

Appalachian Regional Clean Hydrogen Hub (ARCH2)

ARCH2 Mission: Use the nation's lowest-cost NG as primary feedstock to enable and sustain a regional H₂ economy across multiple end-use sectors in the Appalachian region while ensuring the economic benefits are shared fairly and equitably among local communities.

ARCH2 Vision: A clean, economically viable and socially equitable H₂ ecosystem, spanning multiple production, storage, delivery, and diverse end-use applications within the Appalachian region, that serves as a model for a national clean H₂ network.



Agenda

- Background on Hydrogen (Basics, Opportunities)
- Energy Transition and the Federal Landscape
- Department of Energy's Vision for Hydrogen
- Appalachian Regional Clean Hydrogen Hub (ARCH2)

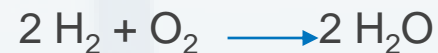


Hydrogen Basics

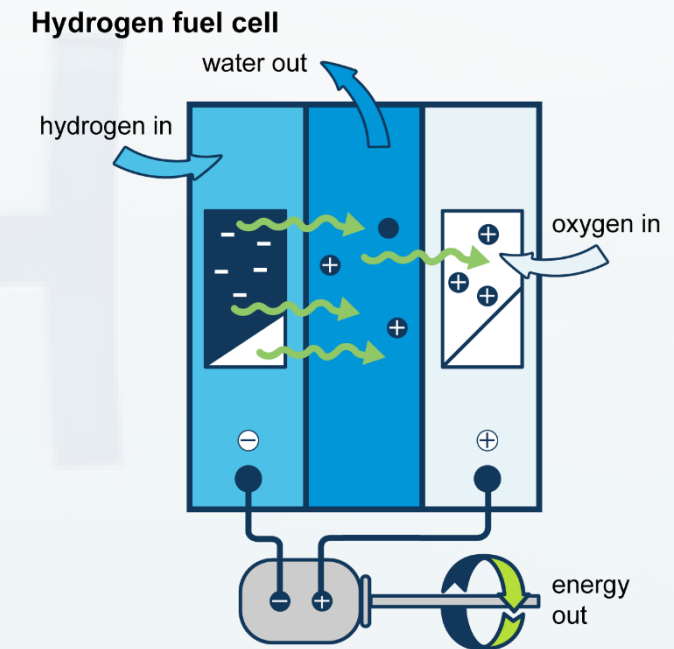


Hydrogen Basics

- Clear, colorless gas
- Atomic weight of 1
- Most abundant element in the universe
- Exists in diatomic form of H₂ with molecular weight of 2
- Combusts to yield H₂O



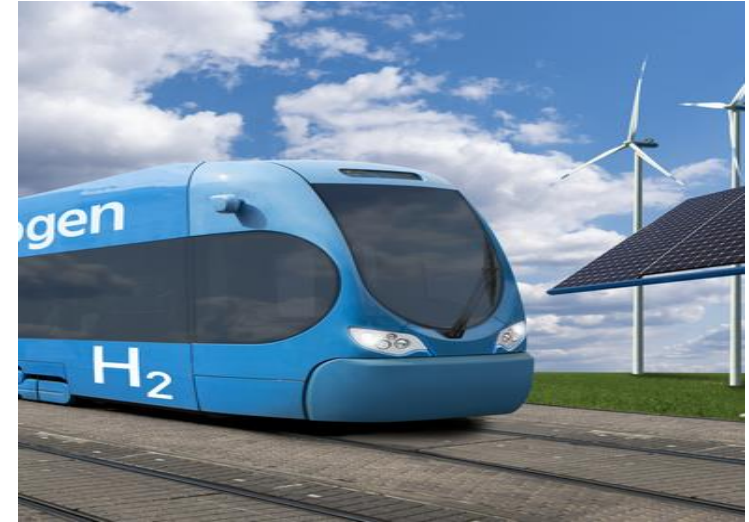
- Versatile, flexible energy carrier
 - Fuel cells convert H₂ into electricity
 - Up to 15% H₂ can be blended with natural gas
 - Used as input in Industrial processes (steel, ammonia)
- But not all hydrogen production methods have the same carbon footprint



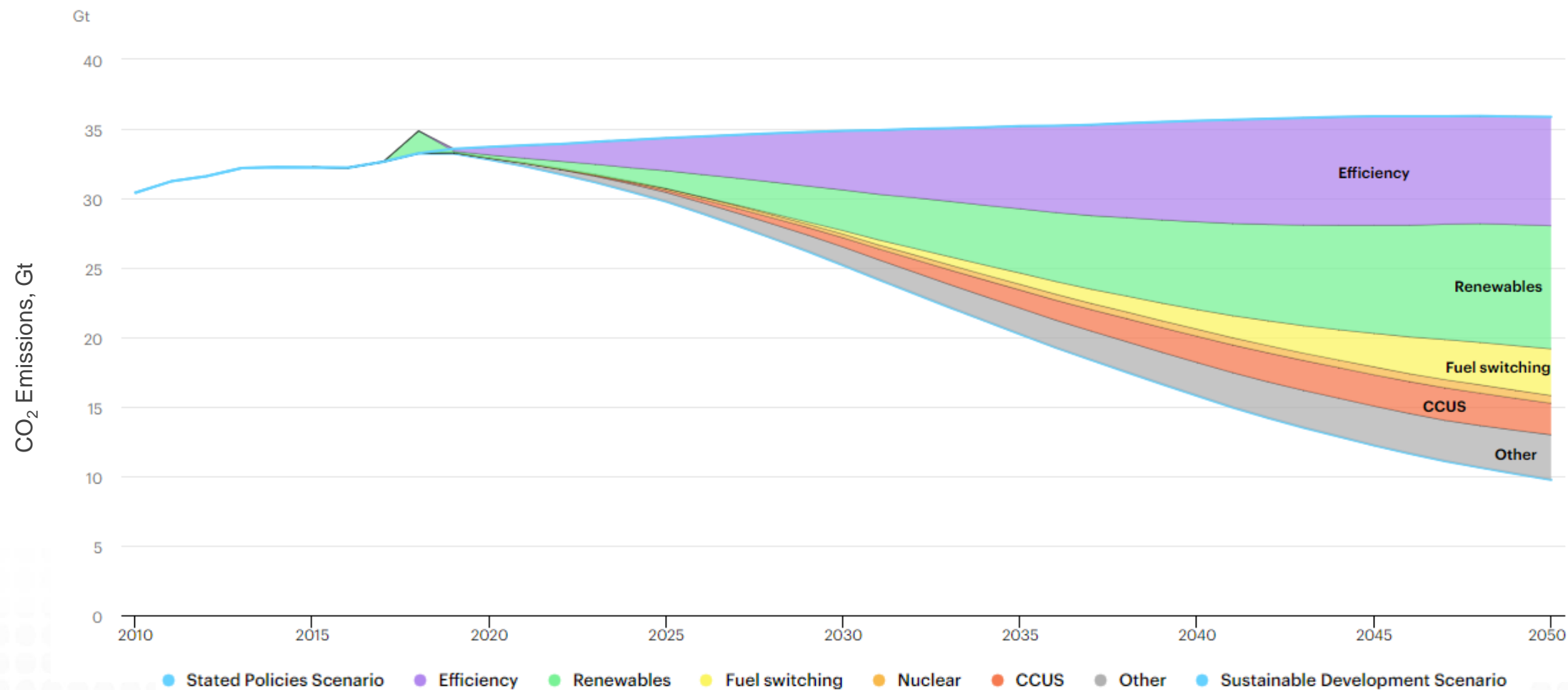
Source: Adapted from National Energy Education Development Project (public domain)

Why Hydrogen Now?

- Zero carbon fuel source
- Scalable fuel source
- Multiple applications across sectors
 - Transportation (goods and people movement)
 - Power generation
 - Energy storage
 - Natural gas blending
 - Marine propulsion
 - Aviation
 - Steelmaking and other industrial applications
- Instrumental to advance deep decarbonization by mid-century



Sustainable Development Scenario, 2010-2050



Source: IEA, CO2 emissions reductions by measure in the Sustainable Development Scenario relative to the Stated Policies Scenario, 2010-2050, IEA, Paris <https://www.iea.org/data-and-statistics/charts/co2-emissions-reductions-by-measure-in-the-sustainable-development-scenario-relative-to-the-stated-policies-scenario-2010-2050>

Federal Landscape



Massive Federal Spend on The Energy Transition

November 15, 2021

PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN
**BUILDING A
BETTER AMERICA**
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Clean Energy and Power:
\$75 Billion (of \$1.2 Trillion)

August 16, 2022

**BUILDING A
CLEAN ENERGY
ECONOMY:**

Clean Energy Technology,
Manufacturing, and Innovation:
\$370 Billion

Investment and Infrastructure Jobs
Act (IIJA) often referred to as
Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)

Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)

Goal:

40 percent reduction in economywide GHG emissions by 2030 (2005 baseline)

Department of Energy (DOE)

Office of Clean Energy Demonstrations (OCED)

- New office within DOE established by IRA
- Received more than \$8 Billion in funding for clean hydrogen hub demonstration projects



Commercialization of Clean Energy Technologies

- **BIL:**

- Required DOE to establish a **Clean Hydrogen Production Standard (CHPS)**:
 - supports clean hydrogen production from a variety of sources
 - defines the term 'clean hydrogen' to mean hydrogen produced with a carbon intensity equal to or less than 2 kilograms of carbon dioxide-equivalent produced at the site of production per kilogram of hydrogen produce
 - takes into consideration technological and economic feasibility

- **IRA:**

- Allowed DOE to establish Hydrogen Hub Program
- Adds new tax credits for hydrogen production (45V)



45V Tax Credits Help Advance BIL and IRA Objectives

Lifecycle Emissions (kg CO ₂ e/kg Clean H ₂)	Gross Tax Credit Amount	Full Credit Amount (5x Multiplier)
Less than 0.45	\$0.60	\$3.00
0.45 to 1.5	\$0.20	\$1.00
1.5 to 2.5	\$0.15	\$0.75
2.5 to 4.0	\$0.12	\$0.60



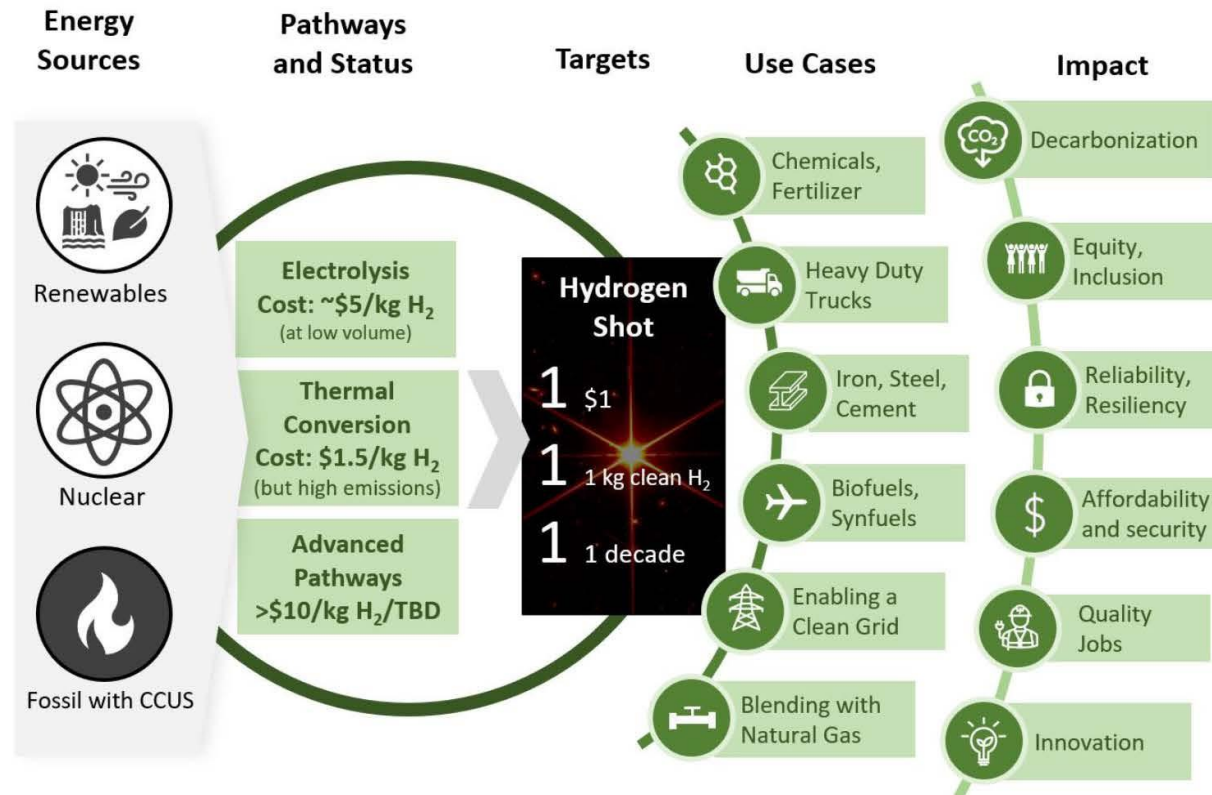
December 22, 2023 - Draft guidance published by Treasury

April 2024 – Public comment period closed

Department of Energy's Vision for Hydrogen



DOE Hydrogen Shot



Clean Hydrogen in the US could ...



Support economy-wide decarbonization

~10%

economy-wide emissions reductions by 2050



Create quality jobs to support the energy transition

100,000

jobs created by 2030

450,000

Cumulative job-years through 2030

[Source: DOE U.S. National Clean Hydrogen Strategy and Roadmap](#)

Clean Hydrogen Hubs Fully Integrate Production, Transportation, Storage and Offtake



Re-energizing Appalachia
Economically • Socially • Environmentally

Seven Regional Clean Hydrogen Hubs



- Production
- Storage
- Transportation
- Use (Offtake)

ARCH2



ARCH2 Overview

RESOURCES

- Largest natural gas-producing formation in the United States (EIA, 2022)
- Natural gas spot prices consistently discounted to Henry Hub
- Renewable electricity sources for H₂ production
- Subsurface CO₂ and H₂ storage



COMMUNITIES

- Long history of energy production vital to US economic growth
- Disadvantaged by energy transition from coal
- Designated ENERGY COMMUNITY by IWG



LOCATION

- Close to major demand centers in all directions key for interhub connectivity
- Includes eight of the top 25 priority communities as designated by the Interagency Working Group (IWG) on Coal and Power Plant Communities and Economic Revitalization

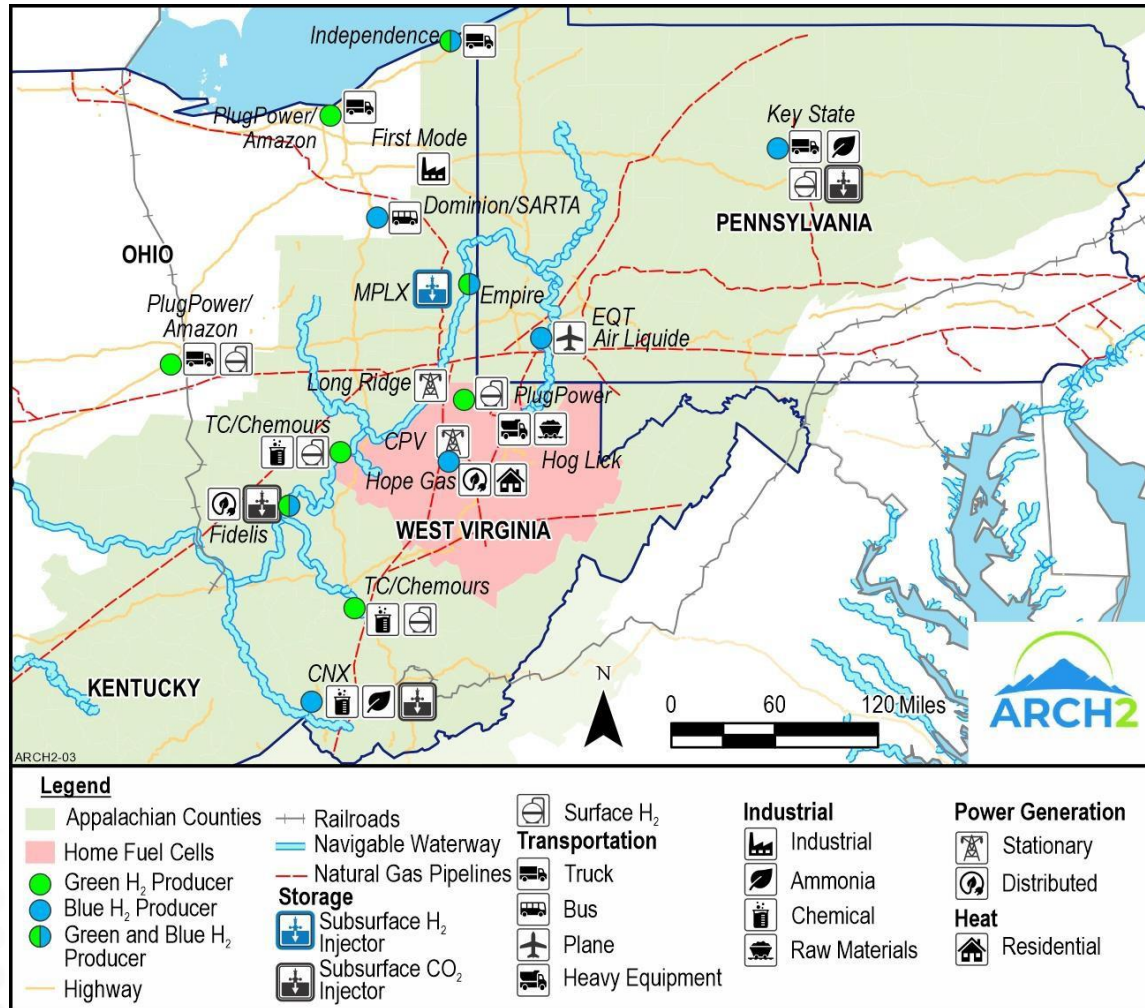


Project Development Partners

- Decades of expertise in the region
- Strong financial commitment to ARCH2
- Leadership in ESG and Climate initiatives



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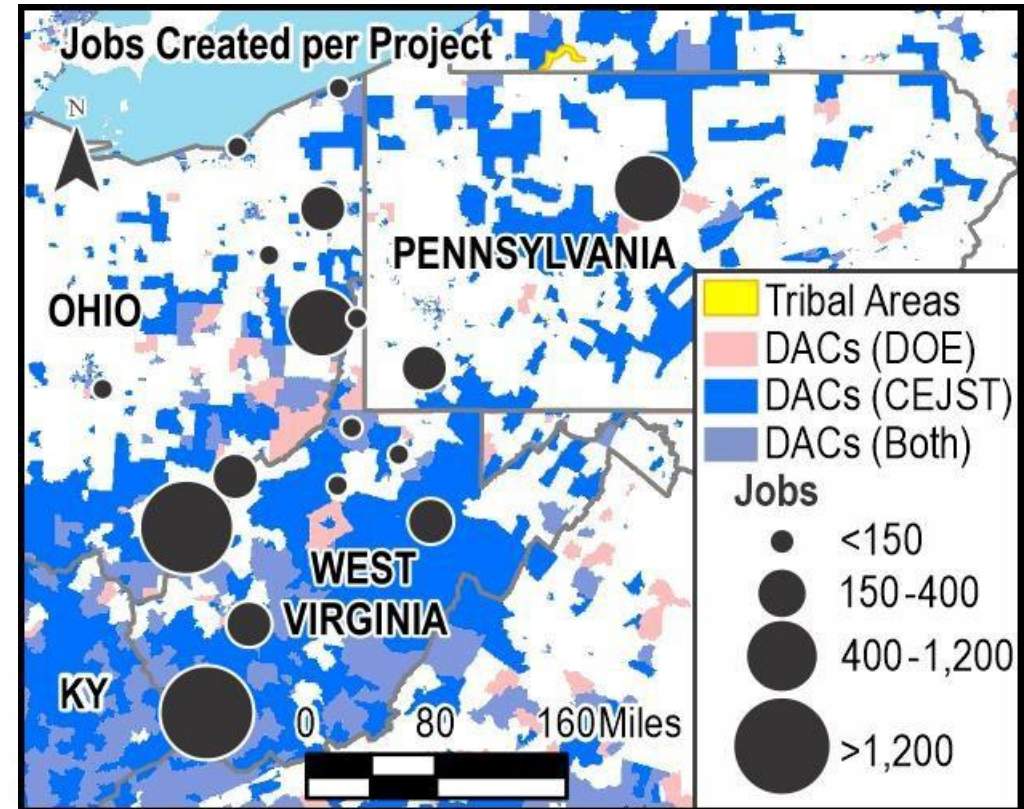


Note: Proposed project locations based on preliminary siting are subject to change during the detailed planning phase (phase 1).

Re-energizing Appalachia
Economically • Socially • Environmentally

ARCH2 Jobs Impact

- ARCH2 will foster a just energy transition in a region disproportionately impacted by the loss of extractive industry jobs
 - Environmental benefits
 - Economic benefits
 - Jobs creation
 - Workforce development
- At its peak ARCH2 is expected to create more than 21,000 jobs
 - More than 18,000 in construction jobs
 - More than 3,000 permanent jobs.





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