

### North Carolina Clean Energy Policies, Initiatives, and Opportunities

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Our mission is to improve the economic well-being and quality of life for all North Carolinians.

To do that, the Department works closely with local, regional, national and international organizations to propel economic, community and workforce development for the state.

### Overview

NC's Clean Energy Progress

NC's Clean Energy Opportunities

Your Clean Energy Opportunities

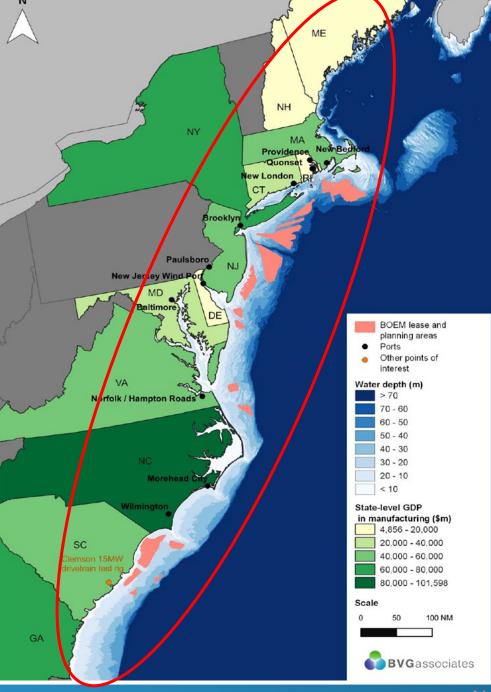


# NC Clean Energy Policies and Initiatives

- In 2018, Governor signed E.O. 80
   NC Clean Energy Plan =
   Dozens of recommendations and reports, including
  - Building NC's OSW Supply Chain
  - Clean Energy Workforce Assessment
- In 2021, bipartisan legislation
   HB 951 Energy Solutions
   for North Carolina





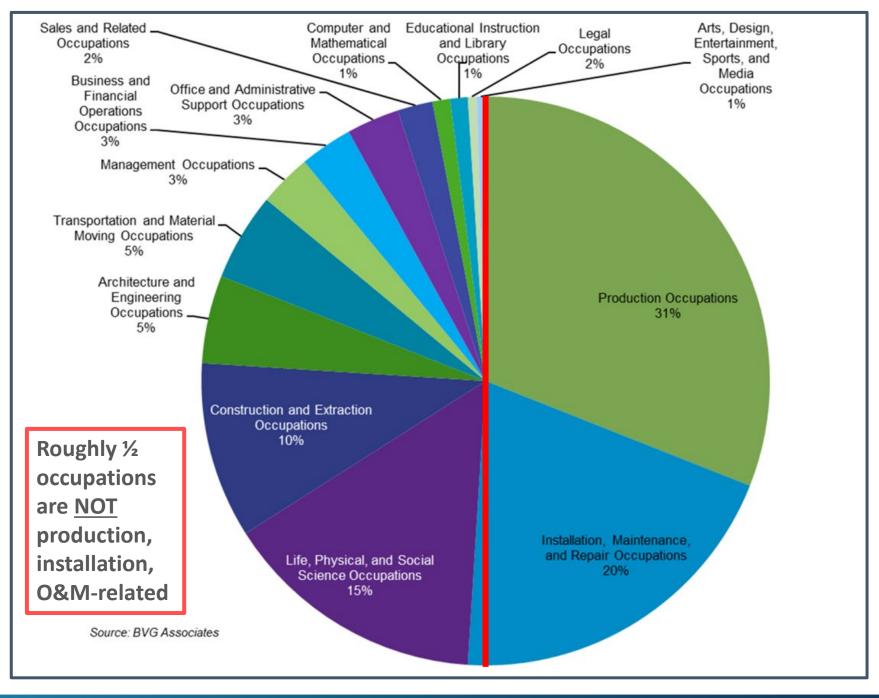


# North Carolina An OSW Manufacturing Powerhouse

- 1. Ranks 5<sup>th</sup> for manufacturing GDP in U.S. & 1<sup>st</sup> on East Coast
- 2. Employs > 470,000 workers at 10,250 companies (1<sup>st</sup> in Southeast)
- 3. Can supply major-, lower-level components, and materials for entire East Coast OSW market

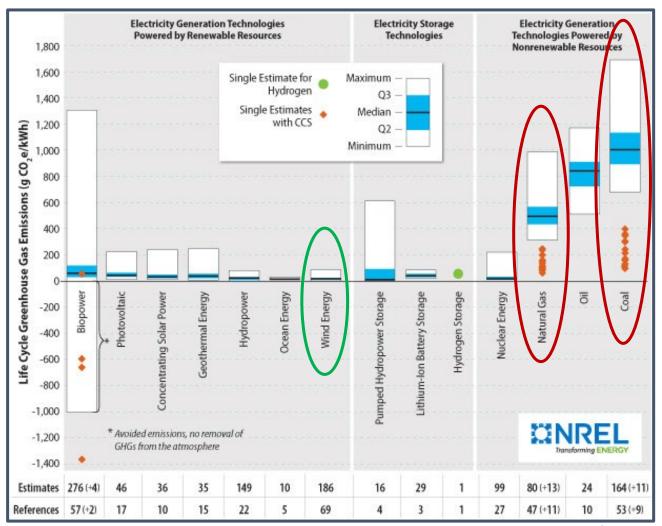
#### Offshore Wind

A Job in Every Trade / Occupation



### Offshore Wind Renewable, Sustainable, Carbon-Free Energy Resource

Wind power has a comparatively modest life-cycle greenhouse gas emissions footprint

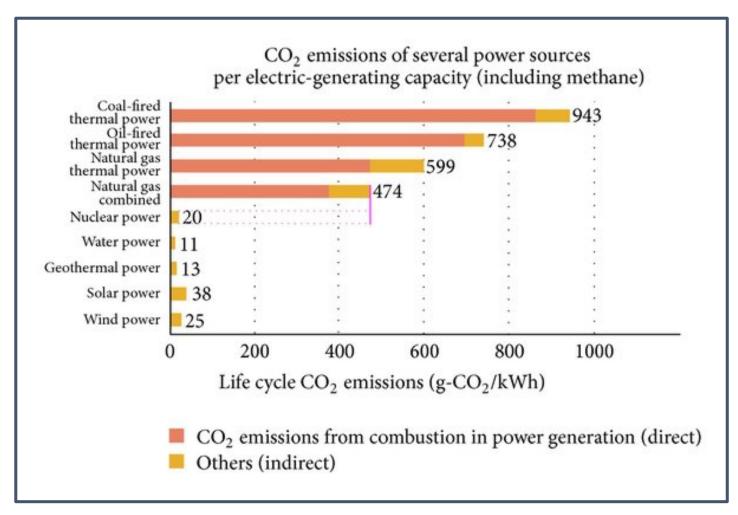


https://www.nrel.gov/analysis/life-cycle-assessment.html

### Offshore Wind Renewable, Sustainable, C-Free Energy Resource (cont'd)

Wind turbines average just 25 grams of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions per kilowatt-hour (kWh) of electricity generated compared to:

- ➤ Solar: 38g/kWh
- ➤ Natural gas: 474-599g/kWh
- Coal: 943g/kWh



https://www.researchgate.net/publication/258399637\_Reducing\_Carbon\_Dioxide\_Emissions\_from\_Electricity\_Sector\_Using\_Smart\_Electric\_Grid\_Applications#read

# Clean Energy Transition A Win for North Carolina

## In just one clean energy subsector, offshore wind can bring NC:

- 1. Potential \$100B economic investment
- 2. <u>Job opportunities in every</u> <u>trade/occupation</u> (tens of thousands)
- 3. Renewable, sustainable, <u>carbon-free</u> <u>energy</u> resource





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