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INITIAL ENGINEERING AND DESIGN FOR CO₂ CAPTURE FROM ETHANOL FACILITIES

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Pre-FEED Cost Estimate

AGENDA

- Project Overview
- Red Trail Energy, LLC (RTE) CCS
- Technology and Scope
- Project Status
- Summary and Questions



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PROJECT OVERVIEW

- Project Budget: \$1,949,954
 - \$1,559,954 DOE funds
 - \$390,000 cost share
 - ♦ \$375,000 RTE
 - ♦ \$15,000 EERC
- Period of Performance (POP): Oct 1, 2020 – Sep 30, 2022
- Goal: Develop an initial engineering design (IED) and estimated cost for capture and compression of CO₂ generated from an operational ethanol production facility



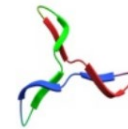
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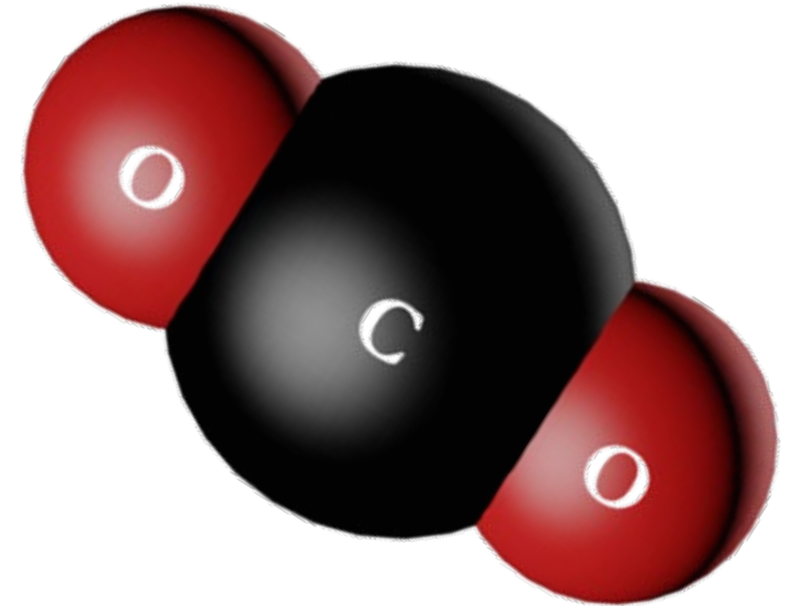
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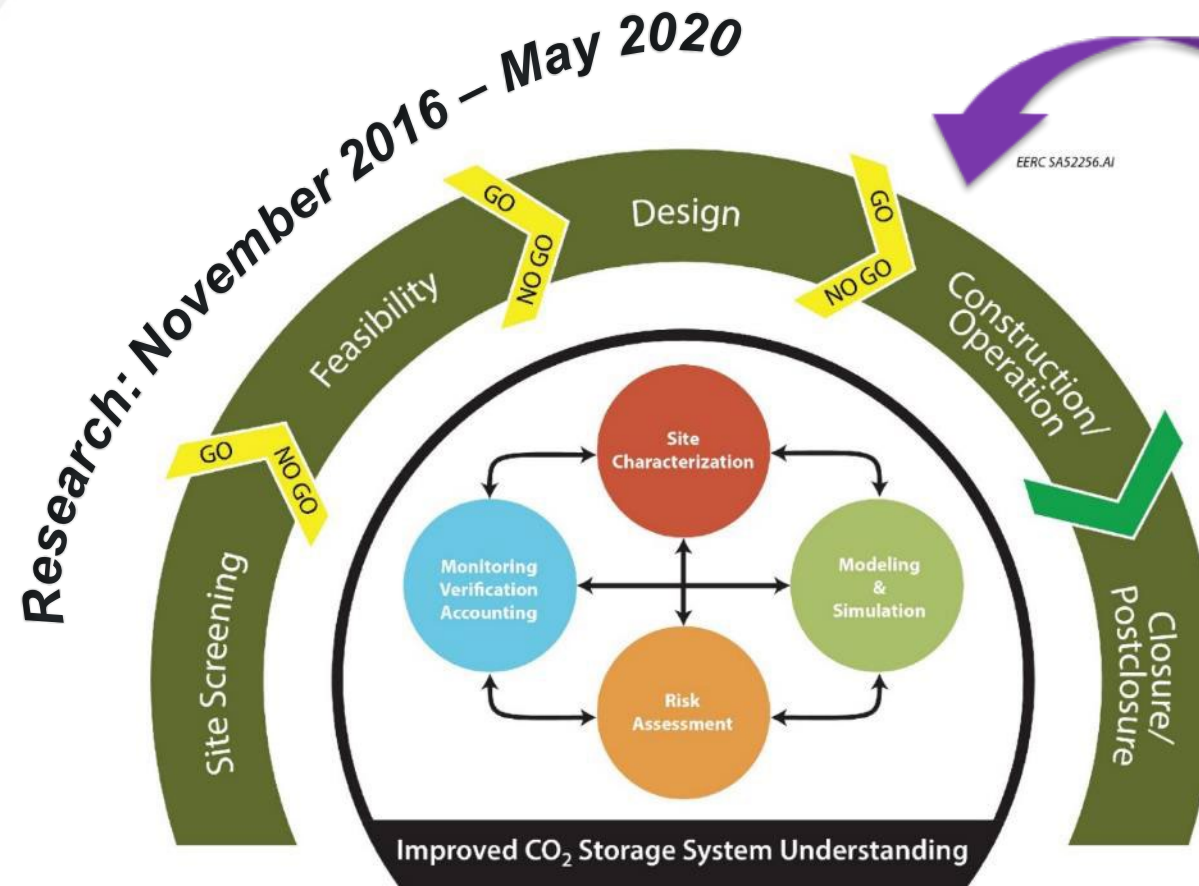
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PROJECT OBJECTIVES

- Design a hybrid capture system using CO₂ emissions from both bioprocessing and heat production at the RTE facility.
- Complete a pre-front-end engineering and design (FEED) analysis of the hybrid capture system, which includes environmental health and safety (EH&S), constructability report, identification of permits, and corporate approvals.
- Complete a techno-economic assessment (TEA) in accordance with DOE's methodology, as demonstrated by the bituminous baseline study.

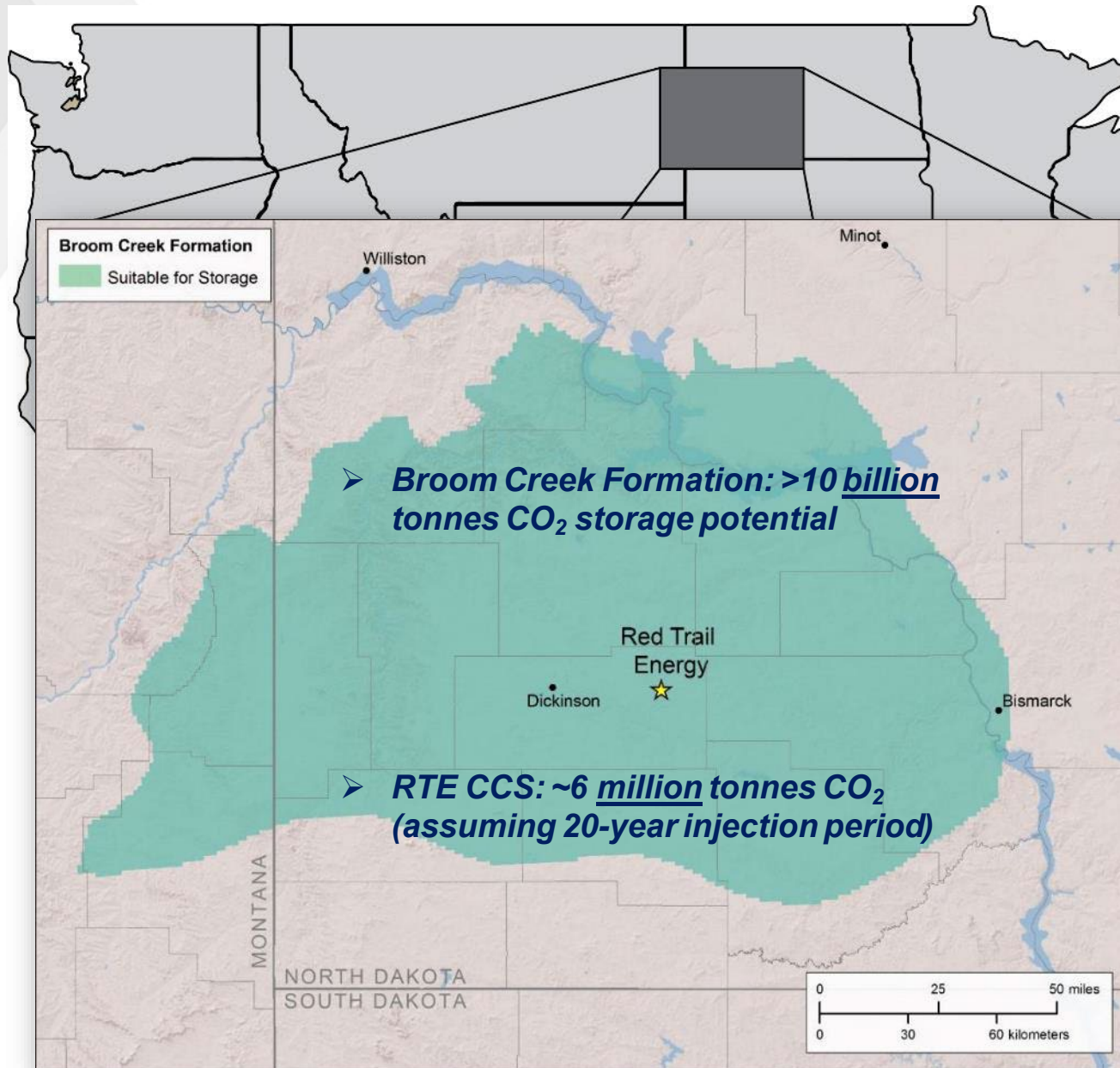


RTE CCS PROJECT



➤ The first North Dakota Class VI permit **approved** October 19, 2021.

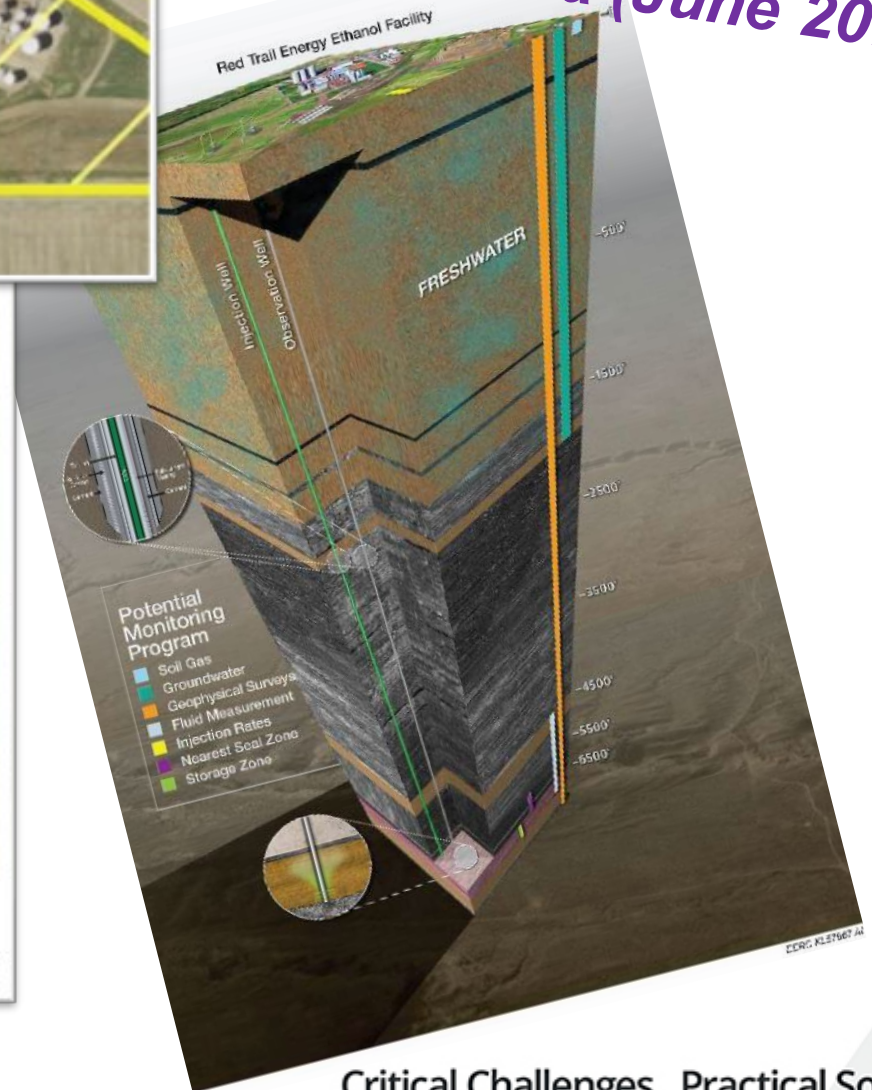
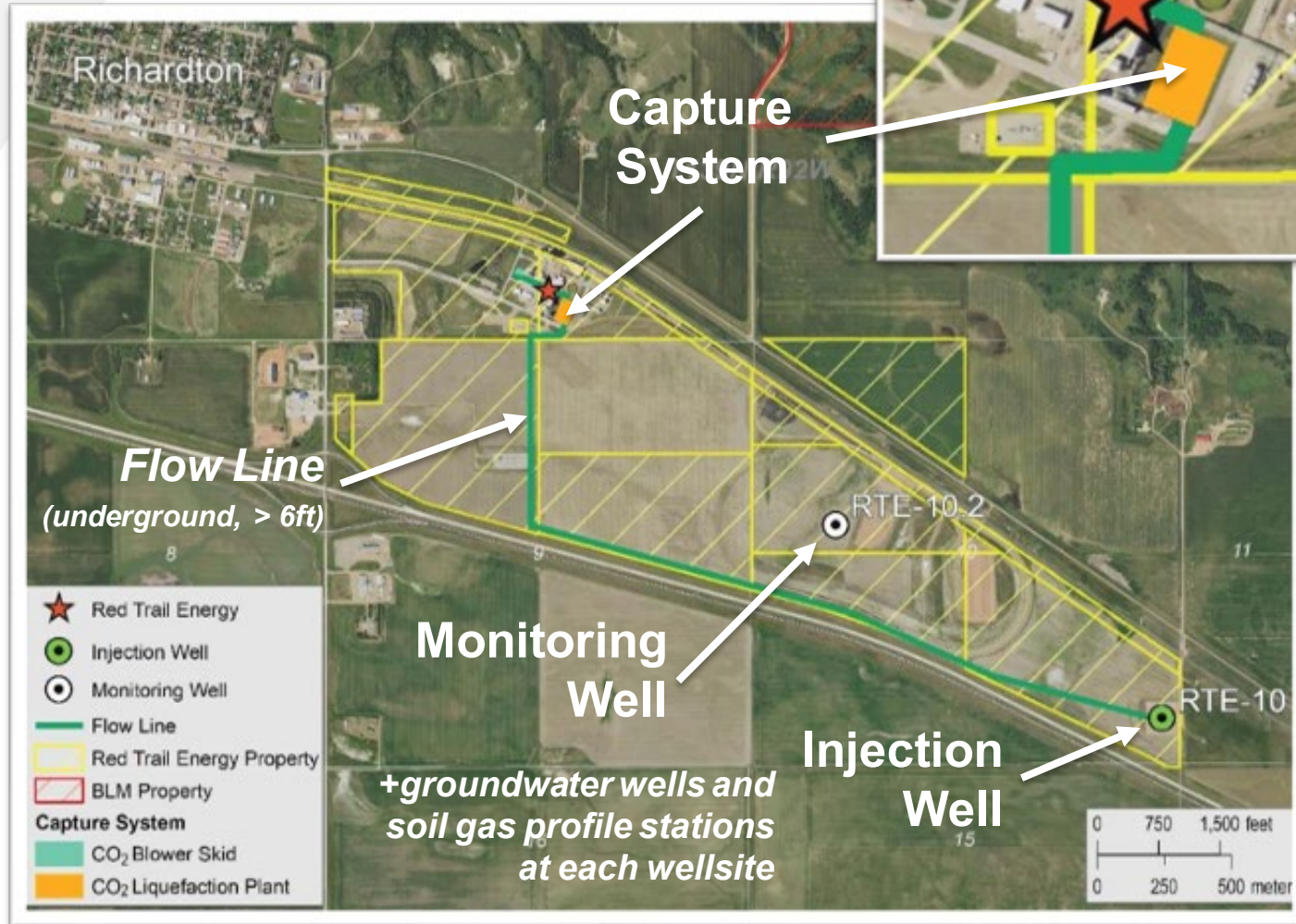
RTE SITE: Excellent CCS Case Study



- CO₂ capture potential
 - ~310,000 tonnes/yr of CO₂ from bioprocessing, heat production.
 - Bioprocessing CO₂ stream is nearly pure.
- Geologic storage potential:
 - Broom Creek Formation
 - 6400 ft directly underlying RTE facility, ~300 ft thick

RTE CCS IMPLEMENTATION

➤ First commercial-scale
CCS operations in North
Dakota (June 2022)



Critical Challenges. Practical Solutions.

PROJECT TECHNOLOGY

CO₂ from Bioprocessing



Steam/Electricity



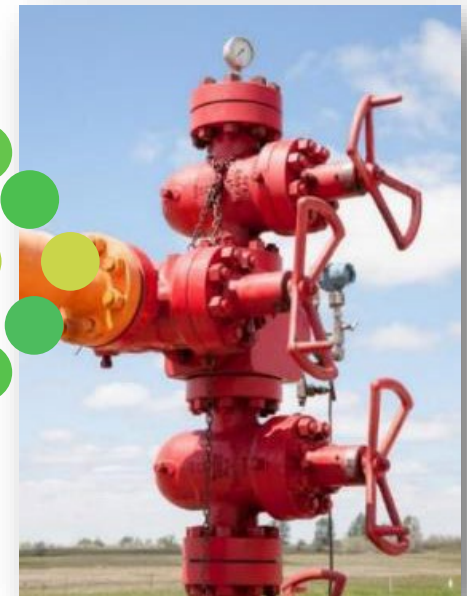
CO₂ from Heat Production



Hybrid
Capture
System



Injection for
Geologic Storage



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ETHANOL-CCS PROCESS WITH NOVEL HYBRID CAPTURE SYSTEM

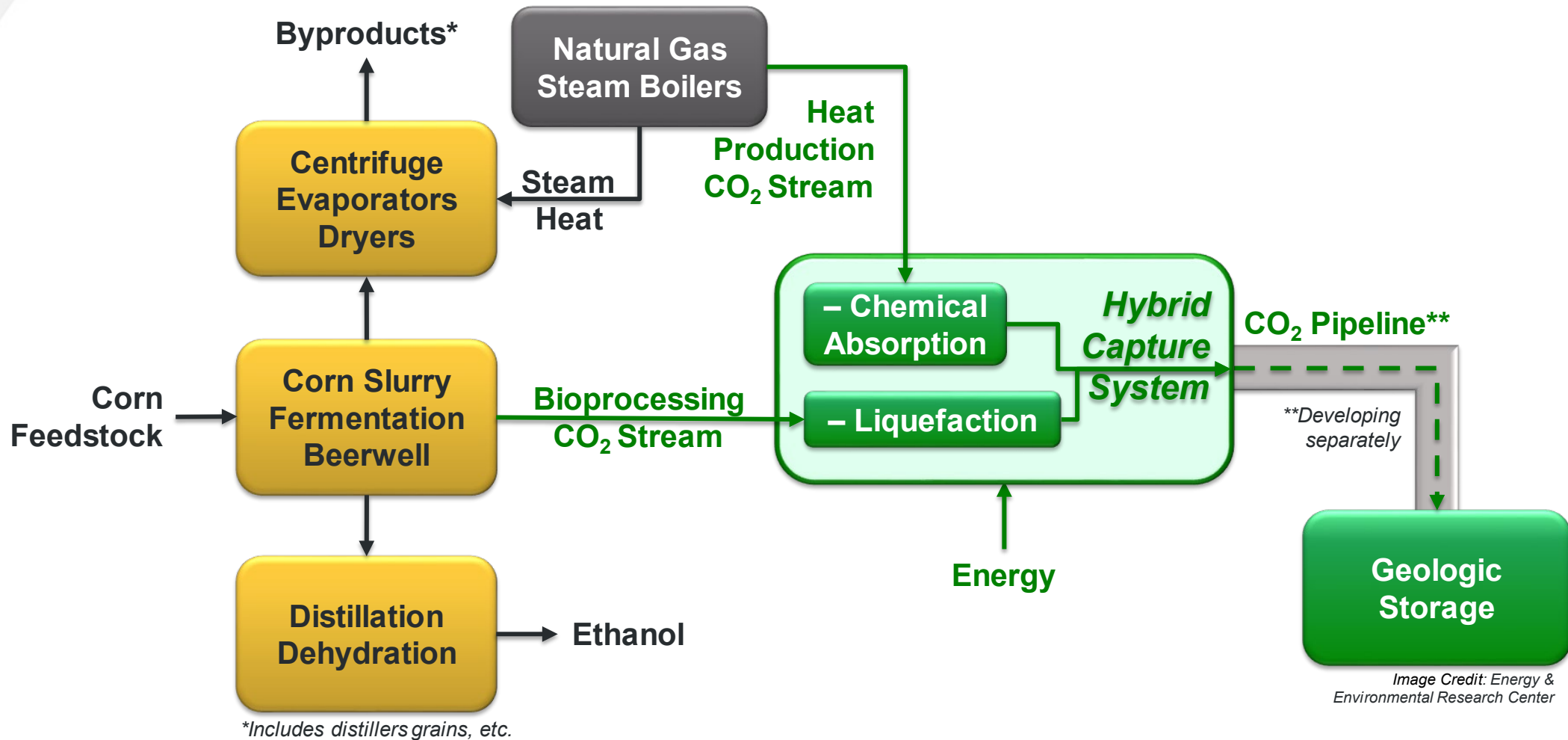


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PROJECT SCOPE

➤ **POP: Oct 1, 2020 – Sep 30, 2022**

1. Project Management and Planning
2. Project Engineering and Design
3. Determine Pre-FEED Cost Estimate

Milestone Title	Planned Completion Date
M1 – Design Basis Determined	End of Month 4
M2 – Complete Pre-FEED Analysis	End of Month 12
M3 – Complete Design	End of Month 12
M4 – Complete TEA	End of Month 15

Task	2020			2021												2022								
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
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SUCCESS CRITERIA

- ✓ Completion of design basis for hybrid capture at RTE.



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- ✓ Completion of TEA for design basis at RTE.
- ✓ Pre-FEED-level cost estimate for implementation of hybrid capture technology at RTE.
- ✓ Designed capture process that provides negative CO₂ emissions for RTE.
- ❑ RTE management approval of hybrid capture design such that it is considered by the RTE Board.

HYBRID-CCS SCENARIOS:

*Design Basis and Operational Estimates**

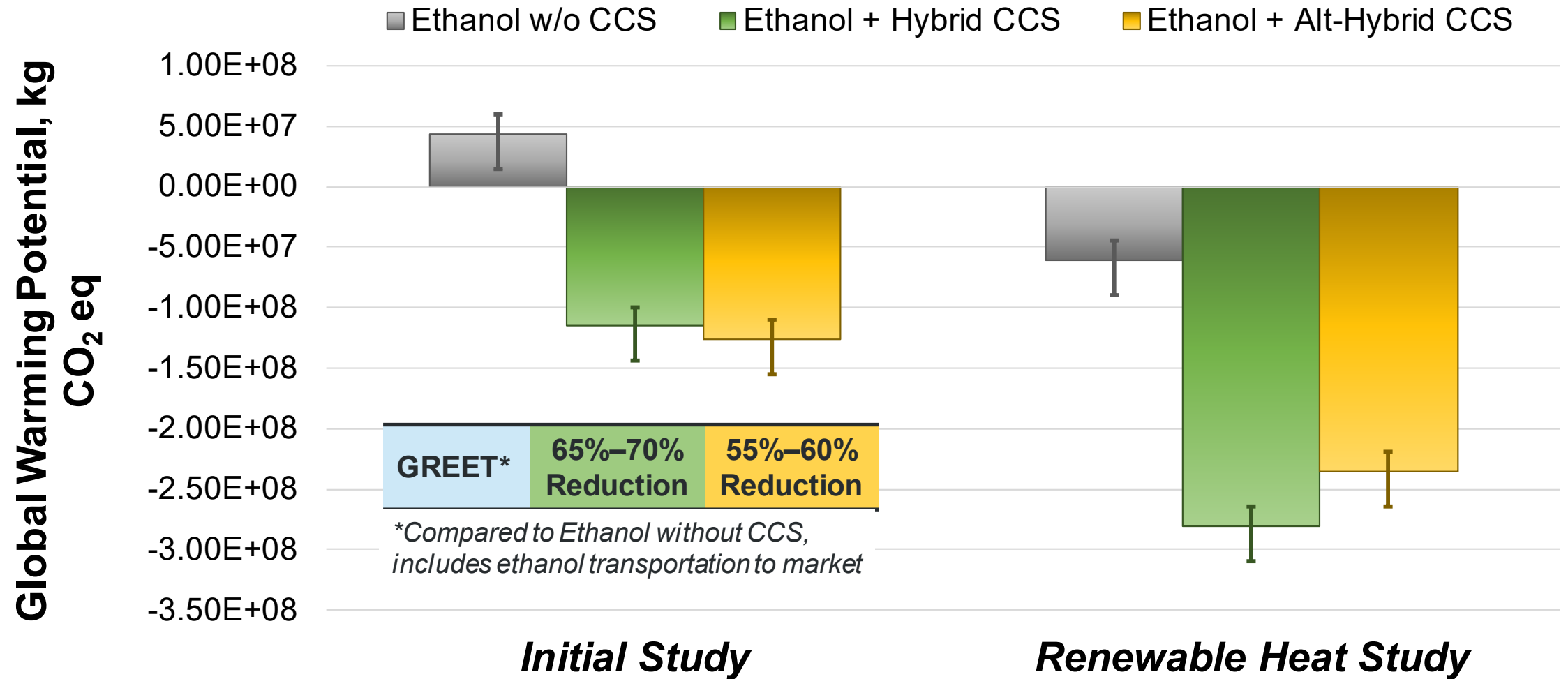
Scenario:	Maximum Amine Capture	Alternative Amine Capture
<i>CO₂ Capture Design</i>	<i><u>90%</u> of CO₂ from boiler flue gas</i>	<i><u>45%</u> of CO₂ from boiler flue gas</i>
Annual CO ₂ Rate	~130,000 tonnes (~310,000 tonnes total)	~65,000 tonnes (~245,000 tonnes total)
Equipment Differences	New boiler and flue gas blower; added compression and dehydration	Smaller amine unit
Power	3.3 MW	0.8 MW
Natural Gas	54 MMBtu/hr	27 MMBtu/hr

**In addition to bioprocessing–liquefaction system and existing ethanol-processing operations.*

TASK 1.0 – PROJECT MANAGEMENT AND PLANNING

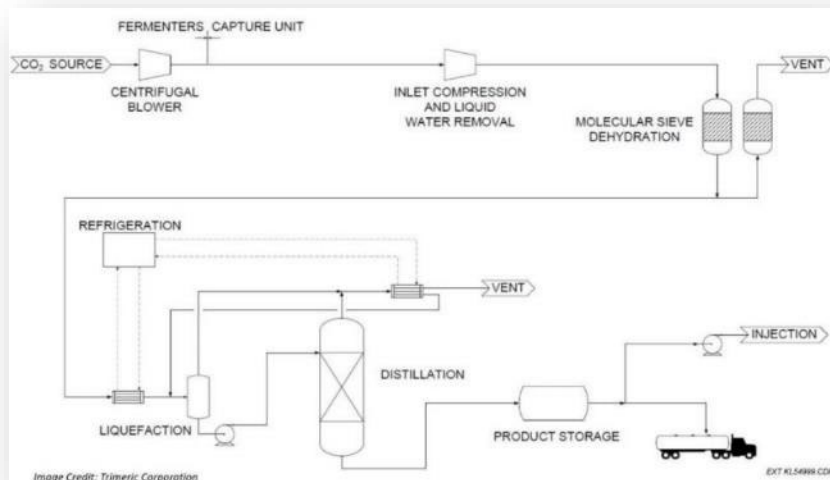
- Subtask 1.1 – Project Management Plan (PMP)
- Subtask 1.2 – Technology Maturation Plan (TMP)
- Subtask 1.3 – TEA and Technology EH&S Risk Assessment
 - ✓ Hazardous Operations (HAZOP) Assessment
- Subtask 1.4 – State Point Data Table
- Subtask 1.5 – Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) Report
 - ✓ NETL openLCA modeling
 - ✓ **Investigate renewable heat**
 - * *Corn stover gasification for steam generation*
 - ✓ **Compare to low-carbon fuel model**
 - * *GREET (Greenhouse Gases, Regulated Emissions, and Energy Use in Transportation)*

NETL LCA MODEL: PRELIMINARY RESULTS



TASK 2.0 – PROJECT ENGINEERING AND DESIGN

- **Subtask 2.1 – Design Basis**
- **Subtask 2.2 – Utility Requirements**
- **Subtask 2.3 – Flow Diagrams**
 - ✓ Existing diagrams updated
 - ✓ Major equipment list



- **Subtask 2.4 – Balance of Plant (BOP)**
 - ✓ Interconnection requirements
 - ✓ Technology island configurations
- **Subtask 2.5 – Develop Permitting Strategy**
- **Subtask 2.6 – Optimization Studies**
 - ✓ Redundancy, materials of construction
 - ✓ Scoping/optimization

DESIGN BASIS SUMMARY

Component	Bioprocessing– Liquefaction	Flue Gas – Chemical Absorption	Hybrid Capture System
CO ₂ Capture Design	100% of CO ₂ from fermentation	90% of CO ₂ from boiler flue gas	>90% CO₂ capture from emissions
Annual CO ₂ Rate	~180,000 tonnes	~130,000 tonnes	~310,000 tonnes
Major Equipment	Blower, compression, dehydration, refrigeration, distillation	Boiler, blower, amine system, compression, dehydration	[combined equipment]
Power	3.8 MW	3.0 MW	6.8 MW
Natural Gas	4.3 MMBtu/day	1300 MMBtu/day	1300 MMBtu/day
Water	82,000 gallons/day	420,000 gallons/day	500,000 gallons/day

HYBRID-CCS SCENARIOS INVESTIGATED

Capture Included per Scenario	Bioprocessing–Liquefaction	Flue Gas – Chemical Absorption	Hybrid Capture
Max-Capture	100%	<u>90%</u>	>90%
Alt-Capture*	100%	<u>45%</u>	~80%

*Alternative design for an amine system within existing RTE boiler and liquefaction capacities.

TASK 3.0 – DETERMINE PRE-FEED COST ESTIMATE

➤ Subtask 3.1 – Develop Capture Island Cost Estimate

- ✓ Determine pre-FEED-level costs
- ✓ Estimate postcombustion capture costs
- ✓ Integrate with compression and liquefaction subsystems

➤ Subtask 3.2 – Develop BOP Cost Estimate

- ✓ Complete integration of the hybrid capture system with the remainder of the plant

➤ Subtask 3.3 – Advanced Solvent Modeling Study

- ✓ Model advanced solvent technologies
- ✓ Investigate potential system sizing and cost improvements
- ✓ Compare previous estimates

HYBRID-CCS PRELIMINARY RESULTS:

*Cost Estimates**

Item (2019\$)	<i>Bioprocessing – Liquefaction</i>	<i>Flue Gas – Chemical Absorption</i>	<i>Hybrid Capture System</i>	<i>Alternative Amine Scenario</i>	<i>Alternative Hybrid Scenario</i>
Capital Investment	\$32MM	\$59MM	\$91MM	\$25MM	\$57MM
Cost of CO ₂ Captured	\$35/tonne	\$96/tonne	\$55/tonne	\$80/tonne	\$45/tonne

*Additional Notes

- Installed equipment cost estimates (i.e., do not include civil engineering).
- Estimate accuracy is about $\pm 30\%$ based on DOE modeling and limited vendor quotes.

HYBRID-CCS PRELIMINARY RESULTS:

Advanced Solvent Comparison

Parameter	<i>Flue Gas – Chemical Absorption</i>	Hybrid Capture System	<i>Advanced Solvent</i>	<i>Advanced Hybrid</i>
Natural Gas	1300 MMBtu/day	1300 MMBtu/day	950 MMBtu/day	950 MMBtu/day
Cost of CO ₂ Captured	\$96/tonne	\$55/tonne	\$93/tonne	\$54/tonne

***Additional Notes**

- Only natural gas showed significant variation between solvents.
- Estimate accuracy is about $\pm 30\%$ based on DOE modeling and limited vendor quotes.

FUTURE HYBRID CCS PLANS

- **Combined heat and power (CHP) investigations**
 - Fossil and renewable
 - Renewable feedstock logistics
 - Implementation cost estimates
 - *State Energy Research Center of North Dakota (SERC)*
- **FEED investigations**
 - Refined advanced solvent modeling
 - Refined cost estimates
- **LCA revisions**
 - Following FEED efforts
 - Following in-depth CHP investigations
 - Continued GREET comparisons



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PROJECT SUMMARY: IED COMPLETED

Major Activities Conducted

- Pre-FEED
 - Design basis
 - Processing design
 - Engineered plot plan
 - HAZOP assessment
- TEA modeling
 - Advanced solvent modeling
- LCA modeling
 - Renewable heat
 - GREET comparisons

DOE Deliverables Submitted

- PMP
- TMP
- HAZOP report
- Pre-FEED report
- State point data table
- TEA report
- LCA report

QUESTIONS?





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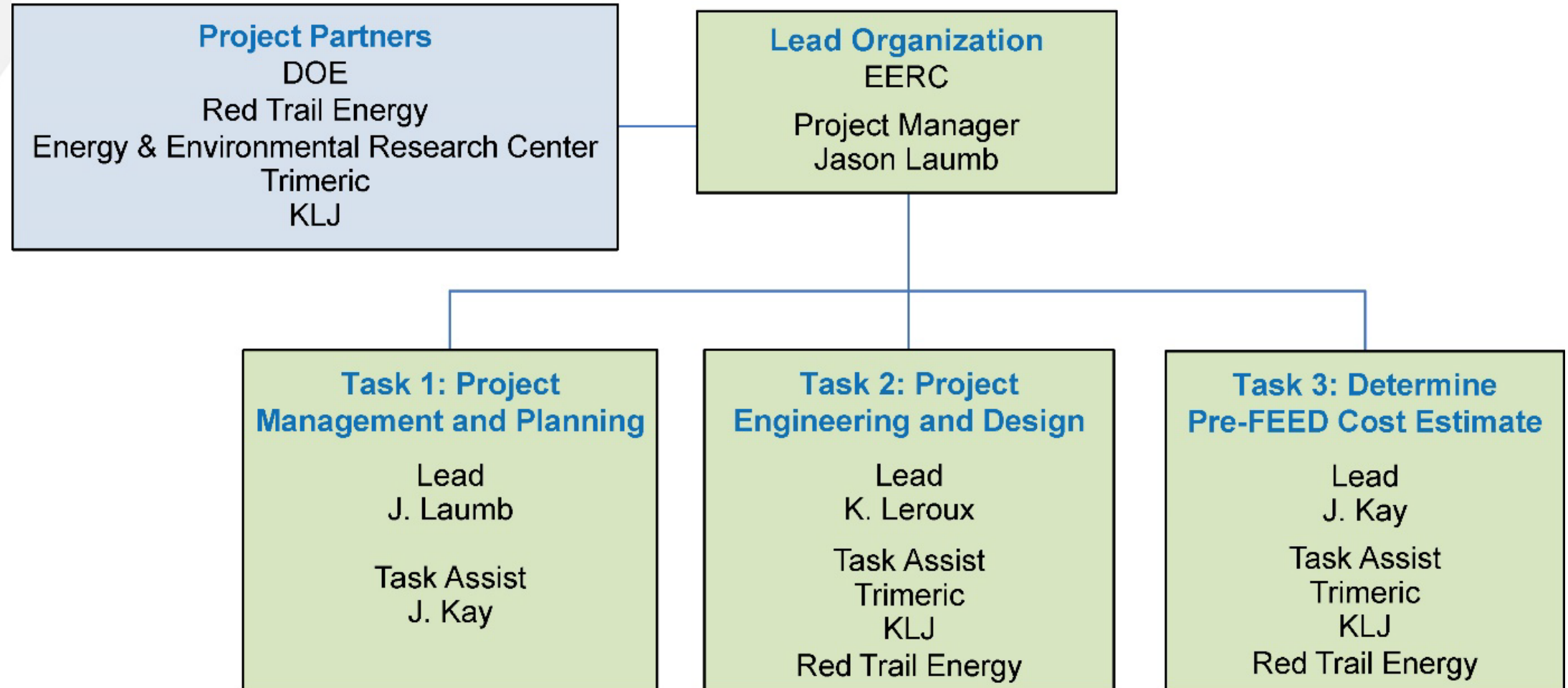
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A wide-angle photograph of a university campus. In the foreground, there are large trees with yellow and orange autumn leaves. In the background, there are several large, multi-story brick buildings, likely university halls or administrative buildings. A parking lot with many cars is visible in the middle ground. The sky is clear and blue.

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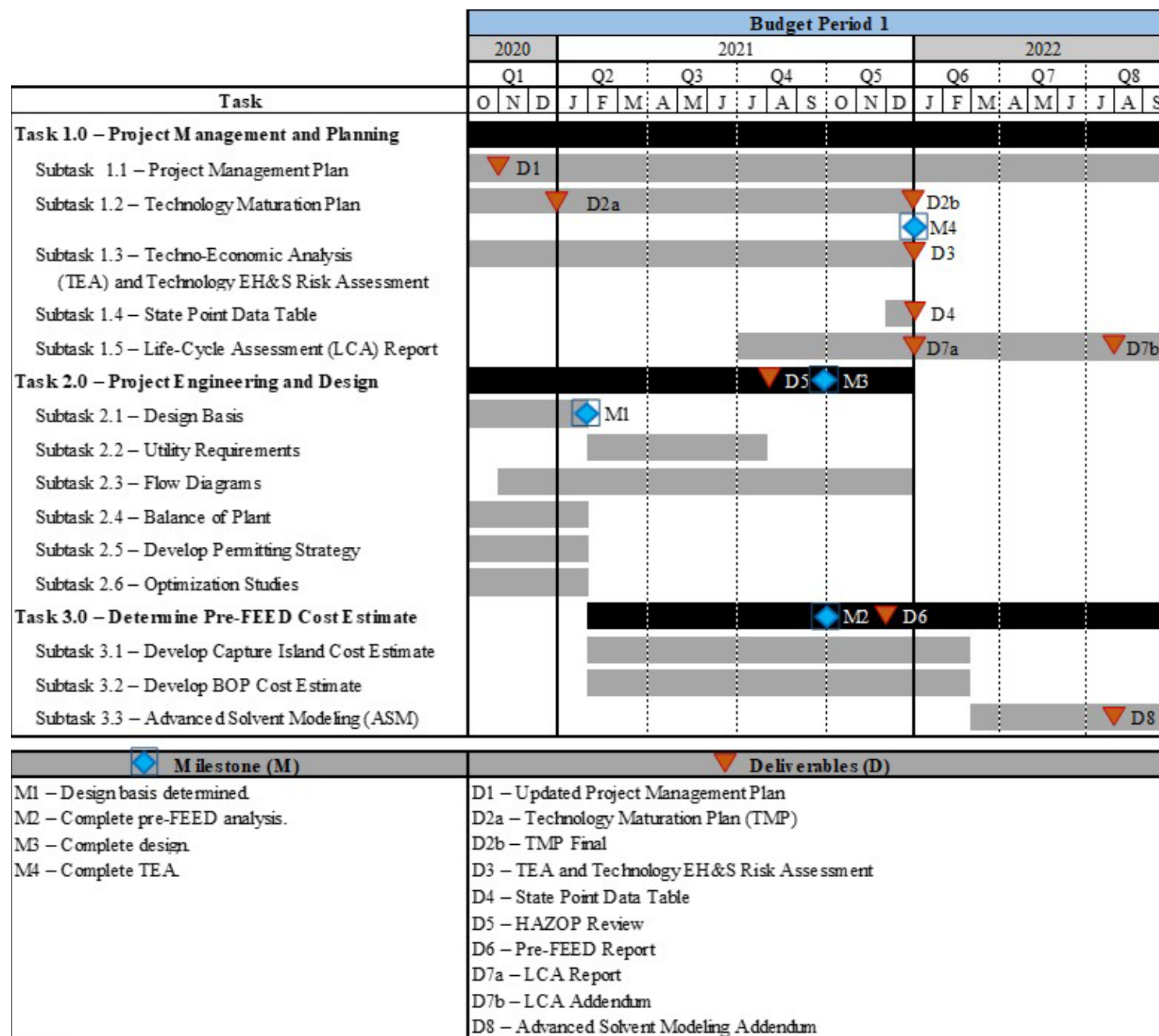
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PROJECT ORGANIZATION



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PROJECT TIMELINE



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