

# Natural Gas Innovation Act (NGIA)

Advancing Minnesota's energy future by implementing a diverse set of innovative pilot projects that aim to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and expand decarbonization efforts for our Minnesota customers.



Updates as of Feb. 20, 2026

## Lower Carbon Fuels

- CenterPoint Energy is working with four regional producers to purchase renewable natural gas (RNG).
- We attended the recent groundbreaking for the Dem-Con HZI Project in Scott County, which is expected to begin supplying us with Twin Cities made renewable energy in 2027.
- We also began purchasing RNG from Amp Americas, a national producer with several Minnesota facilities who uses innovative processes to capture methane from dairy farms.
- Upcoming regional projects with Vanguard Renewables and NW Natural Renewables include recycling waste from agricultural, landfill, and food and beverage operations to produce RNG.
- The green hydrogen pilot plant in Mankato with on-site solar panels and hydrogen storage is under development, currently in the planning process with construction estimated to begin later this year.
- A research study on RNG potential is nearing completion for our Minnesota service area, including evaluating potential sites and different waste types. Future RNG research will focus on opportunities for small farms.

## Networked Geothermal

- CenterPoint is conducting the site selection and feasibility study for the company-owned project and will file the results of this study on June 1, 2026, with the Public Utilities Commission.
  - We've hosted two stakeholder workshops to collect feedback to help shape this study process.
  - Our team is conducting a technical screening of the sites still under evaluation, including urban, suburban and rural locations.

## Customer Innovation and Decarbonization Programs

- **Residential customers**
  - We're exploring innovative methods to help customers reduce their emissions and save money through enhanced weatherization efforts. We plan to start engaging residential customers in the coming months.
- **Small and medium commercial customers**
  - As of January 2026, more than 150 small and medium-sized businesses have completed greenhouse gas (GHG) audits, receiving information on opportunities to reduce GHG emissions and incentives to implement recommendations identified during audits.
  - Rebates have been provided to initial customers implementing hybrid heating projects (electric heat pumps with supplemental natural gas to reduce overall energy use and maintain efficiency), with more projects in development.
- **Large commercial and industrial customers**
  - CenterPoint is engaging with large customers interested in using onsite carbon capture or green hydrogen technologies for their operations.
  - We are conducting outreach to local workgroups, including municipal staff and industry groups, to work to garner participation in decarbonizing existing district energy systems or incentivizing the construction of new geothermal district energy systems.