Getting the Most Out of Biogas – Biogas Derived Transportation Fuels

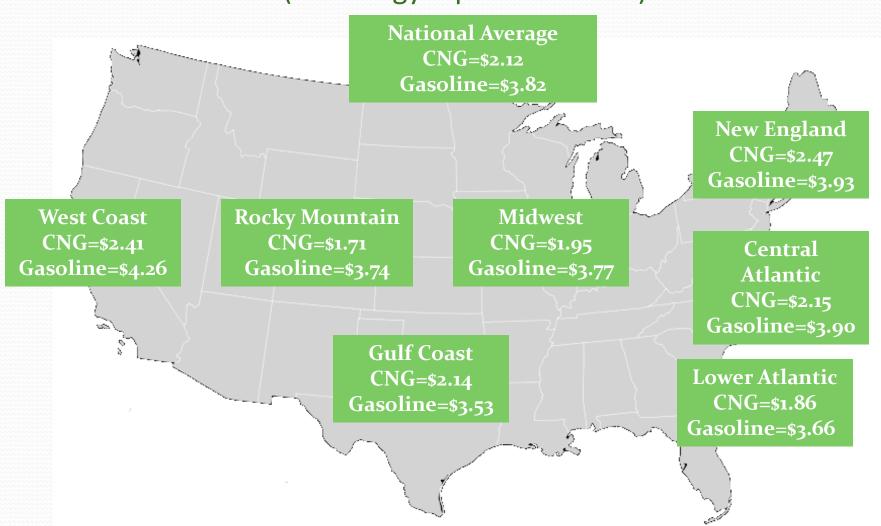
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Retail Fuel Prices as of Fall 2013

(on energy equivalent basis)



Source: October 2013 DOE Clean Cities Alternative Fuel Price Report

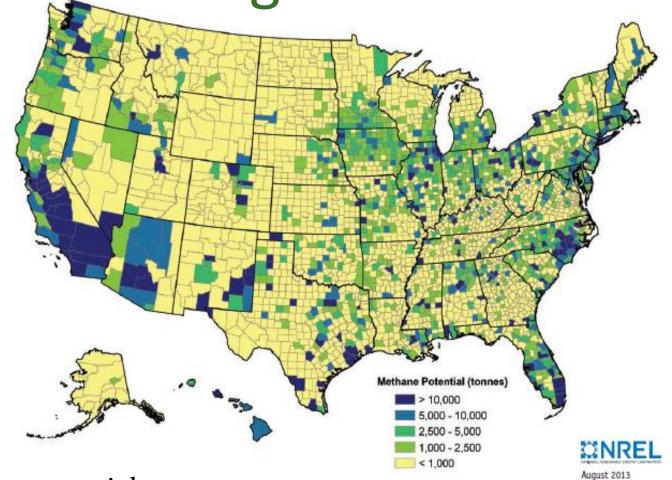
Trans. Sector Biogas Trends

- More adoption of CNG/LNG vehicles
 - 60% of trash trucks sold in 2013 were NG trucks
 - By 2017 33% of Class 8 heavy duty trucks
- Environmental attributes and demand are increasing the value of biogas



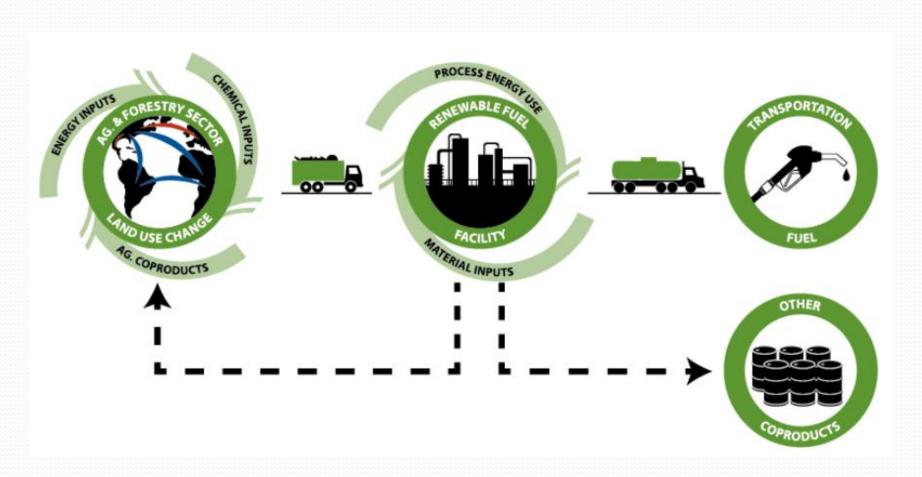


Lots of biogas to be had



- Biogas potential
 - 7.9 million metric tons per year
 - If all of this was converted to CNG/LNG and used in the transportation sector it would represent ~5 Billion RINs

Waste derived fuels are lowcarbon fuels



Methane is more efficient and renewable natural gas is even better

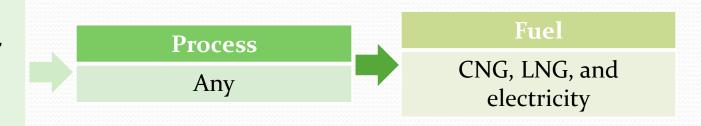


 California Low Carbon Fuel Standard (LCFS) GHG emissions calculations (g/MJ)

The Pathways are There

Feedstock

Biogas from landfills, municipal wastewater treatment plant digesters, agricultural digesters (and other waste digesters)



- An approved "pathway" consists of the unique combination of an approved feedstock, conversion process, and fuel
- For any approved feedstock there may be many approved conversion processes and approved fuels associated with it

The Value Proposition for Transportation Fuels is Clear

Average electric power price for NG in 2014 has been
 \$5.07 per thousand cubic feet

