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Performance Evaluation of Delivered Hydrogen Fueling Stations

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Overview

Timeline

- Start: 03 / 2013
- End: 03 / 2017
- Progress: 15% Complete

Budget

- Total Spent: \$31,530*
- Total Project Value: \$800,000
- Cost Share Percentage: 50%
- * as of 3/31/2014

Barriers

- Unforeseen Permitting Issues
- Construction Delays
- Efficient Integration of Data Collection Equipment

Partners

- Gas Technology Institute (GTI)
- Linde, LLC.



Relevance

DOE Technical Objectives	Project Team Goals
1. Confirm performance of systems in real world applications through data collection.	 Integrate largely non-intrusive data collection systems at (5) 100 kg/day delivered hydrogen fueling stations located in California for 24 month period.
2. Provide the public with aggregated data presented in composite data products, and secure confidential data in National Fuel Cell Technology Evaluation Center (NFCTEC).	 Submit station data specified in the NREL Hydrogen Station Data Templates.
3. Benchmark station capacity, utilization, maintenance, and safety.	 Provide useful data to accurately characterize stations' performance.



Approach: General



 A combination of the techniques and coordination between Linde's station controls and GTI's data acquisition system are required to meet project objectives.

Approach: Budget Period 1



Go/ No Go Decision Point: A decision to move forward with full project scope will depend on project team's ability to secure funding for remaining three station sites and supply complete sets of data for BP 1.

Approach: Budget Period 2





Major Accomplishments :

- Permitting phase initiated for San Juan Capistrano and West Sacramento sites (2013).
- Construction bid phase initiated for West Sacramento (Q2-2014).
- Permit drawings submitted for San Capistrano location (Q1-2014).





Major Accomplishments (Cont.):

- Data acquisition system design and drawings were completed (Q1-2014).
 - GTI System consist of (9) data collection points identified through station design review.
 - An additional (8) data points will be provided by the dispenser's web based supervisory system including final dispensing temperatures and pressures, storage pressure, and dispenser flow rates.
 - Data will be collected and stored at 1 Hz and stored for extraction via internet.
 - Data logger selected was Logic Beach IL-80 with analog, digital, and thermocouple input capabilities.



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 Instrumentation and data logger components have been ordered and received for BP1 scope (Q2-2014).

Instrumentation and end devices include:

- (1) Sierra Instruments Mass Flow Meter (0- 40 kg/hr)
- (2)Honeywell Temperature Transmitters (Type T thermocouples)
- (1) CR Magnetic Current Transducer (0-20 Amp)
- (3) Powertek Current Transducers (0-200 Amp, 0 -50 Amp, & 0 -10 Amp)
- (1) Smart Sensor, Type T Thermocouple
- (1) Isolation Board used to duplicate tank level signal





Project Team:

Gas Technology Institute (Prime) – Current projects:



- Design and build of a landfill gas to hydrogen reformation and refueling demonstration in South Carolina.
- Operations and maintains 50kg/day hydrogen generation, compression, and dispensing station at University of Texas-Austin.

Collaborations

Project Team (Continued):

Linde Hydrogen Fueling (Subcontractor) –

Linde

- Linde LLC. is a global supplier of industrial gases and is committed to developing fueling infrastructure in the U.S.
- In 2012, Linde designed, built, and currently operates Emeryville, CA Station for AC Transit.
- Working with Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory to demonstrate liquid hydrogen pumping technologies.

Collaborations

Team Member	Roles
GTI	Oversees and manages the project; designs, builds, and installs data collection system; post processes of data and reports to NREL; maintenance of data collection unit throughout performance period.
Linde	Technical advisor and Coordinator of site design information; coordination of site utilities, communications, and power for data collection effort, submitting transactional, utility, safety, and operations data to GTI, maintenance of the station throughout performance period.

Proposed Future Work

- Fabrication and testing of data acquisition hardware and software at GTI (Q3-2014).
- \circ Installation of
- instrumentation and
 electrical panel at West
 Sacramento site (Q3-2014).
 Advance the readiness of
 remaining station sites.





Summary

Relevance: GTI aims to compile, analyze, and submit pertinent data to meet technology validation objectives and goals set forth by the Fuel Cell Technologies Program through its multi-year research, development, and demonstration plan. Approach: Develop, integrate, and maintain non-intrusive data collection systems to produce meaningful observations and data collection for the NFCTEC. Accomplishments: Technical reviews of initial sites were completed. Data collection equipment design was completed and hardware procured.





Collaborations: Project team and structure have been assembled. Key team members from both organizations have been identified and roles have been defined, and are working together well.

Future Work: Fabrication, testing, and installation of systems on initial site locations. First set of data produced for West Sacramento is expected by end of 2014.

