## **All-Employee Meeting**

Sam Aronson August 2, 2012



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## **Agenda**

- Safety Performance
- Sustained Safety and Operational Excellence
- Lab Director and NPP ALD Searches
- Scientific Progress and Expanding Capabilities
- 10-Year Strategic Plan
- Budget Outlook
- Q&A
  - Berkner audience: Step up to microphone
  - Webcast viewers: jgreen@bnl.gov

## **Safety Performance**



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#### A Call to Action

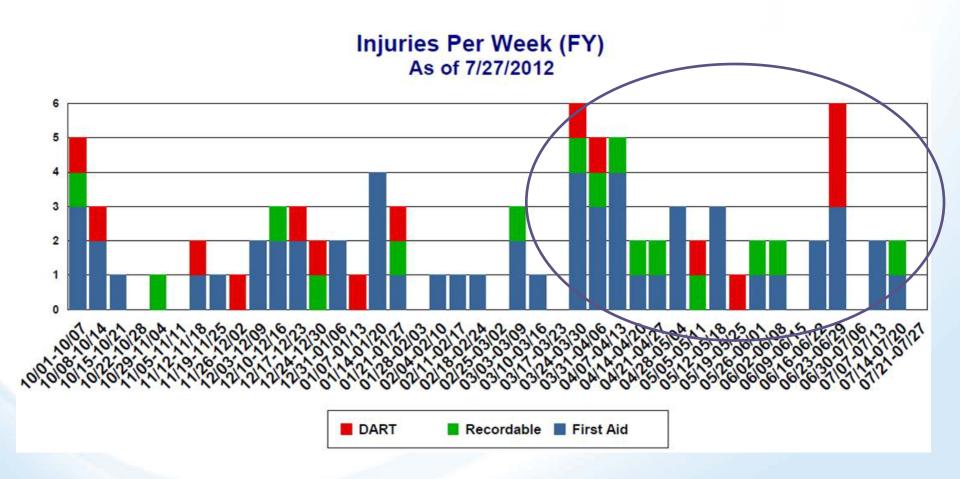
Many of us are already working conscientiously to keep yourselves and others safe. Your commitment is deeply appreciated.

- Operational performance is not where it needs to be
- We are experiencing too many events with potential for serious injury and BNL's future is at serious risk
- We cannot continue to behave the same and expect a different outcome
- We must solve this together

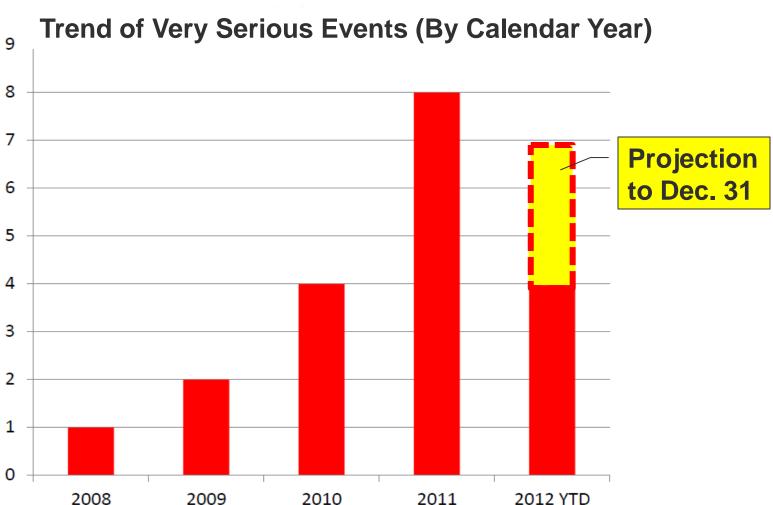




## **Injuries Since October 2011**



## **Major Events Since 2008**



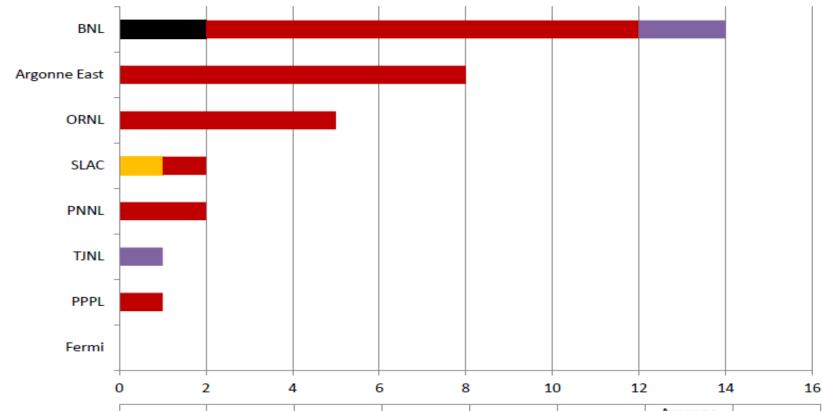
2008: Well house | 2009: HFBR, startle | 2010: BLIP, legacy rad source, 2 shocks

2011: 3 shocks, PET-R, tree felling, sealed source, scissor lift, oil discharge

2012: Shock, cylinders, recurring electrical, ladder fall

## **Our Standing Relative to Other Labs**

#### Major Events by Significance from CY 2011 to July 8, 2012



	Fermi	PPPL	TJNL	PNNL	SLAC	ORNL	Argonne East	BNL
■ OE (Operational Emergency)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
SC 1 (Most Serious)	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
SC 2 (Very Serious)	0	1	0	2	1	5	8	10
R (Recurring)	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2

# Sustained Safety and Operational Excellence

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## Owning Our Tools for Mission Success



Blueprint put processes and procedures in place



Safety performance cyclic; improvements not sustained



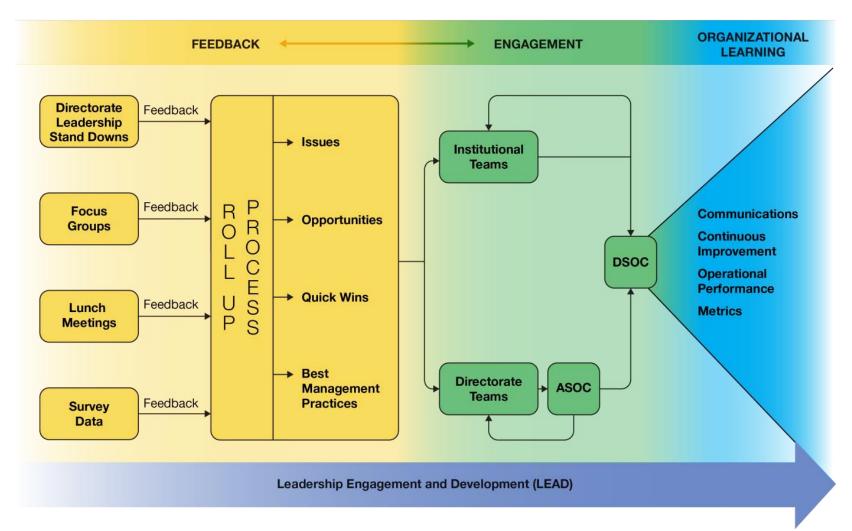
Ownership and execution not robust







#### 2012 Sustained Excellence Improvement Agenda



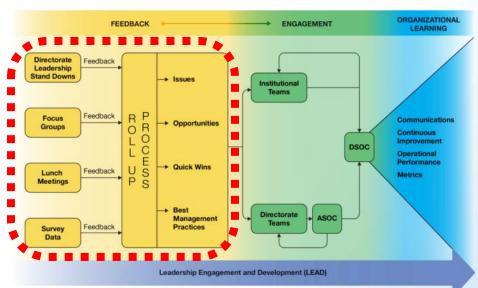
Lanny Bates, ALD, F&O
Steve Dierker, ALD, Photon Sciences
George Goode, ALD, ES&H
Les Hill, Blueprint Project Mgr

Roy Lebel, Mgr, QMO Bob Lincoln, Chief HR Officer Marge Lynch, ALD, CEGPA Maggie Sullivan, Mgr, Learning & Dev.

## Feedback and Analysis

- Important Issues Discussed
  - Requirements and procedures
  - Workload and pace of work
  - Employee and worker engagement and input
  - Trust, values, complacency, and accountability
  - General safety issues
    - Housekeeping
    - Unhealthy conditions
    - Traffic safety



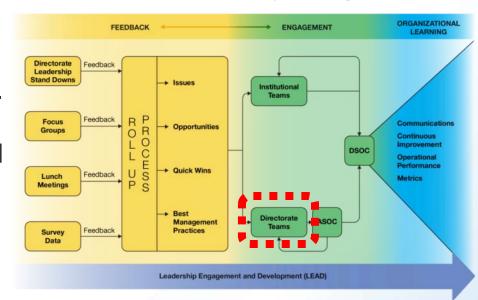


## Directorate Engagement: Examples

2012 Sustained Excellence Improvement Agenda

- Stand-downs across directorates
- F&O Fire Rescue Group training
- ELS researches attend cross-dept. environmental safety reviews
- NPP improved communication and delineation of responsibilities with others, such as formal procedures between C-AD and F&O IFM
- ES&H remote field sampling
- CEGPA increased safety observations at the Science Learning Center







### **Institutional Engagement: Teams**

2012 Sustained Excellence Improvement Agenda

#### Construction Safety

- Team defined and launched
- Structuring around Integrated Project Team Model
- To serve as a model for broader application beyond construction

#### Electrical Lock Out, Tag Out (LOTO) Improvements

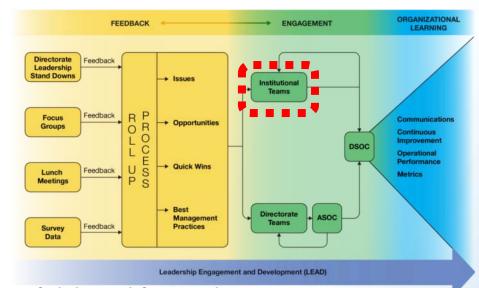
- Team defined and launched
- Focus on improving a significant area of risk and frustration
- Define and implement a compliant but worker-friendly procedure with consistent application for site-wide reliability in execution

#### Complex Procedures and Requirements

- Focus on high-risk management systems
- Scope, team, and charter under development

#### Investing in Your Health and Safety

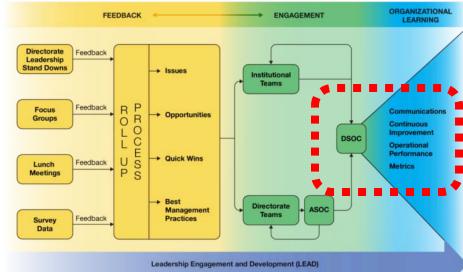
- Team and charter under development
- Scope will be significant part of the team activity



## **Learning Organization**

2012 Sustained Excellence Improvement Agenda

- Open to input from employees
- Learn from mistakes and lessons of others
- Always look for continuous improvement
  - Have a questioning attitude when we see things that don't look right or when performance or feedback is less than desired



- Be open, transparent, and thoughtful about using the information for improvement
  - This may be a stop work, a trend analysis, or just an email from someone
  - You welcome, embrace, and utilize feedback to make us better

#### **Our Role for Success**

#### Engagement

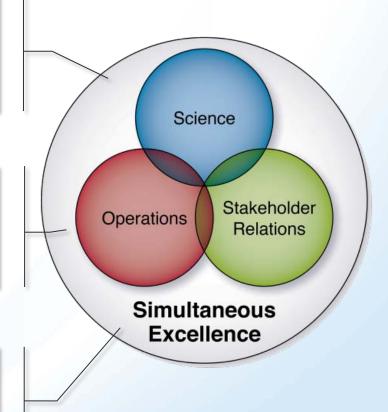
- Have strong ownership of systems, tools, and processes
- Provide positive reinforcement
- Have 1-on-1 conversations
- Be a good listener and acknowledge concerns

#### **Accountability**

- Hold ourselves responsible
- Aim for excellence in our work
- Apply rules, requirements, and regulations to all
- While disciplinary action is an element, it's a last resort

#### **Role Modeling**

- Demonstrate a positive attitude
- Lead by example
- Reinforce Lab priorities
- Reject noncompliance





## Engagement, Accountability & Role Modeling in Action

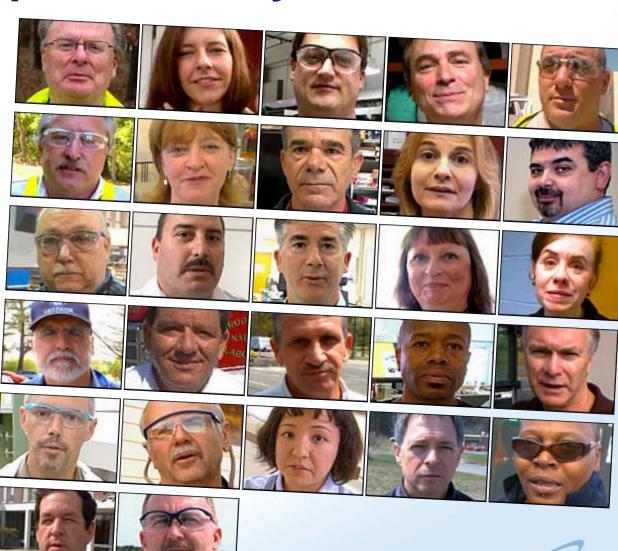
 Sheared bolts discovered on an aerial lift leads to immediate stop and inspection of all similar lifts on site – and discovery of similar concern on second lift



- During F&O plan-of-the-day meeting, staff questions new electrical procedure and drives quick and effective change
- Staff member issues "stop work order" when observing a worker at height without fall protection

### "I Helped Improve Safety at BNL"

Examples of BNLers being Engaged, holding themselves and others Accountable, and serving as Role Models



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## **Summary – Our Challenge**

- We must move beyond event-driven corrective action plans to finding the root causes of organizational performance issues
- Change the way managers, supervisors, and staff communicate and work together
- Become a learning organization
  - Questioning attitude
  - Listening attitude
- We must all set the tone
  - Engagement
  - Accountability
  - Role Modeling
- A sustained improvement agenda is not a one-time event, but requires ongoing commitment



## Lab Director and NPP ALD Searches

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### **Search Updates**

#### **Lab Director**

- Search committee working with Russell Reynolds Associates, a nationally recognized search firm
- Committee met June 13
  - Defined and discussed leading candidates
  - Search firm now ascertaining candidate interest
- Committee met with employees to discuss perspectives
- Candidate interviews begin this month

#### **ALD for Nuclear & Particle Physics**

- Search committee making good progress
- Committee met in April and May
  - Gathered input from scientific staff
  - Identified slate of candidates
- Committee selected a short list of candidates and I am working with that list
  - Arranging formal interviews



# Scientific Progress and Building New Capabilities

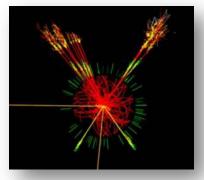


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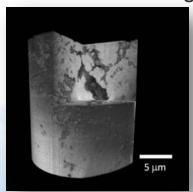


## **Our Scientific Progress**

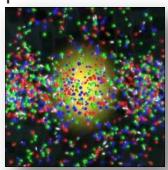
Search for Higgs
Boson at LHC
Reveals New Particle



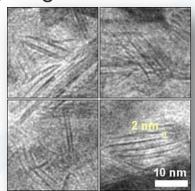
New X-ray Microscope at NSLS Creates High-Resolution 3D Images



Two of the World's Firsts at RHIC: Uranium-Uranium & Copper-Gold Collisions



Low-Cost Electrocatalyst
Efficiently Generates
Hydrogen Gas for Fuel



Identifying Mechanism For Regulating Plant Oil Production



Large Synoptic Survey Telescope Camera Receives CD-1



### **Expanding Our Capabilities**

R&D for eRHIC



Northeast Solar Energy Research Ctr.



Interdisciplinary Science Building

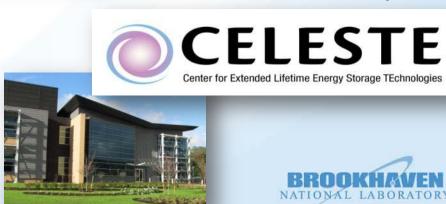


Science Lab Renovation



**Hub Proposal** 

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## **Building the World's Most Advanced Light Source**



## 10-Year Strategic Plan

2012-2021

Full plan available at www.bnl.gov/10yr-plan



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#### **Our Plan for Robust Science**

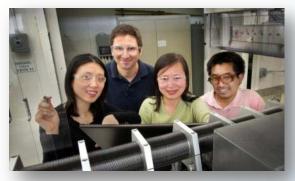
- Produce a world-class NSLS-II facility and carry out significant and well-executed first experiments
- Nuclear physics at BNL will remain second to none
- BNL's contribution to energy solutions will continue to grow both regionally and nationally
- BNL will continue to have leadership roles in particle physics both domestically and internationally
- Explore intriguing options for the application of BNL's accelerator technology
- Synthetic biology and data intensive computing are growing and exciting areas at BNL

We strive for operational excellence in all of our work



## **Completion of NSLS-II and Smooth Transition from NSLS is Our Top Priority**

- NSLS-II more than 75% complete
- New light source will be 10,000 times brighter than NSLS
- Explore solutions to grand challenges in clean energy technologies and national energy security
- NSLS to NSLS-II transition
  - Early operations in 2014
  - ~30 beamlines by 2018
  - Will eventually serve 3,000-4,000 users/yr





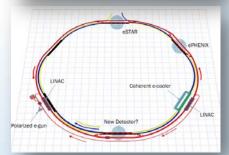


## Our Commitment to the Continued Operations of RHIC is Unwavering

- NRC report: "Spectacular" performance by the RHIC over past decade; critical future role
- RHIC Run 12: record p-p polarization and luminosity, first U-U and Cu-Au collisions (RHIC-II era is here!)
- Building support in the nuclear physics community for an electron ion collider
  - Developing new accelerator technologies, including an energy recovery LINAC
  - eRHIC is the most effective path to an electron-ion collider







## Brookhaven Energy R&D: A Collaborative Approach

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Research

#### **BNL** Resources











#### **NY State Consortia/Resources**

**ENERGY CHALLENGES: New York and Beyond** 

Electric Systems

Sustainable Fuels

DOE ALIGNMENT/LEVERAGE

DOE Priority Research Directions
4 Energy Frontier Research Centers

#### **Collaborators/Joint Appointments**





















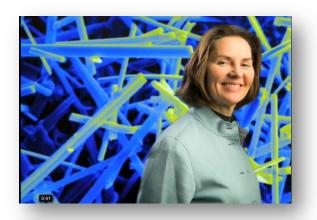
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# BNL/SBU Energy Storage Hub Proposal Addresses Fundamental Issues in Electrochemical Materials





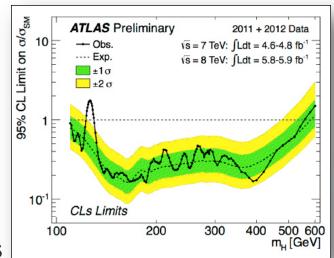


- Focus on lifetime of electrochemical materials
- Driven by transportation & grid storage issues
- Strong BNL/SBU team in place
  - Distinguished leader: Esther Takeuchi
  - Leverages NSLS, NSLS-II, CFN, and Advanced Energy Center
- New York State Support
  - \$12.5M direct matching from NYS
  - Leverage NYS battery and grid investments
  - Support from Senator Schumer
  - Dedicated Building @ SBU: AERTC (new 49ksf, LEED Platinum laboratory space)



## Physics of the Universe

- Intellectual and technical leadership in particle physics
- Three frontiers of particle physics:
  - Energy (ATLAS/LHC) Secretary Chu's award for RHIC-ATLAS Computing Facility, Higgs hunt
  - Intensity Measurement at Daya Bay of the last unknown neutrino mixing angle
  - Cosmology LSST camera received Critical Decision 1 approval from DOE
- Advanced accelerator R&D for a possible muon collider, developing record-breaking superconducting magnets









## BNL Will Build a Leading Synthetic Biology Program

- Bioenergy is the long-term priority for our biosciences program
- Increasing plant oil production as a renewable resource for fuels and industrial feedstock
- Leverage BNL strengths:
   Plant biochemistry, Metabolic engineering,
   Physical biology, Computational biology
   and Nanoscience
- Continue development of BER programs:
   Tropics climate prediction, Atmospheric science, Radiotracers, Systems biology,
   K-base Epigenetics, and Biology beamling

K-base, Epigenetics, and Biology beamlines at NSLS-II

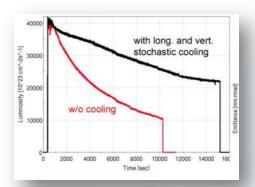


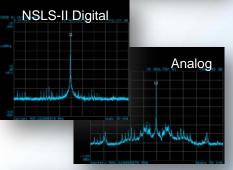


## **Accelerator Science & Technology**

## **Supports Ongoing and Future Needs for BNL and the Broader Community**

- RHIC/eRHIC
  - Enables optimal RHIC operations
  - Provides state-of-the-art technologies for eRHIC
- NSLS-II
  - Advanced beam position monitors
  - High-precision magnet alignment
  - Low-noise digital RF cavity controller
- Societal impacts
  - Grid-scale energy storage ARPA-E grant
  - CRADA to develop medical synchrotron for hadron cancer therapy







#### Computation

 Broaden impact as a leader in data-intensive high performance computing

#### **Homeland/National Security**

 Nuclear detectors for portal and cargo monitoring; Radiological Assistance Program; Urban dispersion of contaminants

#### **Biomedical Imaging**

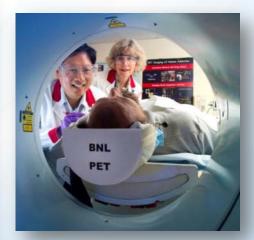
 Apply radiochemistry and PET/MRI capabilities to biomedical challenges

#### **Work for Others**

 Our aspiration for WFO is 20% of the Lab's operating budget by 2020







## RHIC Advocacy, Contingency Planning

- Current national budget constraints
  - Funding projections insufficient for the three existing and proposed facilities in the nuclear physics plan – RHIC, CEBAF, and FRIB
- DOE formed Tribble subpanel
  - Examine priorities in a constrained budget environment
  - Hearings in September and report due in January
- Advocating for RHIC
  - RHIC is highly productive, at the forefront of nuclear physics research, and provides a cost-effective path to a future facility (eRHIC)
  - Nuclear Physics: Retain U.S. scientific leadership
  - Making the case to NY congressional delegation, media, and others
- Contingency
  - Office of Science asked BNL to present contingency plans in case serious Nuclear Physics budget constraints in FY 2014-18 lead to early termination of RHIC operations



## **RHIC Contingency Plan**

Guiding Principles (for April 2012 strategic planning retreat)

- Accelerate NSLS-II availability
- Preserve world-leading accelerator science and technology and cutting-edge research and development essential for future nuclear physics and basic energy sciences facilities
- Provide a vibrant nuclear physics research effort
- Promote "discovery to deployment" emphasis even more aggressively than in our principal plan
- Accelerate and expand materials science impact
- Accelerate synthetic biology and data-intensive computing efforts

Detailed plans and resource needs for accelerated growth being developed

## **Budget Outlook**



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## **Budget Outlook**

- We continue to monitor the FY13 federal budget situation
  - Six-month Continuing Resolution likely; terms uncertain
  - Government discussing potential sequestration
    - \$109B in automatic spending cuts divided equally between defense and domestic programs starting Jan. 2 if Congress cannot achieve a deficit-reduction deal
- DOE SC asked NPP & Photon Sciences to prepare various budget scenarios
  - Probable delay in knowing FY13 final budgets for such large programs increases impact of any reductions
- Progress on our growth initiatives is as important as ever.
   Some recent successes:
  - Energy SGRID3, HUB, NYSTAR, and NYSERDA
  - Computation NYSERDA, NYPA, and SBU



### Questions

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