American Lithium Resource Opportunities



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Overview of Jade Cove Partners



Jade Cove partners with project developers, investors, governments, technology companies and other stakeholders to evaluate the **technical feasibility, environmental impacts, and economic potential of new projects and technologies in the materials, mining, renewable energy, and water industries**. Jade Cove provides clear, actionable insights for making complex technology investment decisions informed by extensive original technical research.

I work at the nexus of i) **technology development** and deployment, ii) **environmental impact quantification** and mitigation, and iii) lithium natural **resource development**.



Lithium-Ion

Battery Supply Chain Overview

In the Ground: The Types of Lithium Natural Resources



Pegmatites	Sedimentary Deposits	Brines		
Spodumene Lepidolite Petalite Zinnwaldite Amblygonite Eucryptite Zabuyelite	Smectites Illites Jadarite Searlesite <i>Combinations & Others</i>	Salars Oilfield/Continental Geothermal Ocean		





From Ground to Garage: The Lithium Atom's Journey





Global State of Play Today



Simplified Map of Significant Participation in the Current, Global Lithium-Ion Battery Supply Chain – June 2020

Jurisdiction	1. Lithium Deposit to Concentrate	2. Lithium Processing to Battery Chemical	3. Cathode Manufacturing	4. Lithium-Ion Cell Manufacturing	5. Battery Pack & EV Manufacturing	6. EV Market
California						
Nevada						
North Carolina						
Alberta						
Quebec						



Where Does The US Stand?

Large-Scale Cathode Manufacturing in the US: Coming Soon?





The Broader Opportunity





- Other EV manufacturers setting up shop from Arizona to Massachusetts
- European EV manufacturing



The US is Rich in Lithium Resources







And don't forget the Carolinas' Tin-Spodumene Belt



And Leading in New Extraction Technologies





Direct Lithium Extraction (DLE) is used in Argentina and China, but originally developed by Dow Chemical for American oilfield brines.

Minimize costs of production by:

- Minimizing energy consumption
- Minimizing reagent consumption
- Minimizing water consumption
- Minimizing waste production

Bloomberg Green

Energy & Science

Bill Gates-Led Fund Invests in Making Lithium Mining More Sustainable

Lilac Solutions has developed a process for extracting lithium that drastically cuts water use.

By <u>Akshat Rathi</u> February 19, 2020, 9:00 PM PST

Some of September's Tesla Battery Day Revelations





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PIEDMONT LITHIUM SIGNS SALES AGREEMENT WITH TESLA

- · Piedmont enters into binding sales agreement to supply spodumene concentrate to Tesla
- · Five-year fixed-price binding agreement with optional five-year extension
- Agreement confirms the strategic nature of Piedmont's unique American spodumene deposit
- · Discussions are ongoing with respect to other lithium and by-product sales arrangements

Tesla seems to be building a **spodumene concentrate to** LiOH·H₂O refinery in Texas using North Carolina feedstock





And developing **unique process flowsheets** for lithium extraction from **sedimentary clays**



Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) in Lithium Extraction & Process



LCA is a critical tool for quantifying the environmental impacts of critical material extraction and processing. At Minviro, we have done extensive LCA modeling of lithium chemical processing to identify the CO_2 intensity of manufacturing lithium from various types of natural resources via various process routes.

This modeling is being incorporated into process design & engineering, investors' priorities, and buyers' strategies to reduce the impacts of their battery bill of materials.





Pre-Commercial Scoping Study Stage with Power Offsets
Pre-Commercial Feasibility Study Stage with Power Offsets
Commercial Operation, Technical Grade, Not Battery Quality
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Please feel free to reach out to ask any further questions!

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