

UP Energy Task Force

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Project Team

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Michigan Propane Study Objectives

- Model existing propane supply and distribution system based upon existing research that assesses the propane supply and distribution system throughout the state and with respect to each peninsula by the documenting underlying inputs, assumptions, and methodologies
- Identify alternative approaches to meeting the propane needs of Michigan's residents and businesses to optimize the propane distribution network for reliability, cost, and emergency preparedness
- Complete the final report no later than January 31, 2020

Study Approach

- Phase one: Document underlying inputs, assumptions, and methodologies
 - Conduct comparative analysis of existing studies
 - Survey industry partners
 - Define inputs, assumptions, and sensitivities
 - Develop and program propane supply model
- Phase two: Develop and assess alternative propane pathways to optimize the propane distribution network
 - Identify supply alternatives
 - Assess demand for propane in the state
 - Model supply alternatives
 - Develop technical summary and draft report
- Phase three: Prepare public-facing report
 - Develop final report
 - Develop final presentation
 - Present to the U.P. Energy Task Force



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