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- Reduce greenhouse gases, such as methane and carbon dioxide
- Improve local air quality
- Support 100% renewable energy
- Produce massive clean energy storage
- Mitigate disruptions in the electrical grid by improving reliability
- Manage and complement clean energy, like wind and solar generation
- Provide electricity in areas not served by an electrical grid

For more information, check out the video at nfcrc.uci.edu/RoadmapVid

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