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Converting Challenges into Opportunities: Software for Distributed Methane Abatement

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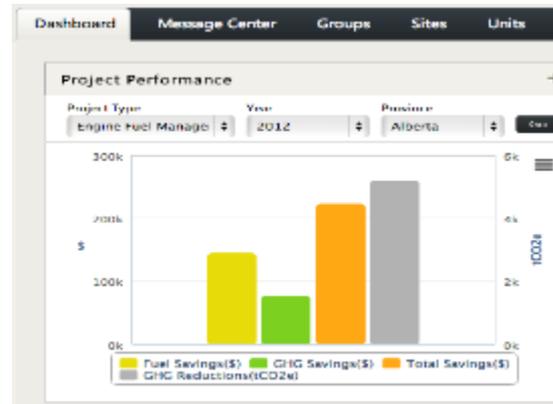
Making Sustainability Profitable... for California

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 - Robust quantification tools (DEEPP)

About Cap-Op Energy

*Sustainability
Made Profitable*

Mission: To simplify sustainability in the energy sector with *intelligent tools* and *strategic thinking*.



Cap-Op Energy has developed the premier energy efficiency platform for the oil & gas industry to automate and standardize the quantification of greenhouse gas credits (carbon offsets) from data acquisition through to verification and reporting. It offers significant savings and risk reduction to customers by coupling the power of cloud computing and project aggregation with years of industry expertise and best practices.

The Challenge

Mandate: 45% reduction in methane emissions from O&G by 2025 (National and sub-national)

- 45% of what? Small emission sources not well documented, but contribute significant proportion of methane venting
- Compliance (abatement) costs will range from **\$2/t CO₂e to \$160/t CO₂e (10 year)**
- Distributed methane abatement solutions available to address massive hi-bleed fleet
- Costs and information are the barriers - finding and scoping small projects is challenging

Scope of Opportunity

GHG Emitting Equipment	Total Alberta Equipment Count	Estimated Eligible Alberta Equipment Count	GHG Efficient Alternatives	Average Emissions Reduction (annual)	Average Capital Cost (Installed)	Estimated Total GHG Reduction Potential (over 10 years)
High-bleed instruments	369,067	115,000	Low-bleed instruments	40 tCO ₂ e	\$1,000 - 2,500	46,000,000 tCO ₂ e
Pneumatic Pumps	172,302	150,000	Low/No-bleed pumps	75 tCO ₂ e	\$10,000 - 25,000	112,500,000 tCO ₂ e
Solution Gas Venting	19,000	8,000	Well site vent gas capture	500 tCO ₂ e	\$20,000 - \$60,000	40,000,000 tCO ₂ e
Vent gas (Engines)	31,968	10,000	Vent gas capture	1000 tCO ₂ e	\$50,000 - \$250,000	100,000,000 tCO ₂ e
Natural gas combustion engines	31,968	6,000	Air-fuel ratio controllers	600 tCO ₂ e	\$150,000 - \$300,000	36,000,000 tCO ₂ e
Total						335 million tCO₂e
— “Lowest Hanging Fruit” (Current Opportunity)				- - - “Next Best” (Opportunity for Future Expansion)		

Sourced from Alberta's Upstream Oil & Gas Assets Inventory Project – Opportunities to Reduce GHG Emissions. 2013.

The Opportunity

Our data confirm **pneumatic device conversions** are the \$2/t to \$10/t projects - and there are *hundreds of thousands to do*

- Cap-Op is working to help companies abate distributed methane emissions
 - Planning tool for low-cost execution
 - Robust emissions quantification
 - Carbon-backed project financing
- Regulatory framework can drive work
 - Carbon pricing drives economics
 - Upstream -> across jurisdictions
 - End-use in CA, benefits to CA

Distributed Methane Abatement Workflow

Carbon-Backed Project Financing

(Innovating on Funding)



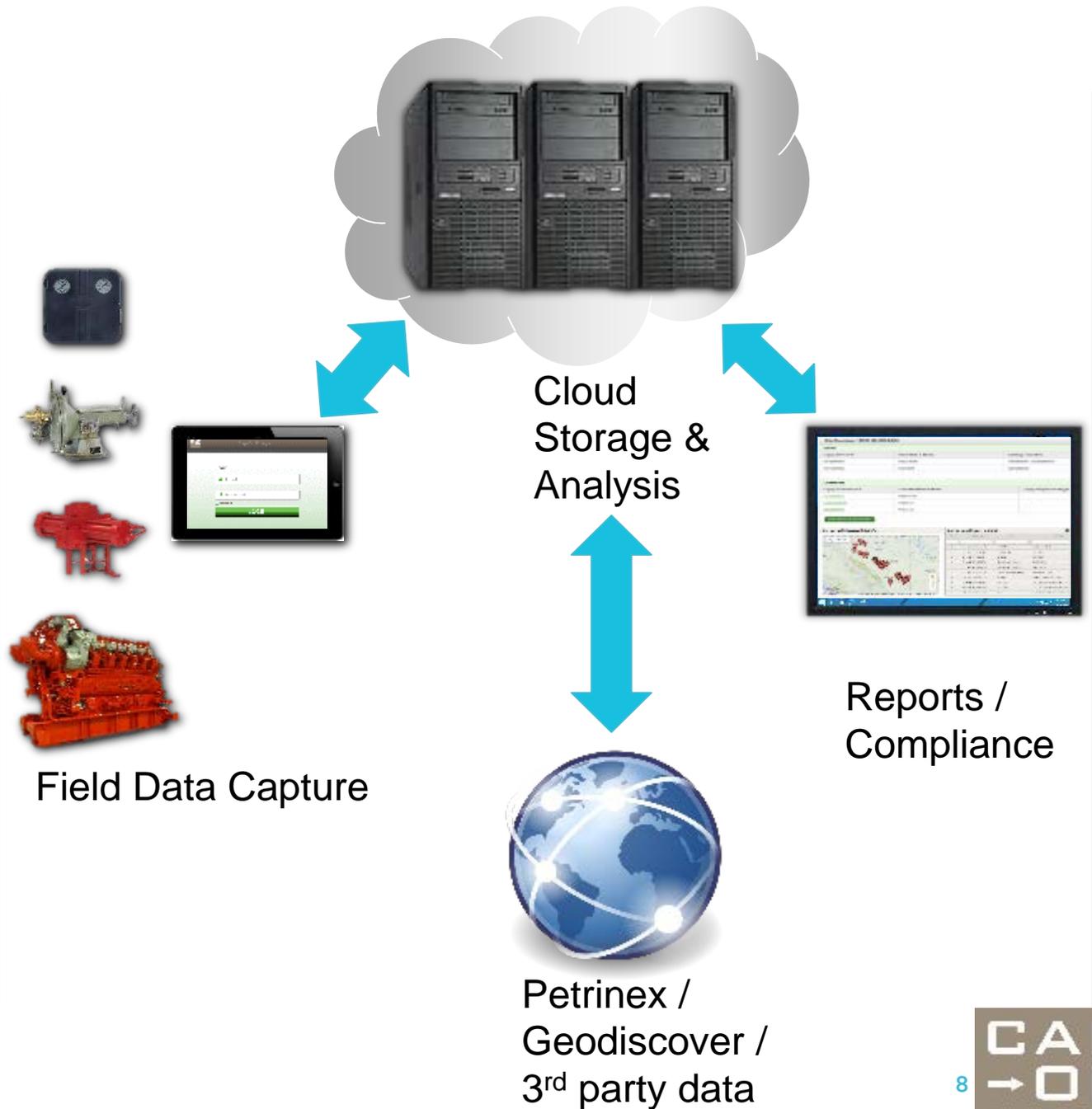
MAP

(User Engagement & Software Development Underway)

DEEPP

(Operational)

Methane Abatement Platform



MAP: Field Data Collection

The image displays three overlapping screenshots of the Cap-Op Energy field app interface. The top screenshot shows the 'Enter NTS to Create a New Site or Return to an Existing Site' screen, featuring a header with the Cap-Op Energy logo, 'Super User' status, and a 'Logout' button. Below the header, there are radio buttons for 'NTS' (selected) and 'LSD', and a green 'Sync' button with the text '# of Entries Not Synced: 7'. A list of site identifiers is shown, including 'A-01-A/082-A-01' and 'A-01-A/082-A-04'. The middle screenshot shows a 'New Valve & Controller' form with fields for 'Valve' (Actuator Make, Actuator Model, Actuator Serial #, Actuator Benchset, Cap-Op Valve ID #, Valve Make, Valve Model, Valve Serial #) and 'Controller' (Controller Make & Model, Capop Controller ID #, Controller Make & Model, Capop Sample Tracking #). The bottom screenshot shows a 'Site Overview: A-01-A/082-A-04' screen with an 'Edit Site' button and three data tables: 'Valves', 'Controllers', and 'Pumps'. Each table has columns for ID, Make & Model, and Sample Tracking #, with 'Add' buttons for each row.

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Super User Logout
Beta 2.2

Enter NTS to Create a New Site or Return to an Existing Site

NTS LSD # of Entries Not Synced: 7 Sync

Quarter Unit : A
NTS Exception : Select
Unit : 01
Block : A
Series : 082
Area : A
Sheet : 01

A-01-A/082-A-01
Last Visited Sites
A-01-A/082-A-04

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Site Overview: A-01-A/082-A-04 Edit Site

Capop Valve ID #	Valve Make & Model	Existing Controllers	
V800003	Fisher D4	CS00003, CS00004, CS00027	Add Controller to Valve
V800025			Add Controller to Valve

Capop Controller ID #	Controller Make & Model	Capop Sample Tracking #
CS00003	Fisher 548	
CS00004	Fisher 4150	EVENT00000
CS00027	Antak 1001	

Capop Pump ID #	Pump Make & Model	Pump Sample Tracking #
E800018	Arrow 1250	EVENT000011

Actuator Make: Select Actuator Make
Actuator Model: Select Actuator Model
Actuator Serial #:
Actuator Benchset: to Units
Take Valve/Actuator Photo
Cap-Op Valve ID #: V80700001
Valve Make: Select Valve Make
Valve Model: Select Valve Model
Valve Serial #:
Actuator and/or Valve Notes:

Valves

Controllers

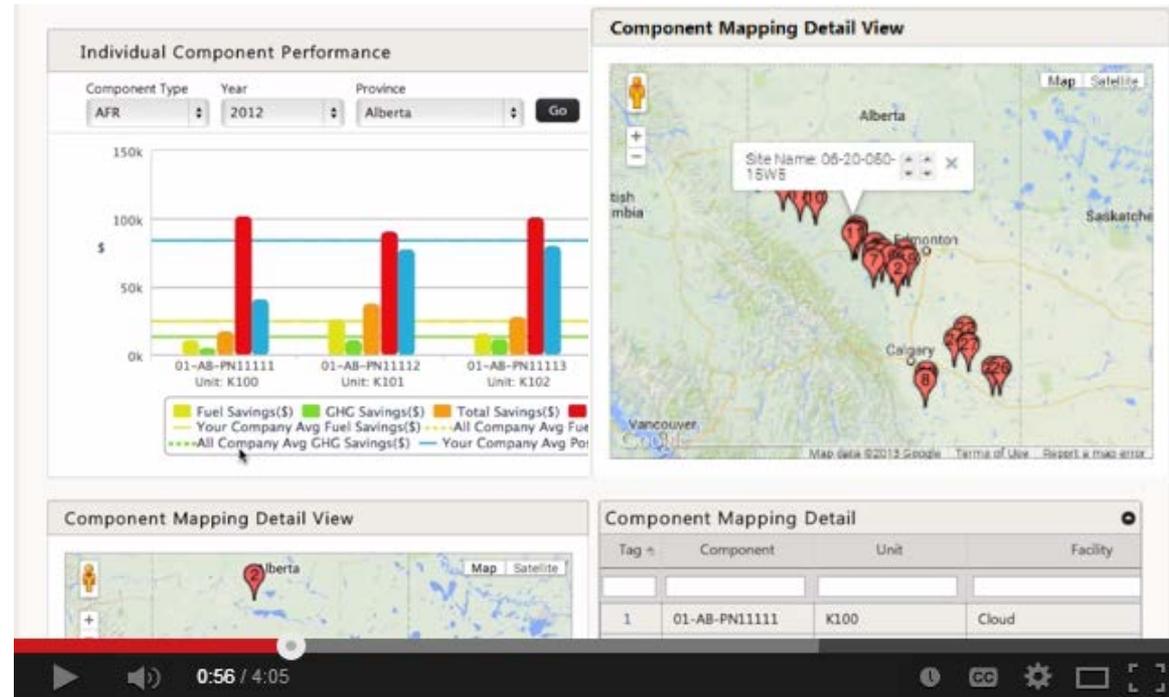
Pumps

- The field app syncs with the server using a WIFI or cellular data connection.
- We use a packet-level data arrival confirmation system to handle flakey signals.

MAP: Back-end Tools

- Utility Analysis:
 - Gas pipelines / Co-op lines (conservation)
 - Disposal and storage wells (abatement / conservation)
 - Electricity lines (conservation via power generation or electrification)
- Clustering Analysis:
 - Methane destruction and conservation opportunities
 - Simple communication among diverse stakeholders
- Campaign Planning:
 - Route optimization
 - Equipment and tools available
 - Tracking and accounting progress (no double conversions)

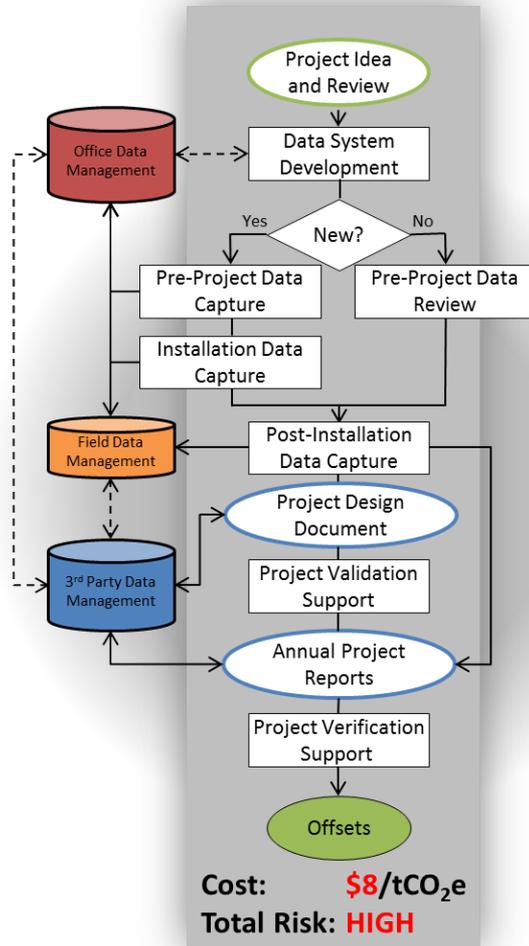
Distributed Energy Efficiency Project Platform (DEEPP)



Cap-Op Energy Distributed Energy Efficiency Project Platform (...)

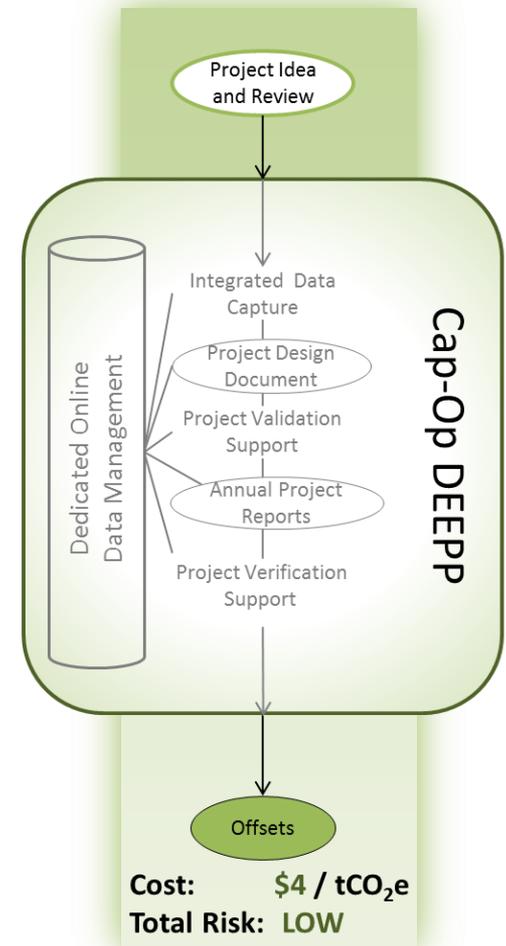
DEEPP Process

Conventional Process



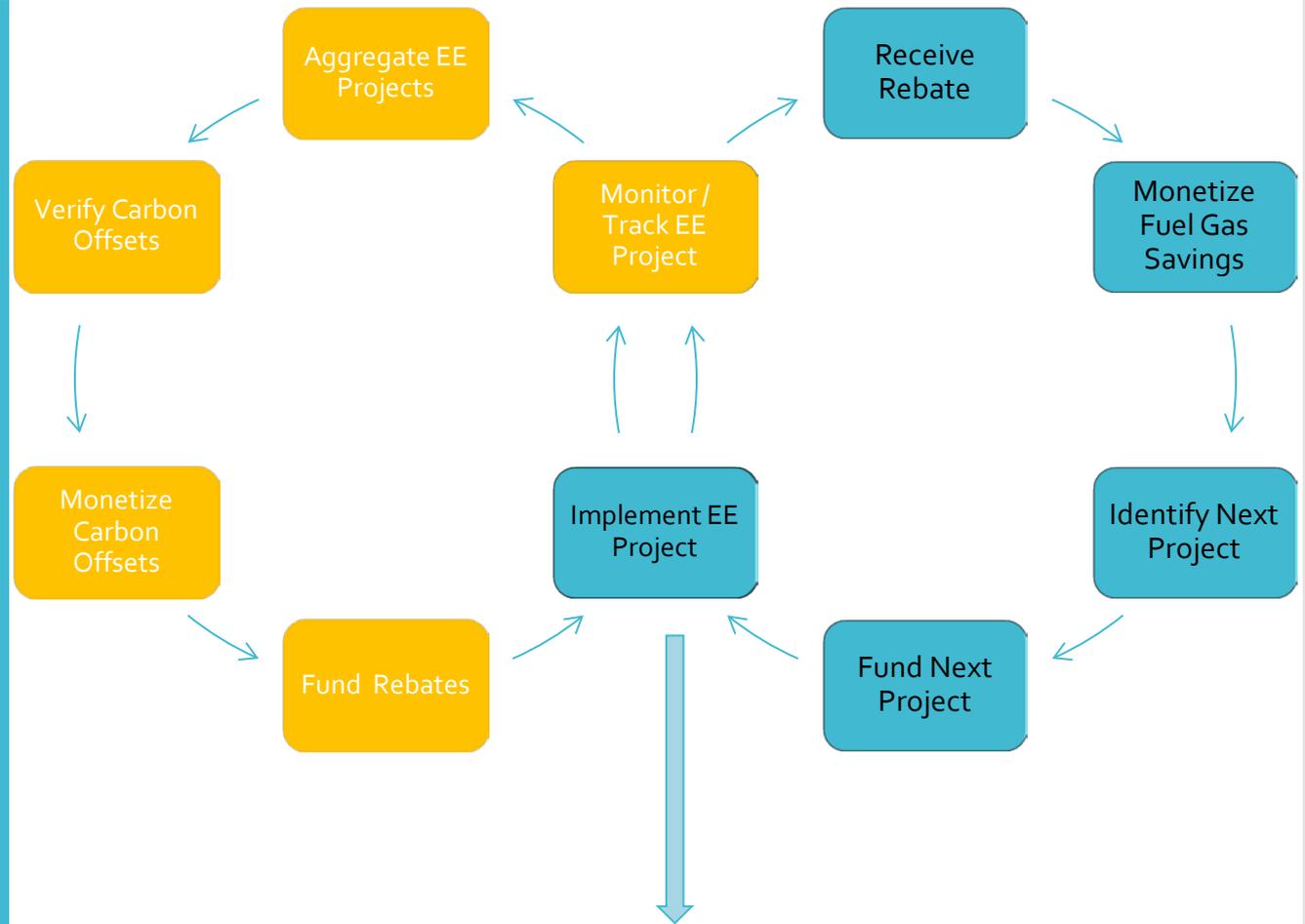
- X Inefficient
- X Expensive
- X High Risk

DEEPP Process



- ✓ Streamlined
- ✓ Cost Effective
- ✓ Low Risk

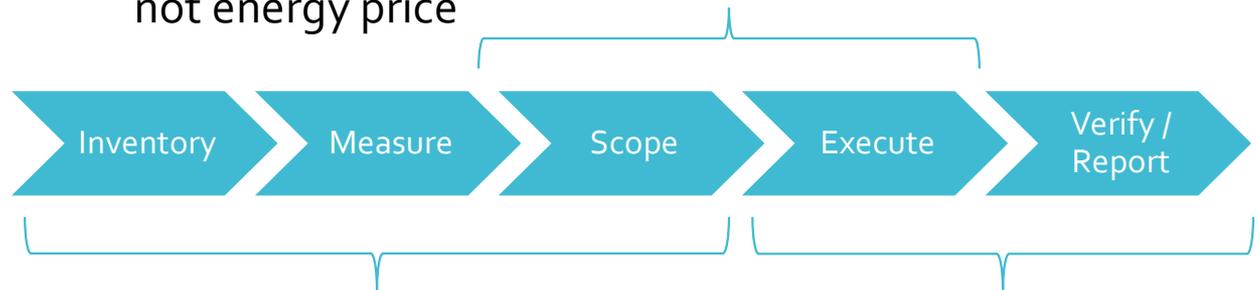
Carbon-Backed Project Finance



Enhanced Performance: Corporate Environmental Stewardship + Low Cost Production and Reliability + Returns to Investors

Carbon-Backed Project Financing

- Accelerate projects based on carbon price, not energy price
- Leverage 3rd party funds for project capital



MAP

- Improve accuracy of methane emission reporting / carbon intensity estimates through enhanced granularity
- Decision support tool for identifying, evaluating and prioritizing methane abatement programs

DEEPP

- Robust quantification of distributed emissions
- Aggregated verification of emission reductions
- Project management and performance tracking
- Industry benchmarking

Cap-Op
Tools
Support
Low-Carbon
Natural Gas

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 - Supportive regulatory framework (carbon pricing / incentive)

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