# The Benefits of CHP And WHP at Industrial Facilities

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## DOE CHP Technical Assistance Partnerships (CHP TAPs)

#### End User Engagement

Partner with strategic End Users to advance technical solutions using CHP as a cost effective and resilient way to ensure American competitiveness, utilize local fuels and enhance energy security. CHP TAPs offer fact-based, non-biased engineering support to manufacturing, commercial, institutional and federal facilities and campuses.

#### Stakeholder Engagement

Engage with strategic Stakeholders, including regulators, utilities, and policy makers, to identify and reduce the barriers to using CHP to advance regional efficiency, promote energy independence and enhance the nation's resilient grid. CHP TAPs provide fact-based, non-biased education to advance sound CHP programs and policies.



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#### **Technical Services**

As leading experts in CHP (as well as microgrids, heat to power, and district energy) the CHP TAPs work with sites to screen for CHP opportunities as well as provide advanced services to maximize the economic impact and reduce the risk of CHP from initial CHP screening to installation.



# **CHP** Overview



## Reciprocating Engine or Turbine with Heat Recovery

- Gas or liquid fuel is combusted in a prime mover, such as a reciprocating engine, microturbine, or gas turbine
- The prime mover is connected to a generator that produces electricity
- Energy normally lost in the prime mover's hot exhaust and cooling system is recovered to provide useful thermal energy for the site





### Defining Combined Heat & Power (CHP)

The on-site simultaneous generation of two forms of energy (heat and electricity) from a single fuel/energy source





## Common CHP Technologies and Capacity Ranges





### What Are the Benefits of CHP?

- CHP is more efficient than separate generation of electricity and heating/cooling
- Higher efficiency translates to lower operating costs (but requires capital investment)
- Higher efficiency reduces emissions of pollutants
- CHP can also increase energy reliability and resiliency and enhance power quality
- On-site electric generation can reduce grid congestion and avoid distribution costs.



### **CHP Today in the United States**

**Existing CHP Capacity** 



- 80.7 GW of installed CHP at more than 4,600 industrial and commercial facilities
- 7% of U.S. Electric Generating Capacity; 13% of Industrial
- Avoids more than 1.7 quadrillion
   Btus of fuel consumption annually
- Avoids 232 million metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub> compared to separate production

Source: DOE CHP Installation Database (U.S. installations as of December 31, 2019)



# Where is the Remaining Potential for CHP?

#### Existing CHP Compared to On-Site Technical Potential by Sector



U.S. Dept. of Energy, "Combined Heat and Power (CHP) Technical Potential in the United States", March 2016.



### **WHP Technical Potential by Application**

Application	# of Sites	Potential (MW)
Mining	14	23
Oil/Gas Extraction	427	538
Food Processing	19	8
Beverage and Tobacco	2	0.3
Lumber and Wood	2	1
Paper	17	5
Chemicals	64	92
Petroleum Refining	176	3,593
Stone/Clay/Glass	255	1,173
Primary Metals	116	2,186
Machinery/Computer Equip.	2	4
Transportation Equip.	1	2
Other	10	0.3
Total	1,105	7,624

Source: "Combined Heat and Power (CHP) Technical Potential in the United States", March 2016, energy.gov/chp-potential



## **Growing Utility Participation**

#### **Utility-Owned CHP for Grid Generation**

• Build, own, and operate CHP at customer sites as part of resource planning

#### CHP as a Distribution System Resource

• Encourage customers to install CHP as non-wires alternative to enhance grid stability, alleviate grid congestion, or defer investments

#### **CHP in Utility Energy Efficiency Portfolio**

 Encourage customers to install CHP to gain low-cost energy savings



## **CHP and Microgrids**

A microgrid is a **group of interconnected loads and distributed energy resources** within clearly defined electrical boundaries that acts as a **single controllable entity** with respect to the grid.

A microgrid can **connect and disconnect** from the larger utility grid to enable it to operate in both **grid-connected** or **island-mode**.

Source: U.S. Department of Energy Microgrid Exchange Group

- With a CHP system providing reliable baseload electric and thermal energy, microgrids can add renewables and storage
- Increased focus on resilience for critical infrastructure
  - Universities, Hospitals, Military bases, Communities





### **Distributed Energy Resources Disaster Matrix**

#### **Ranking Criteria**

Four basic criteria were used to estimate the vulnerability of a resource during each type of disaster event. They include the likelihood of experiencing:

- 1. a fuel supply interruption,
- 2. damage to equipment,
- 3. performance limitations, or
- 4. a planned or forced shutdown



indicates the resource is unlikely to experience any impacts



*indicates the resource is likely to experience one, two, or three impacts* 

indicates the resource is likely to experience all four impacts

	Flooding	High Winds	Earthquakes	Wildfires	Snow/Ice	Extreme Temperature
Natural Disaster or Storm Events		3			*	
Battery Storage	$\Theta$	0	$\Theta$	$\bigcirc$	0	$\Theta$
Biomass/Biogas CHP	$\bigcirc$	$\Theta$	$\Theta$	$\bigcirc$	0	0
Distributed Solar	0	$\Theta$	$\Theta$	$\bigcirc$	$\Theta$	$\bigcirc$
Distributed Wind	0	$\bigcirc$	$\Theta$	$\Theta$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
Natural Gas CHP	0	0	$\Theta$	$\Theta$	0	0
Standby Generators	$\bigcirc$	0	$\Theta$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	0

Source: https://betterbuildingssolutioncenter.energy.gov/sites/default/files/attachments/DER\_Disaster\_Impacts\_Issue%20



## CHP vs. Status Quo

### **CHP vs. Backup Generation**

Metric	СНР	Backup Generation
System Performance	<ul> <li>Designed and maintained to run continuously</li> <li>Improved performance and reliability</li> </ul>	Only used during emergencies
Fuel Supply	<ul> <li>Natural gas infrastructure typically not impacted by severe weather</li> </ul>	• Limited by on-site storage – finite fuel supply
Transition from Grid Power	<ul> <li>May be configured for "flicker- free" transfer from grid connection to "island mode"</li> </ul>	Lag time may impact critical system performance
Energy Supply	<ul> <li>Electricity</li> <li>Thermal (heating, cooling, hot/chilled water)</li> </ul>	• Electricity
Emissions	<ul> <li>Typically natural gas fueled</li> <li>Achieve greater system efficiencies (80%)</li> <li>Lower emissions</li> </ul>	Commonly burn diesel fuel

Source: <u>DER Disaster Matrix, Issue Brief</u>, U.S. DOE CHP for Resiliency Accelerator. 2018; <u>Natural Gas Systems: Reliable & Resilient</u>, The Natural Gas Council. 2017; <u>Case Studies of Natural Gas Sector Resilience Following Four Climate-Related Disasters in 2017</u>, ICF Prepared for SoCalGas. 2018.



# WHP for Industry



## **Benefits of WHP**

- Utilize heat from existing thermal processes, which would otherwise be wasted to produce electricity.
- Important resource for vastly increasing industrial energy efficiency.
- Improving the competitiveness of the U.S. industrial sector.
- Providing a source of pollution-free power.



Port Arthur Steam Energy/Oxbow Corp.



## Main Sources of Waste Heat

- Waste Heat from a Thermal Process
- Waste Heat from a Mechanical Drive
- Waste heat from other systems



Port Arthur Steam Energy/Oxbow Corp, Texas



Northern Boarder Pipeline, North Dakota



# **Project Snapshots**



### **Project Snapshot**

# Waste heat to power and process heat, Port Arthur, TX

Application/Industry: Petroleum Refining Capacity: 5 MW Equipment: Waste heat recovery boilers; back pressure steam turbine Fuel Type: Waste heat Thermal Use: Steam and electricity generation Installation Year: 2005 Environmental Benefits: CO2 emissions reduced by 159,000 tons/year

**Testimonial:** "Through the recovery of otherwise-wasted heat to produce high pressure steam for crude oil processing, Port Arthur Steam Energy LLP has demonstrated exceptional leadership in energy use and management."

- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, in giving the 2010 Energy Star Award

https://chptap.lbl.gov/profile/186/Port\_Arthur\_Steam-Project\_Profile.pdf







### Project Snapshot: Power Reliability

#### **Evonik Industries** Garyville, LA

Application/Industry: Chemicals Capacity: 5 MW Prime Mover: Gas turbine Fuel Type: Natural gas Thermal Use: Process steam Installation Year: 2012

**Highlights:** Evonik decided to invest in a CHP system to improve both their electric power and steam reliability. The system provides 100% of the facility's electric needs for most of the year and eliminated Evonik's dependency on their previous steam supplier, minimizing disruptions that were out of their control.





Source: Evonik, Garyville, LA http://corporate.evonik.com/en/Pages/default.aspx



# How to Implement a WHP Project with the Help of CHP TAP



### **CHP TAP Approach**

Ten CHP TAPs are comprised of regional CHP experts who provide fact based, unbiased information on CHP, including technologies, project development, project financing, local electric and natural gas utility interfaces, and related state/local best practice policies. They are vendor, fuel, and technology neutral.



- End-User & Stakeholder Engagements
  - Workshops
  - Webinars
  - One-on-one Meetings
  - Presentations
  - Booths at Conferences
  - Project or Policy/Program Profiles
  - Education NOT Advocacy
  - **Technical Services** 
    - Screening Technical Assistance
    - Advanced Technical Assistance
    - Portfolio Reviews



### **CHP Deployment Support Resources**

### **Objective:**

- Resources, tools, analyses and technical materials to support CHP TAP mission;
- Educate state and local policy makers, regulators, end users, trade associations, and CHP stakeholders;
- Inform DOE Deployment and R&D program planning
- <u>energy.gov/chp</u>

### Materials include:

- CHP installation database
- Market analysis and tracking
- CHP regulatory and policy trends
- Technology information and industry trends
- Screening/evaluation tools
- Case studies and project profiles
- Fact Sheets
- Specific issue research and reports
- Program metrics and evaluation



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Resources are available to assist in developing CHP Projects.

### **Contact the Southcentral CHP TAP to:**

- Perform CHP and WHP Qualification Screening for a particular facility
- Advanced Technical Assistance
- Identify existing CHP sites for Project Profiles



# Thank You

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