

# DOE Bioenergy Technologies Office (BETO) 2019 Project Peer Review

## Low Carbon Hydrocarbon Fuels From Industrial Off Gas

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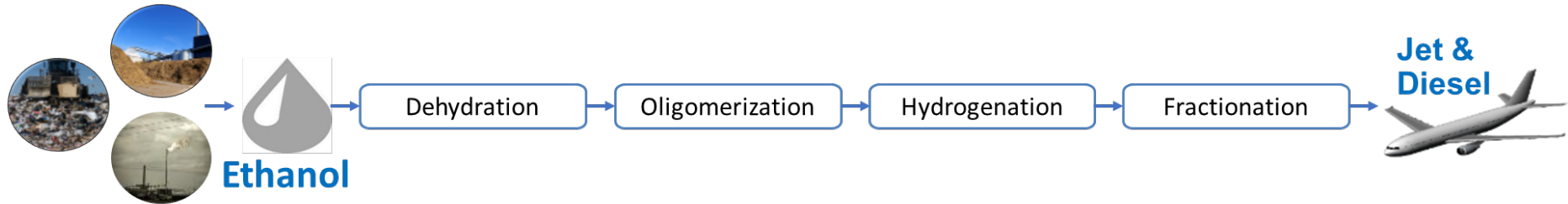


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# Goal Statement

## Project Goal:

To accelerate commercialization of a new flexible pathway to hydrocarbon fuels by designing, building, and operating a facility to produce jet and diesel from ethanol intermediates



## Key Project Outcomes:

- Demonstrate production of low-cost jet and diesel with >70% GHG reduction
- > 1000 hours of operational data to validate technology and inform next stage of scale up
- Deliver first commercially-relevant quantities of jet and diesel from ethanol, with validated business model, cost model, and distributed supply chain model

## Key Phase 1 Outcomes:

- Implementation site selected, with required permits and NEPA approval
- FEL-3 (-5/+15%) ISBL and OSBL cost estimates
- Implementation plan with supply, offtake, and financing agreements

## Relevance to Bioenergy Industry/Impact:

- Establishes route to jet from diverse feedstocks, including biomass residues, industrial gases, and MSW, which reduces GHG emissions and displaces petroleum-derived jet.
- Enables rapid expansion of domestic alternative jet supply to meet CORSIA obligations

# Quad Chart Overview

## Timeline

- Start: January 15, 2017
- End: March 30, 2019
- 70% complete

## Budget (Fiscal Years)

	FY 17 Costs	FY 18 Costs	Total Planned Funding (FY 19-Project End Date)
<b>DOE Funded</b>	<b>242,785</b>	<b>1,210,470</b>	<b>2,190,853</b>
<b>Project Cost Share (LanzaTech)</b>	<b>268,028</b>	<b>1,336,326</b>	<b>-45,679</b>
<b>Project Cost Share (Partners)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,464,325</b>

## Barriers

- Barriers addressed
  - Ot-C. Risk of Financing Large-Scale Biorefineries
  - Ct-F. Increasing the Yield from Catalytic Processes
  - ADO-A. Process Integration
  - ADO-D. Technology Uncertainty of Integration and Scaling

## Partners

### Partners\*

- LanzaTech (40%)
- EPC (35%)
- Universities (5%)
- Industry Partners (20%)

\*Percentage involvement per original budget

# 1 - Project Overview

# Project Overview

## **FOA: Project Development for Pilot and Demonstration Scale Manufacturing of Biofuels, Bioproducts, and Biopower (PD2B3)**

- Project development and execution plans for the manufacture of Advanced or Cellulosic Biofuels
- Scale-up and validation of process technologies to enable the industry to build future pioneer- and commercial-scale facilities

### **Progress Relative to Plan**

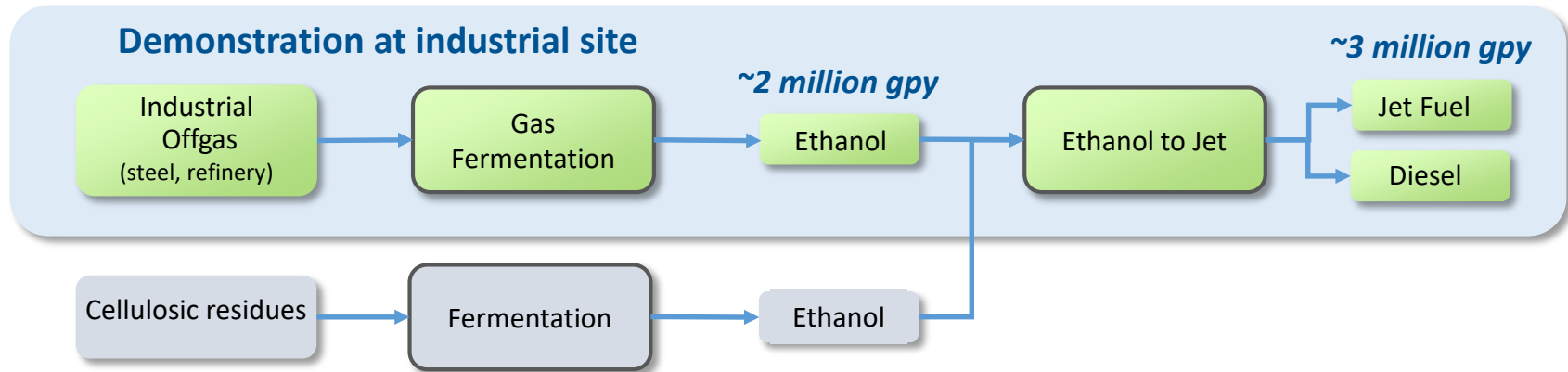
- Transition to BP2 was later than anticipated
- Scope revised based on commercial developments external to project
- All activities projected to be completed on schedule within remaining resources

### **Changes in Project Team:**

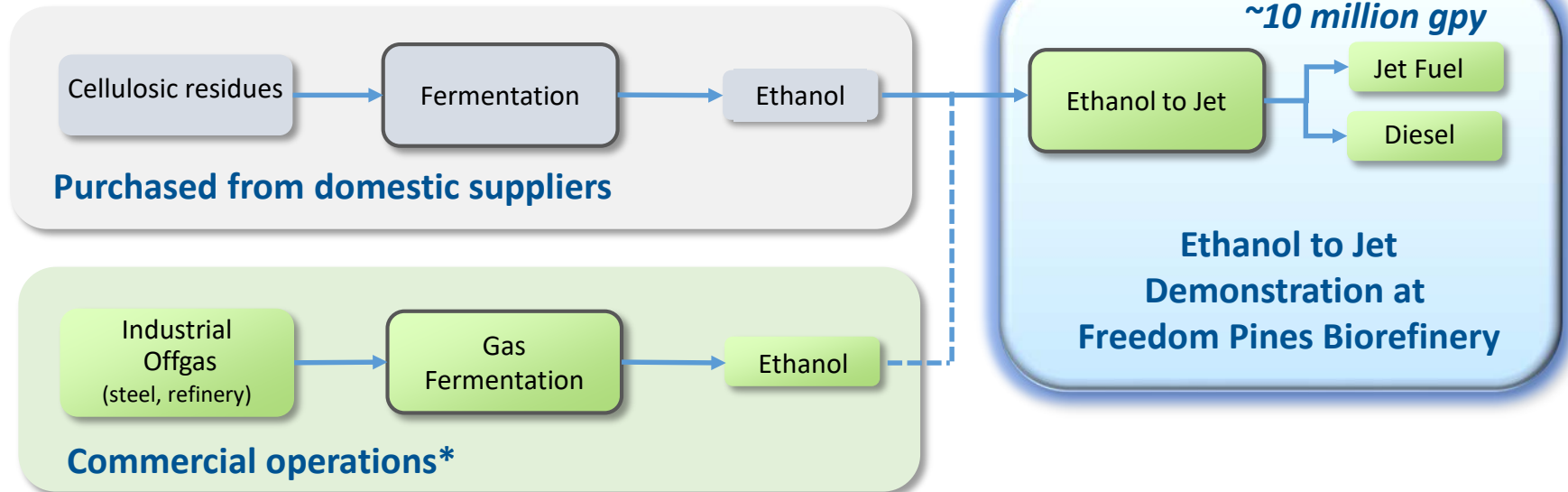
- Selected new EPC partner
- Added specialty contractors for environment/permitting and site design

# Project Scope

## Original Scope



## Revised Scope



\*First commercial plant started up May 3, 2018 (China, 16 million gpy)

# Project Overview – Plans and Achievements

Primary Phase 1 Outcomes	Achievements	Plans for Completion
IE validation of gas fermentation and ethanol to jet processes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Completed</b> on-site evaluations and IE report issued</li> </ul>	N/A
Develop technology transfer package for EPC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Completed</b> fermentation design and operations packages</li> <li>• <b>Completed</b> ATJ process design package</li> </ul>	N/A
Finalize project site	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Developed</b> detailed site criteria</li> <li>• <b>Evaluated</b> multiple industrial and non-industrial locations</li> <li>• <b>Selected</b> Freedom Pines (Soperton, GA)</li> </ul>	N/A
Obtain or amend federal, state, and local permits and obtain NEPA FONSI (if needed) for construction and operation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Developed</b> permitting plan</li> <li>• <b>Quantified</b> environmental impacts</li> <li>• <b>Conducted</b> site assessments and surveys</li> <li>• <b>Drafted</b> permit applications</li> <li>• <b>Analyzed</b> prior NEPA applications &amp; approvals and existing permits</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finalize and submit permit applications based on final engineering and plant design</li> <li>• Determine NEPA requirements and complete EA if necessary</li> <li>• Augment EH&amp;S protocols for construction and operation</li> </ul>
Supply, offtake and financing agreements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Developed</b> business model, offtake &amp; financing term sheets</li> <li>• <b>Initiated</b> supply, offtake and finance discussions with multiple parties</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop feedstock supply agreements</li> <li>• Complete conditional supply and offtake agreements</li> </ul>
Phase 2 Plans and Applications		

# Plans and Achievements –FEL-3 (-5/+15%) estimate

Primary Phase 1 Outcomes	Achievements	Plans for Completion
<b>ISBL</b>		
Heat and Mass Balance	• <b>Completed</b> preliminary H&M Balance	• Finalize H&M Balance
Piping and Instrumentation Diagrams	• <b>Completed</b> and reviewed preliminary P&IDs	• Updated P&IDs review • Final P&IDs
Equipment	• <b>Generated</b> preliminary equipment lists	• Equipment quotes • Final equipment costs • Final equipment layout
Instrumentation	• <b>Generated</b> preliminary instrument list	• Final instrument selection • Instrumentation quotes • Final instrumentation costs
Process lines	• <b>Completed</b> preliminary line sizing	• Final line sizing
Electrical and controls		• Electrical design and control architecture
Safety	• <b>Completed</b> preliminary Process Hazard Analysis	• Final Process Hazard Analysis
FEL-3 (-5/+15%) estimate	• <b>Completed</b> preliminary cost estimate	• Final cost estimate
<b>OSBL and Facility</b>		
Gap Analysis for Utilities	• <b>Completed</b> initial assessment	• Incorporate into final cost estimate
Logistics for Feed/Product	• <b>In Progress</b> assessment	• Finalize cost estimate
Storage for Feed/Product	• <b>In Progress</b> analysis and design	• Finalize cost estimate



## **2 – Approach (Technical)**

# Approach (Technical)

## Overall Technical Approach

- Leverage data from prior scales studies of ethanol based alcohol to jet process chemistry.
- Apply detailed process modeling to inform engineering and catalyst design and costing for a technologically new demonstration scale manufacturing facility which produces drop-in hydrocarbon fuels from cellulosic or waste feedstocks

## Critical Success Factors

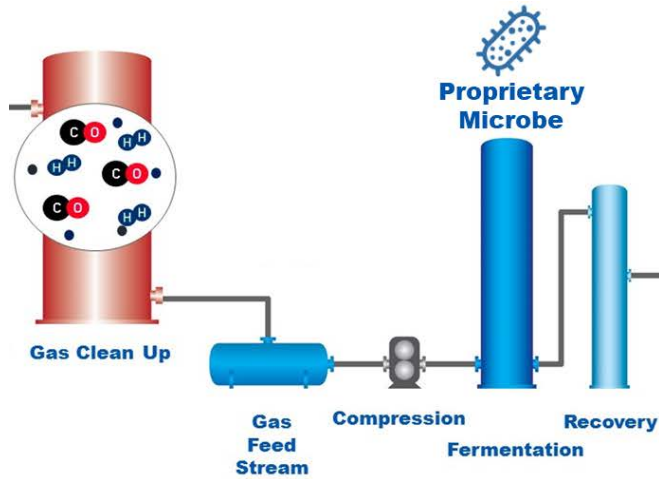
- Technical:
  - Complete the necessary design and engineering required to achieve a -5/+15 cost estimate.
  - Acquire the necessary approvals to construct a 10 million gallon/yr demonstration facility at the LanzaTech Freedom Pines Biorefinery
  - Complete fit for purpose testing and summarize data for review by OEM's, FAA and ASTM committees to obtain approval for the ethanol based alcohol to jet pathway
- Business:
  - Conditional agreements for ethanol supply and product offtake
  - Establish term sheet(s) for financing

## Potential Challenges

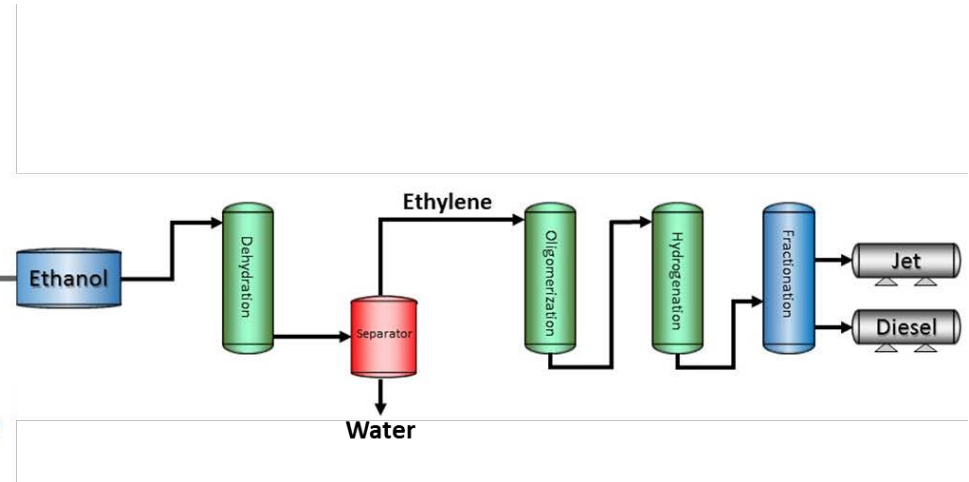
- Identifying near term sources of qualifying ethanol in sufficient quantities
- Continued low oil prices create a challenge for alternative jet (and diesel), although offset by incentives

# Proposed Technology Ready For Scale Up

## Gas Fermentation



## Ethanol to Jet



Each Technology Component Commercial or Proven  
Each Integrated Technology Proven at Demo Scale

# Commercial Gas Fermentation



Started up May 3, 2018

# LanzaJet: Ready for Commercial Use



- ✓ 4,000 gallons Jet
- ✓ 600 gallons Diesel

Waste Gas Ethanol from RSB Certified Facility  
Grain Ethanol



Fuel Property	Jet A Spec	LanzaTech ATJ-SPK	50/50% v with Jet A
Freeze Point, °C	-40 max	-61	-54
Energy Density, MJ/kg	42.8 min	44.4	43.8
Thermal Stability	Baseline	Excellent	Excellent
Viscosity @ -40 °C mm <sup>2</sup> /sec	12 max	7.0	9.3
Hydrogen %	13.4 min	15.1	14.5
Aromatics %	8 min, 25 max	Nil	8.8
Sulfur, total mass %	0.30 max	<0.001	0.02



- ✓ April 1, 2018
- ✓ D7566 ATJ SPK Annex A5
- ✓ Ethanol feedstock
- ✓ Final blend ratio to max 50 %

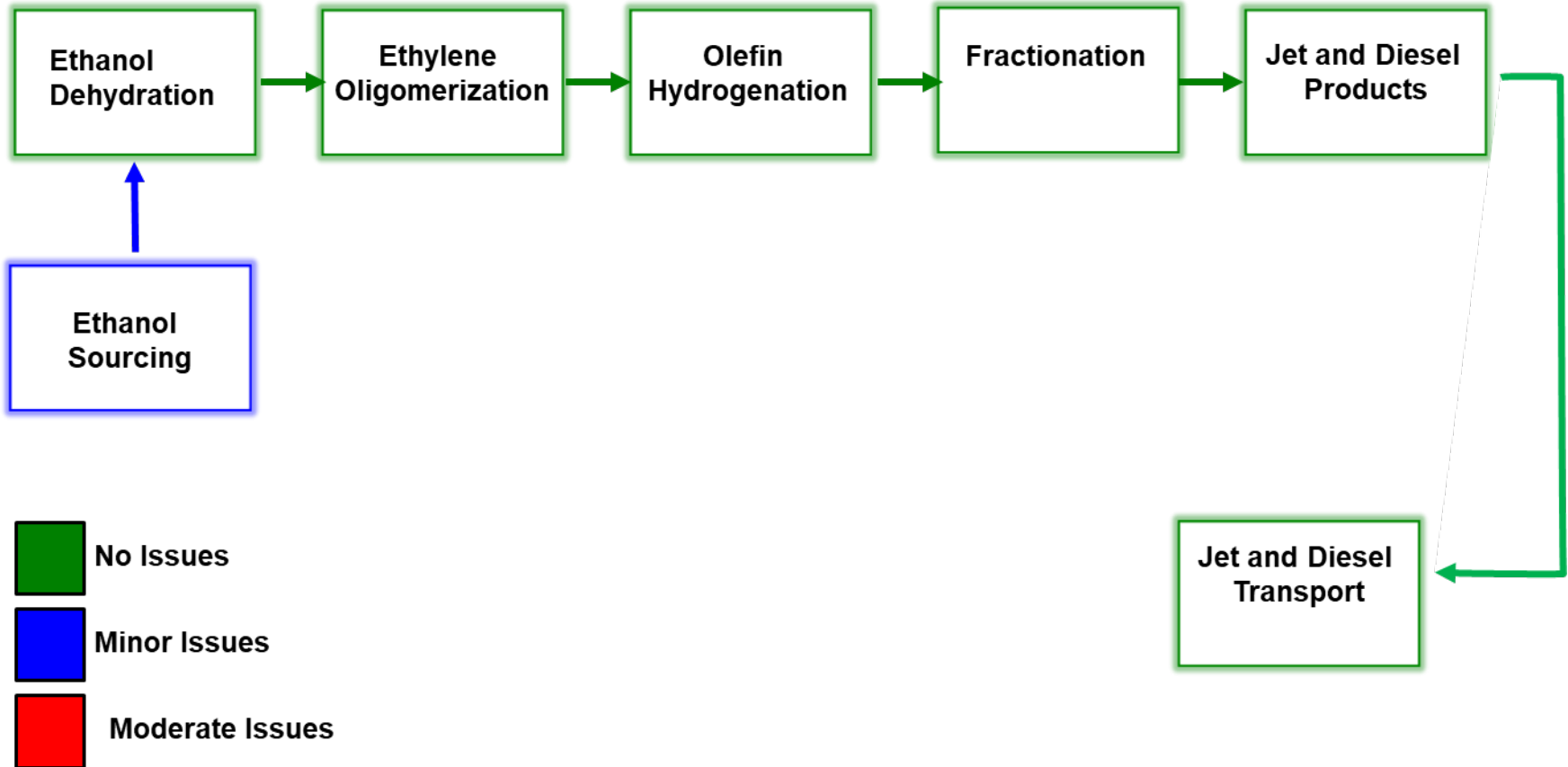


October 3<sup>rd</sup> 2018 First Commercial Flight



Flown on 92% LanzaJet SPK  
80% Lower Contrails and Soot Particles  
4 Flights

# Ethanol to Jet Process Operations Block Diagram



## **2 – Approach (Management)**

# Project Management Approach

## Project Management Platform

- Developed through LanzaTech's experience in managing multi-task, multi-million-dollar R&D and engineering projects.
- Robust project management platform that minimizes project execution risk and increases the certainty of a successful project outcome.
- Robust ERP/project management software that produces weekly detailed financial and resource management (hours) reports.
- Experienced cost accounting personnel with robust processes, policies and oversight.
- Platform follows generally accepted project management principles and guidelines

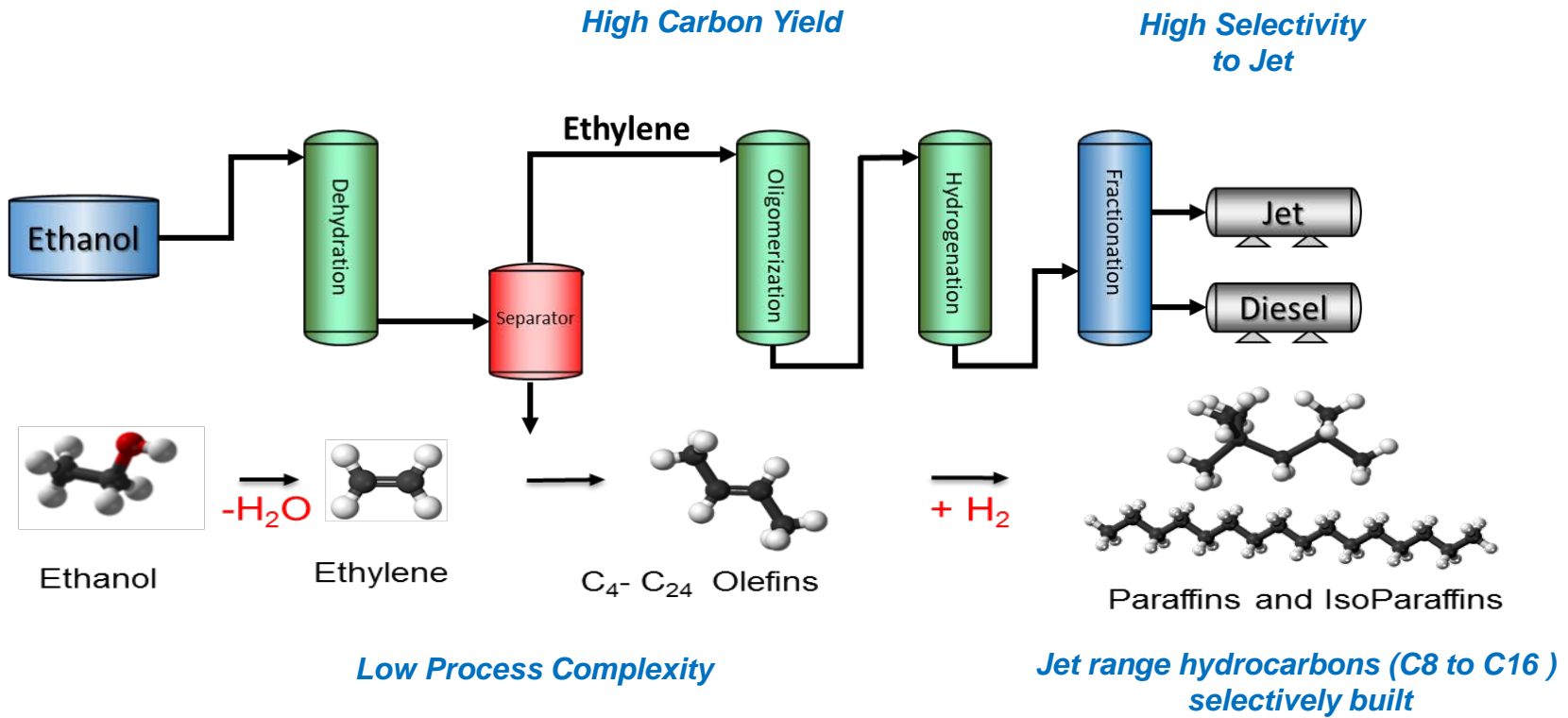
## Project Coordination

- At least weekly phone meetings with key technical partners, such as EPC and environmental subcontractors
- In-person planning and review meetings at contractor or project sites
- Monthly budget and schedule reviews



# **3 – Technical Accomplishments/ Progress/Results**

# Ethanol to Jet Process



## Modeling Based on Prior-Scale Production



## Environmental and Permitting Considerations

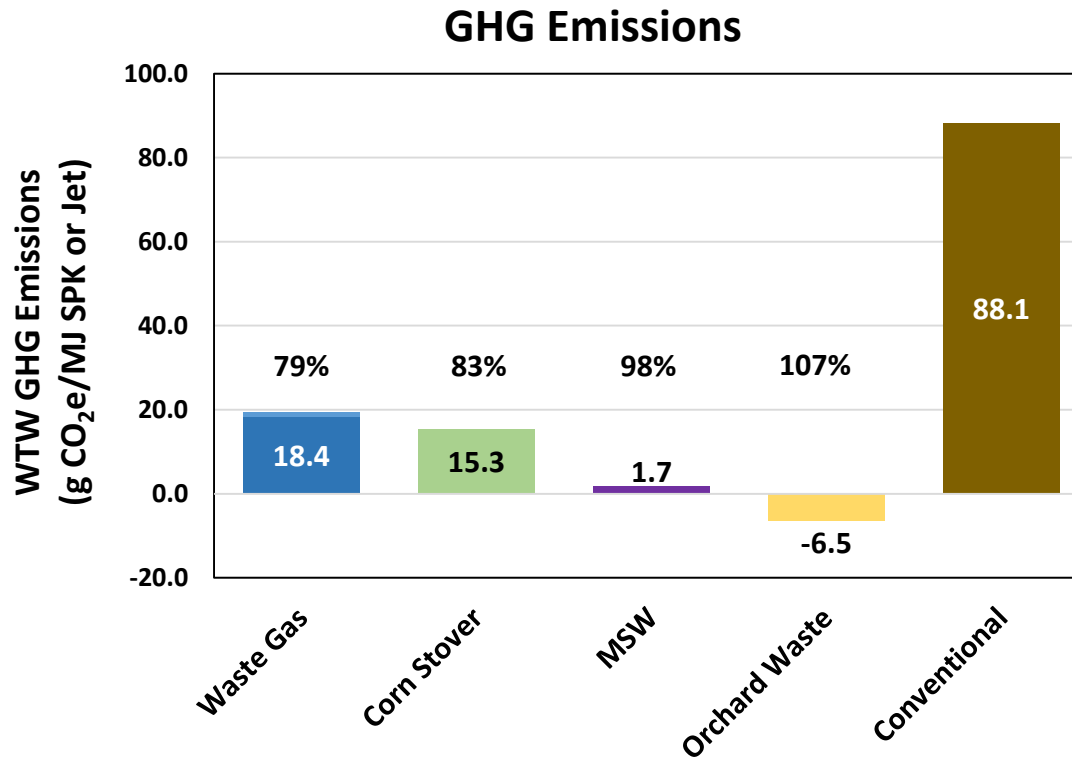
- Project site previously developed and permitted for commercial thermochemical biorefinery
- Prior NEPA EAs & FONSIs expediting additional NEPA reviews, minimal incremental impacts
- Physical footprint of the developed site will not change, Project leverages existing permits
- Project engineering designs and equipment specs reviewed to quantify process inputs and outputs needed to inform EA and permit applications / modifications
- Analyzed existing air, water, and other permits and updated cultural and wetland surveys
- Comprehensive permitting plan established and initiated



**Conclusion: Minimum Environmental Impacts at Site, Permitting Underway**

# Life Cycle Assessments

Emissions calculated for ATJ produced from a variety of waste-based ethanol sources



Reductions based on GREET comparator (88.1 g-CO<sub>2</sub>e/MJ), shown at right.

# Business and Supply Chain Models

# LanzaJet

30M  
gpy

30M  
gpy

30M  
gpy

Build Freedom Pines facility

Create Entity & Raise Cash

*Accelerating Path to  
Commercial Through  
Creation of Subsidiary*

*Distributed Feedstock*



*Centralized Production*

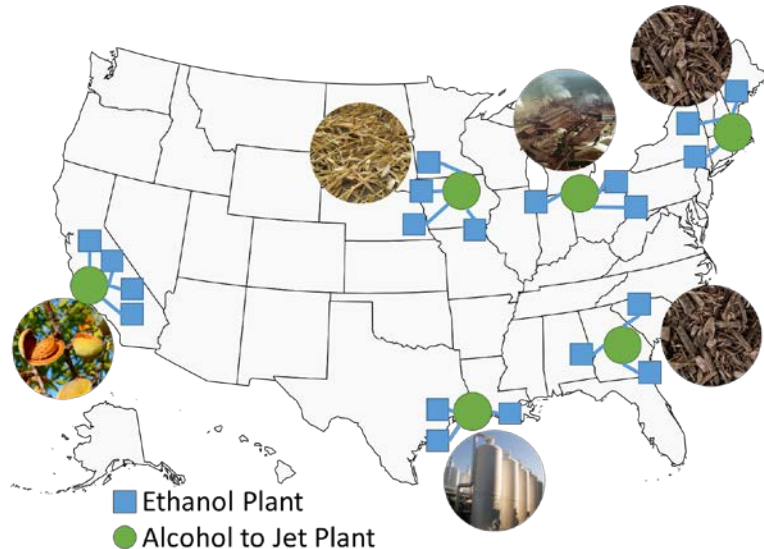
# 4 – Relevance

## Relevance

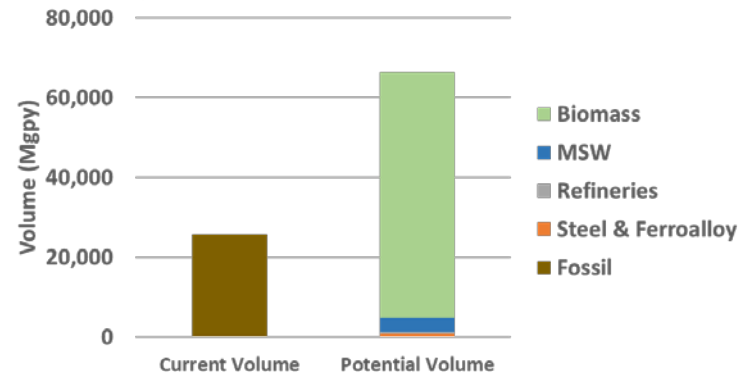
### Directly supports BETO's strategic goal:

*Develop commercially viable bioenergy and bioproduct technologies to enable the sustainable nationwide production of biofuels that are compatible with today's transportation infrastructure, can reduce greenhouse gas emissions relative to petroleum-derived fuels, and can displace a share of petroleum-derived fuels to reduce U.S. dependence on oil and encourage the creation of a new domestic bioenergy industry.<sup>1</sup>*

*...sustainable nationwide production*



*...can displace a share of petroleum-derived fuels*

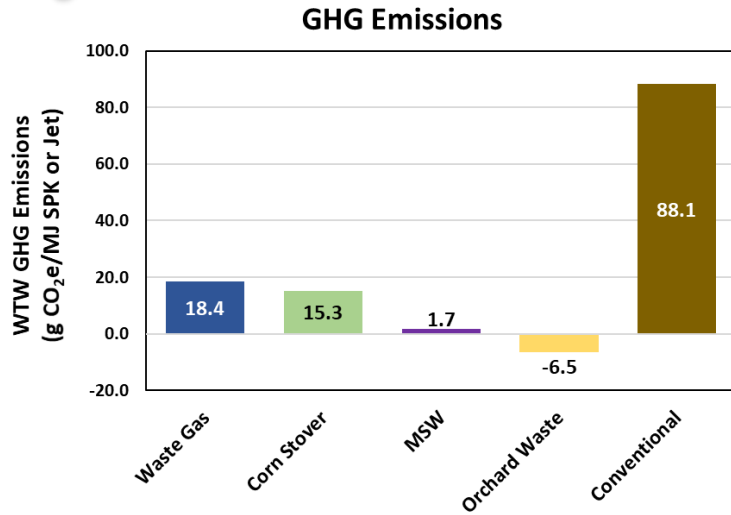


### Directly supports BETO's objective to:

*By 2022, validate successful runs of one biofuels manufacturing processing using a hydrocarbon fuels pathway at demonstration-scale.<sup>2</sup>*

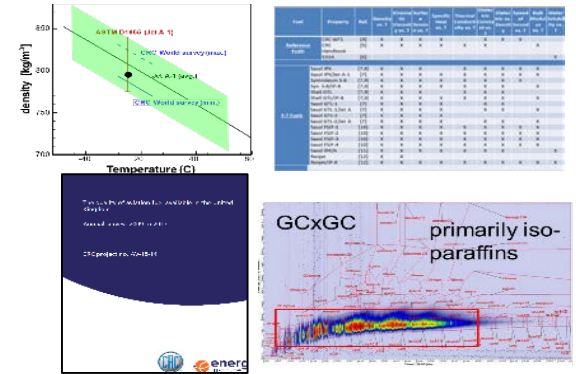


*...reduce greenhouse gas emissions*

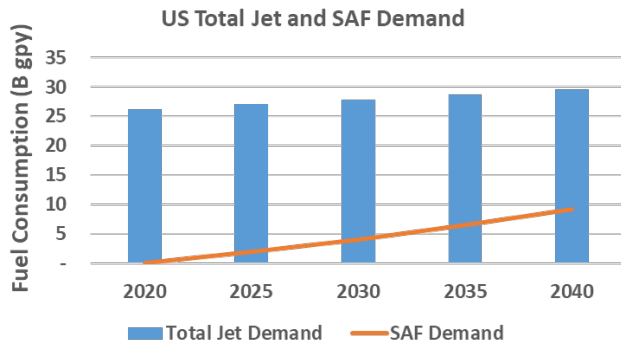


## Relevance

*...compatible with today's transportation infrastructure*



*...encourage the creation of a new domestic bioenergy industry*



On April 1, 2018 ASTM Intl. Revised D7566 ATJ SPK Annex A5

- Added Ethanol as a feedstock
- Increased final blend ratio to max 50 %

*...commercially viable*

# 5 – Future Work

# Future Work

## Design and Engineering

- Complete Basic Engineering Package
- Complete FEL-3 -5/+15 cost estimate (ISBL, OSBL, facilities)

## Business, Regulatory, and Environmental

- Complete permit applications and NEPA review
- Finalize feedstock and offtake agreements
- Finalize financing plan
- Finalize logistics plan

## Documentation and Planning

- Develop Phase 2 plans and application documents

## Go/No-Go Decision

- Independent Engineering Review at end of Phase 1

*Remaining budget is sufficient to complete the proposed tasks.*

# Summary

## Technology Status and Approach

- Technology is ready for deployment at planned scale
- Sustainable aviation fuel qualified and demonstrated in commercial flight
- Process models completed as basis for design and engineering tasks

## Technical and Business Accomplishments

- Site selected and committed
- Engineering and cost estimation are on track for completion
- Plans for integration with existing facility are well underway
- Feedstock and product logistics plans outlined
- Initial evaluation of environmental impacts complete, showing minimal impact at site
- Business and financing model well-developed

## Relevance of Project

- Fully supports BETO's strategic mission
- Will lead to a reliable and expanding ethanol market, independent of road transport
- Paves the way for a domestic sustainable aviation sector built around diverse waste and residue feedstocks

## Future Work

- On track for completion of Phase 1 activities with remaining resources