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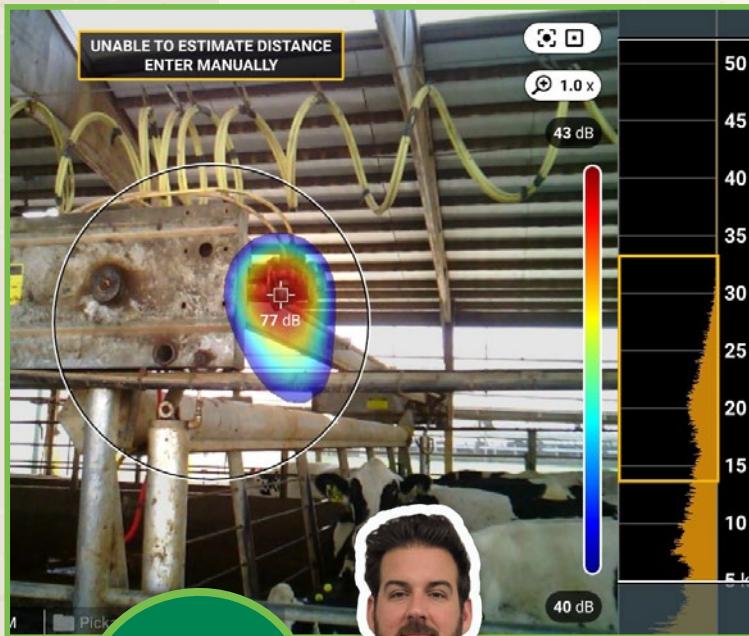
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Is your farm's compressed air wasting energy?

Let our acoustic imager find out

Compressed air is widely used on farms throughout Wisconsin, and is often one of the largest contributors to your energy bill. 85% of the energy used to create compressed air turns into wasted heat, and artificial demand or leaks can make up a significant portion of the remaining 15%.

With a free 30-minute site visit, Wisconsin Public Service can investigate wasted energy using our new Fluke acoustic imager to quickly and easily visualize leaks via a heat map. You'll also get a report detailing the leaks and estimated future energy savings if they are repaired.



The acoustic imager uses an array of microphones to listen for sounds, and then processes the time and intensity of the leak at each frequency. The device calculates the distance and automatically logs the data internally. From there, a "heat map" is overlaid onto the screen image using color to show the intensity of the leak — with red being the most severe. Each audible leak can cost farmers around \$500 per year.

During our visit, we'll investigate and catalog common leaks around disconnects, hoses, shut-off valves and pipe joints — and any other areas of concern. Afterwards, you'll receive a report containing data on cubic feet per minute, kilowatt-hours per year, energy costs per year and emissions for your review.

FREE
site visit



If you're using compressed air and have energy bills over \$500 a month, reach out to **Danny Leonard** at 831-998-1430 for this free service.



Powering Growth in Wisconsin

Economic growth continues to flourish in Wisconsin. Companies are investing in major projects, including data centers and modern manufacturing facilities.

As Wisconsin Public Service prepares for electric demand growth in the years ahead, a balanced generation mix will be key to maintaining the reliable, affordable energy our customers depend on.

WEC Energy Group, parent company of Wisconsin Public Service, plans to add more than 3,630 megawatts (MW) of modern, efficient natural gas generation between 2026 and 2030. Also, investments will be made in reliability for our natural gas network with new liquefied natural gas (LNG) storage. LNG facilities are needed to ensure gas supply for winter reliability — to meet peak customer demand for heating and generating electricity.

In addition, there is a strong pipeline of opportunities ahead for investment in clean energy. Between 2026 and 2030, WEC Energy Group plans to build and own approximately 6,035 MW of additional renewable energy capacity, more than quadrupling our carbon-free generation.

Future rate to support economic development

WPS expects to work with state regulators on a proposed rate that would make sure any very large customers, such as data centers, pay their fair share and are not subsidized by other residential or business customers.



Wisconsin's first large-scale energy storage project serving customers

The state's first large-scale energy storage project — the Paris Solar-Battery Park in Kenosha County — is powering the energy grid with "sunshine after sunset."

The 110-megawatt (MW) battery portion of the Paris Solar-Battery Park and 200-MW solar portion of the project went into service in 2025.

The storage facility is made up of batteries capable of powering more than 130,000 homes for four hours. On sunny days, the batteries store excess power and release it at night or in the early morning when the sun is not shining.

"Bringing Wisconsin's first large-scale battery storage project online is historic and continues our commitment to provide customers reliable and affordable energy," said Mike Hooper, president — Wisconsin Public Service. "Our 'all of the above' power generation approach means customers can count on the energy they need, no matter the weather or the time of day."

We Energies is the majority owner of the project. WPS and Madison Gas and Electric are also co-owners.



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RECIPE CORNER

SLOW-COOKER *Pasta e Fagioli*

INGREDIENTS

2 cans (15.5 ounces each) cannellini beans, rinsed and drained
1 can (28 ounces) crushed tomatoes, undrained
8 ounces smoked sausage, halved lengthwise and sliced
2 medium carrots, chopped
2 medium celery ribs, chopped
1 small onion, chopped
3 garlic cloves, minced
1 teaspoon Italian seasoning
2 ounces parmesan cheese, grated ($\frac{1}{3}$ cup) and rind reserved
6 cups chicken broth
 $\frac{3}{4}$ cup uncooked ditalini pasta
Salt and pepper to taste
Additional parmesan cheese, grated

INSTRUCTIONS

Place the beans, tomatoes, sausage, carrots, celery, onion, garlic and Italian seasoning into a greased 6-quart slow cooker. Add reserved parmesan rind. Pour in chicken broth; stir to combine.

Cover and cook on low for 8-10 hours (or on high for 4-5 hours) or until carrots are tender. Stir in pasta. Cover and cook on high 20-30 minutes longer or until pasta is al dente.

Reduce heat to low or set on warm. Gradually stir in grated parmesan until melted. Turn slow cooker off. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Serve with additional parmesan.



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