



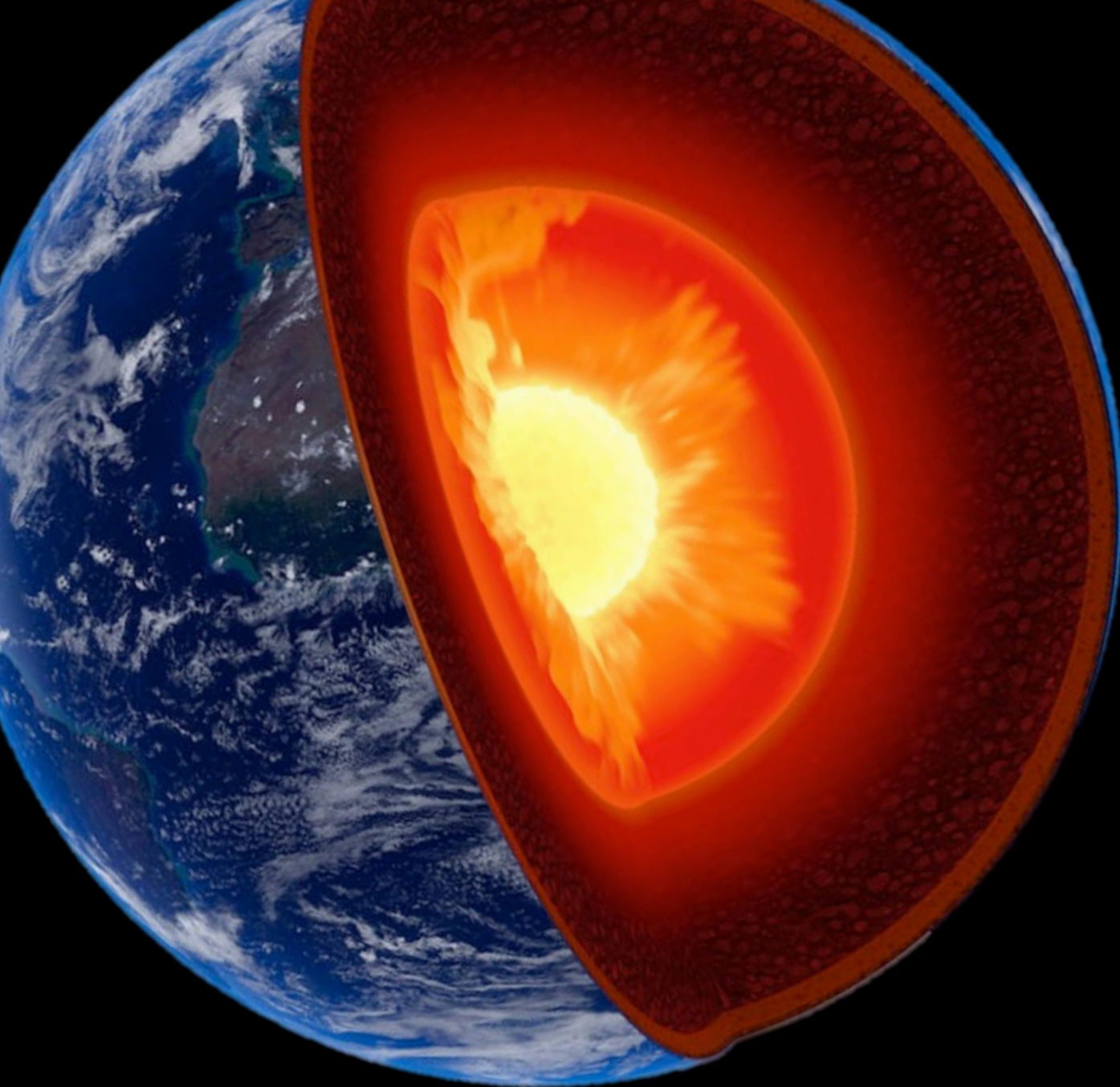
# **Geothermal Energy is on the Brink of a Boom: And it's because society's energy transition needs it**

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Executive Director

**EESI Briefing, The Growing Role of Renewable Energy in the U.S. Energy Mix,  
Washington DC, 15<sup>th</sup> November 2019**





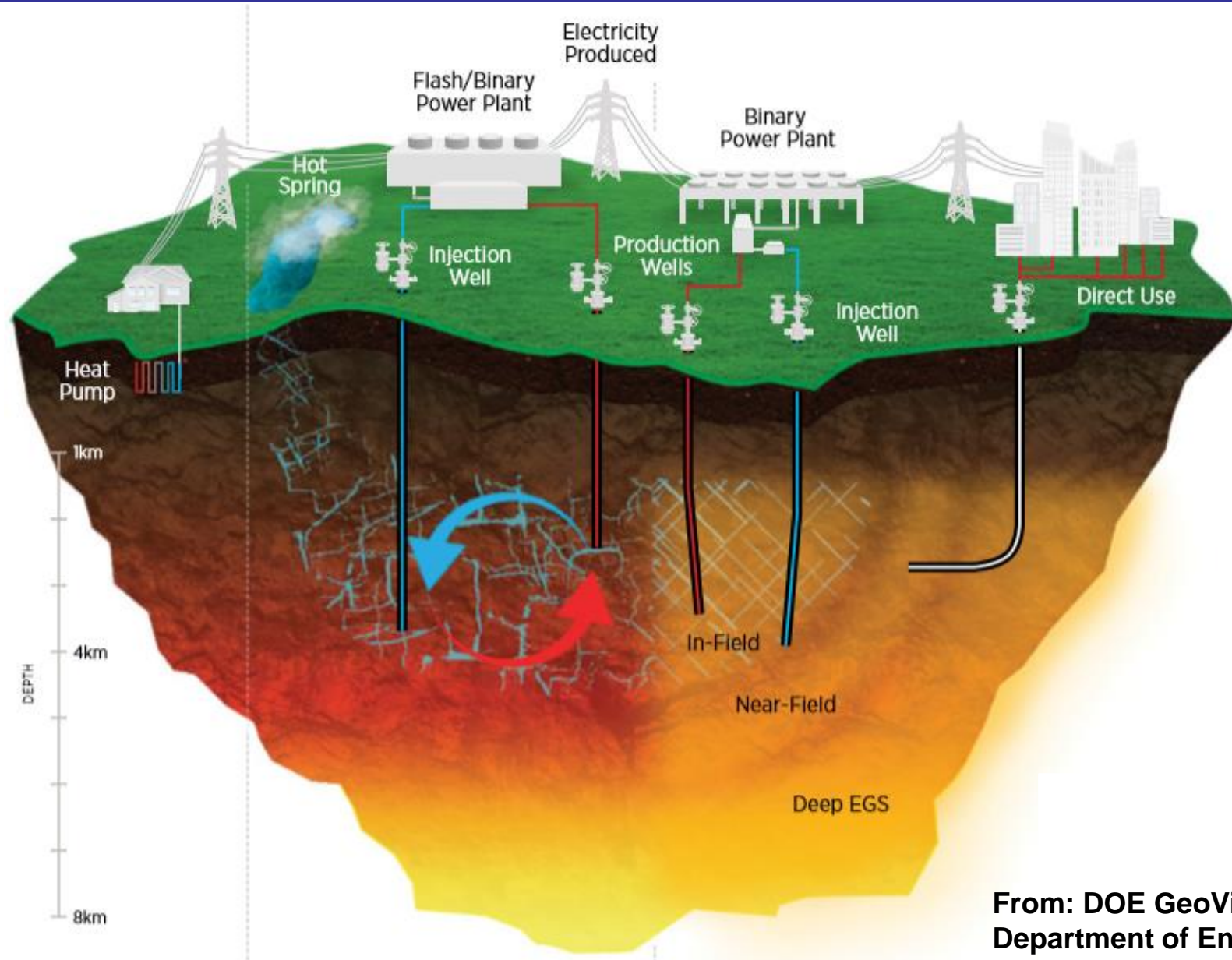


# Heat Beneath our Feet



# Geothermal Industries

1. Power Generation
2. Direct Use
3. Heat Pumps
4. EGS



From: DOE GeoVision Report, Department of Energy, 2019



# Lets ask ourselves this...

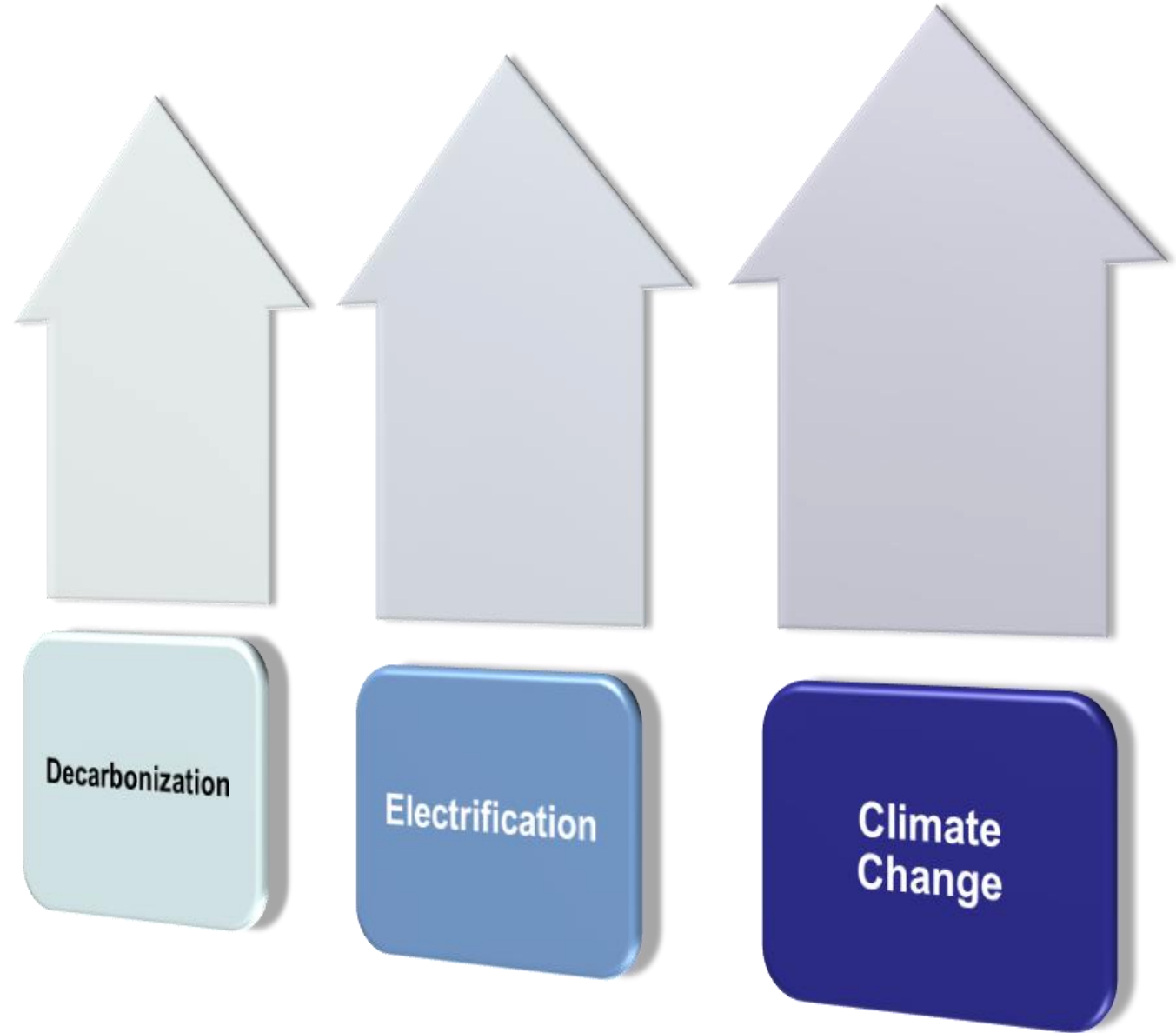
Where is my clean energy coming from  
on a still, dark, winter night in 2030?

What about 2050?





# What will be happening in 2030?





# 2017 Climate Change Scoping Plan Policy Portfolio



Double building efficiency



Cleaner freight and goods movement



50% renewable power\*\*



Slash potent "super-pollutants" from dairies, landfills and refrigerants



More clean, renewable fuels



Cap emissions from transportation, industry, natural gas, and electricity



Cleaner zero or near-zero emission cars, trucks, and buses



Invest in communities to reduce emissions



Walkable/bikeable communities with transit



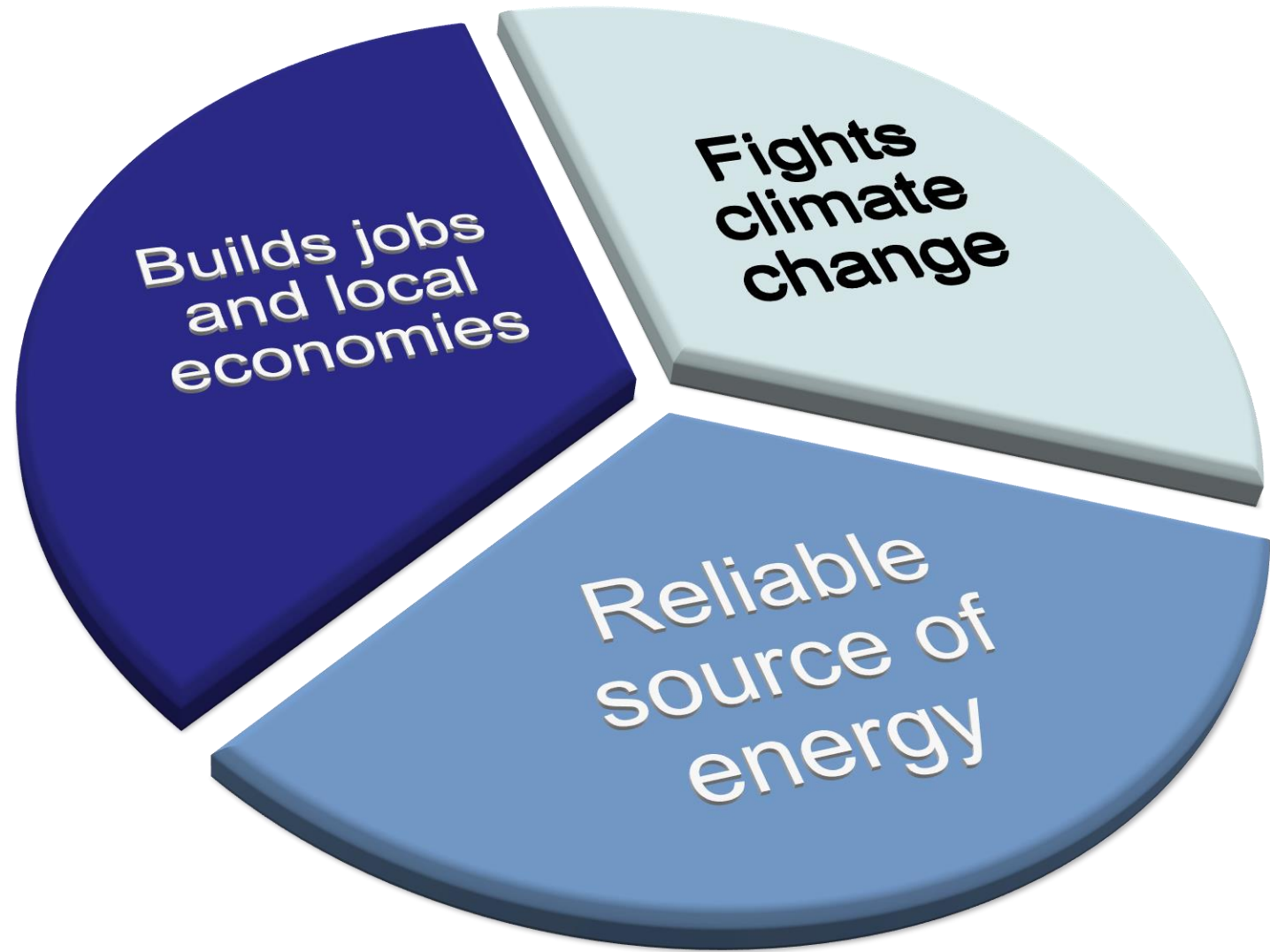
Protect and manage natural and working lands

\*\*In 2018, SB 100 increased the Renewables Portfolio Standard to 60% by 2030





# What does Geothermal Bring?





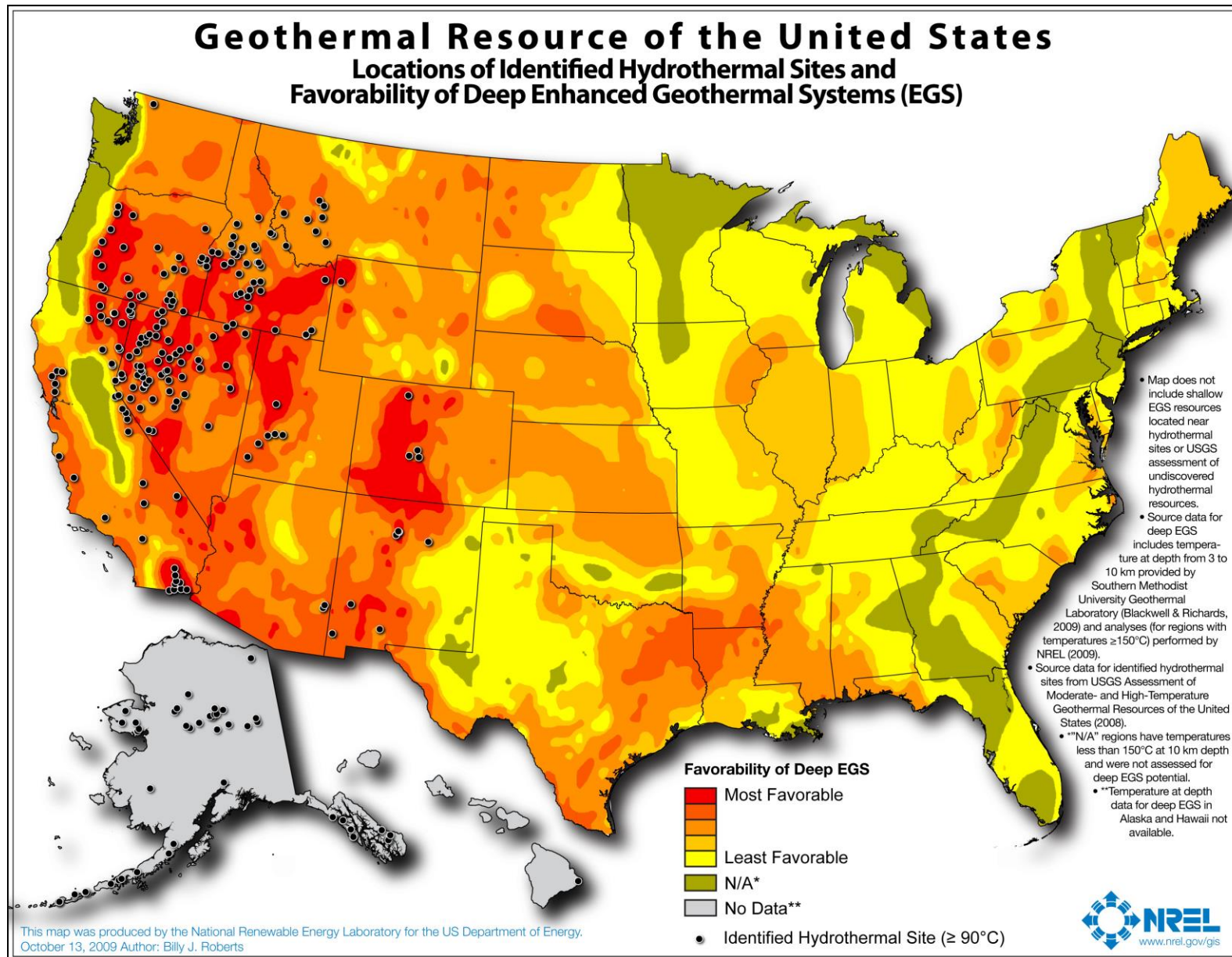
# Geothermal is 24/7 always on

## Renewable Energy that Works Around the Clock

- Clean
- Reliable
- Flexible
- Balancing
- Resilient
- Stable
- Facilitator

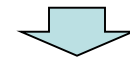






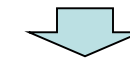
Installed conventional geothermal

**3.6 GWe\***



Conventional geothermal under development

**1.2 GWe\***



Geothermal by 2050

**60+ GWe\*\***



Viable EGS potential

**>>100 GWe\*\*\***

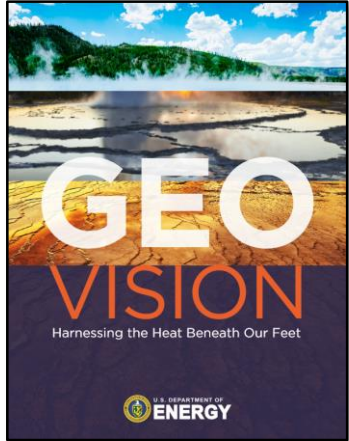
\* After: GEA 2015, 2016

\*\* From: DOE GeoVision, 2019

\*\*\* From: Ziagos et al., 2013

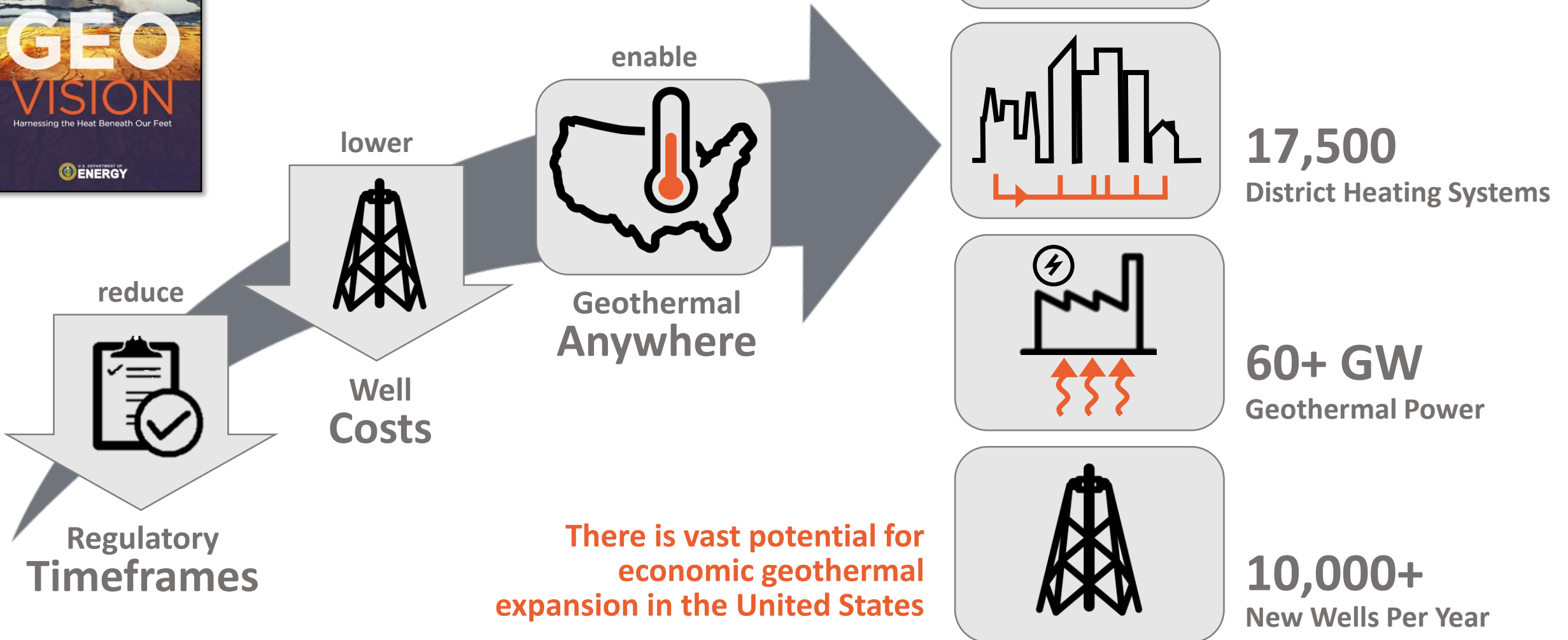
# GeoVision

Harnessing the Heat Beneath Our Feet



[www.energy.gov/geovision](http://www.energy.gov/geovision)

Slide courtesy of NREL



By 2050

28 million  
Geo Heat Pumps

17,500  
District Heating Systems

60+ GW  
Geothermal Power

10,000+  
New Wells Per Year

There is vast potential for economic geothermal expansion in the United States





# On the Hill – 2019 has been a busy year!



## Committee Hearings

- June 20, 2019 – **Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources** – Hearing to Examine Geothermal Development
- September 19, 2019 – **House of Representatives Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources** – legislative hearing to review the “Enhancing Geothermal Production on Federal Lands Act”
- November 14, 2019 – **House of Representatives Committee on Science, Space and Technology, Subcommittee on Energy** – Water And Geothermal Power: Unearthing The Next Wave Of Energy Innovation

## Draft Legislation

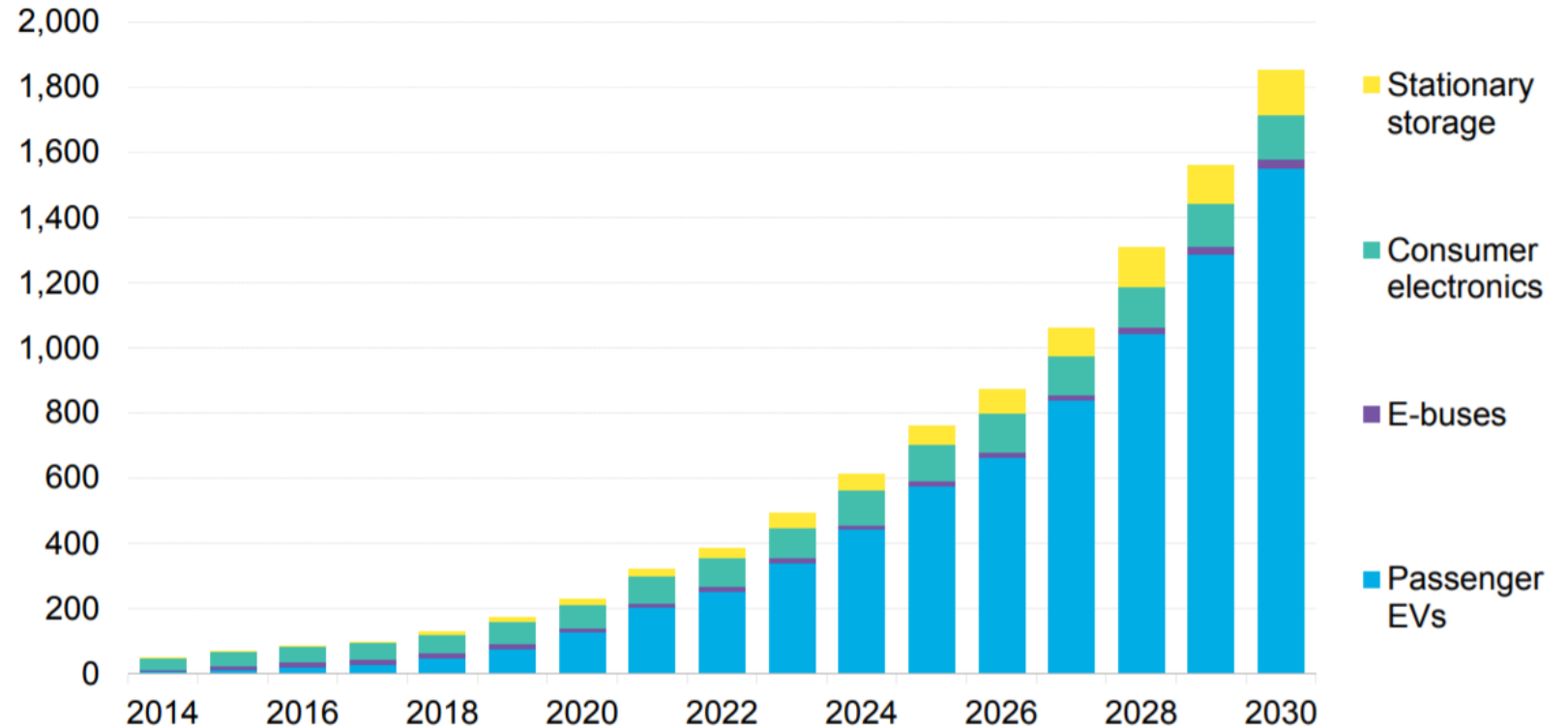
- Senator Catherine Cortez Masto (D-Nev.) and Senator Ron Wyden (D-Ore.), “**Geothermal Energy Opportunities (GEO) Act**”.
- Chairman Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska) and Ranking Member Joe Manchin (D-W.Va.), Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, “**The Advanced Geothermal Innovation Leadership Act of 2019**” (the “**AGILE**” Act).
- Senator Jim Risch (R-Idaho) and Congressman Russ Fulcher (R-Idaho), S.2270/H.R.4026, “**Enhancing Geothermal Production on Federal Lands Act**”
- Tax related draft legislation: “Renewable Electricity Tax Credit Equalization Act” (House); “Tax Extender and Disaster Relief Act” (Senate); Taxpayer Certainty and Disaster Relief Act” (House).



# Annual Lithium-ion Battery Demand

**Berkshire Hathaway Energy – Geothermal development in Southern California could also supply over two-thirds of the world’s lithium demand in 2025! And at competitive cost...**

Annual GWh demand



Source: Bloomberg NEF

4 November 15, 2018

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# Thank you!

