

# National Fuel Cell Technology Evaluation Center (NFCTEC)



DOE Fuel Cell Technologies Office Webinar

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### Outline

About NFCTEC

 Benefits to the Hydrogen & Fuel Cell Community

 New Fuel Cell Cost/Price Aggregation Project







# **About NFCTEC**

#### Energy Department Launches National Fuel Cell Technology Evaluation Center to Advance Fuel Cell Technologies September 2013

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**Rebranding of HSDC** 

#### **National Fuel Cell Technology Evaluation Center**



a national resource for hydrogen and fuel cell stakeholders

supported through Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy's Fuel Cell Technologies Office

# **NFCTEC Objectives**

- Independent, secure analysis
- Industry collaboration & benchmarking
- Confirmation of component and system technical targets
- Technology validation
- Evaluation, optimization, and demonstration in integrated energy systems and real-world operation





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# **NFCTEC Security Procedures**

<u>National Fuel Cell Technology Evaluation Center</u> <u>at</u> <u>Energy Systems Integration Facility</u>

Procedures to Protect Proprietary Technical Data Submitted to the NREL National Fuel Cell Technology Evaluation Center

> National Renewable Energy Laboratory Revision C, November 22<sup>nd</sup> 2013

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#### Protection and use of data

- Security, access, publications, data transfer
- Reviewed every 2 years
- NREL Security response



### NFCTEC Analysis and Reporting of Real-World Operation Data



#### **Detailed Data Products (DDPs)**

- Individual data analyses
- Identify individual contribution to CDPs
- Shared every six months only with the partner who supplied the data<sup>1</sup>

#### **Composite Data Products (CDPs)**

- Aggregated data across multiple systems, sites, and teams
- Publish analysis results every six months without revealing proprietary data<sup>2</sup>

#### www.nrel.gov/hydrogen/proj\_tech\_validation.html

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Examples shown for vehicle operation, maintenance, safety, and specification templates

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#### Leveraging Data Process and Analysis Capabilities Across Technology Validation Projects



### 74 MHE & Infrastructure CDPs—Count and Category









# Benefits to the Hydrogen & Fuel Cell Community

# **NFCTEC Real World Operation Analyses**



Results published via NREL technology validation website (www.nrel.gov/hydrogen/proj\_tech\_validation.html)

### **Tracking Future Progress Against Previous Demonstration Results for FCEV Evaluation**



Vehicle Performance Metrics	Gen 1 Vehicle	Gen 2 Vehicle	2009 Target	After 2009Q4
Fuel Cell Stack Durability			2,000 hours	
Max Team Projected Hours to 10% Voltage Degradation	1,807 hours	<u>2,521</u> hours		
Average Fuel Cell Durability Projection	821 hours	1,062 hours		1,748 hours
Max Hours of Operation by a Single FC Stack to Date	2,375 hours	1,261 hours		1,582 hours
Driving Range			250 miles	
Adjusted Dyno (Window Sticker) Range	103-190 miles	196- <u>254</u> miles		
Median On-Road Distance Between Fuelings	56 miles	81 miles		98 miles
Fuel Economy (Window Sticker)	42 – 57 mi/kg	43 – 58 mi/kg	no target	
Fuel Cell Efficiency at ¼ Power	51% – 58%	53% – <u>59</u> %	60%	
Fuel Cell Efficiency at Full Power	30% – 54%	42% – <u>53</u> %	50%	

Infrastructure Performance Metrics	2009 Target	After 2009Q4		
H <sub>2</sub> Cost at Station (early market)	On-Site Natural Gas Reformation <b>\$7.70 –</b> <b>\$10.30/kg</b>	On-Site Electrolysis <b>\$10.00 –</b> <b>\$12.90/kg</b>	\$3/gge	
Average H <sub>2</sub> Fueling Rate	0.77	kg/min	1.0 kg/min	0.65 kg/min

Outside of this project, DOE independent panels concluded at 500 replicate stations/year: Distributed natural gas reformation at 1,500 kg/day: **\$2.75-\$3.50/kg** (2006) Distributed electrolysis at 1,500kg/day: **\$4.90-\$5.70** (2009)

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#### Infrastructure Reliability Analysis Supports Additional R&D Projects (e.g. Compressors, Hoses)





### MHE Cost of Ownership Comparison with Incumbent Technology



Cost advantage per unit is ~\$2,000/year for the average high-use facility with Class I and II fuel cell lift trucks analyzed by NREL.

	Class I & II MHE Annualized Costs						
Battery / Fuel Cell Maintenance	\$20,000	\$19,700					
Lift Truck Maintenance	\$20,000	\$3,600	\$17,800				
Cost of Infrastructure	(\$)		\$2,200				
Warehouse Space	<b>515</b> ,000 -	\$2,800	\$2,800				
Cost of Electricity / Hydrogen	ost (	\$1,900	\$500				
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Per Lift Cost of Charge/Fuel Infrastructure	Lift	,400 	\$3,700				
Amortized Cost of Battery /	<b>a</b> \$5,000 -	\$1,400					
Fuel Cell Packs	\$3,000	\$2,300	\$2,600				
Amortized Cost of Lift		\$2,800	\$2,800				
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#### **Key Findings**

- Cost advantages dependent on deployment size and use (i.e., multi-shift operation per day)
- H<sub>2</sub> fuel cell cost advantages in maintenance, warehouse infrastructure space, and refueling labor cost
- H<sub>2</sub> fuel cell cost disadvantages in infrastructure and fuel cell cost and hydrogen cost

#### **Report Sections**

- Inputs, assumptions, and results for Class I/II and Class III
- Sensitivity study
- Intensive deployment scenario

### Fuel Cell Bus Evaluation is an International Effort with Many Different Stakeholders





### Lab Data - Fuel Cell Technology Status



Analysis – hours to 10% voltage degradation

# **Fuel Cell Material Handling Evaluation**



Validation of MHE is based on real-world operation data from high-use facilities



**Operation hours** 



**490** 

Units in operation\*

4.4

Average operation hours between fills



Hydrogen dispensed in kg



**0.6** Average fill amount in kg

> **2.3** Average fill time in minutes

# **Fuel Cell Backup Power Evaluation**





\*Not all systems have detailed data reporting to NREL

# H<sub>2</sub> Infrastructure Evaluation





### Data Supports DOE Updates/Records/Status

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#### Examples: Early Market Fuel Cells for \_ Material Handling Fact Sheet

http://www1.eere.energy.gov/hydroge nandfuelcells/pdfs/early markets mh e fact sheet.pdf

#### **Fuel Cell Bus Targets Record**

http://hydrogen.energy.gov/pdfs/1201 2 fuel cell bus targets.pdf

#### **Fuel Cell Backup Power**

#### **Deployments Record**

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"NREL is uniquely set up to

compare data sets from a variety of fuel cell developers for a range of applications. Without this project, such comparative

analysis would not be available."

### **Examples of Peer Review Feedback**

"Other areas of strength include industry's confidence and trust in NREL's team and approach to the project, and the continuous improvement and enhancement of project products, particularly CDPs and DDPs..."

"This is a good national approach to fuel cell analysis. There are early warnings of commercial problems, such as compressors..."

The ability to leverage the capabilities established by NREL for its implementation of other technology validation projects is a strength of this project..."

"This project is essential to benchmarking the progress of fuel cell systems over time and across industries." "This is a great way to put all the data together and get information back to the industry and potential customers."





# Fuel Cell Cost & Price Aggregation Project

#### **DOE Fuel Cell System Cost Based on Models for High Volume**



Record Source: http://www.hydrogen.energy.gov/pdfs/13012\_fuel\_cell\_system\_cost\_2013.pdf

# **Fuel Cell Technology Status – Cost/Price**

The U.S. Department of Energy's National Renewable Energy Laboratory is seeking fuel cell industry partners from the United States and abroad to participate in an objective and credible analysis of commercially available fuel cell product cost/price to benchmark the current state of the technology and support industry growth.



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# **Cost/Price Data Template**

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7	System 🗸	ProductName1 🗾 🔽	ProductName2 🗾 🔽	ProductName32 🔽
8	Current Price (US \$)			
9	Availability			
10	Market			
11	Application			
12	Fuel Cell Type	PEMFC	PEMFC	
13	Fuel			
14	Comments			
15	Power Rating (kW)			
16	Other features			
17	# systems sold to date			
18	2010 Price (US \$)			
19	2011 Price (US \$)			
20	2012 Price (US \$)			
21	Current system cost (US \$)			
22	Current fuel cell stack cost (US \$)			
23	Cell count			
24	Active area			
25	Turndown capability			
	Spec sheet link or Product			
26	brochure PDF attached			

### **Benefits of Cost/Price Analysis**

#### External

- Provide current cost status of fuel cell products that fill the gap with high volume cost numbers
- Help set realistic price expectations at small volume production
- One source of realistic cost/price status for DOE from the leading fuel cell developers
- Highlights technology successes
- Helps adoption of fuel cell technology

#### Internal

- Provide independent, credible and consistent product cost/price information that is very useful for external partners (e.g. DOE and industry) without revealing proprietary information
- Benchmarking against CDPs
- Collaboration with NREL's technology validation team; dedicated analysis team with experience in multiple fuel cell applications

### **NFCTEC Contacts**

### Website

http://www.nrel.gov/hydrogen/proj\_tech\_validation.html



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# **Question and Answer**

 Please type your question into the question box



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# Backup

### **NFCTEC Partners**

AC Transit	FedEx	Proterra
Auto OEMs	GENCO	Proton OnSite
Ballard Power Systems	Golden Gate Transit	ReliOn Inc.
Bluways	GTI	San Francisco Metropolitan Transit Agency
CaFCP	H2 Frontier	San Mateo Transit Authority
California Stationary Fuel Cell Collaborative (CaSFCC)	H2Pump	Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority
CARB/Shell	H2USA	SCAQMD
CEC	Hydrogenics	Sprint Communications
СНВС	Linde	SunLine Transit Agency
City of Burbank	National Fuel Cell Research Center (NFCRC)	Sysco of Houston
ClearEdge Power	Nuvera Fuel Cells	US Hybrid
CSULA	PDC Machines	
FCHEA	Plug Power	