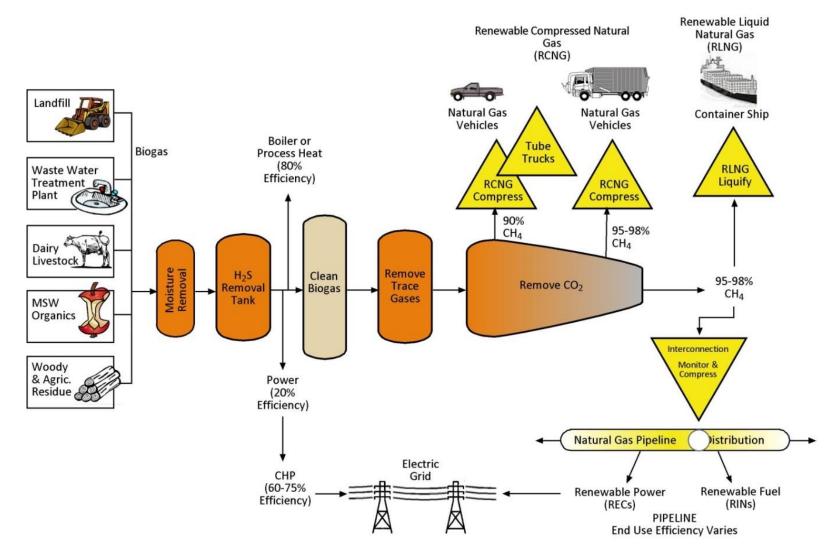


Promoting RNG Development in Washington State

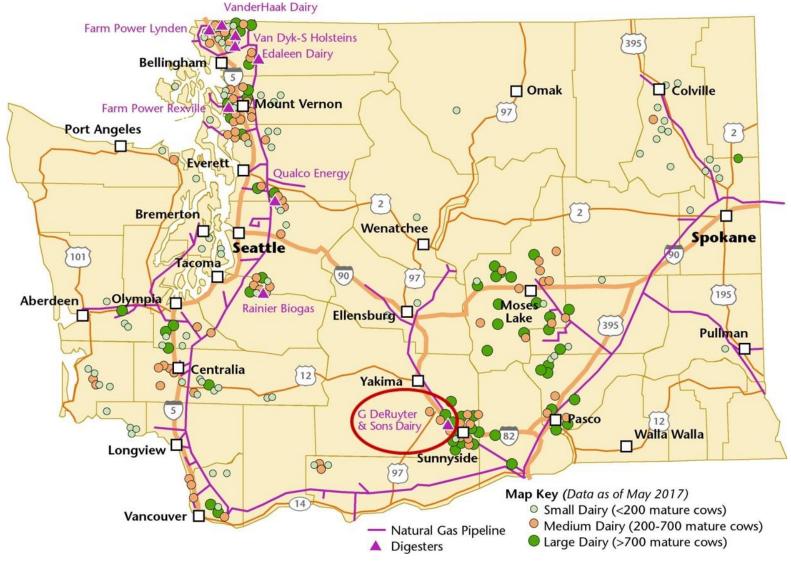
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What is Renewable Natural Gas...?



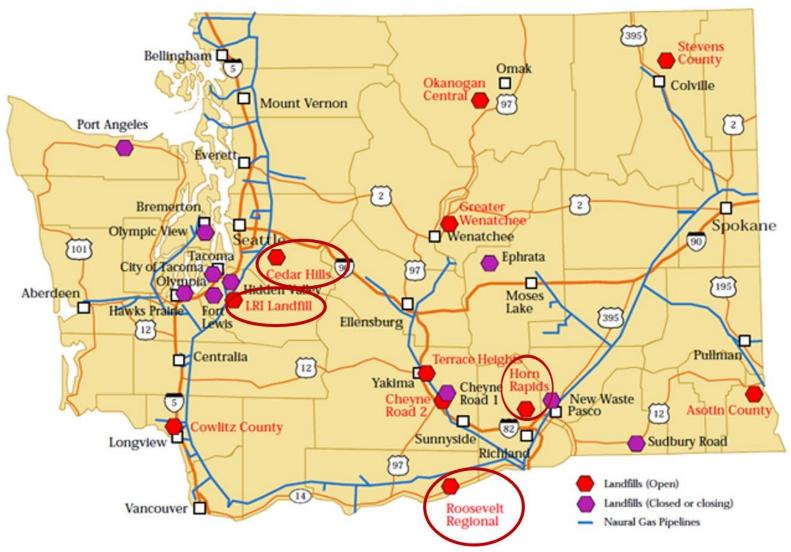


Dairy Digesters: Stable, Innovating, but Stalled





Landfills: Making Progress





Wastewater Treatment: Emerging Opportunities





2017 Roadmap: RNG Potential

Source	Energy (MMBtu/yr)	Electricity (MWh/yr)	Fuel (DGE/yr)
Landfills	16,519,219	1,738,865	122,364,586
Wastewater Treatment	1,716,062	180,638	12,711,571
Dairies	3,011,250	316,974	22,305,566
Food Processing & Municipal Organics	5,430,198	571,600	40,223,692
Urban Wood Gasification	23,376,197	2,460,652	173,157,015

Current: 8-9% power and direct use, ~20% diesel consumption

Advanced: 16-17% power and direct use, ~37% diesel consumption



2017 Roadmap: Key Findings

Power Sales Model Mature

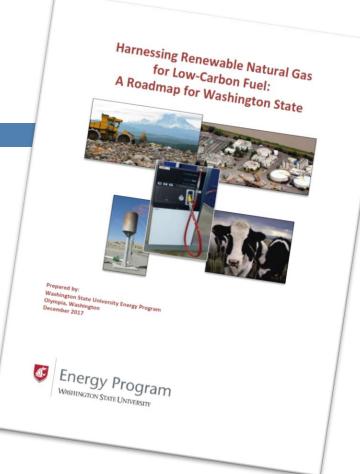
- Utility RPS targets met
- RNG market moving to transportation

Incentives Need an Overhaul

- Previous tax breaks expired
- Definitions dated, conflicting, incomplete

Pipeline Quality Standards

Uncertain Policy Framework

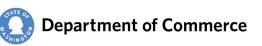




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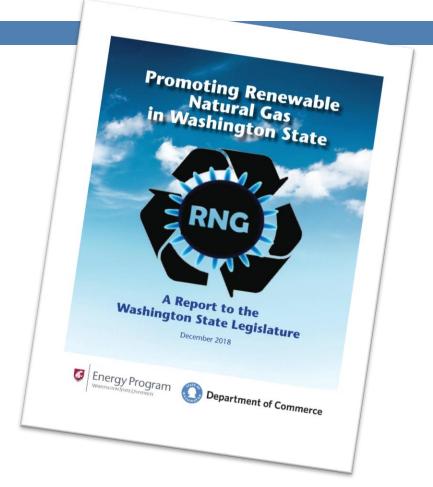
- Restore and expand production incentives
- Broader technoeconomic assessment
- Update policy options
- Public sector preferential purchasing
- Regional voluntary pipeline standards





2018 Roadmap: Promoting RNG

- Refine previous production estimates
- Cite economic and environmental benefits
- Integration with natural gas utilities
- Policy options, especially incentives

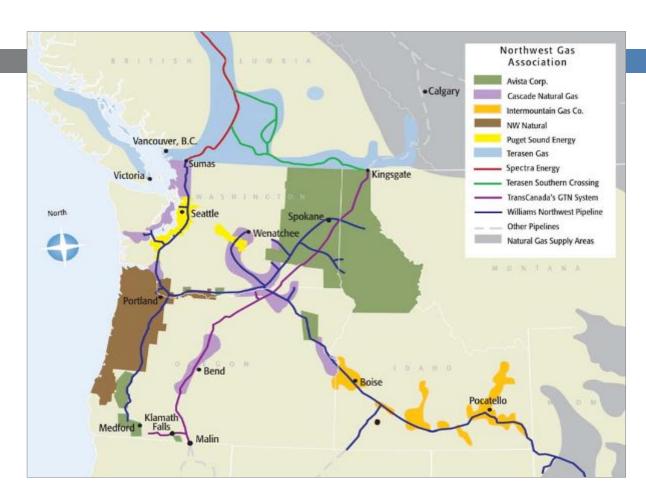


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First Step: Better data, focus on pipelines

- Facilities within 5 miles
- Feedstocks within 30 miles
- Public-private partnerships, priorities for public funding
- Data sets dated, incomplete and/or inferred





Start with the larger dairies...



Primary Dairies

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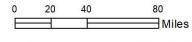
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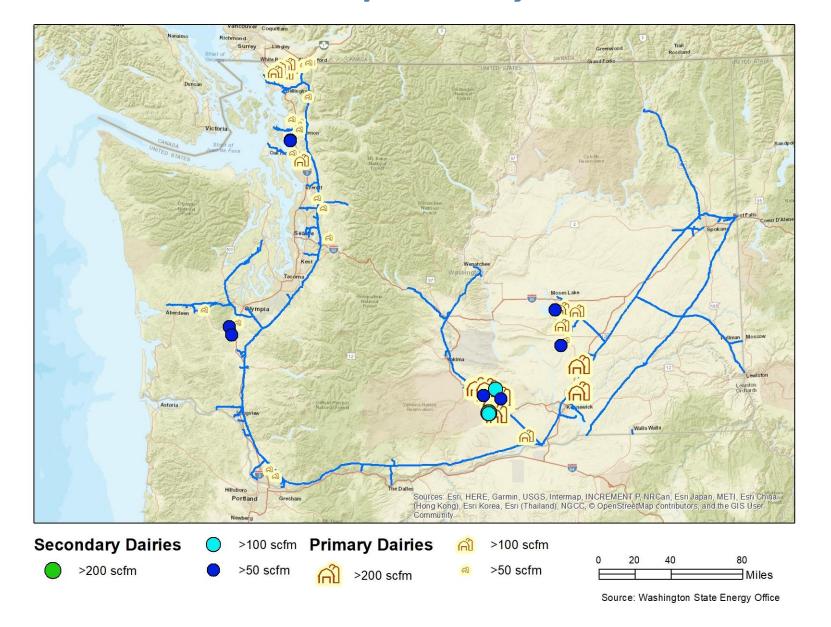
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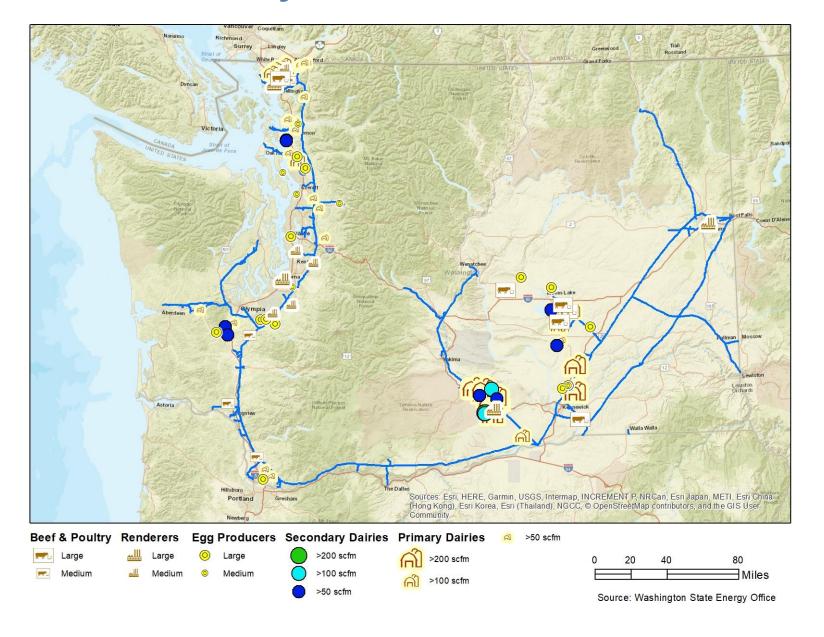
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...add dairies in close proximity to other dairies...



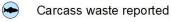
...other sources of animal waste...



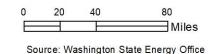
...don't forget hatcheries...



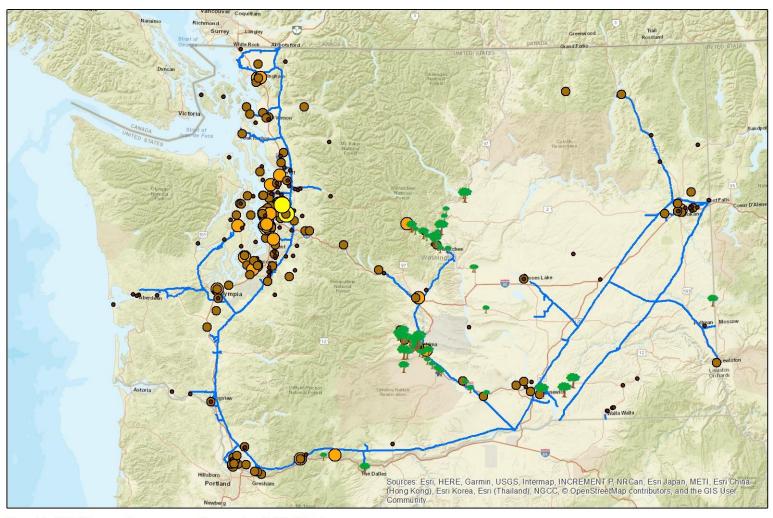
Fish Hatcheries



No report



...fruit growers, brewers and distillers...



Tree Fruit & Vineyards

>100k tons/yr and/or >50 employees

>50k tons/yr and/or >10 employees

Smaller packers

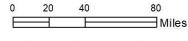
Breweries & Distilleries

>1m gal/yr beer or >100k gal/yr spirit

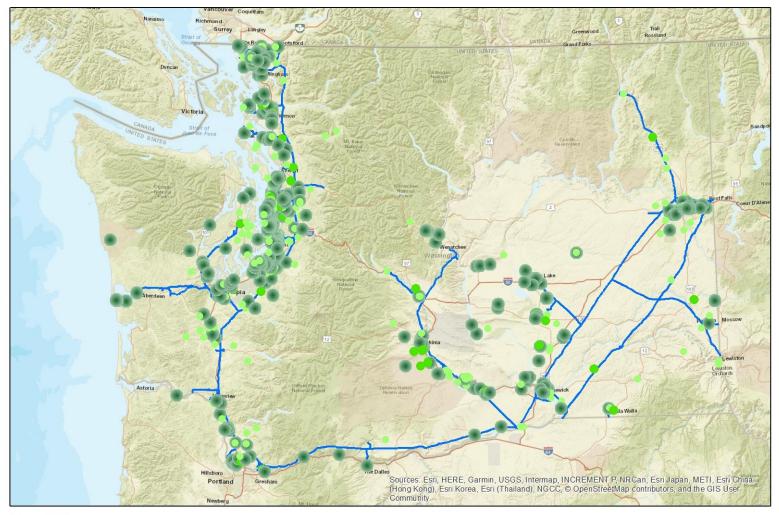
>100k beer or >10k spirit

>10k beer or >1k spirit

>1k beer or >100 spirit



...and plenty of food processors



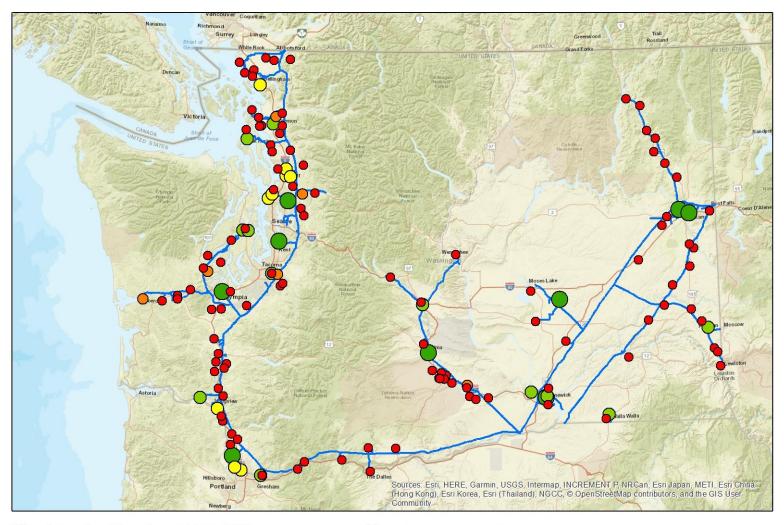
Food Processors

- High sales volume or employment (high energy value)
- Medium sales volume or employment

Other processors



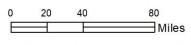
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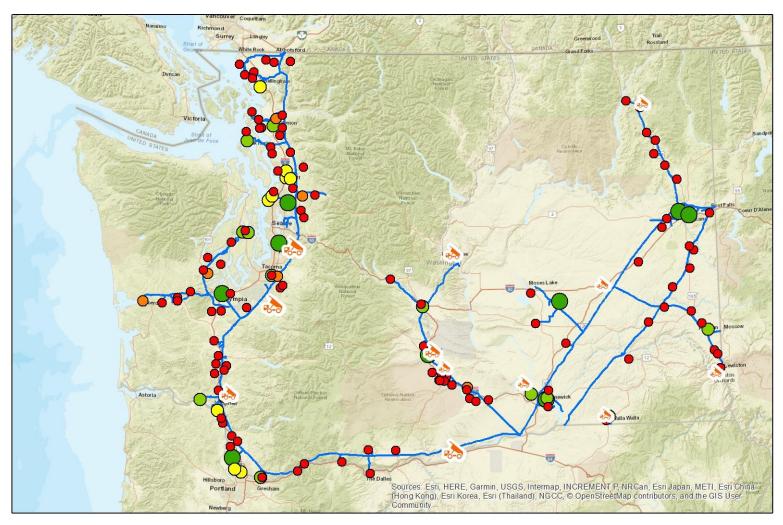
Wastewater Treatment Facilities

- Digester, >100 scfm and/or biogas capture
- Digester, 30-100 scfm

- No digester, >30 scfm
- Digester, 10-30 scfm
- Others



...add open landfills...



Open Landfills



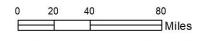
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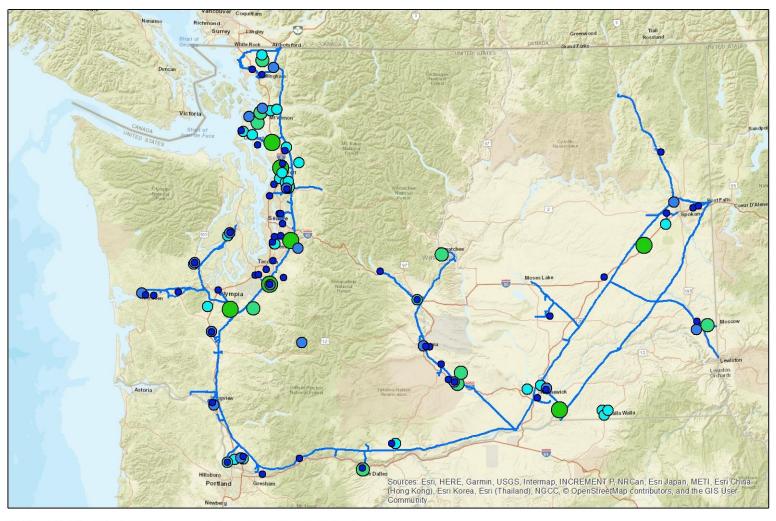
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...and composters, other public infrastructure



Other Infrastructure

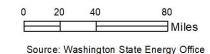
Compost (<10k tons/yr)</p>

Compost (>50k tons/yr)

Closed Landfill

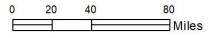
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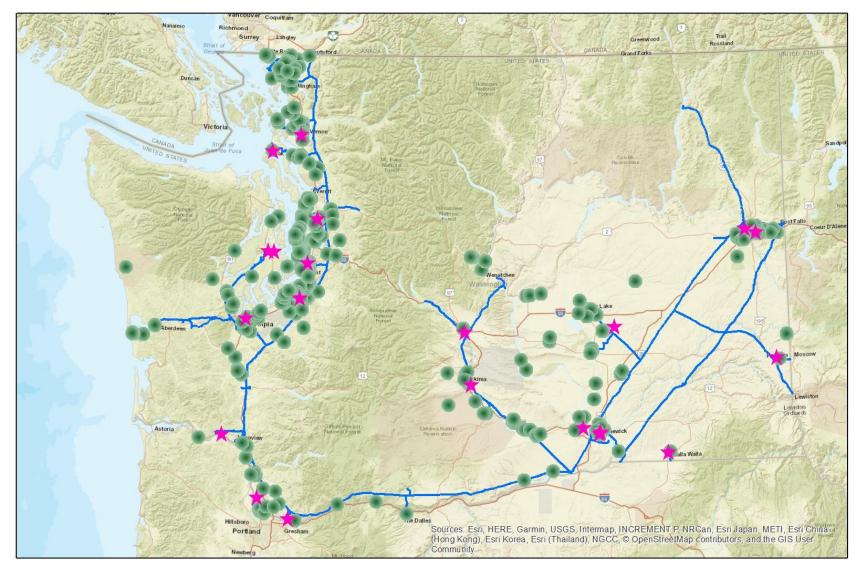
Transfer Station



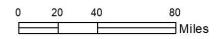


High Volume Animal Waste





High Volume/Value Food Processors (relative to wastewater treatment with AD)



2018 Roadmap: RNG Potential

Current (Cedar Hills LF, Roosevelt LF, South WWTP): 1.3%

All currently "wheeled" into California CNG transportation market

Near-Term (~5 years, ~\$680 million CAPEX): 1.8%

- One LF, two WWTPs, and eight dairies generating power converted to RNG
- Three landfills in Chelan, Cowlitz and Yakima counties
- Nine WWTPs w/digesters in Benton, Clark, Grant, King, Snohomish, Spokane and Yakima counties
- 19 additional dairies statewide (primarily Yakima, Grant/Adams and Whatcom counties)
- 50% of post-consumer organic wastes in King, Snohomish and Pierce counties

Medium-Term (5-10 yrs): **1.9**%

- Five landfills in Asotin, Benton, Grant, Yakima and Walla Walla counties
- 27 WWTPs, nine of them (including Post Point) upgraded with digesters
- ~200 dairies with adequate biogas potential
- Balance of post-consumer organic wastes from central Puget Sound, plus food waste for next 14 counties with highest RNG potential
- Significant diversion of food processing residuals, AD added to composters



New Initiatives

- Natural Gas Conservation Standard: Gas utilities identify and acquire all available and cost-effective measures; UTC to establish targets by 2022
- RNG Programs: Utilities may propose RNG program for compliance, must offer voluntary RNG service
- Low-Carbon Fuel Standard: State vs Puget Sound
- Public Preferential Purchasing: RNG and nutrients
- State-level Pipeline Standards: UTC exploration
- Clean Energy Fund: \$1m Dairy Digester Grants
- Food Waste Reduction Plan: 2020





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