Strategic Energy Management is Decarbonization: Using the SEM Method to Achieve Your Climate Goals and Build Resiliency.

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What is aquafficiency?





Saving Money While Saving the Planet: Implementing Massachusetts' Carbon Neutral Goals at Your Facility

What Are We Talking About?

PRESS RELEASE

Governor Baker Signs Climate Legislation to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Protect Environmental Justice Communities

Bipartisan Law Will Combat Climate Change While Growing Massachusetts' Economy



Of What Language Are We Really Speaking?

CO2 EQUIVALENTS

Charts and tables in this Emissions section of our website **convert** all greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions **into CO₂ equivalents** so they can be **compared**.

Each greenhouse gas (GHG) has a different **global warming potential (GWP)** and persists for a different length of time in the atmosphere.

The **three main greenhouse gases** (along with water vapour) and their **20-year** global warming potential (GWP) **compared to carbon dioxide** are: (1)

- 1x carbon dioxide (CO₂) NOTE: Any carbon dioxide added to the atmosphere will hang around for a *long* time: between 300 to 1,000 years. All this time, it will be contributing to trapping heat and warming the atmosphere.
- 84 x methane (CH₄) I.e. Releasing 1 kg of CH4 into the atmosphere is about equivalent to releasing 84 kg of CO₂. Methane's 100-year GWP is about 28x CO2 but it only persists in the atmosphere for a little more than a decade. The 100-year GWP is used to derive CO₂e.
- 298 x nitrous oxide (N₂O) I.e. Releasing 1 kg of N₂O into the atmosphere is about equivalent to releasing about 298 kg of CO2. Nitrous oxide persists in the atmosphere for more than a century. It's 20-year and 100-year GWP are basically the same.



https://climatechangeconnection.org/emissions/co2-equivalents/



eGRID – Emissions and Generation Resource Integrated Database https://www.epa.gov/egrid/power-profiler#/



New England (NEWE) 49.8% fossil fuel 29.8% nuclear 7.3% hydro



Case Study: South Essex Sewerage District, Salem, MA

National Grid Continuous Energy Improvement Initiative







SESD Wastewater Treatment Facility

- Regional WWTP that serves Salem, Beverly, Danvers, Marblehead, and Peabody
- Secondary WWTP
- Pure oxygen secondary treatment process
- Average daily flow of 28 MGD, peak capacity of 99 MGD
- Average daily electrical load of 2,000 kW
- Year-round thermal demand for process heat loads (Odor Control)



SESD Energy Management Program

- Started in 2002 to assist in reduction of O&M costs
- Formed Energy Use and Conservation Team
- Worked with electric and natural gas utilities and suppliers
 - Investigate rebate and incentive programs
 - Certified Building Operator/Energy Manager
 - Motor Management Plan
 - 5 Year Rotating Electrical System preventative maintenance and CIP Plan



Electrical Optimization

- **HVAC** air balancing
- **Replaced interior lighting with T8/T5 fluorescent**, LED and tritium gas type lamps
- **Replaced emergency exit lighting with LED lamps**
- **Continued use of NEMA Premium efficiency motors** for all new and replacement purchases
- **Optimized aeration mixer speeds**
- Installed new high efficiency aeration mixer blades ۲
- Improved oxygen feed control to secondary reactors
- **Optimized water chilling system for** Admin/Maintenance building
- Lighting automation controls
- **VFDs installed on HVAC fans**



Electrical Demand and Cost Trend

Natural Gas Optimization

- HVAC adjustments for occupied vs non-occupied building space
- Replaced facility roofing, improved insulation
- Replacement of some boilers and burner units
- Tightened seasonal control strategy for heat intensive process needs (i.e. odor control)



Natural Gas Demand and Cost Trend

National Grid-Sponsored Continuous Energy Improvement (CEI/SEM)



And a goal of further savings of 5% on their consumption

Finding Energy Savings – Tools and Techniques





Linear Regression Modeling



Savings Tracking



Top Priorities

#42 Odor G Fan 3 Operation Reduction

Treasure Hunts

Savings Achieved

(4/1/19 – 10/20/21) 1,190,000 kWh \$167,193 electric cost \$35,820 incentives ~230 hp off-line 846 metric tons – CO₂-e

> Greenhouse Gas Equivalencies Calculator



https://www.epa.gov/energy/greenhouse-gas-equivalencies-calculator

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Thank You!

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