FUEL CELL TECHNOLOGIES PROGRAM

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Overview of Hydrogen and Fuel Cells

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Global Market Overview

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Mid-Term

Global Shipments of Fuel Cell Systems, by US Companies Significant increase in units shipped by non-US companies >40% market growth in just one year and Non-US Companies Japan South Korea Germany Other Example: Seoul's renewable energy USA Example: Denmark Backup generation plan includes ~ 48% fuel cells **Power Deployments** 15,000 Shipments (Systems) **Anticipated Renewable Energy** 50,000 potential sites Generation in Seoul. Korea by 2030 >500 deployments Other worldwide 11% 10.000 Water 9% Fuel 48% 5,000 Geother Source: Municipal mal Government of Seoul are not correc 17% 2009 **Preliminary** market analysis Space Applications Specialty Vehicles (e.g., forklifts) International Landscape favors H₂ & **Backup Power Systems Fuel Cells** Primary Power Systems—Including CHP **Cost of Fuel Cells** Germany (>\$1.2B; 1,000 H₂ stations) Portable Power European Commission (>\$1.2B, 2008-2013) Auxiliary Power Units for Transportation Japan (2M vehicles, 1,000 H₂ stations by 2025) Transit Buses South Korea (plans to produce 20% of world) shipments & create 560,000 jobs in Korea) Fuel Cell Vehicles – Government & Fleets China (thousands of small units; 70 FCVs, Fuel Cell Vehicles – buses, 100 shuttles at World Expo, Olympics) **Decreasing Cost** Widespread Markets Subsidies for jobs, manufacturing, deployments of Fuel Cells

Present & Near-Term

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A Portfolio of Technologies



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- A variety of technologies are under development with a focus on near term options such as PHEVs, hybrids, biofuels.
- The most appropriate technology depends on the drive cycle and duty cycle of the application.

At extended driving ranges, the differences between BEVs and FCEVs become more pronounced.

Systems Analysis — WTW Updates



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The Program has been addressing the key challenges facing the widespread commercialization of fuel cells.

Fuel Cell Cost & Durability

Targets*:

Stationary Systems: \$1,000-1,500 per kW, 60,000-80,000 hr durability Vehicles: \$30 per kW, 5,000-hr durability

Hydrogen Cost

Target*: \$2 - 4 /gge, (dispensed and untaxed)

Hydrogen Storage Capacity

Target: > 300-mile range for vehicles—without compromising interior space or performance

Technology Validation:

Technologies must be demonstrated under real-world conditions.

Market Transformation

Assisting the growth of early markets will help to overcome many barriers, including achieving significant cost reductions through economies of scale.



Technology Barriers*

Safety, Codes & Standards Development

Domestic Manufacturing & Supplier Base

Public Awareness & Acceptance

Hydrogen Supply & Delivery Infrastructure

* Targets and Metrics are being updated in 2011.

DOE Fuel Cell R&D — Progress: Cost

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Projected high-volume cost of fuel cells has been reduced to \$51/kW (2010)*

- More than 30%
 reduction since 2008
- More than 80%
 reduction since 2002
- 2008 cost projection was validated by independent panel**

As stack costs are reduced, balance-of-plant components are responsible for a larger % of costs.

*Based on projection to high-volume manufacturing (500,000 units/year).

**Panel found \$60 – \$80/kW to be a "valid estimate": http://hydrogendoedev.nrel.gov/peer_reviews.html



Fuel Cell R&D — Progress

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The Program has reduced PGM content, increased power density, and simplified balance of plant, resulting in a decrease in system cost.

From 2008 to 2010, key cost reductions were made by:

- Reducing platinum group metal content from 0.35 to 0.18 g/kW
- Increasing power density from 715 to 833 mW/cm²
- Simplifying balance of plant

 \rightarrow These advances contributed to a \$22/kW cost reduction.

Key improvements enabled by using novel organic crystalline whisker catalyst supports and Pt-alloy whiskerettes.

There are ~ 5 billion whiskers/cm².

Whiskers are ~ 25 X 50 X 1000 nm.





Whiskerettes: 6 nm x 20 nm

Source: 3M

Hydrogen R&D – Production, Delivery, Storage

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Notes: Data points are being updated to the 2009 AEO reference case. The 2010 Technology Validation results show a cost range of \$8-\$10/gge for a 1,500 kg/day distributed natural gas and \$10-\$13/gge for a 1,500 kg/day distributed electrolysis hydrogen station.

station cost is based on costs from the current California state funded stations. The capital cost for the station

is \$2.5 million..5. The starting station capacity is 100 kg/day.

H₂ Storage R&D



Significant progress has been made but meeting all weight, volume, performance and cost requirements is still challenging.

Compressed gas storage offers a near-term option for initial vehicle commercialization and early markets

- Validated driving range of up to ~ 430 mi
- Cost of composite tanks is challenging
 - carbon fiber layer estimated to be >75% of cost
- Advanced materials R&D under way for the long term



¹Cost estimate in 2005 USD. Includes processing costs.

Projected Capacities for Complete 5.6-kg H₂ Storage Systems



Based on analysis using the best available data and information for each technology analyzed in the given year. Projected Ranges of System Volumetric Storage Capacity



Based on analysis using the best available data and information for each technology analyzed in the given year.

Safety, Codes & Standards R&D

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Separation Distances

Provided technical data and incorporated riskinformed approach that enabled NFPA2 to update bulk gas storage separation distances in the 2010 edition of NFPA55

Barrier walls reduce separation distances – simulated position of allowable heat flux iso-surface for 3-minute employee exposure (2009 IFC).



Fuel Quality Specification

- Draft International Standard (DIS) was submitted to ISO TC197 Nov 2010
- Technical Specification (TS) published and harmonized with SAE J2719, Committee Draft (CD) prepared
- Developing standardized sampling and analytical methodologies with ASTM

Materials and Components Compatibility

- Performed testing of forklift tank materials to enable design qualification
- Added two additional Nickel alloy chapters to the Technical Reference



Safety Sensor Development

• Completed extensive life testing - 4,000 hrs and 10,000 thermal cycles - of a robust, ceramic, electrochemical Hydrogen safety sensor with exceptional baseline stability and resistance to H2 signal degradation

Technical Performance Requirements

Sensitivity: 1 vol% H_2 in air	Temperature: -40°C to 60°C
Accuracy: 0.04-4% ±1% of full scale	Durability: 5 yrs without calibration
Response time: <1 min at 1% And <1 sec at 4% Recovery <1 min	Low cross-sensitivity to humidity, H ₂ S, CH ₄ , CO, and VOCs

Technology Validation

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Demonstrations are essential for validating the performance of technologies in integrated systems, under real-world conditions.

RECENT PROGRESS

Vehicles & Infrastructure

- 152 fuel cell vehicles and 24 hydrogen fueling stations
- Over 2.8 million miles traveled
- Over 114 thousand total vehicle hours driven
- 2,500 hours (nearly 75K miles) durability
- Fuel cell efficiency 53-59%
- Vehicle Range: ~196 254 miles (independently also validated 430 mile range)

Buses

- DOE is evaluating real-world bus fleet data (DOT collaboration)
- H₂ fuel cell buses have a 41% to 132% better fuel economy when compared to diesel & CNG buses

Forklifts

- Over 18,000 refuelings at Defense Logistics Agency site Recovery Act
- DOE (NREL) is collecting operating data from deployments for an industry-wide report







Combined Heat, Hydrogen & Power (CHHP)



The cost of hydrogen production from CHHP can be comparable to distributed SMR at low volumes.

Combined Heat, Hydrogen, and Power (CHHP) **Generation &** Transmission Losses **GRID ELECTRICITY** Baseline System NATURAL GAS HEAT 1.O-1 POWER СННР Fuel NATURAL GAS or BIOGAS Cell System HYDROG

- CHHP is an innovative approach that can :
 - Help establish an initial infrastructure for fueling vehicles, with minimal investment risk
 - Produce clean power and fuel for multiple applications
- The Program is demonstrating a CHHP system using biogas.



In cases where there is a low demand for hydrogen in early years of FCV deployment, CHHP may have cost advantages over on-site SMR production.

Model Calculation of Energy Cost

- Calculated cost of energy (electricity, heat, and hydrogen)
- Electricity assumed to have the same value as purchased electricity
- Heat valued at 1/2 value of electricity
- Hydrogen value calculated by difference

Biogas Resource Example: Methane from Waste Water Treatment



Biogas from waste water treatment plants is ideally located near urban centers to supply hydrogen for fuel cell vehicles.



Source: NREL report A Geographic Perspective on Current Biomass Resource Availability in the United States, 2005

- 500,000 MT per year of methane available from waste water treatment plants in U.S.
- Majority of resource located near urban centers.
- If ~50% of the biomethane was available, ~340,000
 kg/day of renewable hydrogen could be produced from steam methane reforming.
- Renewable hydrogen is
 enough to fuel
- ~340,000 fuel cell vehicles per day.

Analysis of Policies for FCEVs & Hydrogen Infrastructure

Analysis by Oak Ridge National Laboratory explores the impacts and infrastructure and policy requirements of potential market penetration scenarios for fuel cell vehicles.

Key Findings:

- Transition policies will be essential to overcome initial economic barriers.
- Cost-sharing & tax credits (2015 2025) would enable industry to be competitive in the marketplace by 2025.
- With targeted deployment policies from 2012 to 2025, FCV market share could grow to 50% by 2030, and 90% by 2050.
- Cost of these policies is not out of line with other policies that support national goals.

Ausolysis of the Transition to Hydrogen Fuel Cell Vehicles & the Potential Hydrogen Energy Infrastructure Requirements

- The annual cost would not exceed \$6 billion—federal incentives for ethanol are expected to cost more than \$5 billion/year by 2010.
- Cumulative costs would range from \$10 billion to \$45 billion, from 2010 to 2025—federal incentives for ethanol have already cost more than \$28 billion, and these cumulative costs are projected to exceed \$40 billion by 2010.

http://cta.ornl.gov/cta/Publications/Reports/ORNL TM 2008 30.pdf

Areas of projected fuel cell vehicle use—and fuel demand

Cost Sharing & Subsidies - Scenario 3, Policy Case 2

Scenario3 Station Infr.

Scenario3 Fuel Subsidy

Scenario3 Vehicles

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Analysis of Policies for FCEVs & Hydrogen Infrastructure



NAS study, "Transitions to Alternative Transportation Technologies: A Focus on Hydrogen," shows positive outlook for fuel cell technologies—results are similar to ORNL's "Transition Scenario Analysis."



The study was required by EPACT section 1825 and the report was released in 2008, by the Committee on Assessment of Resource Needs for Fuel Cell and Hydrogen Technologies.

www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12222



Key Findings Include:

- By 2020, there could be 2 million FCVs on the road. This number could grow rapidly to about 60 million by 2035 and 200 million by 2050.
- Government cost to support a transition to FCVs (for 2008 2023) estimated to be \$55 billion—about \$3.5 billion/year.
- The introduction of FCVs into the light-duty vehicle fleet is much closer to reality than when the NRC last examined the technology in 2004—due to concentrated efforts by private companies, together with the U.S. FreedomCAR & Fuel Partnership and other government-supported programs around the world.
- A portfolio of technologies has the potential to eliminate petroleum use in the light-duty vehicle sector and to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from light-duty vehicles to 20 percent of current levels—by 2050.

Fuel Cells - The Economic Potential



The fuel cell and hydrogen industries could generate substantial revenues and job growth.

Renewable Energy Industry Study*

- Fuel cells are the third-fastest growing renewable energy industry (after biomass & solar).
- Potential U.S. employment from fuel cell and hydrogen industries of **up to 925,000 jobs** (by 2030).
- Potential gross revenues up to \$81 Billion/year (by 2030).



*Study Conducted by the American Solar Energy Society www.ases.org/images/stories/ASES/pdfs/CO_Jobs_Final_Report_ December2008.pdf

DOE Employment Study

- Projects net increase of 360,000 675,000 jobs.
- Job gains would be distributed across up to 41 industries.
- Workforce skills would be mainly in the vehicle manufacturing and service sectors.

Employment Growth Due to Success of Fuel Cell & H₂ Technologies



www.hydrogen.energy.gov/pdfs/epact1820_employment_study.pdf

Early Markets



\$42 million from the 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to fund 12 projects to deploy up to 1,000 fuel cells

Exceeded 2010 target for Recovery Act fuel cell installations by more than 90% at 230 fuel cells installed:

 206 lift trucks (35 with FedEx, 14 with Nuvera, 98 with Sysco, and 59 with GENCO)

• 24 telecommunication backup power units provided by ReliOn for AT&T.



Major companies such as FedEx, Coca Cola, Whole Foods, Sprint, AT&T, Sysco and Wegmans are installing fuel cells

Federal Agencies: DOD-DLA: ~120 fuel cell life trucks to four distribution centers, FAA :~26 back-up power fuel cells ; CERL: >200 kW in fuel cell backup power across nine federal installations.



Assessing the Program Commercializing Technologies

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<u>Close to 30</u> hydrogen and fuel cell technologies developed by the Program entered the market.



Source: Pacific Northwest National Laboratory http://www1.eere.energy.gov/hydrogenandfueIcells/pdfs/pathways_success_hfcit.pdf

198 PATENTS resulting from EERE-funded R&D:

- 99 fuel cell
- 74 H₂ production
 and delivery
- 25 H₂ storage

60% are actively used in:

- 1) Commercial products
- 2) Emerging technologies
- 3) Research

Completed Fuel Cell Market Report provides an overview of market trends and profiles for select fuel cell companies

EERE H₂ & Fuel Cells Budgets



Funding (\$ in thousands)				
Key Activity	FY 2009 ⁴	FY 2010 Current Appropriation	FY 2012 Request	
Fuel Cell Systems R&D ¹	-	75,609	45,450	
Fuel Cell Stack Component R&D	61,133			
Transportation Systems R&D	6,435		-	
Distributed Energy Systems R&D	9,750		-	
Fuel Processor R&D	2,750		-	
Hydrogen Fuel R&D ²	-	45,750	35,000	
Hydrogen Production & Delivery R&D	10,000		-	
Hydrogen Storage R&D	57,823		-	
Technology Validation	14,789 ⁵	13,005	8,000	
Market Transformation ³	4,747	15,005	-	
Early Markets	4,747	15,005	-	
Safety, Codes & Standards	12,238 ⁵	8,653	7,000	
Education	4,200 ⁵	2,000	-	
Systems Analysis	7,520	5,408	3,000	
Manufacturing R&D	4,480	4,867	2,000	
Total	\$195,865	\$170,297	\$100,450 ⁶	

¹ Fuel Cell Systems R &D includes Fuel Cell Stack Component R&D, Transportation Systems R&D, Distributed Energy Systems R&D, and Fuel Processor R&D ² Hydrogen Fuel R&D includes Hydrogen Production & Delivery R&D and Hydrogen Storage R&D ³ No Market Transformation in FY 2012. ⁴ FY 2009 Recovery Act funding of \$42,967M not shown in table ⁵ Under Vehicle Technologies Budget in FY 2009 ⁶ Includes SBIR/STTR funds to be transferred to the Science Appropriation; all prior years shown exclude this funding

Key Program Documents





Annual Merit Review & Peer Evaluation Proceedings

Includes downloadable versions of all presentations at the Annual Merit Review

• Latest edition released June 2010

www.hydrogen.energy.gov/annual_review10_proceedings.html

Annual Merit Review & Peer Evaluation Report

Summarizes the comments of the Peer Review Panel at the Annual Merit Review and Peer Evaluation Meeting

• Released January 2011

http://www.hydrogen.energy.gov/annual_review10_report.html

Annual Progress Report

Summarizes activities and accomplishments within the Program over the preceding year, with reports on individual projects

• Released February 2011

www.hydrogen.energy.gov/annual_progress.html

Next Annual Review: May 9 – 13, 2011

Washington, D.C. http://annualmeritreview.energy.gov/

Collaborations



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Federal Agencies

• GSA

- DOC • EPA
- DOD
- DOE
- DOI • DOT • DHS
- •USDA

•NASA

•NSF

- •USPS
- Interagency coordination through stafflevel Interagency Working Group (meets *monthly*)
- Assistant Secretary-level Interagency Task Force mandated by EPACT 2005.

Universities

~ 50 projects with 40 universities

International

- IEA Implementing agreements 25 countries
- International Partnership for Hydrogen & Fuel Cells in the Economy -17 countries & EC, 30 projects

DOE **Fuel Cell Technologies Program***

- Applied RD&D
- Efforts to Overcome Non-Technical Barriers
- Internal Collaboration with Fossil Energy, Nuclear Energy and **Basic Energy Sciences**

Industry Partnerships & Stakeholder Assn's.

- FreedomCAR and Fuel Partnership
- Fuel Cell and Hydrogen Energy **Association (FCHEA)**
- Hydrogen Utility Group
- ~ 65 projects with 50 companies

State & Regional **Partnerships**

- California Fuel Cell Partnership
- California Stationary Fuel Cell Collaborative
- SC H₂ & Fuel Cell Alliance
- Upper Midwest Hydrogen Initiative
- Ohio Fuel Coalition
- Connecticut Center for Advanced Technology

National Laboratories

National Renewable Energy Laboratory

P&D, S, FC, A, SC&S, TV, MN Argonne A, FC, P&D, SC&S Los Alamos S, FC, SC&S

Sandia P&D, S, SC&S Pacific Northwest P&D, S, FC, SC&S, A Oak Ridge P&D, S, FC, A, SC&S Lawrence Berkeley FC, A

Lawrence Livermore P&D, S, SC&S Savannah River S, P&D Brookhaven S, FC Idaho National Lab P&D

Other Federal Labs: Jet Propulsion Lab, National Institute of Standards & Technology, National Energy Technology Lab (NETL)

P&D = Production & Delivery; **S** = Storage; **FC** = Fuel Cells; **A** = Analysis; **SC&S** = Safety, Codes & Standards; **TV** = Technology Validation, **MN** = Manufacturing

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Additional Information

Lifecycle Costs: Light Duty Vehicles

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* No state, local or utility incentives are included. Federal subsidy policies (e.g., Recovery Act 09 credits for PHEVs) are also excluded. Fuel prices follow AEO09 high oil projections (gases rises from \$3.07 in 2010 to \$5.47 in 2030; diesel increases from \$3.02 in 2010 to \$5.57 in 2030); fuel taxes are included in EIA estimates. The vehicle cost range represents a range of potential carbon prices, from \$0 to \$56 (the centerline is plotted at a carbon price of \$20). Technology costs are estimated based on a 50% ("average") likelihood of achieving program goals.

Source: Presentation to ERAC.

November 30, 2010

EERE Budget: FY09 – FY12



Funding (\$ in thousands)					
Activity	FY 2009	FY 2010 Current Approp.	FY 2012 Request		
Biomass and Biorefinery Systems	214,245	216,225	340,500		
Building Technologies	138,113	219,046	470,700		
Federal Energy Management Program	22,000	32,000	33,072		
Geothermal Technology	43,322	43,120	101,535		
Hydrogen Technology	164,638	0	0		
Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Technologies	0	170,297	100,450		
Water Power	39,082	48,669	38,500		
Industrial Technologies	88,196	94,270	319,784		
Solar Energy	172,414	243,396	457,000		
Vehicle Technologies	267,143	304,223	588,003		
Weatherization & Intergovernmental Activities	516,000**	270,000	393,798		
Wind Energy	54,370	79,011	126,859		
Facilities & Infrastructure	76,000	19,000	26,407		
Strategic Programs	18,157	45,000	53,204		
Program Direction	127,620	140,000	176,605		
Congressionally Directed Activities	228,803	292,135	0		
RE-ENERGYSE	0	0	0		
Adjustments	-13,238	0	-26,364		
Total	\$2,156,865	2,216,392	3,200,053		

* SBIR/STTR funding transferred in FY 2009 was \$19,327,840 for the SBIR program and \$2,347,160 for the STTR program.

** Includes \$250.0 million in emergency funding for the Weatherization Assistance Grants program provided by P.L. 111-6, "The Continuing Appropriations Resolution, 2009."

Hydrogen Delivery R&D



The Program is developing technologies to deliver hydrogen from centralized production facilities, efficiently and at low cost.



We've reduced the cost of hydrogen delivery* -

~30% reduction in tube trailer costs

>20% reduction in pipeline costs

~15% reduction liquid hydrogen delivery costs

*Projected cost, based on analysis of state-of-the-art technology

Distributed NG



Figure 9.1.4. Breakdown of levelized costs for distributed natural gas pathway





Figure 9.1.9. Production sensitivities for distributed natural gas pathway

Fuel Cells- Sensitivity Analysis Example

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Infrastructure (Station with Pipeline Delivery) — Progress: Cost

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The delivered hydrogen cost at high-volume with pipeline delivery was projected to be ~\$2.20/gge (2009)*

- More than 20%
 reduction since 2005
- Majority of cost reduction from pipeline advancements

As station and delivery costs are reduced, compressor, terminal, and storage components are responsible for a larger % of costs.

*Based on projection to high-volume hydrogen delivery.

Source: US DOE 10/2010



Infrastructure (Station with Liquid Truck Delivery) — Progress: Cost



The delivered hydrogen cost at high-volume with liquid truck delivery was projected to be ~\$2.70/gge (2009)*

- ~20% reduction since 2005
- Majority of cost reduction from terminal advancements

*Based on projection to high-volume hydrogen delivery.

Source: US DOE 10/2010



Infrastructure (Station with Tube Trailer Delivery) — Progress: Cost



The delivered hydrogen cost at high-volume with tube trailer delivery was projected to be ~\$2.85/gge (2009)*

- More than 30%
 reduction since 2005
- Majority of cost reduction from tube trailer advancements

Infrastructure Cost for Hydrogen Tube Trailer Delivery 5 \$4.25/gge \$/gge \$2.85/gge Cost, 3 **Targets** Infrastructure 2 \$1.75/gge \$1/gge 2000 2005 2010 2015 2020 Station Compress.,-Terminal. Cooling, Station \$0.8/gge \$0.7/gge \$0.25/gge Compress. , \$0.8/gge Station Terminal, Storage, Station \$0.75/gge \$0.3/gge Storage, \$0.25/gge Tube Other Trailer. Tube Trailer, Station \$0.5/gge \$2.25/gge **Other Station** Costs, Costs. \$0.25/gge \$0.25/gge

*Based on projection to high-volume hydrogen delivery.

Source: US DOE 10/2010