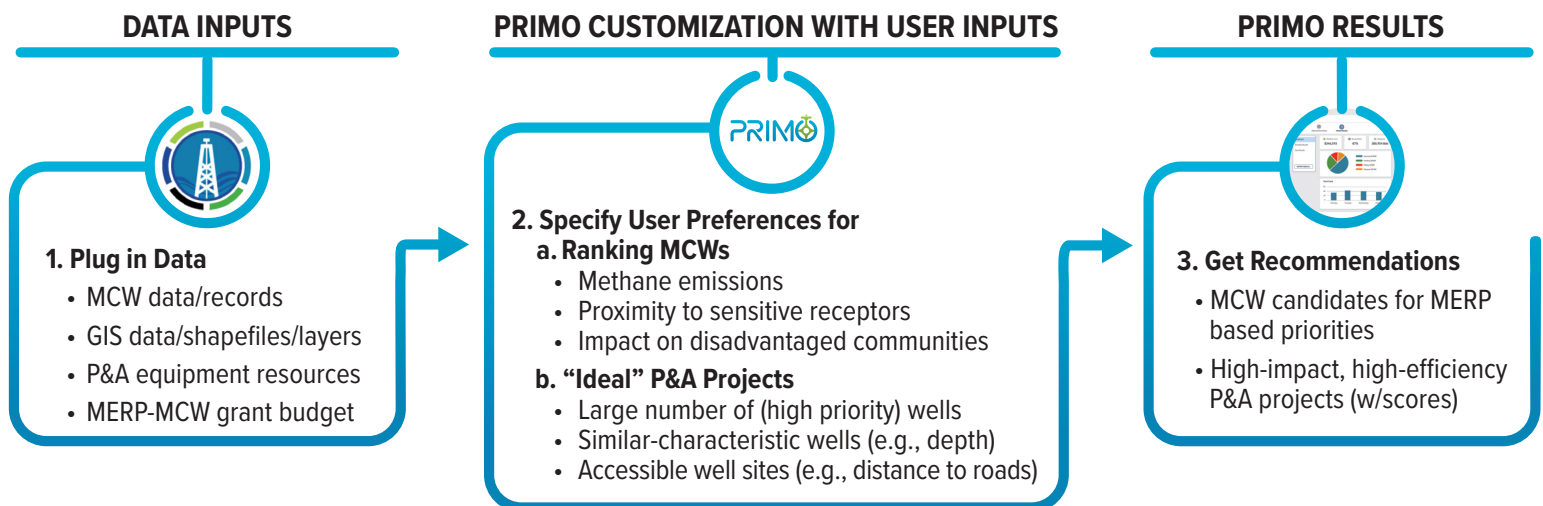# PRIMO – The P&A Project Optimizer

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PRIMO is a **free and open-source** software decision-support tool developed by the Department of Energy's National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL) to support the Methane Emissions Reduction Program (MERP) by:

MODULAR CAPABILITIES

1 identifying **high-priority** marginal conventional wells (MCWs)

2 designing **efficient** and **impactful** plugging and abandonment (P&A) projects

3 comparing competing P&A projects **quantitatively**

HOW IT WORKS

1. Users provide data on wells (e.g., depth), site (e.g., population density) characteristics, and program provisions (e.g., budget)

2. Users specify priorities for ranking wells (e.g., methane emissions) and "ideal" plugging projects (e.g., number of wells per project)

3. PRIMO executes a rigorous, optimization-based routine to return specific recommendations for ideal well candidates for the MERP and high-impact, high-efficiency well plugging projects

DATA INPUTS

1. Plug in Data
- MCW data/records
- GIS data/shapefiles/layers
- P&A equipment resources
- MERP-MCW grant budget

PRIMO CUSTOMIZATION WITH USER INPUTS

2. Specify User Preferences for
  a. Ranking MCWs
- Methane emissions
- Proximity to sensitive receptors
- Impact on disadvantaged communities

  b. "Ideal" P&A Projects
- Large number of (high priority) wells
- Similar-characteristic wells (e.g., depth)
- Accessible well sites (e.g., distance to roads)

PRIMO RESULTS

3. Get Recommendations
- MCW candidates for MERP based priorities
- High-impact, high-efficiency P&A projects (w/scores)

PRIMO supports **data-based, transparent, and defensible** well selection and plugging decisions. PRIMO has been developed to support the MERP with funding from the EPA. There are no license fees or software use restrictions.

NETL is prepared and eager to assist MERP financial assistance recipients interested in PRIMO. For support and/or questions, contact PRIMO@netl.doe.gov.

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