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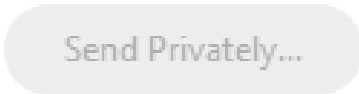
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# 45VH2-GREET Model for Well-to-Gate Emissions of Hydrogen Production

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# Webinar Agenda

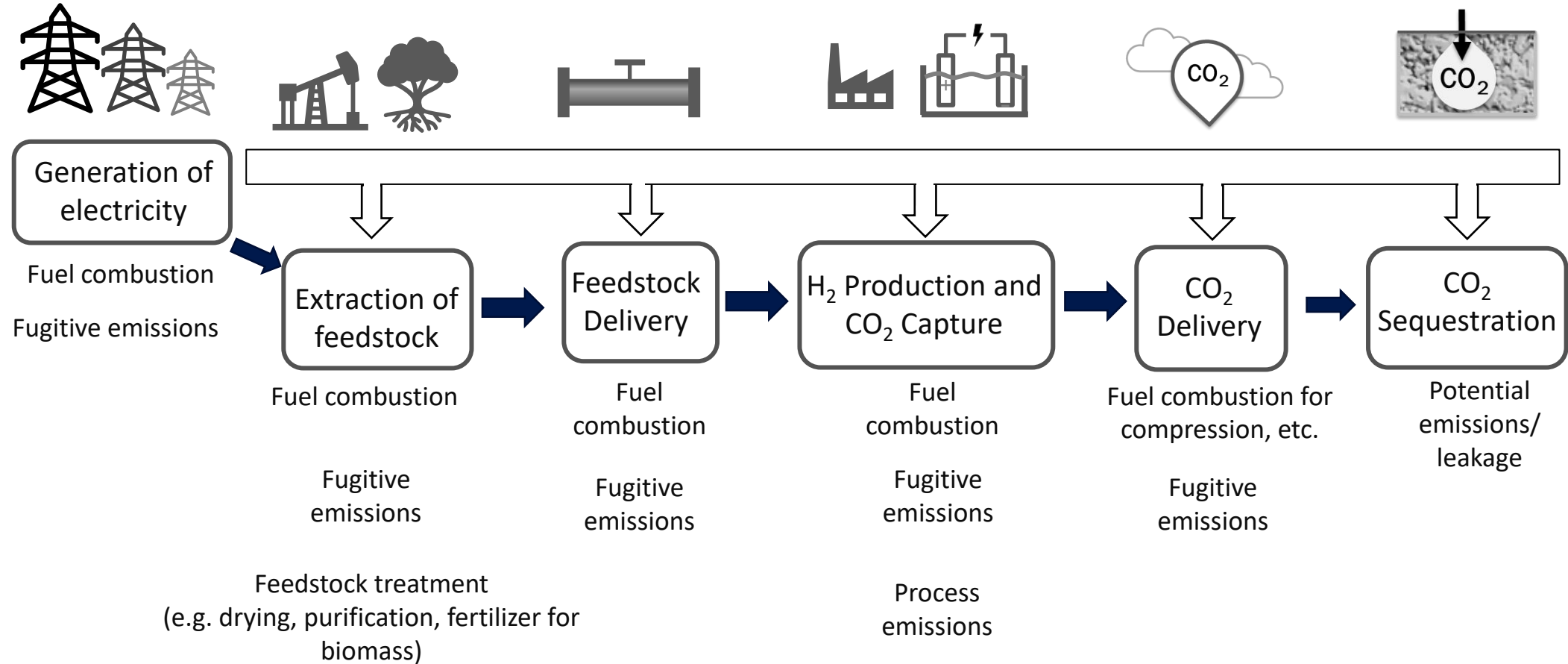
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- Background on 45VH2-GREET
- Demonstration of model
- Next steps for 45VH2-GREET
- Q&A about model

# 45VH2-GREET Background

- 45VH2-GREET is a tool that determines emissions rates for the Clean Hydrogen Production Tax Credit under Title 26, Section 45V
- The Internal Revenue Service Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) on accessing the 45V tax credit is here: <https://www.regulations.gov/docket/IRS-2023-0066>
- The IRS's NPRM adopts a specific version of GREET, **45VH2-GREET**, to determine emissions rates for the purposes of 45V.
  - Model was released Dec. 22, 2023
  - Model, FAQs, and supporting documentation available at: <https://www.energy.gov/eere/greet>
- Questions on how to use 45VH2-GREET should be directed to DOE at: [45VH2GREETSupport@ee.doe.gov](mailto:45VH2GREETSupport@ee.doe.gov)
- Questions on 45V tax credit and eligibility for the tax credit should be directed to the Internal Revenue Service at: <https://www.irs.gov/>

# 45VH2-GREET Well-to-Gate System Boundary



Net GHG emissions associated with production of biomass feedstocks

*Illustrative - actual sources of emissions will vary based on feedstock type, technology type and deployment design. For a complete definition of the well-to-gate system boundary, please see the 45V NPRM.*



# Composition of 45VH2-GREET

- 45VH2-GREET includes two Microsoft Excel files:

1) 45VH2-GREET file

2) GREET1\_2023 file inside GREET1\_dependency folder

| Name                                                                                                  | Date modified     | Type                 |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
|  GREET1_dependency | 1/21/2024 7:07 PM | File folder          |
|  45VH2-GREET2023   | 1/3/2024 12:58 PM | Microsoft Excel M... |

- Parameters within the model are categorized as:
  - “Background data” – Fixed assumptions that may not be changed by the user<sup>1</sup>
  - “Foreground data” – Values that users must input in order to characterize well-to-gate emissions. All user inputs should be in the 45VH2-GREET file
- Examples of background data: upstream methane emissions leakage, grid carbon intensity, counterfactual scenarios. Parameters are itemized in GREET1\_2023.
- Examples of foreground data: amount of electricity consumption onsite, rate of carbon capture, amount of feedstock consumption. Values must be input in 45VH2-GREET file.

1. Defined in NPRM as “parameters for which bespoke inputs from hydrogen producers are unlikely to be independently verifiable with high fidelity, given the current status of verification mechanisms”.



# Key features of 45VH2-GREET

- Hydrogen production technology pathways

Hydrogen Production Technologies

Steam Methane Reforming (SMR)

Low Temperature Electrolysis

High-temperature electrolysis (Nuclear)

Coal Gasification

Biomass Gasification

Autothermal Reforming (ATR)

As described in [user manual](#), any electricity input from a source other than “Grid Mix” (e.g. Solar, Wind, User-Defined Mix, etc.) must be verified via the purchase and retirement of qualifying energy attribute certificates (EACs), which are EACs that meet specified criteria provided in the 45V NPRM.

- Energy feedstock options

SMR Feedstock

Landfill Gas

Fossil Natural Gas

ATR Feedstock

Landfill Gas

Fossil Natural Gas

Biomass Feedstock

Corn Stover

Forest Residue

| Process Inputs              | Value       | Units |
|-----------------------------|-------------|-------|
| Electricity                 | Enter Value | kWh   |
| Electric Generation Source  | Grid Mix    |       |
| Oxygen Co-Product           | No          |       |
| Electricity Generation Mix* | ASCC Mix    |       |
|                             | ASCC Mix    |       |
|                             | FRCC Mix    |       |
|                             | HICC Mix    |       |
|                             | MRO Mix     |       |
|                             | NPCC Mix    |       |
|                             | RFC Mix     |       |
|                             | SERC Mix    |       |
|                             | SPP Mix     |       |
|                             | TRE Mix     |       |
|                             | WECC Mix    |       |

| Process Inputs                | Value             | Units | Process Outputs              | Value       |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|-------|------------------------------|-------------|
| Electricity                   | Enter Value       | kWh   | Hydrogen                     | Enter Value |
| Electric Generation Source    | User-Defined Mix* |       | Hydrogen Production Pressure | 300         |
| Oxygen Co-Product             | No                |       |                              |             |
| Technology                    | Value [%]         |       | Technology                   | Value [%]   |
| Residual oil                  | Enter Value       |       | Hydroelectric                | Enter Value |
| Natural gas                   | Enter Value       |       | Geothermal                   | Enter Value |
| Coal                          | Enter Value       |       | Wind                         | Enter Value |
| Nuclear power                 | Enter Value       |       | Solar PV                     | Enter Value |
| Combustion of logging residue | Enter Value       |       | ASCC Mix                     | Enter Value |
| NGCC wCCS                     | Enter Value       |       | Total                        | 0.00%       |

# Key features of 45VH2-GREET (continued)

- Input units for chemical energy should be in LHV

| D              | E     | F     | G                                | H   |
|----------------|-------|-------|----------------------------------|-----|
| Process Inputs | Value | Units | Elgowainy, Amgad A. F1           | ... |
|                |       |       | Energy in chemicals is LHV based |     |

- Emissions are adjusted for hydrogen production pressure above and below 300 psia

- Limited to between 14.5 psia - 725.2 psia

| Process Outputs              | Value       |
|------------------------------|-------------|
| Hydrogen                     | Enter Value |
| Hydrogen Production Pressure | 300         |

- Hydrogen purity and impurities in product gas must be specified

- Impurity concentration affects functional unit
  - Carbon containing impurities assumed to ultimately be converted to CO<sub>2</sub>

| K                            | L       | M                  | N |
|------------------------------|---------|--------------------|---|
| Product Hydrogen Composition | mol [%] | Molar Mass [g/mol] |   |
| H <sub>2</sub>               | 100.00% | 2.016              |   |
| N <sub>2</sub>               | 0.00%   | 28.020             |   |
| O <sub>2</sub>               | 0.00%   | 32.000             |   |
| H <sub>2</sub> O             | 0.00%   | 18.015             |   |
| CO                           | 0.00%   | 28.010             |   |
| CO <sub>2</sub>              | 0.00%   | 44.010             |   |
| CH <sub>4</sub>              | 0.00%   | 16.040             |   |
| NH <sub>3</sub>              | 0.00%   | 17.031             |   |
| H <sub>2</sub> S             | 0.00%   | 34.082             |   |
| S                            | 0.00%   | 32.065             |   |
| Ar                           | 0.00%   | 39.948             |   |
| All others                   | 0.00%   | 0.000              |   |
| Total                        | 100.00% |                    |   |

- Co-products must be specified if they are valorized

- For SMR with and without CCS, user input values are capped in alignment with the 45V NPRM and based on independent lab modeling

- User defined option for feedstock properties

- Including LHV and C% by wt

| Custom Conventional Natural Gas Properties (at normal conditions, 32F and 1 |                                  |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Lower Heating Value                                                         | 983 Btu/ft3 at normal conditions |
| Density                                                                     | 22 g/ft3 at normal conditions    |
| C ratio (% by wt)                                                           | 72.4% (g of Carbon)/(g of Fuel)  |

| Custom Corn Stover Properties |                                 |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Lower Heating Value           | 14716000 Btu/short ton (dry)    |
| C ratio (% by wt)             | 46.7% (g of Carbon)/(g of Fuel) |

| Custom Coal Properties |                                         |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Lower Heating Value    | 22639319.98 Btu/short ton (as received) |
| C ratio (% by wt)      | 61.2% (g of Carbon)/(g of Fuel)         |

User input for other impurities not listed

# 45VH2-GREET demonstration for selected H<sub>2</sub> pathways

The screenshot displays the 45VH2-GREET2023 Excel spreadsheet, which is used for demonstrating hydrogen production pathways. The interface is divided into several sections:

- Simulation Year:** A dropdown menu allows users to select the simulation year (2022, 2023, or 2024).
- Hydrogen Production Technologies:** A list of technologies is provided, including Steam Methane Reforming (SMR), Low Temperature Electrolysis, High-temperature electrolysis (Nuclear), Coal Gasification, Biomass Gasification, and Autothermal Reforming (ATR).
- Technology Share [%]:** A section for specifying the percentage share of each technology.
- Process Inputs:** A detailed section for entering process parameters, including:
  - Electricity:** 55 kWh (Value), kWh (Units).
  - Electric Generation Source:** Solar (Value), Hydrogen (Units).
  - Oxygen Co-Product:** No (Value), Hydrogen Production Pressure (Units).
- Process Outputs:** A section for displaying the results of the simulation, including:
  - Direct Facility Emissions:** 0 (Value), g/MMBtu H<sub>2</sub> (Units).
  - Indirect Emissions:** 0 (Value), g/MMBtu H<sub>2</sub> (Units).
  - Co-Product Credits:** 0 (Value), g/MMBtu H<sub>2</sub> (Units).
  - Total:** 0.00 (Value), kg\_CO2e/kg H<sub>2</sub> (Units).

The spreadsheet also includes a "Reset" button and a "Calculate" button to update the results based on the user's inputs.

<https://www.energy.gov/sites/default/files/2024-01/45vh2-greet-2023.zip>

- ✓ User friendly interface
- ✓ Results include direct (i.e., facility level) and indirect (i.e. upstream) GHG emissions
- ✓ Process inputs and outputs by user in various units

# Next Steps for 45VH2-GREET

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- Grid regions will be adapted to include those in the DOE National Transmission Needs Study
- New hydrogen production pathways may be added periodically
- Background data may be updated periodically
- User-friendliness of model will continue to be improved

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# Questions?

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*Thank You!*

*45VH2-GREET tool is available at:*  
[GREET | Department of Energy](#)

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