Utility Benchmarking / RETScreen Suite

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What Motivates Action?

- Accurate analysis
- Effective communication





Business Questions

- What are my fixed and variable costs and how does production impact those costs?
- If ______ isn't influencing my costs, what is?
 - Production quantities
 - Weather
 - Attendance
 - Schedule





What if:

- We could accurately correlate energy use to a particular variable (or set of variables)?
- What if we could accurately prove that a particular variable had no correlation to energy use?





Fun with Linear Regression







The Power of Metrics

- Quote from CEO "I see all of this data but is the patient getting better or worse?"
- Units of energy consumption per _____ can be a powerful tool and means of communication





Predicting the Future

- IF we can develop an accurate correlation
 THEN we can predict future performance
- AND we can compare what would have been, with what we have influenced via implementation of change
- Some might even call it M&V











Here's Where We are Headed





Risk Analysis

- Why do clients have a hard time investing money in energy projects?
- What if your calculations aren't quite accurate?
- How do we communicate risk in quantitative terms?





RETScreen

- What is it?
 - Renewable-energy and Energy-efficient Technologies (RET)
 - Free decision support tool developed by Canadian Government and support from NASA, UNEP, GEF, and REEP
 - Two parts: energy and financial analysis (RETScreen), Benchmarking (RETScreen Plus)





RETScreen

- Why was it developed?
 - To reduce the costs (both financial and time) associated with identifying and assessing potential energy projects
 - Quickly access project viability (feasibility)
- What portions will we focus on today?
 - Fast example of compressed air (RETScreen)
 - Benchmarking example (RETScreen Plus)







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