

DOE CEMENT & LIME DECARBONIZATION WORKSHOP

Unique Production Process Characteristics Impacting Decarbonization

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Existing Plant Retrofits – Lime Kilns

Common US lime kiln technologies

Carbon capture challenges



Common US lime kiln technologies

- Straight Rotary
 - 7.5 to11 GJ/kg lime
- Rotary Preheater
 - 5.2 to 6.5 GJ/kg lime

- Single Shaft Vertical
 - 4.8 to 5.5 GJ/kg lime



- 3.8 to 4.2 GJ/kg lime



Carbon capture challenges for lime kilns

- We have studied the capture technologies with higher TRLs such as liquid amine that are being deployed in the power and cement industries
 - The economy of scale does not favor typical lime kiln CO2 emission rates
 - Modularization may help the economics, but the BoP CAPEX remains substantial for a lime plant where there is little waste energy, no steam, no water treatment, and no traditional heat rejection (e.g. cooling towers)

Lime plants are distributed and often remote

- CO2 value chain will be plant-specific (off-taker challenges)
- Utilities may limit the options in terms of choice of CCS technologies



Majority of US lime plants





Decarbonization pathways

- We are looking at transformational technologies that could deploy by 2030, following DoE's roadmap for industrial decarbonization
- We are closely following the initiatives to develop the infrastructure of a decarbonized industry (CO2 and H2 hubs) in the US and assessing the opportunity for our plants to participate

