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FROM THE DIRECTOR

A NOTE TO OUR READERS



INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
LSU ENERGY INSTITUTE
Greg Upton

Dear Friends of the Energy Institute,

I'm pleased to share that, since our last newsletter, we have formally transitioned to the LSU Energy Institute — an interdisciplinary research institute that brings together the Louisiana Geological Survey and the programs and initiatives formerly organized under the Center for Energy Studies and the Institute for Energy Innovation into one unified Energy Institute. This transition reflects LSU's commitment to elevating energy as a university-wide priority and ensuring that our work continues to serve Louisiana and beyond.

The Energy Institute builds on more than 40 years of trusted research and public service, while creating new opportunities to connect faculty, students, industry, communities, and government around Louisiana's most pressing energy and environmental challenges. During this legislative session, Act No. 331 formally incorporated the Energy Institute into Louisiana statute, replacing the statutory references to the Center for Energy Studies and establishing the Energy Institute as the university's long-term home for energy-focused research, public engagement, and applied analysis.

The legislature also clarified the organizational home of the Louisiana Geological Survey within the Energy Institute, while continuing the Survey's long-standing mission of maintaining and advancing Louisiana's geological and subsurface knowledge in service to the state. In addition, the Energy Institute will serve as the steward of the philanthropic investments and initiatives that helped establish LSU's Institute for Energy Innovation, ensuring those resources continue to support interdisciplinary and innovative energy research under a unified institutional framework.

I'm honored to lead the LSU Energy Institute and remain committed to the mission and values that have long defined LSU's energy programs — independent, relevant, and multidisciplinary research in service to Louisiana and beyond.

In this newsletter we hope to share with you some highlights of what has been accomplished during this transition and give you an idea of how we would like to proceed in the future.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. I'm excited about this next chapter and the impact we can create together.



THREE LEGACIES — UNIFIED INTO ONE INSTITUTE — ONE MISSION

The Center for Energy Studies, the Institute for Energy Innovation, and the Louisiana Geological Survey now operate as a single research enterprise — the LSU Energy Institute — organized around seven core areas covering energy policy, innovation, information & data, education & outreach, the geological survey, energy law, and energy RD&D.

The headline event of the quarter is the launch of our new public site at energy.lsu.edu, alongside the Louisiana Geological Survey's refreshed online presence at lsu.edu/lgs. Both went live in Q1, providing a unified front door for researchers, policymakers, and the public — and bringing decades of work into a single catalog of the Institute's research output, programs, and convenings.

Inside this issue you'll find updates from each of our seven core areas, introductions to new colleagues, a recap of the major Q1 events, and a calendar of what's ahead in 2026.

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ENERGY POLICY



Greg Upton and Tyler Gray testified before the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment, March 18, 2026.

On March 18, Interim Executive Director Greg Upton and Director of Energy Innovation Tyler Gray testified before the Louisiana House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment — bringing Institute analysis on the evolving Iran conflict and its implications for global oil and natural gas markets, with particular attention to potential impacts relevant to Louisiana.

This legislative session, the Louisiana House of Representatives passed two resolutions aimed at strengthening Louisiana’s energy future through research, collaboration, and long-term planning, with the LSU Energy Institute playing a central role in both efforts.

House Resolution 276, authored by Jacob Landry, creates the Task Force on Advanced Drilling to study how carbon storage may affect mineral rights and oil and gas operations in Louisiana. The LSU Energy Institute will appoint a member, convene the first meeting, and provide administrative support as the task force examines the intersection of carbon capture and storage with the state’s energy infrastructure and mineral ownership framework.

House Resolution 197, authored by Joe Orgeron, urges the Louisiana Public Service Commission to study distributed energy generation and storage resources. The resolution calls for evaluating opportunities to improve grid resilience and reliability, including the role of virtual power plants, private investment, and distributed energy systems during hurricanes and other extreme weather events.

Together, these resolutions position the LSU Energy Institute as a key research partner and convener supporting informed energy policy, industry collaboration, and energy innovation across Louisiana.

FROM THE HOUSE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE TO CERAWEEK’S LOUISIANA ENERGY HOUSE



Greg Upton represented the Institute at CERAWEEK 2026 in Houston.

Earlier in Q1, Upton represented the Institute at CERAWEEK 2026 in Houston, participating in the Louisiana Energy House programming organized by the state. The week of meetings put Louisiana’s research community in front of an international audience of operators, regulators, and policy leads — and brought back, as it always does, an updated read on how the global energy conversation is shifting around the Gulf.

Beyond the testimony and CERAWEEK, the team also released two Q1 white papers — *Economic Implications of Carbon Capture and Sequestration Projects for Louisiana*, with Mandalika and Snyder, and *Potential Workforce Implications of the Geothermal Industry Across the United States*, with Lange, Brown, and Walker. Both engagements feed directly into the policy team’s Q2 work, which will focus on a forthcoming legal and regulatory white paper covering carbon storage, severance design, and orphan well liability frameworks.

ENERGY INNOVATION

ROUND IV AWARDS \$540K ACROSS FIVE LOUISIANA RESEARCH TEAMS

The Energy Innovation team — led by Tyler Gray — completed a competitive selection process this quarter, awarding \$540,000 across five projects. This funding cycle was intentionally structured to align with the Institute's evolving mission and consolidated structure, with each award positioned within a broader strategic initiative spanning advanced materials, environmental assurance for CCUS, circular carbon infrastructure, public-trust analytics, and legacy asset conversion. Each project is also expected to support the forthcoming Energy Institute Fellows program, formalized this quarter through a Memorandum of Understanding with the Louisiana Department of Conservation and Energy. This MOU will embed LSU fellows within state agencies under joint supervision to support permitting, enforcement, planning, and operations.

Development of SMRcrete for Small Modular Reactor Deployment (Initiative: Advanced Materials & Infrastructure Platform; Award: \$150,000 over two years) – Dr. Ali Kazemian will develop SMRcrete to support small modular reactor deployment, with the work strategically reframed beyond a nuclear-specific construction material into a broader advanced materials platform. The research is expected to extend into applications that leverage Louisiana's sulfur and mineral byproducts for industrial sealing, subsurface integrity, deepwater and pipeline protection, and long-lived infrastructure durability.

Development of a Total Nitrosamine Detector for Amine-Based Carbon Capture Systems (Initiative: CCUS Environmental Assurance; Award: \$150,000 over two years) – Dr. Samuel D. Snow will develop a total nitrosamine detector to strengthen LSU's capacity to support responsible CCUS deployment in Louisiana. The work is expected to expand into a broader environmental assurance and permitting-enablement framework supporting Class VI implementation and regulatory confidence.

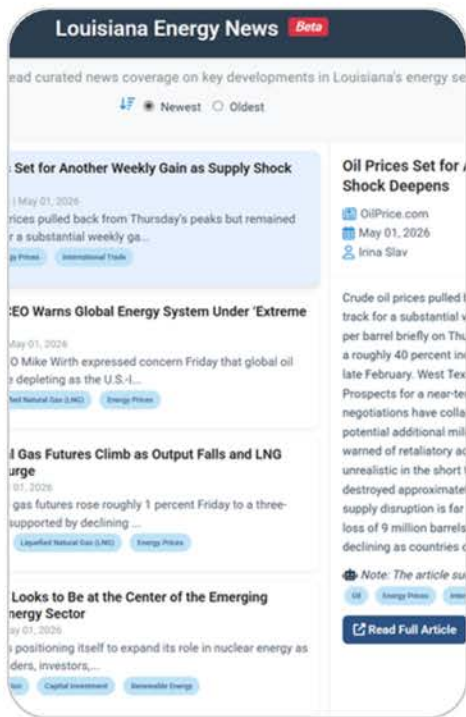
Evaluation of Pyrolysis-Derived Carbon Black for Use in Asphalt and Road Construction (Initiative: Circular Carbon Infrastructure; Award: \$60,000 for one year) – Dr. Mostafa A. Elseifi will evaluate pyrolysis-derived carbon black as a material input for asphalt and road construction, integrating materials research with infrastructure resilience and industrial systems in Louisiana. The work is expected to expand into a broader circular carbon materials platform connecting waste streams, engineered infrastructure inputs, and transportation durability.

Public Trust in Nuclear Energy Using Surveys and Social Media Analytics Around SMRs (Initiative: Energy Transition Public Trust; Award: \$30,000 for one year) – Dr. Yanyu Wang will use surveys and social media analytics to examine public trust in small modular reactor deployment, supporting LSU's role as a trusted source for energy governance in Louisiana. The work is expected to expand beyond nuclear into a broader analysis of public trust across Louisiana's evolving energy landscape — including CCUS, hydrogen, carbon storage, and related infrastructure efforts.

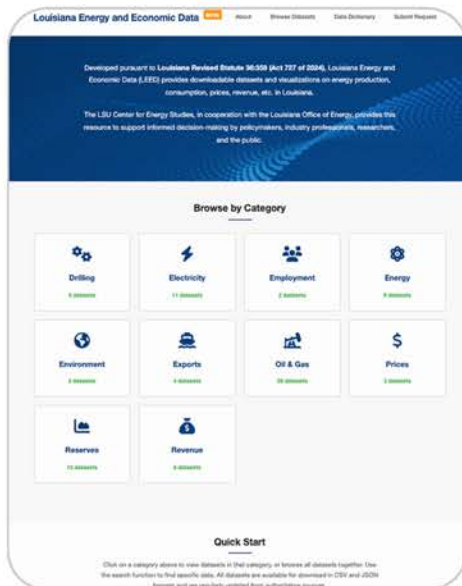
Repurposing Idle Oil and Gas Wells for Subsurface Thermal Energy Storage (Initiative: Legacy Asset Conversion & Thermal Storage; Award: \$150,000 over two years) – Dr. Jader Barbosa will explore the conversion of idle oil and gas wells for subsurface thermal energy storage, integrating subsurface expertise with grid reliability and infrastructure reuse. The work is expected to expand into a broader legacy-asset conversion strategy that supports long-duration storage and industrial resilience in Louisiana.

This continues to be an exciting time for the LSU Energy Institute, as we work to develop solutions for the complex technical, economic, social, and environmental challenges shaping Louisiana's energy future.

ENERGY INFORMATION & DATA



Louisiana Energy News application — nearly 1,700 articles indexed since launch.



Louisiana Energy and Economic Data (LEED) portal — Act 727 compliance dashboard, live on GitHub Pages.

ACT 727 DASHBOARDS LIVE — AND A GROWING DATA TOOLKIT

The Energy Information & Data core area spent Q1 launching, migrating, and rebuilding. With energy.lsu.edu now live, the team turned to shipping public-facing data products and strengthening the information infrastructure that keeps the Institute’s research discoverable, current, and reusable.

Two flagship public products shipped in the same window. The Louisiana Energy and Economic Data portal — LEED, our Act 727 compliance dashboard — is now live with refreshed datasets and a structure that should make ongoing updates substantially more efficient. The Oilfield Site Restoration (OSR) tracker, our dashboard for orphan well inventory and estimated plugging costs, was rewritten to display a full statistics view of OSR program activity across different dimensions.

Louisiana Energy News — the team’s public news-tracking application — has grown to more than 1,700 indexed articles since launching last summer, with coverage expanded to include national and international energy news alongside Louisiana-specific reporting. A companion weekly newsletter mirrors the broader scope, now distributed to subscribers across the Institute’s network.

Behind the scenes: an OCLC catalog migration cleared more than 1,200 items in the Institute’s library against LSU Main holdings this quarter, and the team is on track to finish in November 2026.

IN THE PIPELINE

Looking ahead, the team is preparing the first public releases from the list below, continuing dataset refreshes across the live dashboards, and keeping the Institute’s data products accurate, current, and openly accessible.

- AI chatbot for energy legislation
- Infrastructure dashboard with property tax and Fastlane data
- Timelines tab on LA Energy News
- Public release of CCS Story Map
- Transmission & Distribution web application
- Severance and royalty dashboard
- Gulf oil and gas development web application

ENERGY EDUCATION & OUTREACH



Participants tour the LSU PERTT Laboratory and explore research in oilfield operations, CCUS, pipelines, and energy cybersecurity during the 2025 event.

REGISTRATIONS FOR ENERGY FUNDAMENTALS 2026 OPEN

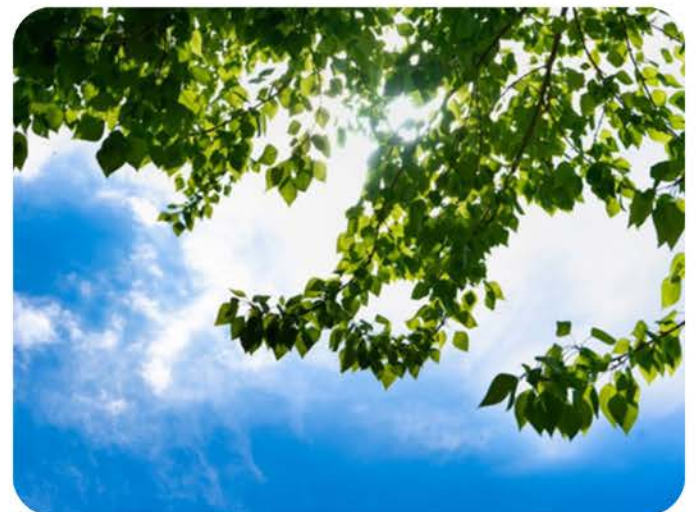
Registration is open for Energy Fundamentals 2026 — our weeklong overview of the U.S. energy sector, with a focus on Louisiana and the Gulf Coast. The course walks participants through the history, science, and economics of producing and consuming energy across three thematic blocks: “Molecules” (oil and gas, biomass, uranium, hydrogen, and the critical materials behind the energy transition), “Electrons” (the electric utility industry and the full generation-transmission-distribution supply chain), and “Policy & Politics.” Lectures are delivered by LSU faculty alongside industry and government practitioners, with short field trips on the LSU campus and day passes available for those seeking targeted CPD or MCLE credits.

COHORT I 2026: JUNE 22–26

COHORT II 2026: JULY 13–17

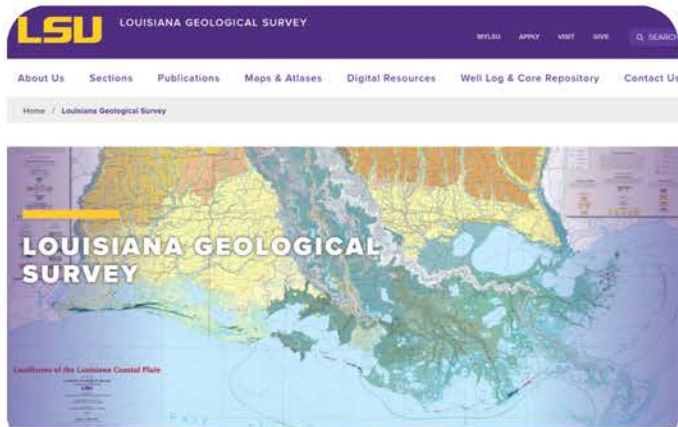


In February, the Institute joined the Louisiana Art & Science Museum for Kids’ Energy Career Awareness Day — an NSF/LSU FUEL-funded event that brought 337 East Baton Rouge Parish fourth-graders to LASM for hands-on STEAM activities and direct exposure to energy careers from 17 partner organizations, including ExxonMobil, Shell, Energy, BASF, and the LSU Energy Institute.



The Institute also continues to host the Baton Rouge Clean Air Coalition (BRCAC) — a regional convener bringing together public-sector, industry, academic, and community stakeholders on air quality and emissions policy in East Baton Rouge. Q2 outreach continues with BRCAC monthly meetings and stakeholder engagement.

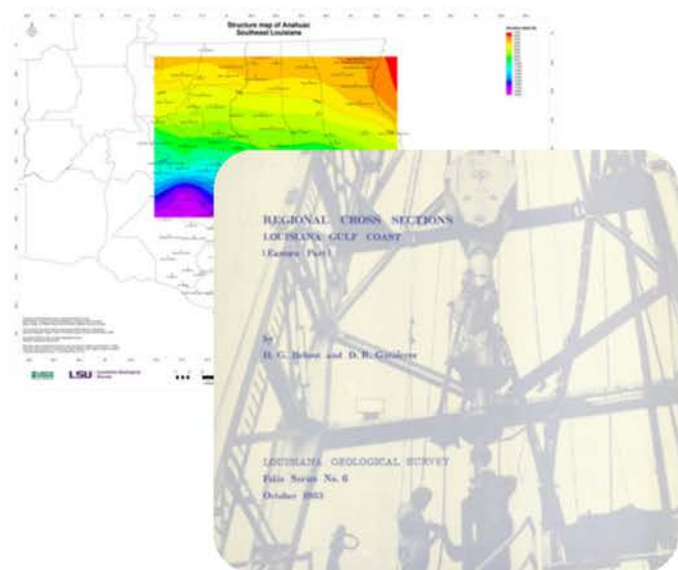
LOUISIANA GEOLOGICAL SURVEY



The Louisiana Geological Survey's new website is live, making decades of LGS reports, the subsurface atlases, and publications accessible online.

New digital structure maps. LGS has released new digital structure maps covering the Lower, Middle, and Upper Miocene intervals, along with several major geologic formations — continuing a multi-year effort to bring legacy LGS subsurface mapping into modern, interactive formats.

Cross-sections digitization complete. The Survey has completed digitization of Bebout and Gutiérrez's 1983 Regional Cross-Sections of the Louisiana Gulf Coast (Eastern Part) — a foundational reference for Gulf Coast subsurface interpretation. Work was funded under the 2024–2025 STATEMAP component of the U.S. Geological Survey's National Cooperative Geologic Mapping Program.



LGS PUBLICATIONS AND MAPS ARE NOW ONLINE

The Louisiana Geological Survey (LGS) — Louisiana's state geological survey since 1934 and reaffirmed as a research unit of LSU under La. R.S. 17:1492 — now operates as a core component of the LSU Energy Institute, with its public-facing presence consolidated at lsu.edu/lgs and the LGS Resource Center continuing to serve as the only facility of its kind in the state. The collections include more than 60,000 well logs from nearly every parish in Louisiana, core samples from over 400 wells across Gulf Coast states (with Smackover and Wilcox Formation cores at the heart of the archive), and a publication catalog spanning nine decades of Louisiana geoscience.



An example well core at the repository

Located off River Road, the LGS Core Repository is a partially climate-controlled facility that has housed Louisiana's geological core collection since 1982, including samples from more than 400 wells across the Gulf Coast and a companion well-log library of over 60,000 logs. The repository saw initial cleaning work this quarter ahead of a planned Q3 renovation, which will be scoped in coordination with LSU Facility Services.

ENERGY LAW

THE 73RD ANNUAL MINERAL LAW INSTITUTE BRINGS 171 ATTENDEES TO LSU LAW



The 73rd Annual Mineral Law Institute, LSU Law School, March 19–20, 2026 had 171 registered attendees.

LSU hosted its 73rd Annual Mineral Law Institute on March 19–20, 2026, at the LSU Law School. The conference — the nation’s oldest annual conference dedicated to mineral law, and the second-oldest annual conference relating to any aspect of energy law — drew 171 attendees.

The 73rd Institute continued the tradition of bringing together practitioners, faculty, judges, and in-house counsel for working sessions on the year’s most pressing mineral-law developments. Attendance held steady year over year.

On January 30, the Journal of Energy Law and Resources hosted its Annual Symposium under the theme “The Evolving Energy Landscape,” covering geothermal energy, LNG exports, NEPA developments, carbon capture, permitting reform, and mineral title issues.

On January 8, Director Keith Hall spoke on carbon capture and storage at the Louisiana Association of Conservation Districts Meeting in Alexandria. On January 29, he presented on “Saltwater Disposal Disputes” at the 12th Annual Oil & Gas Disputes Conference in Houston.

LSU Law student Hannah Roppolo won the Association of International Energy Negotiators’ international writing competition for her paper on U.S. §45Q reforms and the EU Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism, announced January 8.

The first-ever LSU Energy Law Banquet — hosted by the John P. Laborde Energy Law Center on March 18 at the Lod Cook Conference Center — drew 168 attendees, with keynote remarks from Senator Bob Hensgens on Louisiana energy issues and presentation of the Journal of Energy Law and Resources’ annual award for best student research paper.

Earlier in March, Tanner Johnson — an LSU Law alumnus and partner at Van Ness Feldman — spoke to LSU Law students on “Careers in Public Policy and Government Relations” at the Laborde Center.

Both events were organized through the Laborde Center under Keith Hall, who also recently began a two-year term as editor-in-chief of The Oil & Gas E-Report (a role he has had since 2018).

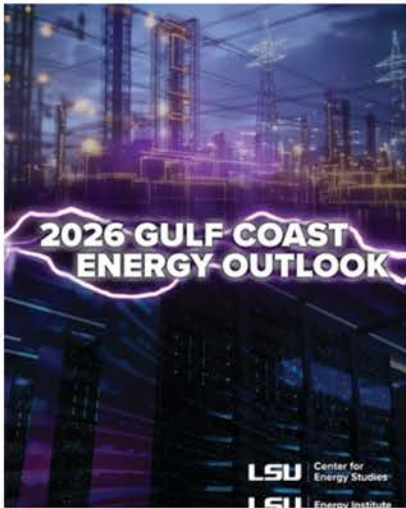
February brought a full conference rotation for the Laborde Center. February 18–19, Hall and an LSU Law student attended the 2026 NAPE Summit, one of the world’s largest energy expositions. February 25–27, Hall and five LSU Law students attended the 77th Annual Energy Law Conference in Houston — the nation’s longest-running annual energy law conference.

On February 27, Hall was reappointed to a two-year term on the Institute for Energy Law’s Executive Committee.



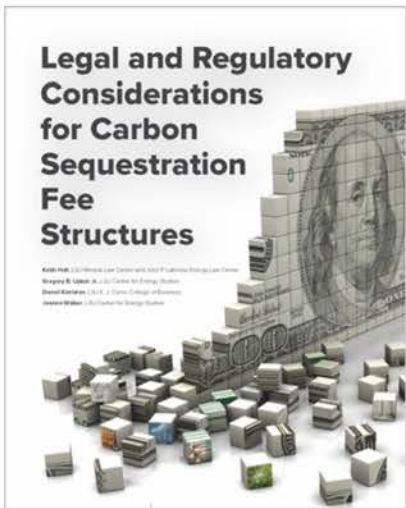
Tanner Johnson, an LSU Law alumnus and partner in the Baton Rouge office of Van Ness Feldman, spoke to students on “Careers in Public Policy and Government Relations.”

ENERGY RD&D



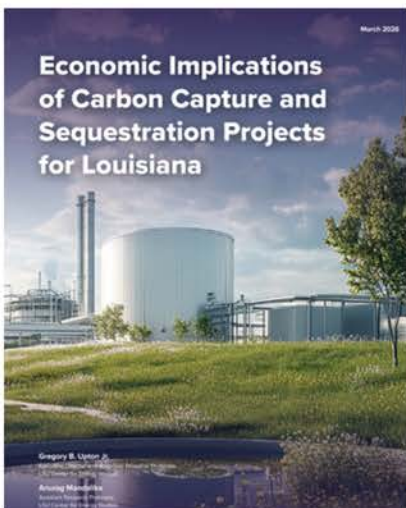
GULF COAST ENERGY OUTLOOK 2026

The LSU Energy Institute released the 2026 edition of the Gulf Coast Energy Outlook (GCEO) annual report on December 10, 2025. The annual report provides an analysis of the Gulf Coast’s energy landscape and its trajectory through the upcoming year. The annual GCEO is designed to provide stakeholders with an overview of current trends and expectations for the region’s energy industry. All Energy Institute research is supported by the Institute’s state appropriation, underscoring Louisiana’s commitment to independent, data-driven energy analysis. EI is also grateful for its sustaining members, whose support helps make possible the dissemination of timely information and analysis on issues critical to the Gulf Coast economy, environment, and citizenry.



A LEGAL & REGULATORY REVIEW FOR LOUISIANA ENERGY

Keith Hall, LSU Mineral Law Center and John P. Laborde Energy Law Center, and Greg Upton, LSU Energy Institute, along with Daniel Keniston, LSU E. J. Ourso College of Business, and Joanna Walker, LSU Energy Institute, have co-authored a white paper titled “Legal and Regulatory Considerations for Carbon Sequestration Fee Structures.” This white paper examines the legal and regulatory issues that arise when developing carbon capture and storage (CCS) projects, with a focus on Louisiana and comparisons to broader U.S. practices. Because CCS requires injecting carbon dioxide deep underground, operators must secure rights to use subsurface pore space — an area of law that is still evolving and differs in key ways from traditional oil and gas activity.



THE CCS WHITE PAPER

Greg Upton, LSU Energy Institute, along with Anurag Mandalika, LSU Energy Institute and Brian Snyder, LSU Department of Environmental Sciences, have co-authored a report titled “Economic Implications of Carbon Capture and Sequestration Projects for Louisiana.” This report presents estimates of the potential economic activity associated with carbon capture and sequestration (CCS) projects in Louisiana. Using publicly announced projects and associated infrastructure requirements, the analysis compiles investment, employment, and output estimates based on the modeling framework described in the report.

FUEL PROGRAM



FUEL closes the final quarter of its original award period with a major federal milestone — and broadening statewide momentum.

AN NSF SITE VISIT, A NO-COST EXTENSION, AND A THREE-YEAR CONTINUATION

Q1 marked the final quarter of FUEL's original award budget period, and the LSU-led NSF Regional Innovation Engine closed it with execution discipline and a major federal milestone. The team conducted and recorded its NSF Virtual Site Visit, then secured a one-year no-cost extension on January 27. Days later, on February 3, NSF notified the team of its intent to continue FUEL for three additional years, contingent on federal appropriations — Year 3 funding intended, with Years 4–5 dependent on future appropriations.

Momentum built well beyond the award itself. FUEL broke ground on Newlab NOLA — the Growth-Scale Infrastructure project it partially funds, anchored in the Bywater Naval Support Activity redevelopment — and advanced the National Carbon Sink at Cornerstone Energy Park in Waggaman. On the federal stage, FUEL convened a panel in Washington, D.C., with senior NSF, LA.IO, and Newlab officials and broadened inclusive engagement across faith leaders, veterans, founders, and researchers through its First Annual Energy Clergy Caucus and two regional Military IP-Enabled Energy Startup Colliders.

OTHER UPDATES

STRATEGIC EXECUTION

- Conducted and recorded the NSF Virtual Site Visit.
- Secured a one-year no-cost extension (January 27).
- Notified of NSF's intent to award Year 3 funding, with Years 4–5 contingent on appropriations (February 3).

CORPORATE & GLOBAL PARTNERSHIPS

- Expanded strategic relationships with Greentown Labs and scaling companies aligned with carbon-management deployment.
- Deepened cross-sector collaboration through the recently established FUEL Industrial Advisory Board.
- Collectively, these wins reinforce FUEL's role as Louisiana's statewide engine for energy innovation and strengthen the foundation for a competitive, carbon-utilization-focused ecosystem.

ECOSYSTEM DEVELOPMENT

- Hosted the First Annual Energy Clergy Caucus.
- Convened two regional Military IP-Enabled Energy Startup Colliders, connecting founders, veterans, researchers, and funders.
- Held a Workforce Development Partners Workshop with the state's community and technical colleges.
- Convened a Washington, D.C., panel with senior NSF, LA.IO, and Newlab officials.

INFRASTRUCTURE & INNOVATION

- Broke ground on Newlab NOLA, anchored in the Bywater Naval Support Activity redevelopment.
- Advanced the National Carbon Sink at Cornerstone Energy Park in Waggaman.
- Received NSF approval (January 9) for additional use-inspired R&D, technology-commercialization, and workforce-development projects.

WELCOME ABOARD

NEW COLLEAGUES



TYLER GRAY

DIRECTOR OF ENERGY INNOVATION

Tyler Gray serves as Director of Energy Innovation at the LSU Energy Institute and is the former Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Energy and Natural Resources (DENR). He earned a B.A. in Economics from James Madison University, a J.D. from Loyola University New Orleans, and an M.B.A. from LSU, and is licensed to practice law in La.



BRIAN SNYDER

DIRECTOR OF ENERGY RD&D

Dr. Brian Snyder serves as Director of Research, Development & Demonstration and an associate professor at the LSU Energy Institute, where he leads applied energy research initiatives in collaboration with campus and external partners. He earned a B.S. from the University of Maryland and a Ph.D. from the University of Georgia.



SUMMER METOYER

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF ENERGY INNOVATION OPERATIONS & ENGAGEMENT

Summer Metoyer serves as Associate Director of Energy Innovation Operations & Engagement, aligning policy, funding, and stakeholder strategy across high-impact energy initiatives. She previously worked on the Louisiana House Appropriations staff and as Confidential Assistant to the Secretary at DENR, and holds a B.S. in Business Administration from Southern New Hampshire University.



AMANDA DIAL

ENERGY INFORMATION MANAGER

Amanda Dial is the Energy Information Manager at the LSU Energy Institute, bringing more than 15 years of experience as a librarian focused on digital information organization and access to energy resources. She holds an MLIS from LSU and a B.S. in Chemistry from Murray State University.



NATIA SUARISHVILI

PHD STUDENT – ECONOMICS

Natia Suarishvili is a Ph.D. student in the Department of Economics at Louisiana State University. Prior to joining LSU, she served as Head of the Macroeconomic Analysis and Tax Policy Unit at the Parliamentary Budget Office of Georgia and lectured at Georgian universities.



DAMILOLA ADEBAYO

PHD STUDENT – ECONOMICS

Damilola Adebayo is a third-year Ph.D. student in the Department of Economics, joining the Institute as a graduate researcher. He contributes quantitative analysis and energy economics work supporting Institute research portfolios.

STUDENT WORKERS

We also welcome Jordi A. Garzona (Economics; Energy Economics minor), Julia C. Zimmermann, and Zarek S. Azam (Economics & Accounting) — supporting the Institute’s research projects, library cataloging, event check-in, and more.

EVENTS



LOUISIANA ENERGY RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

The Louisiana Energy Research Symposium was held on October 3, 2025, at LSU in Baton Rouge, bringing together researchers, industry leaders, policymakers, and students to explore innovative solutions shaping the future of energy in Louisiana and the Gulf Coast region. Hosted by the LSU Energy Institute, the symposium featured presentations and panel discussions on topics including carbon capture and storage, energy infrastructure, digitalization, sustainability, workforce development, hydrogen, biofuels, and emerging energy technologies.

The symposium fostered collaboration across academia, government, and industry while highlighting cutting-edge research and practical applications designed to strengthen Louisiana’s position in an evolving energy landscape. The event also provided a platform for researchers and practitioners to share insights, showcase emerging technologies, and discuss policy and economic opportunities impacting the state’s energy future.



LA-NEXT SYMPOSIUM

The LA-NEXT Symposium was held on January 8–9, 2026, at the LSU Energy, Coast, and Environment Building in Baton Rouge. Hosted by Louisiana NSF EPSCoR in collaboration with the Louisiana Board of Regents, the annual event brought together researchers, graduate students, and community partners from across the state to highlight Louisiana’s latest advancements in science, technology, and energy.

Attendees engaged with leading experts, explored cutting-edge research, and connected through professional development and networking opportunities. The symposium showcased ongoing research initiatives, strengthened collaboration among academic, industry, and community partners, and reflected Louisiana’s commitment to advancing scientific innovation and developing future research leaders.



POWERING LOUISIANA FORUM

The Powering Louisiana Forum was a participatory event held on April 15–16, 2026, at the LSU Energy, Coast & Environment Building, where industry, government, and public-sector stakeholders discussed a shared strategy for Louisiana to become an “all of the above” energy leader. The event was hosted by the Southeastern Wind Coalition and GNO Inc., in partnership with the Southern Renewable Energy Association’s “Powering Louisiana” initiative.

The forum facilitated discussions on the critical issues limiting new power generation in Louisiana — including transmission infrastructure, community engagement, market development, and policy — and explored Louisiana’s “all of the above” energy vision. Discussions also addressed the state’s unprecedented load growth driven by industrial expansion, data centers, and major manufacturing investments. Insights and key recommendations from the dialogue were synthesized into a resulting white paper intended to help inform Louisiana’s energy priorities.

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

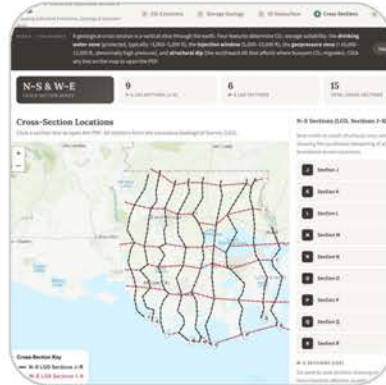
KEITH HALL NAMED EDITOR-IN-CHIEF OF THE OIL & GAS E-REPORT

Director of the John P. Laborde Energy Law Center, Hall has begun a two-year term as editor-in-chief of one of the field's most widely circulated practitioner publications.



APPLICATION ON LGS SUBSURFACE GEOLOGY

The CCS Story Map is a near-production build pairing data team web tooling with the LGS Subsurface Atlas, EPA FLIGHT data, and 3D formation visualizations.



1,200+ ITEMS INTO THE OCLC MIGRATION PIPELINE

Energy Information Manager Amanda Dial and team have compared more than 1,200 items against LSU Main holdings during weekly working group meetings, with a November 2026 OCLC target.



PAST EVENTS

3 OCT 2025 Louisiana Energy Research Symposium
Baton Rouge · Annual Meeting

10 DEC 2025 Gulf Coast Energy Outlook · Fall Webinar
Virtual · Free registration

26 FEB 2026 Kids' Energy Career Awareness Day
Louisiana Art & Science Museum

19–20 MAR 2026 73rd Annual Mineral Law Institute
LSU Law School

20 MAY 2026 BRCAC May Monthly Meeting
ECE Building, LSU, Baton Rouge

UPCOMING EVENTS

17 JUN 2026 BRCAC June Monthly Meeting
ECE Building, LSU, Baton Rouge

22–26 JUN 2026 Energy Fundamentals · Cohort I
ECE Building, LSU, Baton Rouge

13–17 JUL 2026 Energy Fundamentals · Cohort II
ECE Building, LSU, Baton Rouge



IN QUOTES — PRESS & MEDIA

Institute faculty have continued to be interviewed by and quoted in regional and national outlets across the quarter — on Iran-related oil and gas price disruptions, the implications of AI data center growth for Louisiana’s grid, the 2026 Gulf Coast Energy Outlook, carbon capture, and broader energy market commentary.

Radio and television appearances continued throughout Q1 alongside print and digital coverage. A consolidated press log will be maintained at energy.lsu.edu/news.

NPR
NATIONAL · RADIO

LSU CES
LSU · NEWS

USA TODAY
NATIONAL · PRINT

+ Print Coverage
MULTIPLE OUTLETS

Louisiana First News
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WWL First News
LOUISIANA · RADIO

10-12 Industry Report
INDUSTRY · PRINT

+ Television
MULTIPLE APPEARANCES

TOPICS · IRAN/OIL · GAS PRICES · DATA CENTERS · GCEO · CCS · GRID

NPR: Planet Money: “All these data centers are gonna fry my electric bill . . . right?”
February 3, 2026

USA TODAY: “‘Too expensive.’ Americans fret over gas prices as Iran war widens”
March 4, 2026

The Advocate: “Jeff Landry, Entergy want more nuclear power in Louisiana. Here’s why.”
April 10, 2026



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