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# Manufacturing Automation and Recycling for Clean Hydrogen Technologies Experts Meeting

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# Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Technologies Office Introduction

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Manufacturing Automation and Recycling of Clean Hydrogen Technologies, May 2022

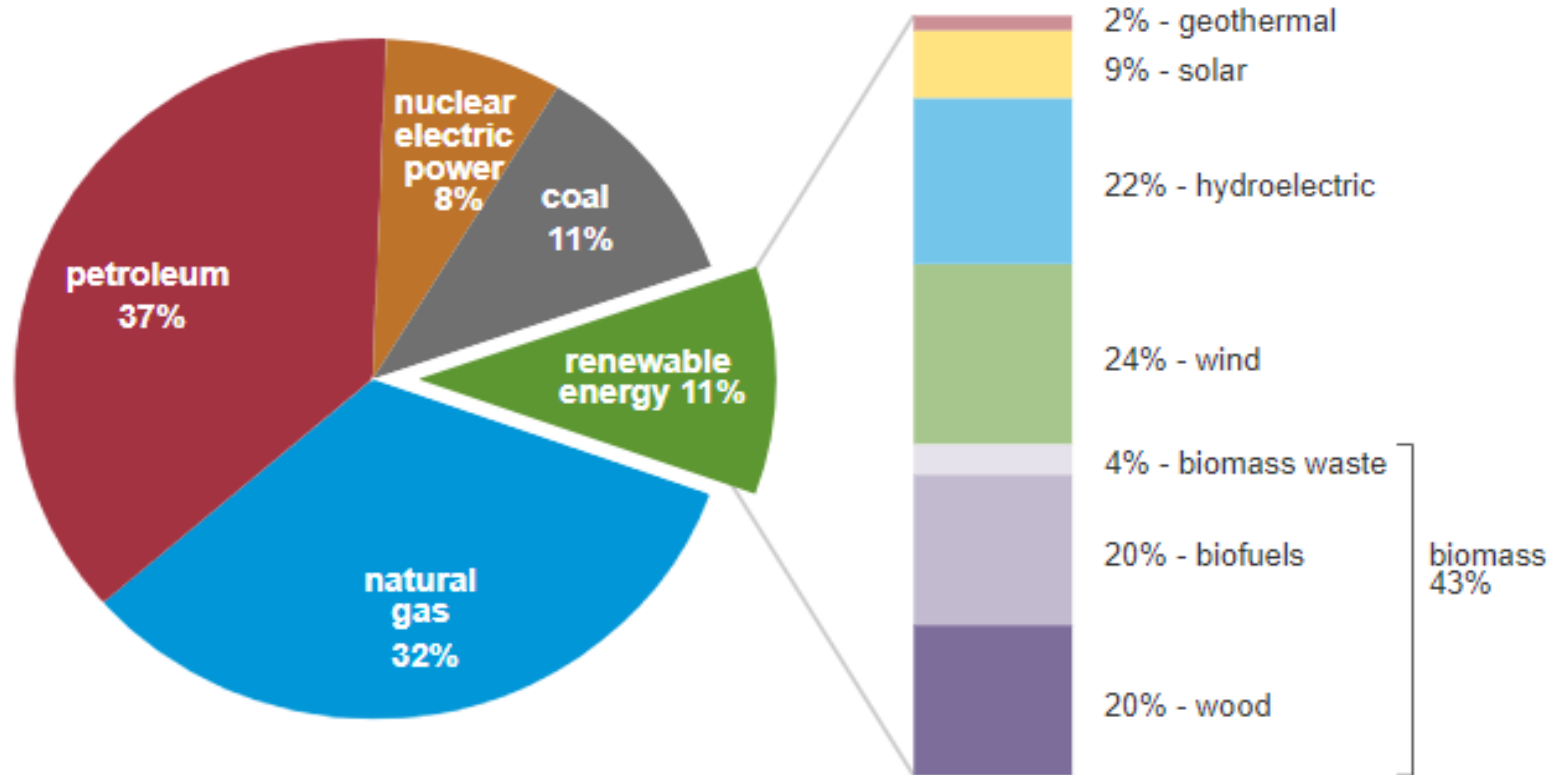


# U.S. Energy Landscape and Key Goals

## U.S. primary energy consumption by energy source, 2019

total = 100.2 quadrillion  
British thermal units (Btu)

total = 11.4 quadrillion Btu



Note: Sum of components may not equal 100% because of independent rounding.  
Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, *Monthly Energy Review*, Table 1.3 and 10.1, April 2020, preliminary data



## Administration Goals include:

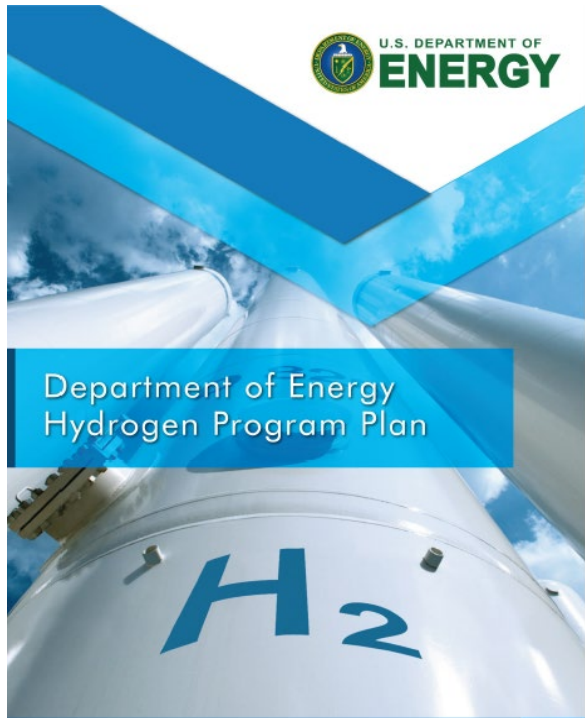
- Net zero emissions economy by 2050 and 50 - 52% reduction by 2030
- 100% carbon-pollution-free electric sector by 2035

**Priorities: Ensure benefits to all Americans, focus on jobs, EJ40: 40% of benefits in disadvantaged communities**

# The U.S. DOE Hydrogen Program

The Energy Policy Act (2005) Title VIII and Energy Policy Act of 2020 provide key authorization, coordinated across DOE Offices

Hydrogen is one part of a broad portfolio of activities to decarbonize



DOE Hydrogen Program is coordinated across offices and includes:

- The entire value chain from production through end use
- All resources (renewables, nuclear, and fossil+CCS)
- Research, development, demonstration, deployment (RDD&D)

## Priorities

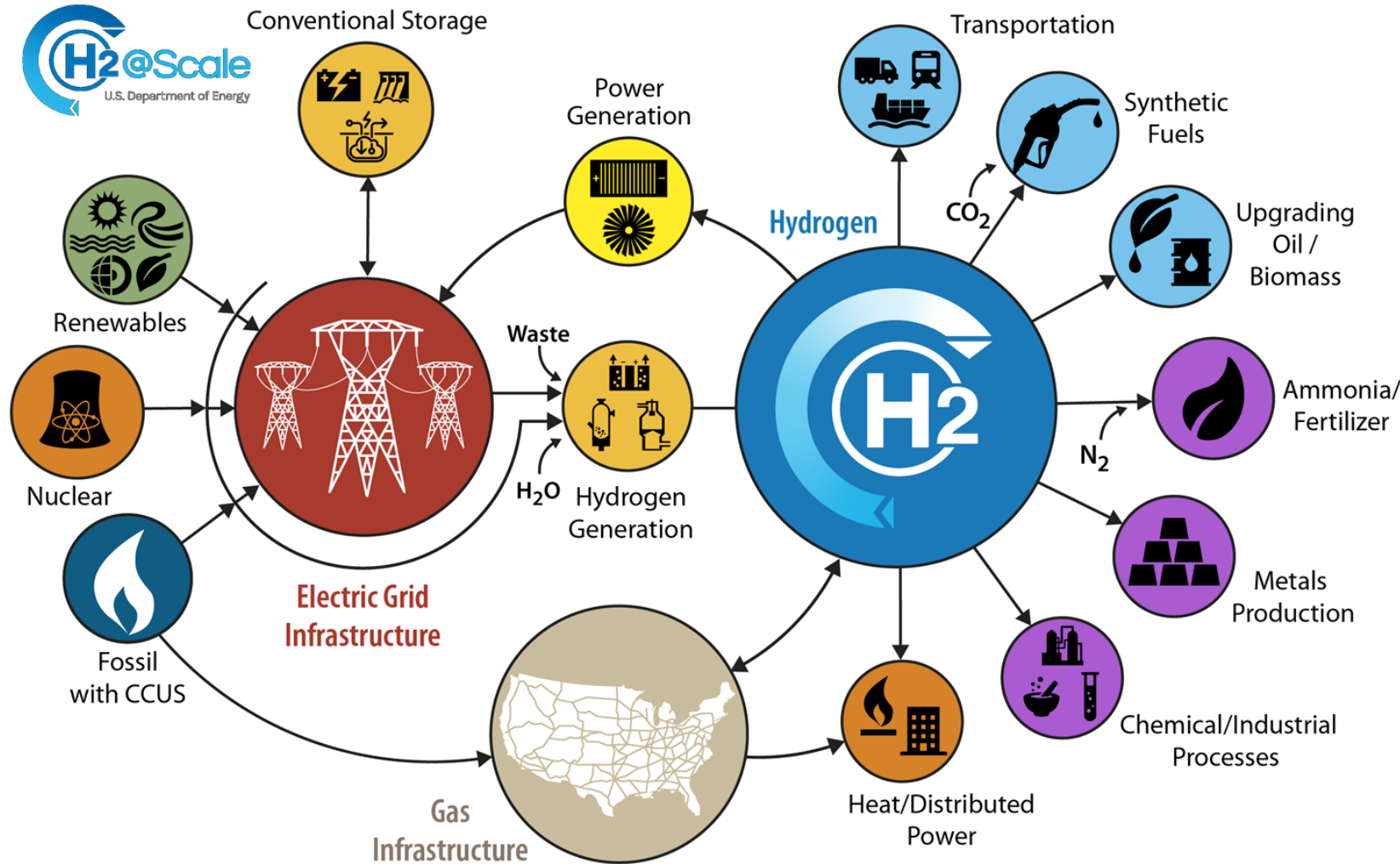
1. Low cost, clean hydrogen
2. Low cost, efficient, safe hydrogen delivery and storage
3. Enabling end use applications at scale for impact

*Includes workforce development, safety, codes, standards, and EJ priorities*

More than 400 projects,  
>200 companies & universities,  
15 national labs. ~\$100M to  
\$400M per year across DOE

[www.hydrogen.energy.gov](http://www.hydrogen.energy.gov)

# H2@Scale: Enabler for Deep Decarbonization across Sectors and Jobs



## Key Opportunities


- **Industry and Chemicals**  
Steel, ammonia, cement, syn fuels (e.g., aviation), exports
- **Transportation**  
Trucks, marine, buses, etc.
- **Power and Energy Storage**  
Long duration storage, NG blending, turbines, fuel cells

## U.S. Snapshot


- 10 MMT of H<sub>2</sub>/yr produced today with scenarios for 2-5X growth.
- +10 MMT H<sub>2</sub> would ~ double today's solar or wind deployment
- Potential for 700K jobs, \$140B by 2030

# Snapshot of Hydrogen and Fuel Cells in the U.S.

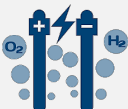
## Deployment Examples




>550MW  
Backup Power




>50,000  
Forklifts




>172 MW  
PEM\* Electrolyzers



~70  
Fuel Cell Buses



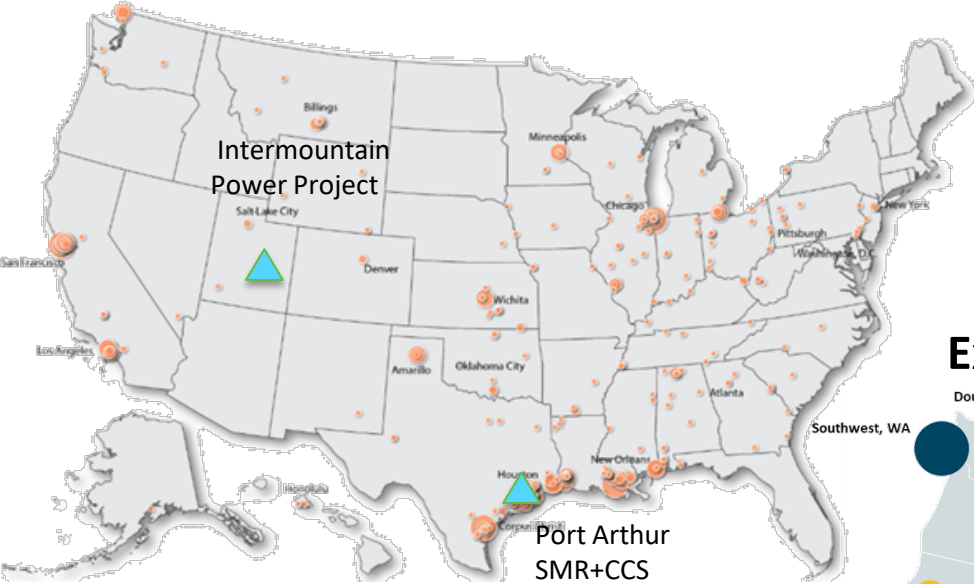
~50  
H<sub>2</sub> Retail Stations



>13,000  
Fuel Cell Cars

\* PEM: Polymer electrolyte membrane

## Examples of Hydrogen Production Locations

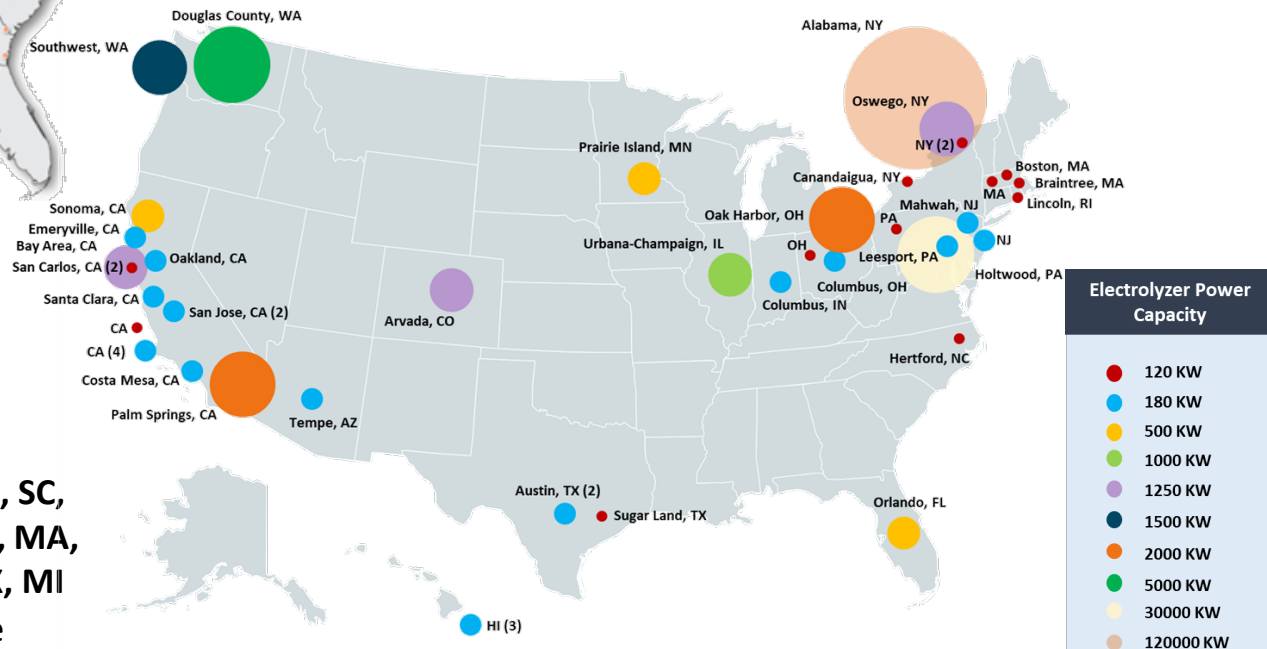


## Examples of Hydrogen Station Plans

California	Northeast	AZ, HI, OH, SC, NJ, NY, CT, MA, CO, UT, TX, MI And more
200 Stations Planned California Fuel Cell Partnership Goal	12 – 20 Stations Planned	

- 10 million metric tons (MMT) H<sub>2</sub>/yr
- Over 1,600 miles of H<sub>2</sub> pipelines
- World's largest H<sub>2</sub> storage cavern

## Examples of PEM Electrolyzer Installations



Current and under construction installations over 120 kW as of Jun. 2021  
\* Source: Arjona, et al, DOE HFTO Program Record, June 2021



Hydrogen

## Hydrogen Energy Earthshot

**“Hydrogen Shot”**

**“1 1 1”**

**\$1 for 1 kg clean hydrogen in 1  
decade**

Launched June 7, 2021  
Summit Aug 31-Sept 1, 2021

# Bipartisan Infrastructure Law - Hydrogen Highlights

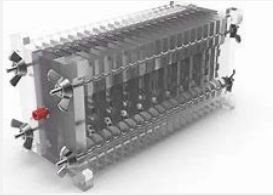
- Includes \$9.5B for clean hydrogen:
  - \$1B for electrolysis research, development and demonstration
  - \$500M for clean hydrogen technology manufacturing and recycling R&D
  - \$8B for at least four regional clean hydrogen hubs



President Biden Signs the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill into law on November 15, 2021. Photo Credit: Kenny Holston/Getty Images

- Aligns with Hydrogen Shot priorities by directing work to reduce the cost of clean hydrogen to \$2 per kilogram by 2026
- Requires developing a National Hydrogen Strategy and Roadmap

# Sec. 40314, EPACT Sec. 815 and Related BIL Provisions



**“Clean H<sub>2</sub> Electrolysis Program”:** BIL Includes RDD&D across multiple electrolysis technologies, compression, storage, drying, integrated systems, etc. - directly supports Hydrogen Shot

**Sec. 40314 (EPACT Sec 816):**  
Clean Hydrogen Electrolysis Program; **\$1 Billion over 5 years.**  
**Goal \$2/kg by 2026**

## “Clean Hydrogen Manufacturing and Recycling”

**Raw  
Materials**

**Processed  
Materials**

**Subcomponents**

**End Product**

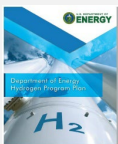
Focus on manufacturing and end of life/recycling RD&D

**Sec. 40314 (EPACT Sec 815):**  
Clean Hydrogen Manufacturing & Recycling  
**\$0.5 Billion over 5 years**



**Regional Clean H<sub>2</sub> Hubs:** At least 4 Hubs, geographic diversity, includes renewables, fossil + CCS, nuclear, for clean hydrogen production, multiple end use applications.

**Sec. 40314 (EPACT Sec 813):**  
Regional Clean Hydrogen Hubs;  
**\$8 Billion over 5 years**



**National Hydrogen Strategy and Roadmap:** Includes working with EPA to develop an initial clean hydrogen production standard per Sec. 822  $\leq 2$  kg CO<sub>2</sub>e/kg H<sub>2</sub>

**Sec. 40314 (EPACT Sec 814: Strategy & Roadmap and Sec. 40315 (EPACT Sec 822):** Clean Hydrogen Production Qualifications)

## Section 815a: Clean Hydrogen Manufacturing Initiative

Research, development and demonstration projects to advance new clean H<sub>2</sub> delivery, storage and use equipment manufacturing technologies and techniques.

The Secretary, to the maximum extent practicable, shall give priority to clean hydrogen equipment manufacturing projects that—

**A. Increase efficiency and cost-effectiveness in—**

- i. the **manufacturing process**; and
- ii. the use of resources, **including existing energy infrastructure**;

**B. Support domestic supply chains** for materials and components;

**C. Identify and incorporate nonhazardous alternative materials** for components and devices;

**D. Operate in partnership with tribal energy development organizations, Indian Tribes, Tribal orgs., Native Hawaiian community-based organizations, or territories or freely associated States; or**

**E. Are located in economically distressed areas** of the major natural gas-producing regions of the US

## Section 815b: Clean H<sub>2</sub> Tech Recycling RD&D Program

Multiyear grants will be awarded for RD&D projects to create innovative and practical approaches to increase the reuse and recycling of clean H<sub>2</sub> tech.

Including by:

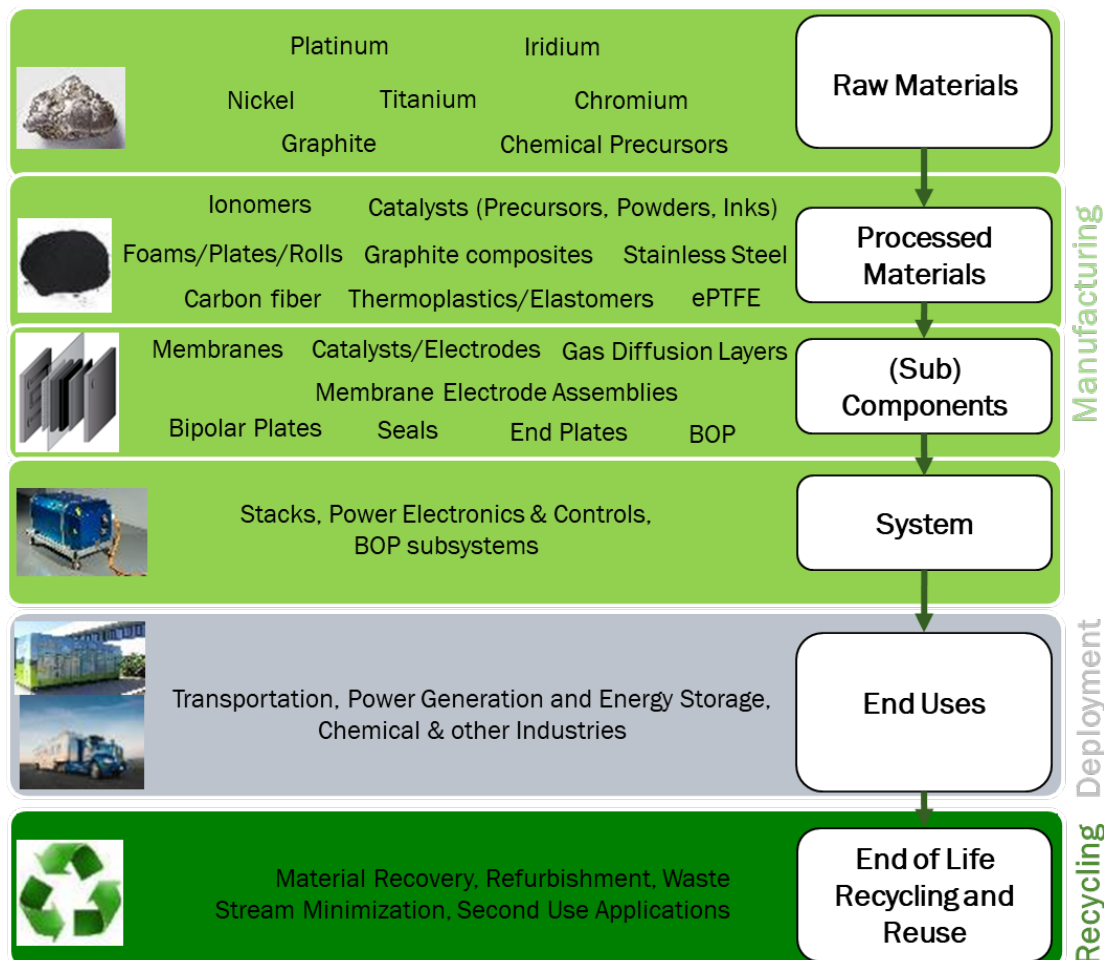
- A. Increasing the efficiency and **cost-effectiveness of the recovery of raw materials** from clean hydrogen technology components and systems, including enabling technologies such as electrolyzers and fuel cells;
- B. **Minimizing environmental impacts** from the recovery and disposal processes
- C. addressing any barriers to the research, development, demonstration, and commercialization of **technologies and processes for the disassembly and recycling of devices** used for clean hydrogen production, processing, delivery, storage, and use
- D. Developing **alternative materials, designs, manufacturing processes**, and other aspects of clean H<sub>2</sub> tech.
- E. Developing alternative **disassembly and resource recovery** processes that enable efficient, cost-effective, and environmentally responsible disassembly of, and resource recovery from, clean hydrogen technologies; and
- F. Developing strategies to increase consumer acceptance of, and participation in, **the recycling of fuel cells**.

*Independent review of project progress no later than 3 years after H.R. 3684 is enacted, and at least every 4 years after that.*

# Addressing Supply Chain Challenges

## *Growth required across domestic clean H<sub>2</sub> supply chains\**

### Example: PEM fuel cell & electrolyzer supply chain



### Key Manufacturing & Recycling Program opportunities:

- Reducing cost and increasing commercialization of clean H<sub>2</sub> technologies
- Development of domestic material supplies – including recycling and alternative non-hazardous materials
- Development of manufacturing capacity to meet projected H<sub>2</sub> demand
- Leadership on energy and environmental justice issues for a new industry

\* [www.energy.gov/eere/fuelcells/water-electrolyzers-and-fuel-cells-supply-chain-deep-dive-assessment](https://www.energy.gov/eere/fuelcells/water-electrolyzers-and-fuel-cells-supply-chain-deep-dive-assessment)

# Goals for This Meeting:

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- Identify RD&D gaps in automation/scaling of manufacturing and recycling for polymer electrolyte membrane (PEM) and solid oxide cells/stacks/systems, and hydrogen storage tanks
  - Determine what scalable manufacturing and recycling technologies/processes are ready for larger demonstrations at pilot scale to de-risk industry adoption
  - Identify what additional R&D could lead to pilot demonstrations in 2-4 years
- Create opportunities for experts in differing areas to overlap in expert presentations, panel discussions, and moderated breakout sessions to address needs

# Meeting Agenda\* – Day 1

11:00 AM	HFTO Welcome and Introduction		Dimitrios Papageorgopoulos, <i>DOE Hydrogen &amp; Fuel Cell Technologies Office</i>
11:15 AM	Manufacturing Expert Presentations		Brian James, <b>Strategic Analysis, Inc.</b> Kathy Ayers, <b>Nel Hydrogen, US</b> Todd Striker, <b>Cummins, Inc.</b> Dan Hawtof, <b>Corning Inc.</b> Michael Skocik, <b>Advanced Robotics for Manufacturing Institute</b>
1:30 PM	- Break -		
2:00 PM	Cell Manufacturing and Assembly Automation Expert Panel:	Steve Rock, <b>Advent Technologies, Inc.</b> Natalya Bailey, <b>Bloom Energy</b> Scott Swartz, <b>Nexceris, LLC</b> Gary Robb, <b>EERE</b>	
3:00 PM	Breakout Sessions		
Cell Manufacturing Automation Needs		Inspection/Component Tracking	Materials/Components Flow and Supply Chain Analysis
4:00 PM	- Wrap-up and Adjourn -		

*\*All times in Eastern Standard Time*

# Thank you

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