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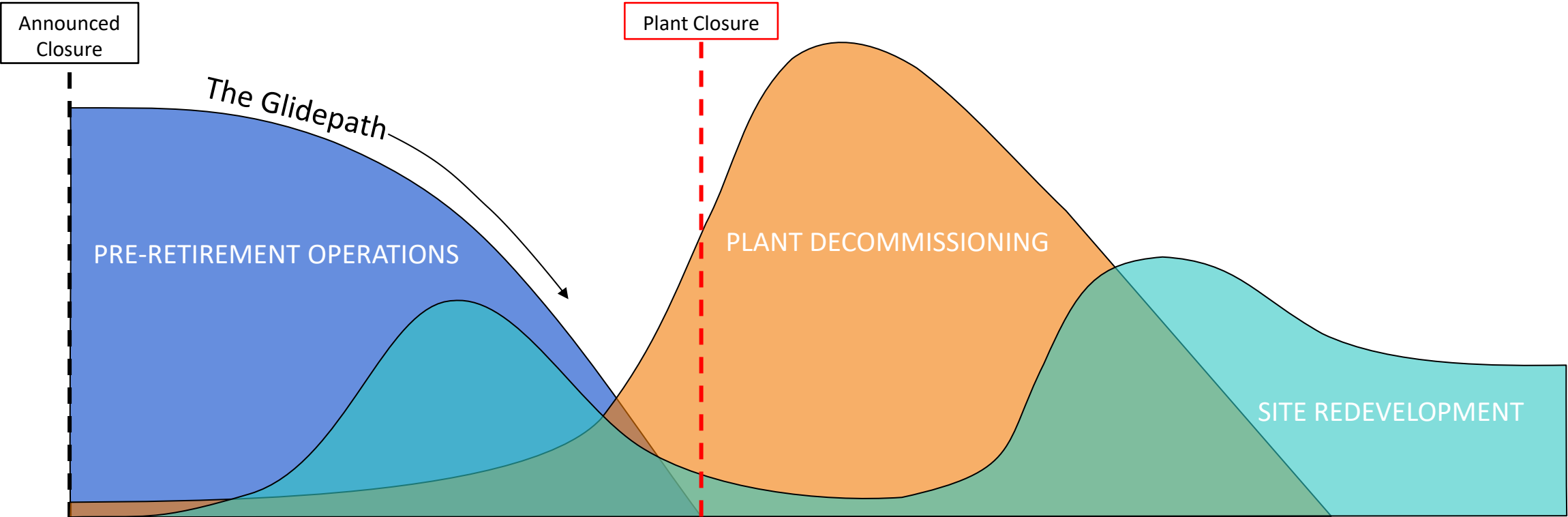
Screening Coal-Fired Power Plants for New Generation Technologies



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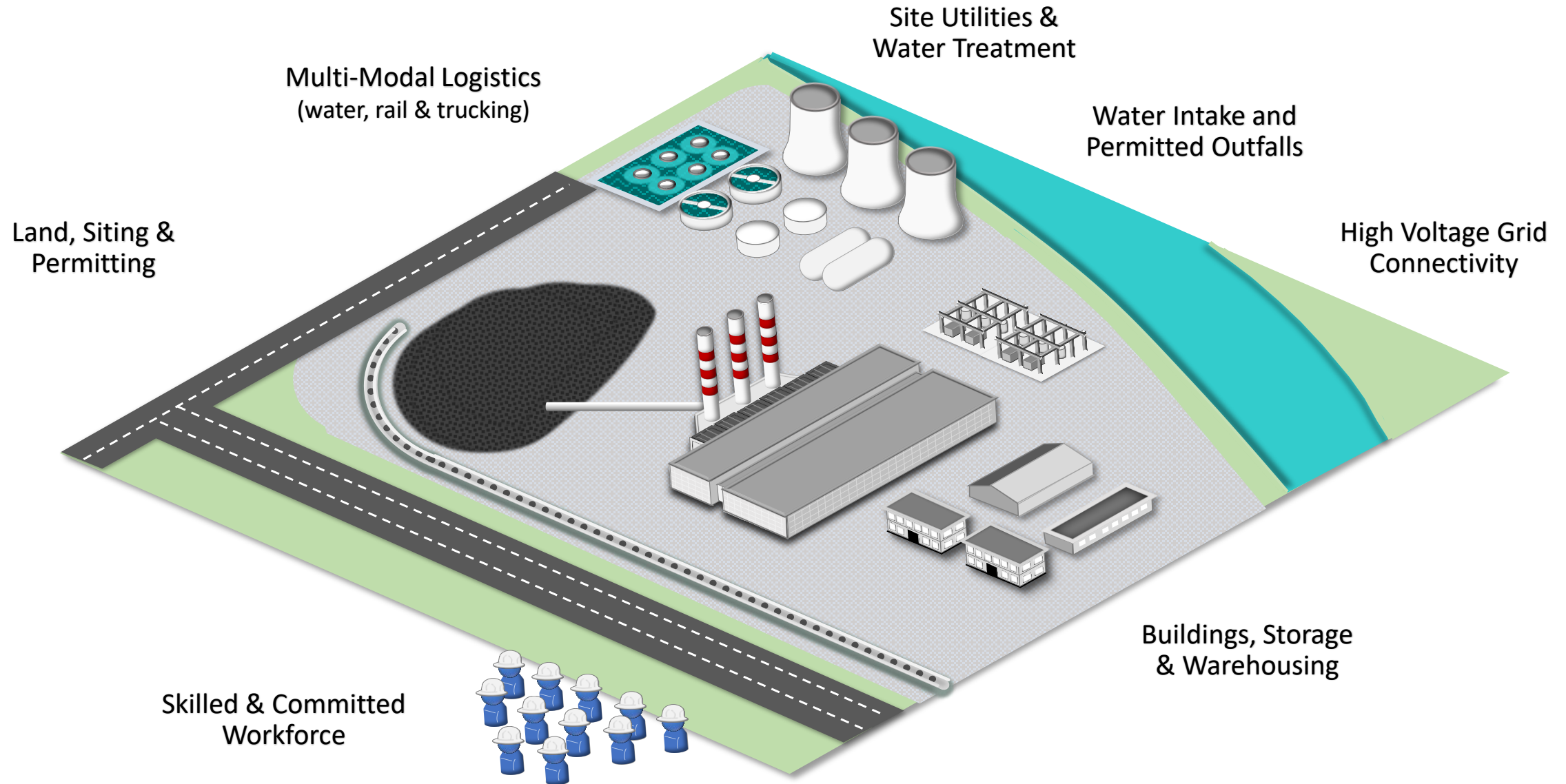
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Plant Decommissioning & Site Redevelopment Process



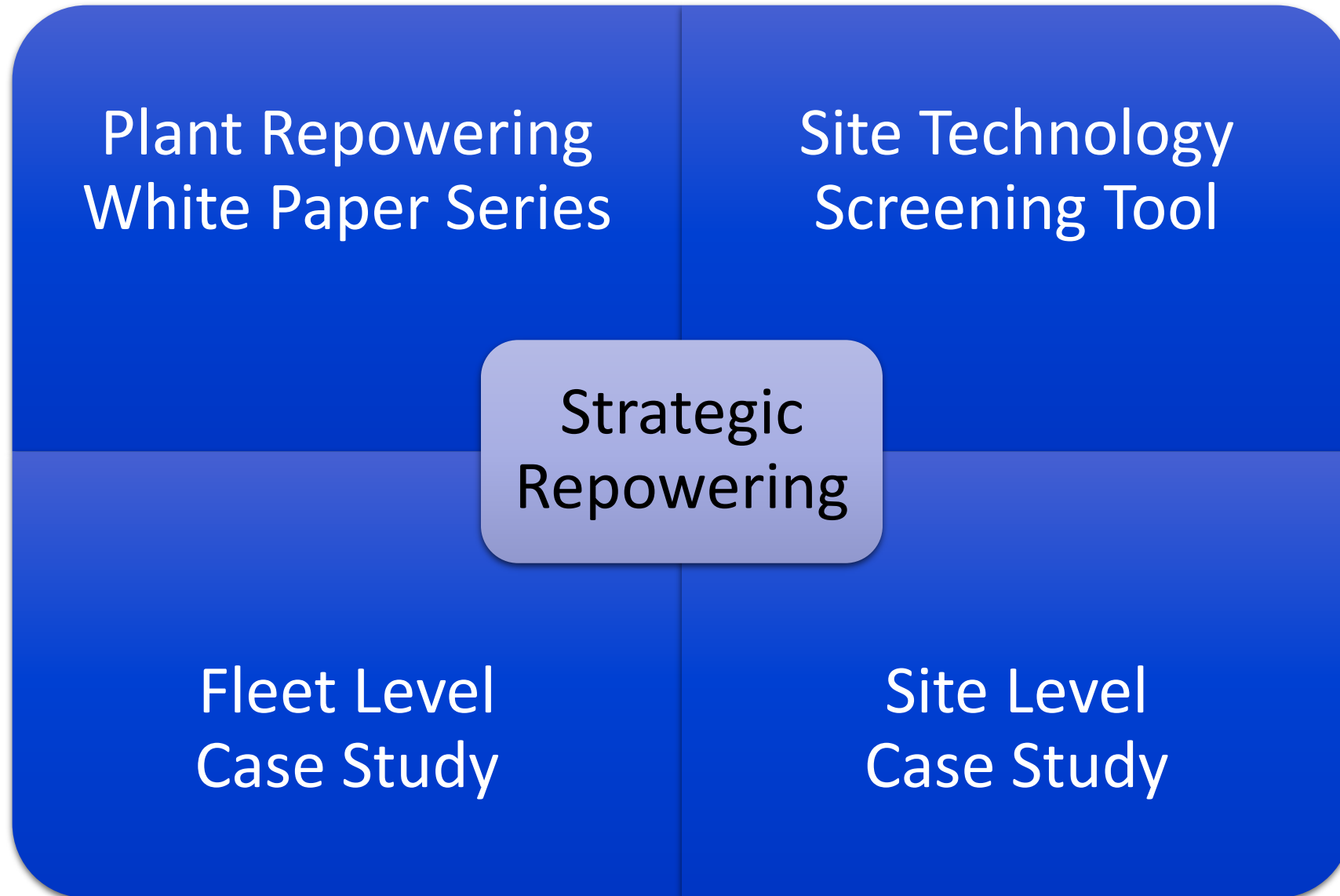
Closure Requires Collaboration

Coal-Fired Power Plant Site Assets



Retiring Sites Retain Significant Value

EPRI Approach To Driving Strategic Repowering



EPRI Repowering Technology Screening Tool

Does Provide High-Level Screening

Multiple generation technologies are often feasible at the same site

Multiple sites are often feasible for a given generation technology

Provides an unbiased evaluation for internal and external stakeholder conversations

Equity and Justice aspects of repowering are not included

Does Not Provide A Final Answer

Determine feasibility of generation technologies that may potentially be implemented at the site

Top level of siting funnel to identify potential sites to support resource needs

Establishes baseline for comparison to internal or external evaluations

Can be customized for each company or site

EPRI Repowering Technology Screening Input Categories

- Land Availability
- Buildable Land
- Surrounding Parcels
- CCP Areas
- Unit Generation/Transmission
- Water Availability/Permits
- Air Quality/Permits
- Other Existing Infrastructure
- Operations
- Fuel/Energy Source
- Population and Land Use

Basic Information		
Owner		
Site Name or Number		
Site Location (County and State)		
Land Availability		
Determine Total Land Acreage		
	Parcel 1	
	Parcel 2	
	Parcel 3	
	Parcel 4	
	Parcel 5	
What is the total existing site acreage?		0
Adjustment to include adjacent land not owned by Company		
What is the total site acreage including land not owned by Company?		0
Buildable Land		
Buildable Land Adjustments		
What is the total available Buildable Land during the transition from coal to the new technology?		
Is a significant portion of the site Critical Habitat?		
Adjustment to exclude acres with Critical Habitat? (acres)		
Adjustment to exclude USGS Public Access (acres)		
Adjustment to exclude acres in NHC Storm Surge Area? (acres - recommend excluding red area as min.)		
Adjustment to Buildable Land to exclude acres with known Cultural Resources? (acres)		
Adjustment to exclude acres with existing, concurrent or planned CCP facilities? (acres)		
Adjustment to exclude acres with stormwater or wastewater treatment ponds? (acres)		
Approximately how many acres of the CCR areas are capped and closed?		
Approximately how many acres of the Buildable land has greater than 15% slope?		
Approximately how many acres of Buildable Land acres has between 11-15% slope?		
Approximately how many acres of Buildable Land acres has between 5-10% slope?		
Buildable Land Total		0
Buildable Land Solar		0
Contiguous Block of Land for Plant Footprint		

EPRI Screening Tool Methodology: Non-Nuclear Generation

- Weighted attribute-specific grading on scale of 1-10
- Weight and score are multiple to determine attribute score
- Sum of attributes/maximum possible score x 100
- Percentage and color coding to indicate good, fair, poor technical feasibility

Attribute	Available Land	Population and Land Use	Transmission	Water Availability /Permits	Air Quality/ Permits	Other Existing Infrastructure	Existing Labor Force	Fuel/ Energy Source	Total Evaluated Score	
Attribute Calculated Score	2	10	8	9	10	10	5	0		
Attribute Weight	7	6	5	8	3	4	3	0		
Attribute Weighted Score	14	60	40	72	30	40	15	0	Total Weighted Score	271
Attribute Maximum Possible Weighted Score	70	60	50	80	30	40	30	40	Maximum Possible Technology Score	400
Total Evaluated Score									Total Evaluated Score	67%

EPRI Screening Tool Methodology: Nuclear Generation

- Green, yellow, red based on criteria from the EPRI nuclear siting guide
- Advanced Nuclear Technology: Site Selection and Evaluation Criteria for New Nuclear Energy Generation Facilities (Siting Guide) – 2022 Revision

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Site Attribute	Geology/Seismology		Population		Available Land		Composite
Scoring Methodology					Exclude		
	Peak Ground Acceleration		Density>500 in 20-mile radius	Red	3 Flooding		
	<0.03g	Green	Density>300 in 20-mile radius		9 Wetlands		
			Yellow				
	0.03g - 0.05g	Yellow	Pop. Center>25K (4-miles)	Yellow	10 Land Use		
	>0.05g	Red	Pop. Center>100K (10-miles)	Yellow	8 Critical Habitat		
			Pop. Center>500K (20-miles)	Yellow			
			Pop. Center>1M (30-miles)	Yellow	Power Block		
			None of the Above	Green	Green > 200 acres		
					Yellow >24 and <200 acres		
					Red <25 acres		
					Overall Site		
					Green > 500 acres		
					Yellow >49 and <500 acres		
					Red <49 acres		
				Construction			
				Green > 100 acres			
				Yellow >49 and <100 acres			
				Red <50 acres			
From Input tab					Composite		
					Green All Green		
					Yellow Not Green or Red		
					Red All Red		
Scoring	PGA Value	0.049	Density>500 in 20-mile radius	No	Power Block (acres)	103	
			Density>300 in 20-mile radius	No	Overall Site (acres)	120	
			Pop. Center>25K (4-miles)	No			
			Pop. Center>100K (10-miles)	No	Max Construction (acres)	-91	
			Pop. Center>500K (20-miles)	No	Min Construction (acres)	84	
			Pop. Center>1M (30-miles)	No			
	1 = Red 2 = Yellow 3 = Green						
					Power Block	2	
					Overall Site	2	
					Construction	2	
	Geology/Seismology		Population		Available Land		
	2		3		1		
Basis	Advanced Nuclear Technology: Site Selection and Evaluation Criteria for New Nuclear Energy Generation Facilities (Siting Guide) 2022, Section 3.1.1.1		Advanced Nuclear Technology: Site Selection and Evaluation Criteria for New Nuclear Energy Generation Facilities (Siting Guide) 2022, Section 3.1.2.1.		Advanced Nuclear Technology: Site Selection and Evaluation Criteria for New Nuclear Energy Generation Facilities (Siting Guide) 2022, Table 1, Sections 3.1.1.3, 3.1.1.4, 3.2.2.3, and 3.3.4.		

EPRI Screening Tool Methodology: Output

- Output gives a high-level overview of technological feasibility
- Lists most and least favorable attributes by technology
- Percentage and color coding are relative
- More detailed evaluation is required for every technology regardless of score/color

TECHNOLOGY	EVALUATION (GREEN-GOOD, YELLOW - FAIR, RED - POOR)	FAVORABLE ATTRIBUTES	UNFAVORABLE ATTRIBUTES
Solar Photovoltaic	53%	Available Land	Transmission Fuel/Energy Source
Natural Gas & Hydrogen Turbines	69%	Available Land Fuel/Energy Source	Transmission Air Quality/Permits
Advanced Nuclear		Geology/ Seismology Cooling Water Population Atmospheric Dispersion Groundwater Radionuclide Pathway	
Molten Salt Energy Storage	41%	Available Land	Transmission Other Infrastructure
Lithium Ion Battery Energy Storage	59%	Available Land	Transmission 0
Hydrogen Electrolysis	59%	Available Land Water Avail/Permits	Transmission Other Infrastructure
Geothermal	23%		Fuel/Energy Source

EPRI Series for Repowering Coal-Fired Power Plants

- Solar Photovoltaic: [3002022919](#)
- Advanced Nuclear: [3002025482](#)
- Bulk Energy Storage: [3002025590](#)
- Battery Energy Storage Systems: [3002025591](#)
- Natural Gas/Hydrogen: [3002025894](#)
- Hydrogen Electrolysis: [3002025895](#)
- Net Zero Industrial Clusters: [3002026481](#)
- Equity & Justice Considerations for Plant Repowering: [3002026486](#)
- Coal Plant Repowering Technology Screening Tool and User Guide [3002027841](#)



Just Transition Resources for Plant Decommissioning & Redevelopment

- Just Transition: An Overview of the Landscape and Leading Practices [3002021708](#)
- Equity and Environmental Justice Aspects Across the Energy System [3002027134](#)
- Equity and Environmental Justice Considerations for Coal-Fired Plant Repowering [3002026486](#)
- Environmental Justice Program Development: A Program Framework [3002025681](#)
- Environmental Justice and Renewable Energy and Storage [3002024572](#)
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- Critical Evaluation of Environmental Justice Screening Tools [3002024330](#)
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- Landscape Review of Community Engagement Leading Practices [3002026748](#)
- Measuring Equity in the Energy Sector: An Overview of the Metrics Landscape [3002026909](#)
- Economic Impacts of Energy Transition: An Economic Framework for Assessing Plant Closures and Community Impacts [3002024779](#)



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