2017 PROJECT PEER REVIEW

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Analysis & Sustainability

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Analysis & Sustainability (A&S) Overview



- The Team
- Goals and Approach
- Challenges
- Activities & Partnerships
- Budget
- 2015 Peer Review Comments
- Key Accomplishments
- Upcoming Activities



Introductions: Analysis & Sustainability Team





Analysis and Sustainability – Goals and Approach

Strategic Goal: Develop *science-based strategies* to understand and enhance the *economic, social, and environmental benefits of advanced bioenergy* relative to conventional energy systems.

Approaches:

- Ensure high-quality, consistent, reproducible, peer-reviewed analyses.
- Develop and maintain analytical tools, models, methods, and datasets to support sciencebased quantification and improved decision-making.
- Develop sustainable system designs that increase bioenergy production while enhancing economic, social, and environmental outcomes.
- Ensure broad engagement with stakeholders.



Enhancing the economic, social, and environmental benefits of a growing bioeconomy.

Analysis and Sustainability Goals

Strategic Analysis

Provide context and justification for decisions at all levels by establishing the basis of quantitative metrics, tracking progress toward goals, and informing portfolio planning and management

Cross-Cutting Sustainability

Understand and promote the positive economic, social, and environmental effects and reduce the potential negative impacts of bioenergy production activities



Dimensions of Bioenergy Sustainability

Economic Sustainability

- Commercial viability
- Return on investment
- Net present value
- Process efficiency
- Output of desired products



- · Water quality and quantity
- Air quality
- · Biological diversity
- Land Use



- · Social acceptability
- · Social well-being
- Energy security and external trade
- Rural development and workforce training



A&S Projects

Standardized methods and analytical approaches

Practical tools, models, and best practices

Analyses on potential impacts and strategies for beneficial outcomes Role of Analysis & Sustainability







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Key Challenges

















A&S Budget

Annual budget about \$11 M

- Strategic Analysis
- Cross-cutting Sustainability
- 27 projects will be reviewed
 - 23 national lab projects
 - 4 academic/industry projects





Reviewer Comments from 2015 Peer Review

- Strengthen the linkage of sustainability to decision making.
- Continue integration of environmental, social, and economic analyses.
- Continue to incorporate BETOgenerated knowledge into the international dialogue.
- Strengthen the effort to understand the human dimensions of sustainable bioenergy.





REVIEW PANEL SUMMARY REPORT AND PROJECT RESULTS



March 2016





Key Changes Since 2015 Peer Review

- Ensured integration of economic, social and environmental sustainability in BETO Strategic Plan
- Initiated mapping effort of BETOfunded models and tools
- Enhanced socio-economic considerations in several projects
- Strengthened strategic international collaborations focusing on highimpact publications
- Initiated Sustainable Bioeconomy Interagency Working Group









Landscape Design

- Antares Group Inc: Enabling Sustainable Landscape Design for Continual Improvement of Operating Bioenergy Supply Systems
- Argonne National Laboratory: Economic Evaluation of Shrub Willow Production
- Bioenergy Solutions to Gulf Hypoxia Workshop







Further Integration of Techno-economic and Lifecycle Analysis

- Supply Chain Sustainability Analysis
 - GREET analysis used to conduct full life-cycle analysis on multiple design cases
 - Identifies drivers of life-cycle energy and environmental metrics to help guide R&D efforts to mitigate impacts
- Coordination between INL, NREL, PNNL, and ANL
 - Sharing data and results



Enhanced Key Models and Tools

- GREET
 - Enhanced water consumption and soil organic carbon capabilities
 - Collaboration with CORRIM on woody feedstocks
- Feedstock Production Emissions to Air Model (FPEAM)
 - Alignment with POLYSYS
- Biomass Scenario Model (BSM)
 - Progress on public access to model and results
- Bioenergy Supply Chain Modeling Workshop
 - Improved collaboration among modeling community
 - Initiated model mapping effort





Billion-Ton 2016 (BT16) Report, Volume 2

- Volume 1 (July 2016) United States has the potential to produce at least 1 billion dry tons of nonfood biomass resources annually by 2040.
- Volume 2 (January 2017) Environmental Sustainability Effects of Select Scenarios from Volume 1
 - Analyzes potential environmental effects associated with near- and long-term biomass production scenarios



2016 BILLION-TON REPORT

Advancing Domestic Resources for a Thriving Bioeconomy Volume 2: Environmental Sustainability Effects of Select Scenarios from Volume 1

January 2017



Published Additional Key Reports

- 2015 Bioenergy Market Report (February 2017) <u>http://www.nrel.gov/docs/fy17osti/66995.pdf</u>
- Chemicals from Biomass: A Market Assessment of Bioproducts with Near-Term Potential (March 2016) <u>www.nrel.gov/docs/fy16osti/65509.pdf</u>





Chemicals from Biomass: A Market Assessment of Bioproducts with Near-Term Potential

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Upcoming Activities

- July 11-12, Bioeconomy 2017
 - Plenary on Sustainability
- Dissemination and outreach of BT16 volume 2
- Publish Bioenergy Solutions to Gulf Hypoxia Workshop Report
- Continue to improve:
 - Quantification of and agreement on bioenergy sustainability and its value proposition
 - Quantification of risk and business uncertainties
 - Coordination across national lab projects







Peer Reviewers

- Candace Wheeler (Lead Reviewer) General Motors (Ret.)
- Christopher Galik– North Carolina State University
- Troy Hawkins- Eastern Research Group, Inc.
- Ruben Lubowski Environmental Defense Fund
- John Sheehan– Colorado State University
- David Simpson Environmental Protection Agency

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