

CO₂ Capture at LG&E Cane Run NGCC Power Plant

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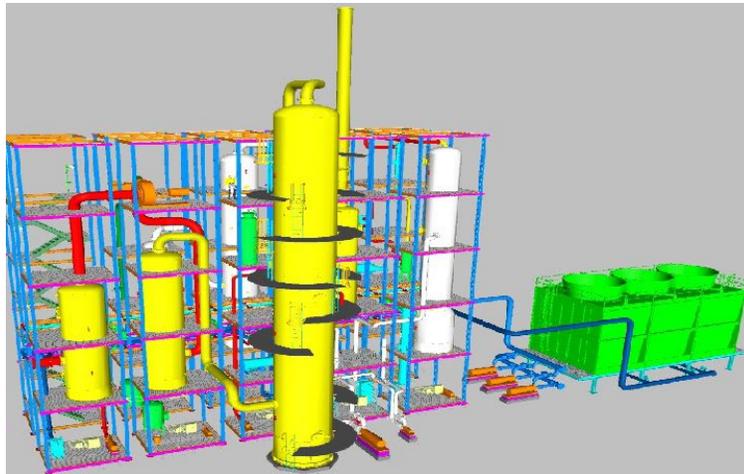


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Project Overview

- FEED study for retrofitting the LG&E (a PPL Corporation Facility) Cane Run Unit 7, a 640 MW NGCC located in Louisville KY, with the University of Kentucky's solvent-based carbon capture system
- Funding = \$7,3303,164. DOE \$5,842,517 + Cost-share \$1,460,647
- Project performance dates 12/22/2022 – 6/30/2024



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Project Team

- **EPRI:** Non-profit, electric sector R&D; prime
- **Louisville Gas and Electric & Kentucky Utilities, a PPL Company (PPL):** owners of Cane Run Unit 7 NGCC plant located just SW of Louisville, KY along the Ohio River
- **University of Kentucky (UK)** Carbon capture technology developers
 - **Vogt Power International:** HRSG OEM, subcontractor to UK
 - **ALL4:** Performing EH&S, subcontractor to UK
- **Bechtel:** Performing Front-End Engineering and Design (FEED)
- **University of Michigan:** Global CO₂ Initiative for LCA



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UK CCS Experience

- Active research since 2006
- Technology validated and scaled up from lab to pilot scales
- >10,000 operational hours on coal and simulated-NGCC flue gas
- Solvent with \$6.5kg/chemical cost, 0.6 kg/tonne CO₂ make-up rate, and Aspen Plus[®] model experimentally verified at pilot scale



Cane Run 7 – Host Site

- **Location:** Louisville, KY
- **Capacity:** 640 MW
- **Fuel:** Natural Gas
- **Opened:** 2015
 - Cane Run 7 is Kentucky's first natural gas combined-cycle (NGCC) generating unit
- **Retirements:**
 - Coal units 1 through 6 were demolished in 2019
- **Capacity Factor:**
 - ~85% from 2016-2021

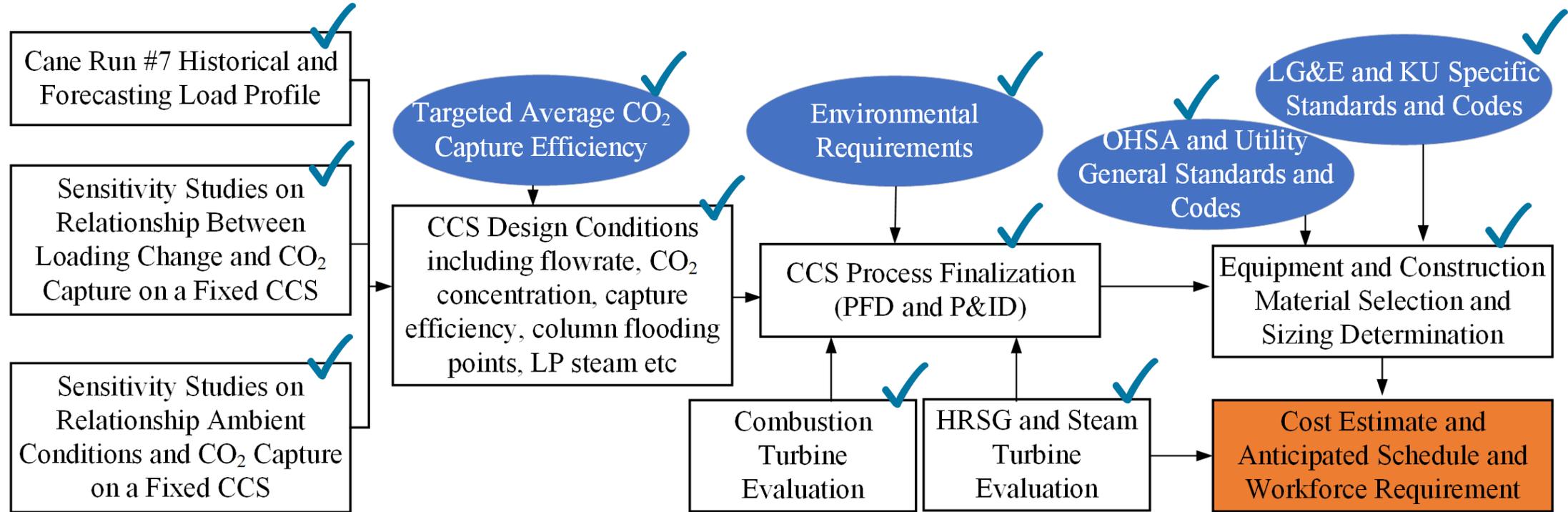


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Pre-FEED Activities



- >95% equipment/process service factor
- Baseload condition based on historic & forecasted generation data
- Solvent-independent design
- Design for reliability and operability
- Full-plant integration and CT operation impact analysis

- Vogt Power on team to analyze:
 - Impact on HRSG operations
 - In-duct cooling, without DCC
 - Elimination of flue gas boost fan, with HRSG accommodating additional pressure
 - Best steam extraction location and impact on steam cycle

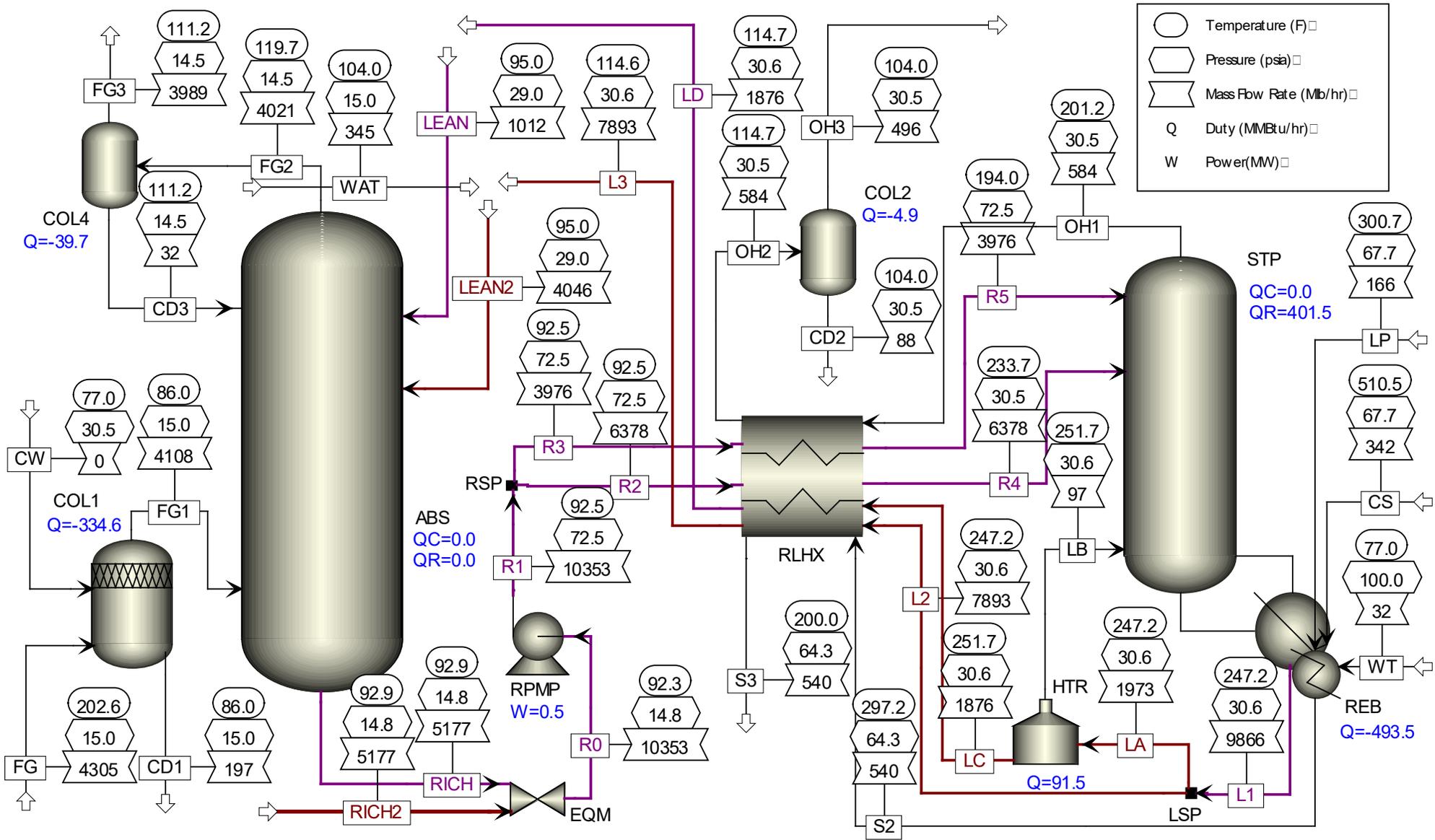
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Design Condition Selected

- Evaluated historical plant operation by season
 - Cooling water temperature
 - CO₂, O₂, and NO_x concentration
 - Gas flow rate

Cases	Case 1: 89F Amb. 2x100% EC ON with CCS LP Drum Extraction	Case 2: 89F Amb. 2x100% EC OFF with CCS LP Drum Extraction	Case 12: 105F Amb. 2x100% EC ON with CCS LP Drum Extraction	Case 10: 58F Amb, 2x100% EC OFF with CCS LP Drum Extraction	Case 03: 14F Amb, 2x100% EC OFF with CCS LP Drum Extraction	Case 17: - 20F Amb. 2x100% EC OFF with CCS LP Drum Extraction
Gas Flowrate (lb/hr)	4,375,115	4,269,000	4,305,133	4,479,781	4,283,214	4,238,141
CO ₂ Concentration (wt%)	5.97	5.92	5.96	5.98	6.15	6.21
H ₂ O Concentration (wt%)	6.80	6.57	7.02	5.30	4.95	4.90
CO ₂ Captured (ton/hr) at 95% Removal Efficiency	124.1	120.0	121.9	127.2	125.1	125.0

Design Heat and Mass Balance



Energy Advantage of UK CCS

- Reduction in reboiler duty due to:
 - Solvent: 27%
 - Process: 17%
 - Combined: 42%
- Expected reboiler duty of 1009 btu/lb (2.35 GJ/tonne)

	Simple CO ₂ Capture Process		UK Process Intensified Process			
	UK I7	MEA D.31	UK ME-d	MEA-M		
Solvent Case Name	UK I7	MEA D.31	UK ME-d	MEA-M		
Stream	FG	FG	FG	FG		
T (°F)	202.6	202.6	202.6	202.6		
P (psia)	15	15	15	15		
Mass Flowrate (Mlb/hr)	4305	4305	4305	4305		
Y_H2O	0.11	0.11	0.11	0.11		
Y_CO2	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04		
Y_N2	0.73	0.73	0.73	0.73		
Y_O2	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12		
Block	COL1	COL1	COL1	COL1		
T (°F)	104	86	86	86		
Stream	LEAN	LEAN	LEAN	LEAN2	LEAN	LEAN2
T (°F)	104	95	95	95	95	95
P (psia)	29	29	29	29	29	29
Mass Flowrate (Mlb/hr)	3484	6224	1012	4046	1442	5769
X_H2O	0.86	0.85	0.85	0.84	0.85	0.85
X_CO2	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.04
X_Am	0.12	0.11	0.12	0.12	0.11	0.11
C/N	0.14	0.31	0.20	0.27	0.31	0.34
Stream	R5	R5	R5	R4	R5	R4
T (°F)	244	240	194	234	194	240
P (psia)	72.52	72.52	72.52	30.46	72.52	30.46
Liq C/N	0.48	0.50	0.49	0.38	0.50	0.42
Split %			38.4	61.6	47	53
SRD (Btu/lb)	1282	1755	1009		1459	

Next Steps: Feed Study

- FEED submission
- Reviews and revisions
- Class 3 cost estimate
- Transportation and logistics
- Quantity takeoffs
- Schedule
- Construction plan/Story boards
- Engineering, procurement and construction implementation plan
- Vendor quotes
- Material requisitions/RFQ'S
- Model Development (CAD)
- Layout
- Equipment lists
- Equipment designs/Selection
- Piping and Instrumentation Diagrams (P&ID's)
- HazOp
- Revised P&ID's
- Uncertainties Log
- Risk register
- Management control and reports

Community Benefits and Societal Impacts

- Planned evaluation of community impacts:
 - Environmental co-benefits of CO₂ capture
 - Workforce development and jobs creation
 - Economic impact
 - Development of community engagement strategy
- Societal Impacts
 - Accelerating decarbonization through de-risking CCS
 - All information to be made public except confidential vendor information
 - Potential for lowering energy and capital costs of CO₂ capture

Lessons Learned

- Design philosophy of reliability and operability has increasing importance for real-world deployment
- Increasing backpressure on gas turbine possible mechanism to eliminate FD fan
 - Requires collaboration between GT supplier, HRSG, and carbon capture
- Optimization of steam extraction point from NGCC requires full HRSG and steam turbine models
 - Modification possible, but important to bring in OEMs to understand repercussions from performance and service agreements

The FEED study will guide CCS scale up

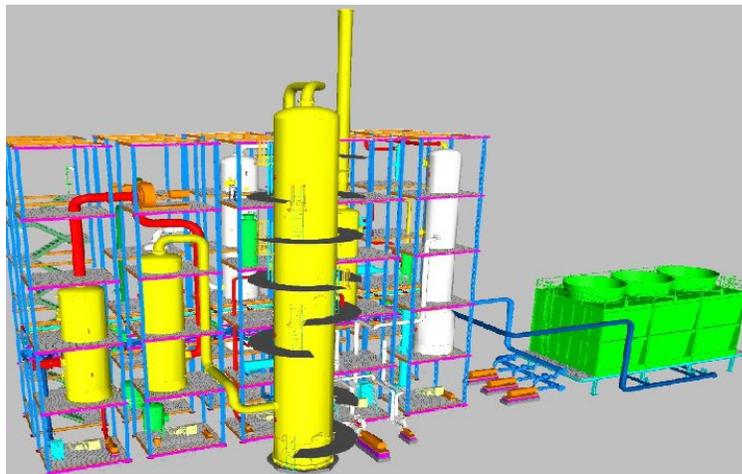
- Evaluate the impact of the carbon capture process on:
 - Power delivery and cost for full scale deployment
 - The operation and possible modifications to the HRSG and steam turbine.
- Land and Permit Requirements
 - This includes the CCS system layout and long-term planning for possible future NGCC units at the site.
- Evaluation of Local Storage and Pipeline Options
- The FEED learnings combined with planned 20 MW demonstration capture unit will inform CCS at Cane Run Unit 7



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Summary

- FEED study for retrofitting the LG&E (a PPL Corporation Facility) Cane Run Unit 7, a 640 MW NGCC located in Louisville KY, with the University of Kentucky's solvent-based carbon capture system for 95% CO₂ capture
- Pre-FEED nearly complete with promising performance estimates
- All results to be made public other than confidential vendor information



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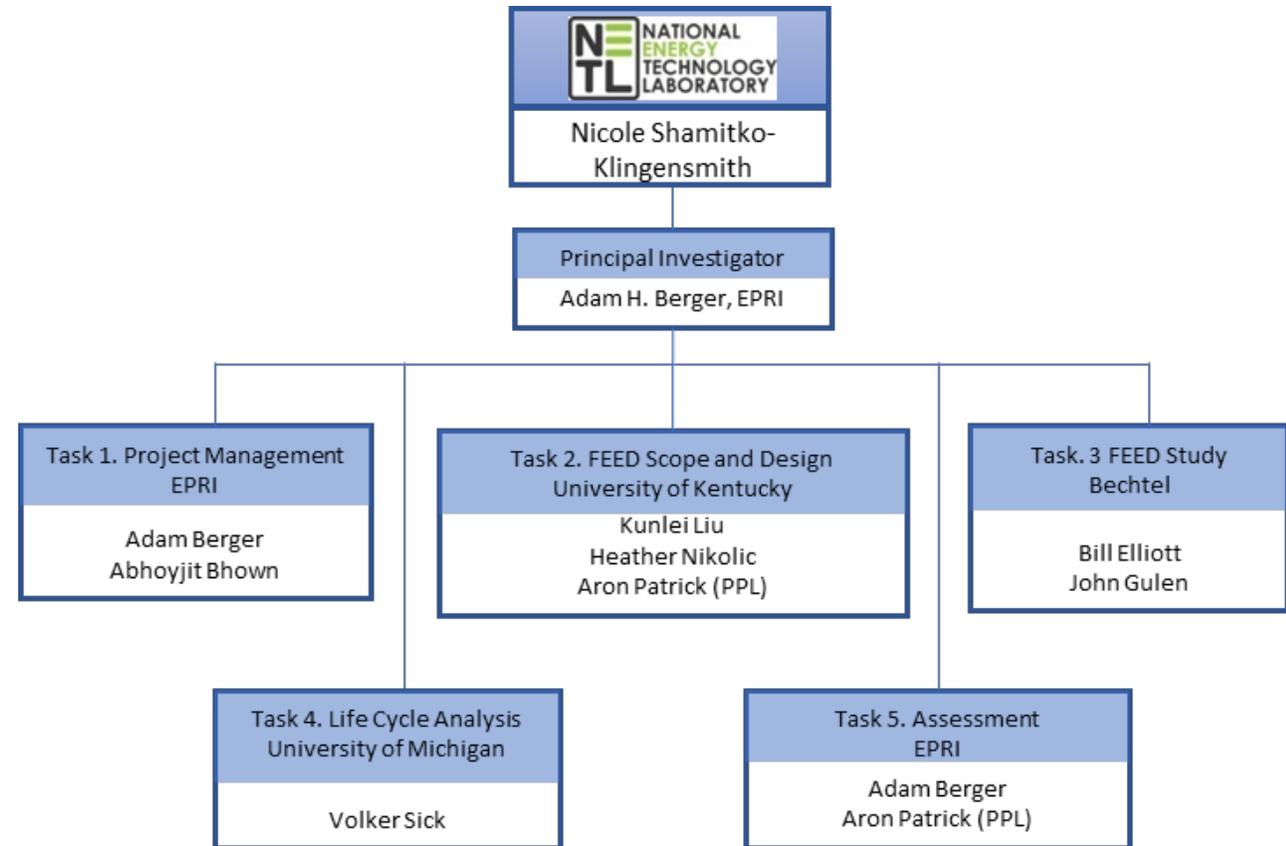
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Overall Task List and Org Chart

- Task 1: Project Management and Planning
- Task 2: Preliminary-Front-End Engineering Design (Pre-FEED)
- Task 3: FEED Package
- Task 4: Life Cycle Assessment
- Task 5: Commercial, Environmental, and Economic Assessments



Gantt Chart (12/22/2022 – 6/30/2024)

Task list and schedule			2023				2024		Project month		
	Lead Organization		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Start	Finish	
1	EPRI	Project Management and Planning								1	18
1.1	EPRI	Project Management and Planning								1	18
1.2	UKy	Technology Maturation Plan								2	15
1.3	EPRI	Workforce Readiness Plan							12	12	
2	Uky	FEED Scope and Design								1	6
2.1	UKy	FEED Scope								1	4
2.2	UKy	CCS Design Basis								1	5
2.3	UKy	Initial Design								1	6
2.4	UKy	CO2 Transportation and Long Duration Storage								4	6
2.5	UKy	Environmental Health and Safety								14	15
3	Bechtel	FEED Study								1	18
3.1	Bechtel	Initial Design Support								1	5
3.2	Bechtel	Process Engineering Design Package Review								3	6
3.3	Bechtel	Initial Electrical, Automation Systems, Utilities, and Other Engineering Design Package								7	8
3.4	Bechtel	Layout Design Package								9	10
3.5	Bechtel	Final Electrical, Automation Systems, Utilities, and Other Engineering Design Package and Material Take-Off of Main Components Design Package								11	11
3.6	Bechtel	Site Security & Logistics								12	12
3.7	Bechtel	Basic Contracting/Purchasing Strategy, HAZOP, and Constructability Review								13	13
3.8	Bechtel	Cost Estimating Design Package								14	15
3.9	Bechtel	Close-Out								16	18
4	U Mich	Life-Cycle Assessment									
4.1	U Mich	Preliminary LCA								4	5
4.2	U Mich	Final LCA								14	15
5	EPRI	Assessment								14	15
5.1	EPRI	Techno-Economic Analysis								14	15
5.2	EPRI	Environmental Justice Analysis								15	15
5.3	EPRI	Economic Revitalization and Job Creation								14	15
5.4	EPRI	Business Case Analysis								15	15