Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Analysis: Lessons Learned from Stationary Power Generation

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Overview

• **Timeline**
  • Start: October 1, 2007
  • End: September 20, 2009
  • Percent Complete: 35%

• **Budget**
  • Total DOE Share: $387,038
  • FY08: $199,948
  • FY09: $187,090

• **Barriers**
  • Cost & Performance
  • Stationary and other Early Market Fuel Cells
  • Innovative Concepts for Fuel Cell Systems

• **Partners**
  • Missouri S&T, Lead
  • Unofficial Partners
    – DoD ERDC/CERL
    – Ameren
    – St. Louis Science Center
Project Objectives

• to consider opportunities for hydrogen in **stationary applications** in order to make recommendations related to research, development and demonstration (RD&D) strategies.

• to analyze the different **national and international** strategies utilized in power generation systems and identify the different **challenges** and **opportunities** for producing and using hydrogen as an energy carrier.
## Milestones

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<td>March 08</td>
<td>Milestone: Completed compilation of projects and programs, began data collection.</td>
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<td>July 08</td>
<td>Milestone: Complete data collection in order to proceed with lessons learned and best practices.</td>
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<td>October 08</td>
<td>Milestone: Workshop on Development Strategies for Hydrogen Technologies.</td>
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<td>March 09</td>
<td>Milestone: Draft Recommendations.</td>
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# Approach

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| **1. Compilation and Classification of Programs** | • listing of past and existing programs  
• classification by type, application, etc.                                                | 100%       |
| **2. Program Data Collection**            | • participants  
• technology status  
• consumer behavior and attitudes  
• impact of infrastructure availability, including environmental benefits/impacts  
• cost-effectiveness of the program (investment vs. market success/failure)  
• major achievements of the project/program or justification for lack of success  
• description of challenges/solutions                                                | 50%        |
| **3. Analysis of Lessons Learned and Best Practices** | • What has worked well, what has not?                                                         | 10%        |
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<td><strong>4. Pathways Analysis</strong></td>
<td>In order to recommend a strategy, the study will model and analyze the hydrogen supply network, hydrogen demand growth, and perform scenario analysis on different strategies in order to identify strengths and weaknesses of various approaches. Models will address both cost and environmental factors related to potential opportunities.</td>
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| **5. Strategy Recommendation**            | What system combinations be approached related to implementation of fuel cell technologies? Specifically, the recommendations will address the:  
• most promising applications for early market introduction?  
• role of “niche” markets?  
• required technological (or policy) breakthroughs?  
• policy instruments to promote early market penetration?  
• technical and economic synergies (with, for example, transportation)?  
• impact of other developments, e.g., green technologies? | 10%        |
Accomplishments

• Task 1: Compilation and Classification of Programs & Task 2: Data Collection
  – Over 2500 Projects
  – State, National, International and Multinational Programs
  – Over 1000 Fuel Cell Developers

• Task 3: Analysis of Lessons Learned and Best Practices

• On-going with Data Collection
  – What has worked well, what has not?
  – Fuel Cell problems?
  – Feedstock problems?
Accomplishments

- **Task 5: Strategy Recommendation**

1. **Early Market Penetration**
   - PEM fuel cells, H₂ or reformed feedstocks
   - stationary or portable systems

2. **Market Transformation**
   - co-generation (CHP)
   - integrated systems for transportation fuel
Early Market Penetration

- Technical Considerations
- Cost Competitiveness
- Fuel Flexibility
- Performance and Reliability
- Public Acceptance
- Niche Markets

Early Market Applications

- **Niche/Portable Market**
  - consumer electronics
  - military/security/first responders
  - material handling equipment

- **Backup/Auxillary Power Units**
  - communications/wireless networks & sensors
  - data centers
  - emergency power

- **Stationary Heating and Power (CHP) and Distributed Generation (DG)**
  - green office buildings, commercial
  - residential
  - co-generation

- **Transportation Demonstration Projects**
  - Integrated Systems for H₂ Fuel
Integrated Renewable Power and H₂ Production Examples

• DTE Energy

SOURCE: DTE Energy

• Xcel/NREL Wind2H₂ Project

SOURCE: NREL/XcelEnergy

• Hawaii

SOURCE: DOE EERE
Future Work FY08/09

• Complete On-Going Tasks:
  – Program Data Collection
  – Analysis of Lessons Learned and Best Practices
  – Pathways Analysis
  – Strategy Recommendation

• Workshop on Development Strategies for Hydrogen Technologies

• Introduction and Keynote

• Session I: Fuel Cell Technology Status and R&D Programs for Fuel Cell Technology

• Session II: Early Market Applications

• Session III: Breakout Sessions
  – A: Early Market Applications
  – B: Policy Instruments

• Session IV: Presentation from Breakout Sessions and Discussion

• Optional Tours
Summary

- **Relevance:**
  - The role and use of hydrogen fuel cells in stationary applications can be significant in portable applications, niche markets, distributed generation or co-generation.

- **Approach:**
  - Market penetration is the ultimate goal of the energy related industries, but early markets must be strategically aligned with balancing near term and long term objectives.
  - Focus on demonstrating that cost, durability, and reliability can be met for early markets (with incentives, if necessary).
  - Consider opportunities and trade-offs for stationary applications in conjunction with the other application sectors, e.g., providing fuel for transportation applications.
  - Take a systems perspective – components should address multiple systems.