The interdependence of energy and water systems is an increasingly important focus in environmental management, and the term “energy-water nexus” has been used to draw attention to these connections. The US electricity sector accounts for the largest share of water use, yet short-term management and planning are largely driven by reliability, economic, and emissions criteria. For power plants, water resource availability and impacts to natural water systems are increasingly challenged by water scarcity and competing demands. Integrated management is therefore particularly important, yet it is hindered by disparate and complex information sources. Moreover, energy system managers must often make quick decisions in response to environmental or regulatory constraints. Thus, to support better management and planning in the energy-water nexus, there is a need to provide information in an integrated and timely manner, and at local-to-national scales.

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