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# Emerging Technology Forum

## Hydrogen 101

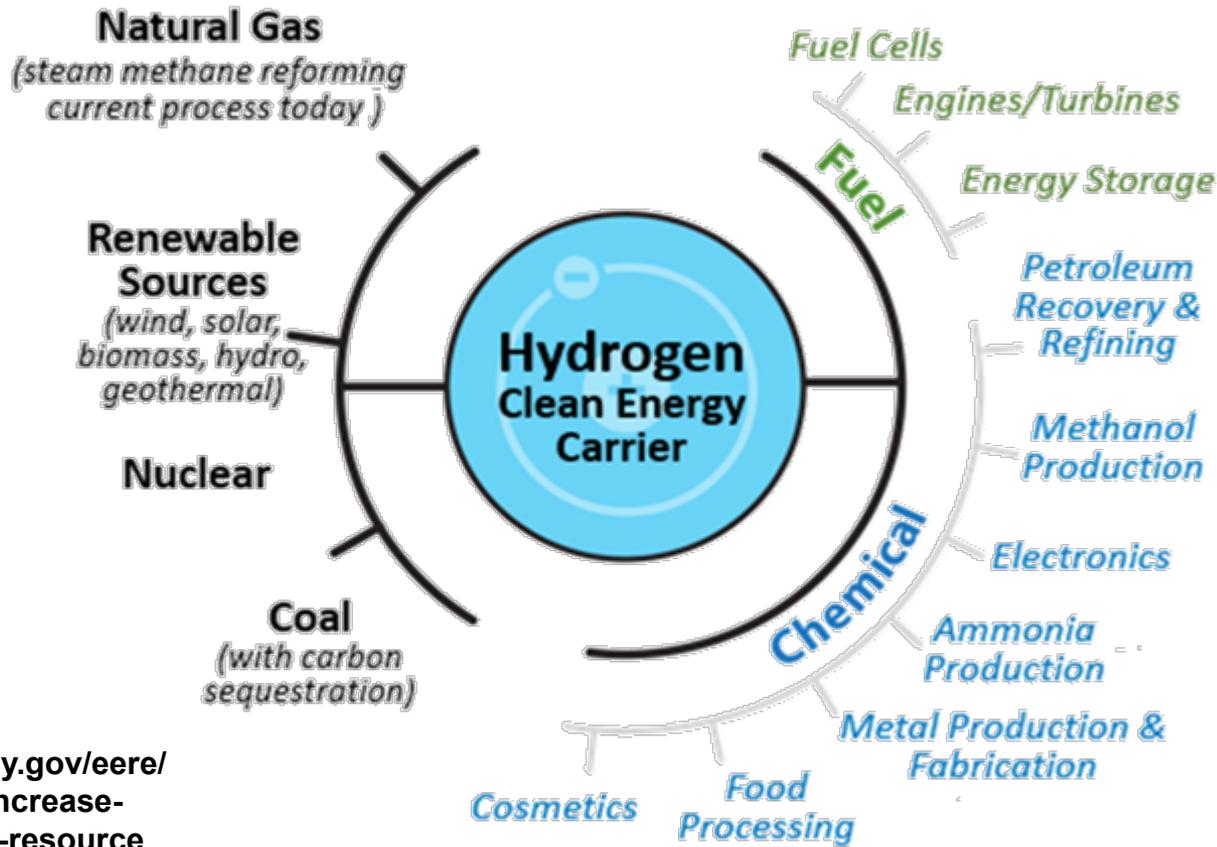
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# What is Hydrogen?

Lightest of all gases and a versatile, clean and flexible energy carrier



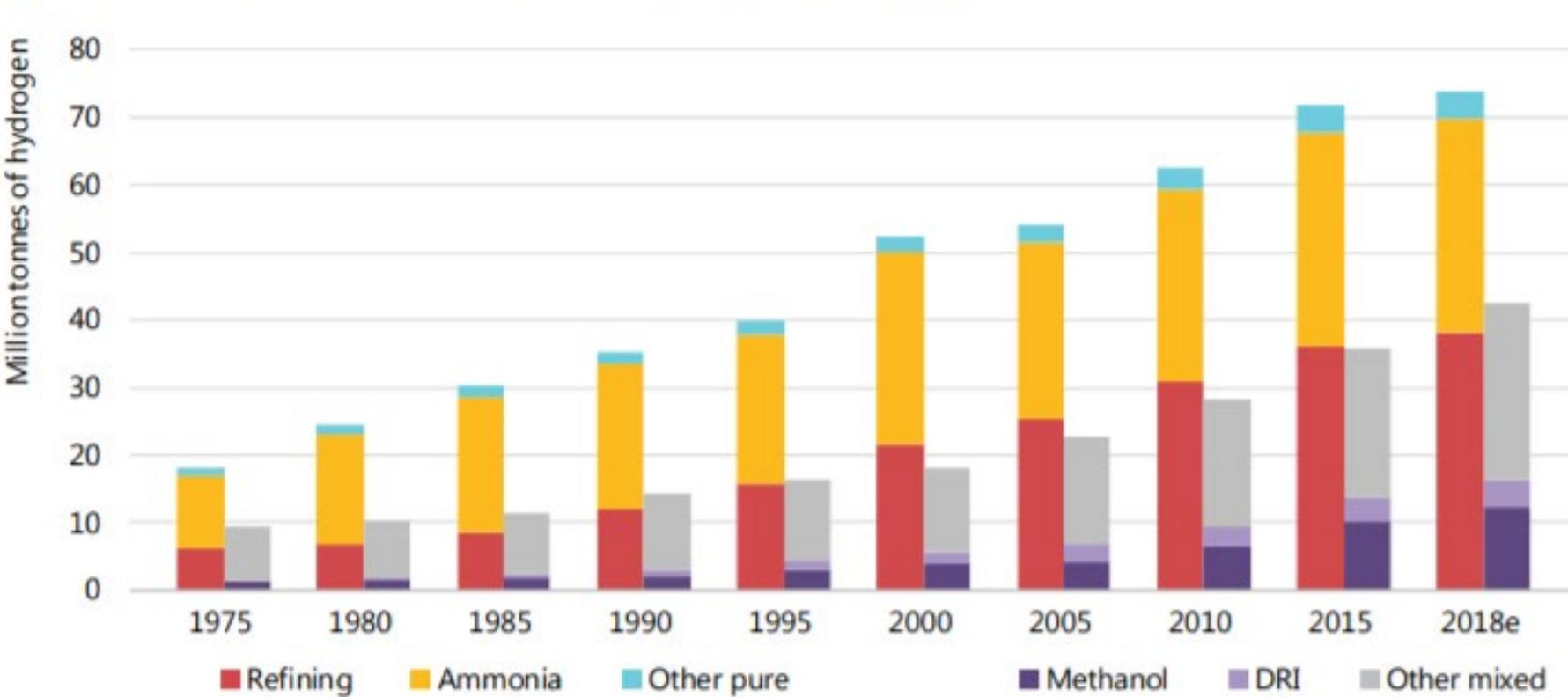
Source: DOE  
<https://www.energy.gov/eere/fuelcells/articles/increase-your-h2iq-training-resource>

Produced from diverse domestic resources and used in many applications

# Global Hydrogen Demand Growth

Global demand for hydrogen has experienced an annual growth rate of ~10-15% from 1975 to 2018

Global annual demand for hydrogen since 1975

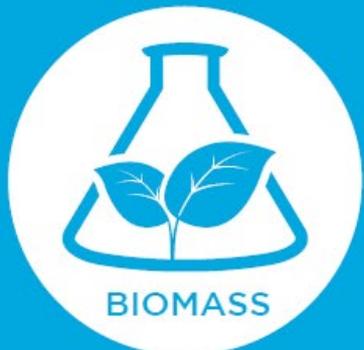


Source: IEA report "The Future of Hydrogen, Seizing today's opportunities"

# Many Domestic Energy Sources for Hydrogen Production

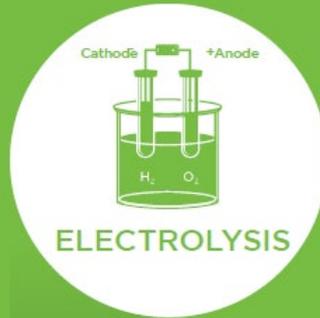
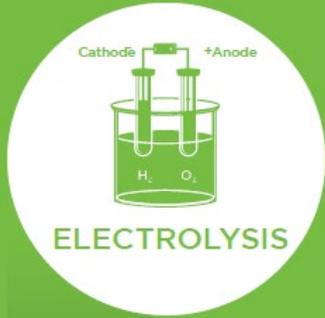
Domestic energy sources can be used to produce hydrogen

Most of today's hydrogen comes from natural gas



# Many Pathways for Hydrogen Production

Today >90% of hydrogen is produced through natural gas steam methane reforming



## Alkaline Electrolysis

Electricity separates water into oxygen and hydrogen

## Low & High Temperature Electrolysis

Electricity separates water into oxygen and hydrogen

Energy from direct sunlight and sun heat splits molecules

Steam and hydrocarbons come together under high temperature

### Advantages

|  |   |  |   |
|--|---|--|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ultra pure H<sub>2</sub> produced</li> <li>- Zero carbon emissions</li> <li>- Scalable</li> <li>- &gt;30 yrs. in use</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ultra pure H<sub>2</sub> produced</li> <li>- Zero carbon emissions from nuclear and renewable electricity</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ultra pure H<sub>2</sub> produced</li> <li>- Zero carbon emissions from H<sub>2</sub> production</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Scale &amp; Large capacity production</li> <li>- Incumbent technology for &gt;90% of H<sub>2</sub> production</li> </ul> |
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### Disadvantages

|   |  |  |   |
|---|--|--|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Lower efficiency electrolysis</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Scale &amp; large scale production</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Scale &amp; large scale production</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Hi CO<sub>2</sub> emissions without capture and sequestration</li> </ul> |
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# Multiple Uses for Hydrogen

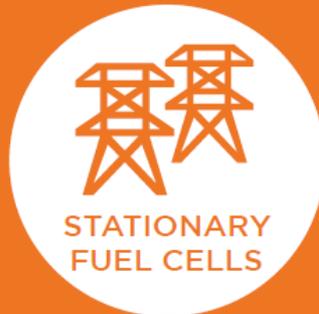
**Hydrogen can be used in many sectors throughout the economy**



Including other mobile applications like buses, trucks, and forklifts



Good for limiting renewable power curtailing and stabilizing grid



Interest from cell phone towers, data centers, hospitals, and supermarkets



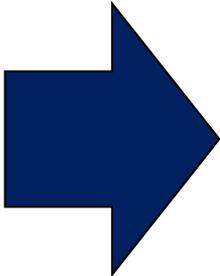
Largest use of hydrogen produced today



Second largest use of hydrogen produced today

# Hydrogen Demand: Growth Progression for Decarbonization

| Current Demand                 |
|--------------------------------|
| Refining                       |
| Chemicals (Ammonia & Methanol) |
| Steel & metals refining        |
| Forklifts                      |

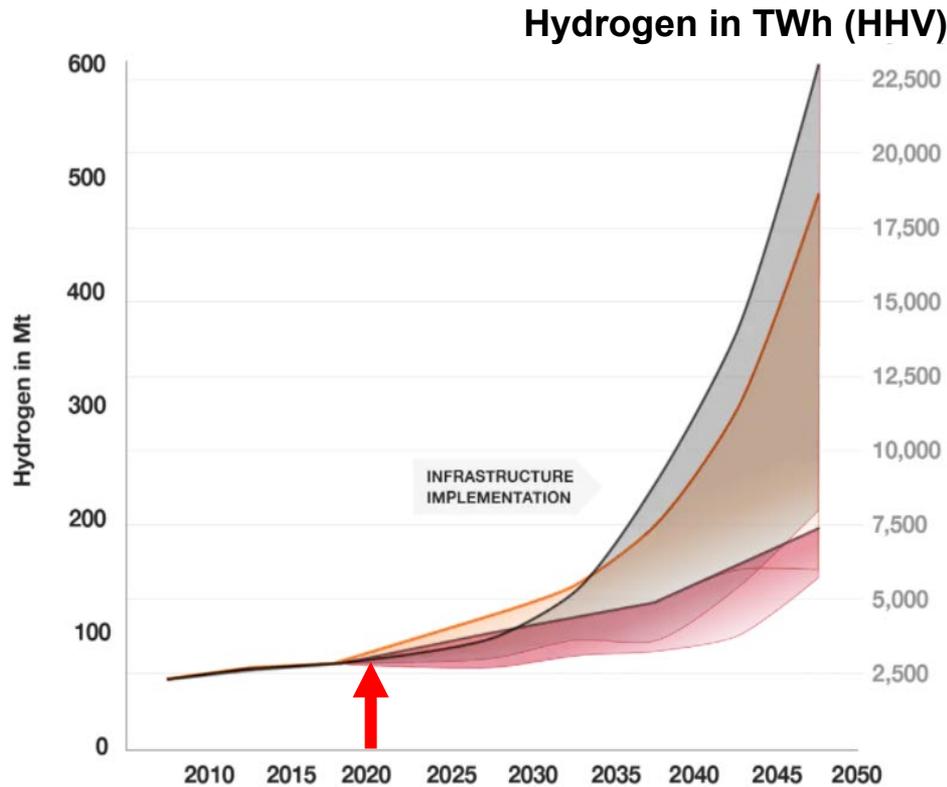


| Future Demand                         |
|---------------------------------------|
| Light Duty Vehicles                   |
| Injection into the natural gas system |
| Steel                                 |
| Synthetic & bio- fuels                |
| Medium & Heavy duty trucks            |
| Refining                              |
| Aviation & Marine                     |
| Methanol                              |
| Ammonia                               |

|   |             |
|---|-------------|
| <b>Captive Production</b>                                 | <b>5.26</b> |
| <i>Petroleum Refineries</i>                               | <i>3.60</i> |
| <i>Ammonia</i>  | <i>1.27</i> |
| <i>Methanol</i>   | <i>0.11</i> |
| <i>Other(e.g., cyclohexane, aniline, etc.)</i>            | <i>0.28</i> |
| <b>Merchant Production</b>                                | <b>3.77</b> |
| <i>Refineries</i>   | <i>2.64</i> |
| <i>Ammonia</i>  | <i>0.87</i> |
| <i>Other (e.g., cyclohexane, aniline, methanol, etc.)</i> | <i>0.26</i> |
| <b>Total Domestic Production</b>                          | <b>9.03</b> |

Million metric tons/yr.

# Hydrogen Forecast



## Current to 2030

- **Steady growth of H<sub>2</sub> demand**
  - Current H<sub>2</sub> projects under construction and in operation
  - Limited by electrolyzer capacities to ≤50 MW
  - Proposed electrolyzer plants with capacities of 100 MW
- Infrastructure for large scale use such as pipelines require >7 years to build
  - Plan to build in parallel to growing H<sub>2</sub> demand to transport large quantities of H<sub>2</sub>

## 2035+

- Medium and high scenarios exhibit strong H<sub>2</sub> growth and demand
- ***To meet the climate targets of the Paris Accord, planning and construction for H<sub>2</sub> infrastructure for large scale H<sub>2</sub> deployment is needed***

● < 1.8°C

Acil Allen Report - High  
 BP Energy Outlook 2020 - Net Zero  
 IEA Energy Technology Perspectives 2020 - SDS  
 Shell - Sky Scenario  
 Powerfuels in a Renewables World  
 Hydrogen Economy Outlook - Strong Policy

● 1.8 - 2.3°C

Acil Allen Report - Medium  
 BP Energy Outlook 2020 - Rapid  
 Hydrogen Council - 2DS  
 World Energy Council - Unfinished Symphony

● > 2.3°C

Acil Allen Report - Low  
 World Energy Council - Modern Jazz  
 Hydrogen Economy Outlook - Weak Policy

Source: PwC “The green hydrogen economy Predicting the decarbonisation agenda of tomorrow”

# Infrastructure

Major challenge for Hydrogen is infrastructure

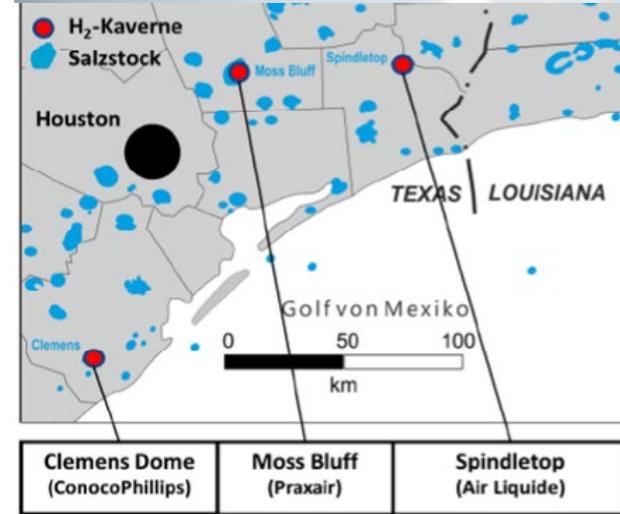
## Hydrogen infrastructure components

- **Storage**

- Gaseous
  - Above ground tanks – compressed gas
  - Geologic
    - 3 geologic storage caverns and 1 under construction
    - ~50 tonne capacity per cavern
    - Located in Gulf Coast region
- Liquid
  - Cryogenic
    - Classic example: NASA

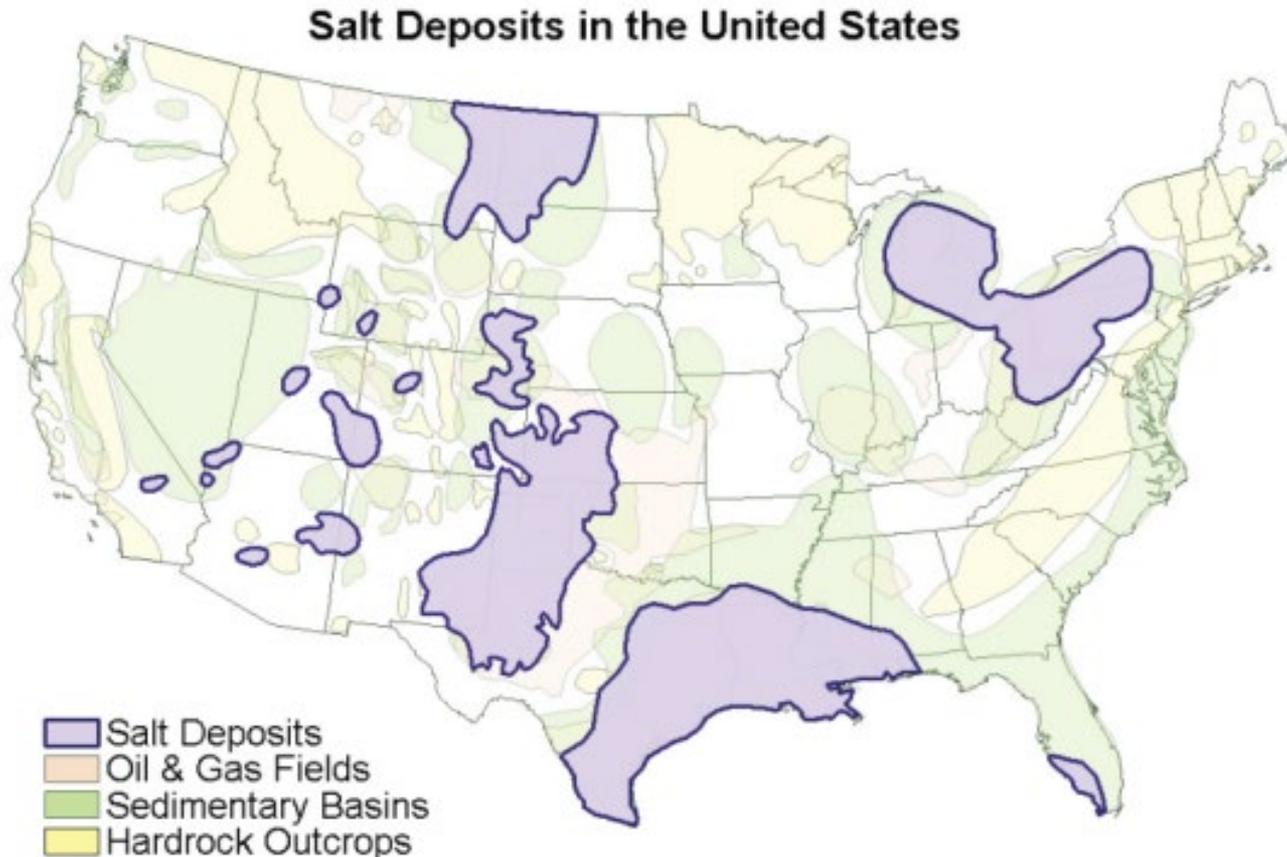
- **Delivery**

- Gas tank truck
- Liquid tank truck
- Pipeline
  - ~1,600 miles of hydrogen pipelines in US
    - Located in Gulf Coast, LA and Indiana lake region



# Geologic Storage for Hydrogen

## Potential Cavern Storage



Source: Foh et al., 1979; Gilhaus et al., 2006

### Geologic Storage:

- *Salt deposit attributes*
  - Excellent for storage of high purity hydrogen
  - Large volume storage
  - Minimal leakage potential
- *Sedimentary basins*
  - Excellent for storage of high purity hydrogen
  - Large volume storage
- *Depleted Oil & Gas fields*
  - Large volume storage
  - **NOT Suitable** for storage of high purity hydrogen

# Comparison of 2 Energy Systems: Natural Gas and Hydrogen Infrastructure

| Infrastructure             | Natural Gas   | Hydrogen   |
|----------------------------|---|--|
| <b>Pipeline</b>            | Many miles throughout the US  | ~1,600 miles exist<br><i>Requires alloy piping for high pressure</i>   |
| <b>Storage</b>             | Cavern storage, intermediate storage in depleted oil & gas formations | 3 caverns at 50 tons per cavern, 1 under construction<br><i>Requires salt dome geologic storage for high purity H<sub>2</sub></i>                        |
| <b>Liquid systems</b>      | LNG systems and terminals   | H <sub>2</sub> liquefiers around the US and Canada, more under construction<br><i>Systems cost ~\$160 M per 30 ton/day unit, high electricity demand</i> |
| <b>Purity requirements</b> | Meet the FERC requirements for heating value                          | High purity for fuel cells, moderate purity for refining applications<br><i>Require hydrogen purity of 99.9999% for fuel cell applications</i>           |

# Electrical Markets

## How can the ISOs benefit the buildout of clean hydrogen?

Electrical Grid Offers an Infrastructure Solution for Hydrogen through Distributed Electrolysis



# Why hydrogen?

## Hydrogen is a DOE Priority

- Hydrogen is central to the Department of Energy's clean energy strategy
- DOE Hydrogen Fuel Cell Technologies Office *Hydrogen Earthshot*
  - Announced by DOE Secretary Granholm in 2021
  - Goal to reduce the cost of hydrogen to \$1/kg in one decade (1-1-1)
- **Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act**
  - Signed into law on November 15, 2021 by President Biden
  - Section 813. Regional Clean Hydrogen Hubs
    - Support the development of at least 4 regional hydrogen hubs
    - Demonstrate the production, processing, delivery, storage and end-use of clean hydrogen
    - Each hub eligible for up to \$2 billion in federal support



## DOE Request for Information (RFI) in advance of the planned FOA

- Issued Feb. 16, 2022
- Response due March 8, 2022
- Requests responses for up to 40 questions (not all need to be answered)
- Describes Phases of Hub Funding
  - Phase 1 - Hub Planning (8-12 \$1-\$4 M DOE awards over 3-18 months)
  - Phase 2 - Hub Construction and Deployment (4-6 \$500 M-\$1 B awards over 5 or more years)



# ***Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act***



# Regional Clean Hydrogen Hubs

## Criteria

- Demonstrate the production of clean hydrogen with a focus on one of the following:
  - Nuclear Energy
  - Renewable Energy
  - Fossil Fuels
- H<sub>2</sub>Hubs **must**
  - Demonstrably aid the achievement of the clean hydrogen production standard developed under Section 822(a) [defined as 2 kg CO<sub>2</sub>e/kg H<sub>2</sub> at the point of production];
  - Demonstrate the production, processing, delivery, storage, and end-use of clean hydrogen; and
  - Aid the transition to a national clean hydrogen network to facilitate a clean hydrogen economy.



# Regional Clean Hydrogen Hubs

## End-Use Diversity

- At least one regional clean hydrogen hub shall demonstrate the end-use of clean hydrogen in:
  - Electric Power Generation
  - Industrial
  - Residential and Commercial Heating
  - Transportation

## Geographic Diversity

Each regional clean hydrogen hub:

- Shall be located in a different region of the U.S.
- Use energy resources that are abundant in that region

# Regional Clean Hydrogen Hubs

## Feedstock Diversity

- At least one hub demonstrating clean hydrogen production from each of the following sources (i.) fossil fuels, (ii.) **renewable energy**, (iii.) **nuclear energy**

## Employment

Priority given to regional clean hydrogen hubs that are likely to create opportunities for skilled training and long-term employment to the greatest number of residents in the region

## DEI

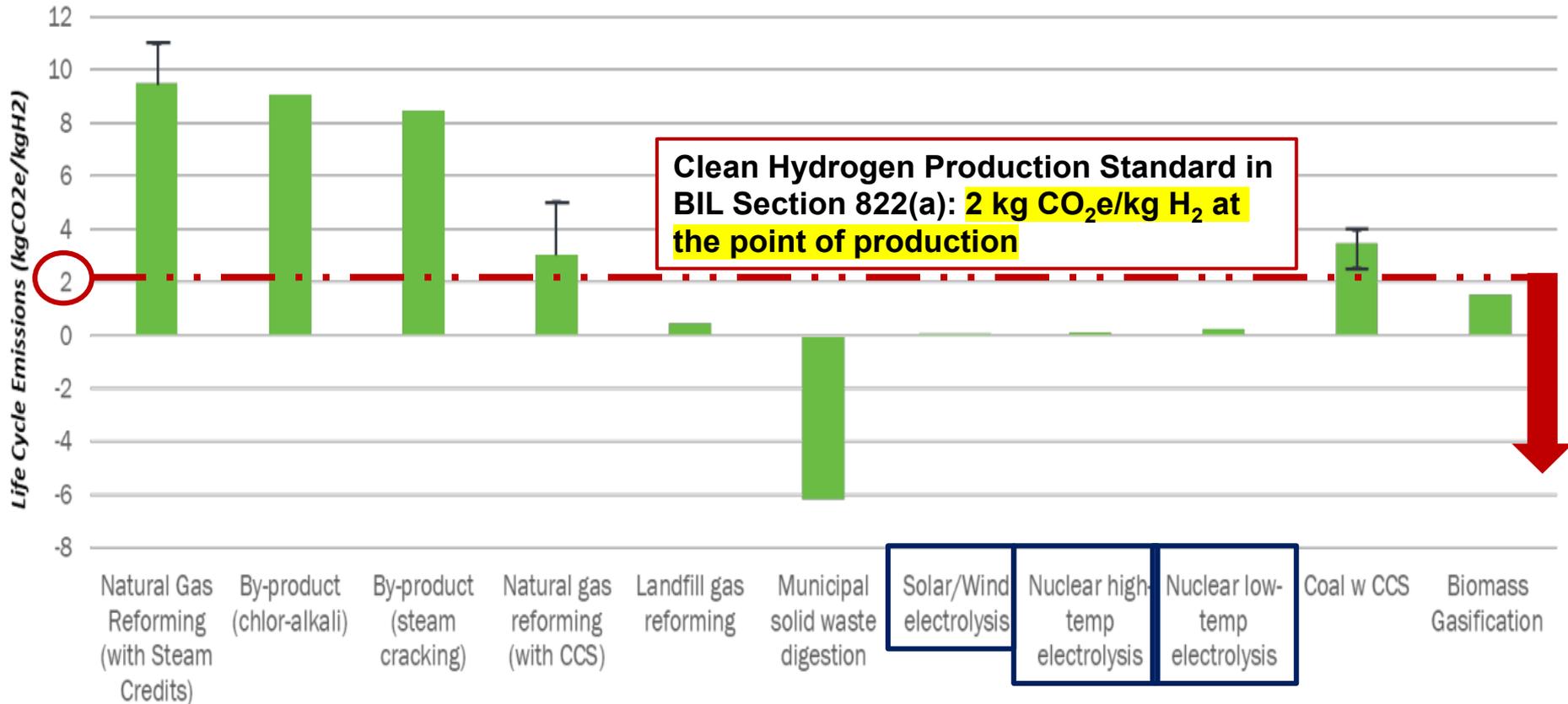
Expected that DOE will require a plan for diversity, equity and inclusion



# ***CO2 Emissions***

# CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions from Hydrogen Production Pathways

Emerging technologies can meet and exceed “Clean H<sub>2</sub>” standards



*Ranges shown reflect potential variability in upstream leak rates, CCS efficiency, and capture rates. Baseline assumes 90% capture.*

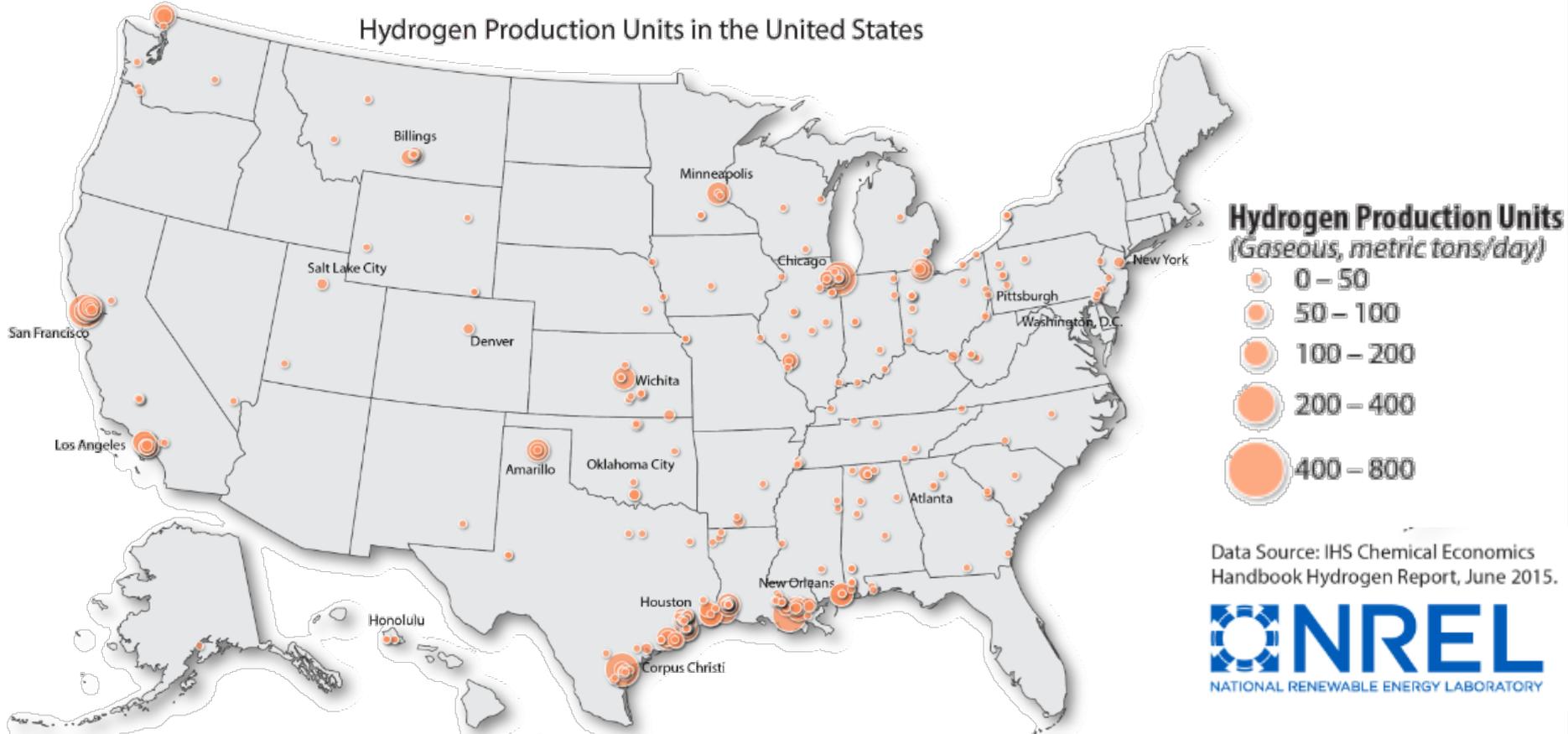
Source: Greenhouse Gases, Regulated Emissions, and Energy Use in Technologies Model 2021, <https://greet.es.anl.gov/>  
 Source: <https://www.energy.gov/sites/default/files/2022-02/h2iqhour-02242022.pdf>



# ***Backup***

# Hydrogen is an industrial commodity

Hydrogen Production Units in the United States



Source: DOE <https://www.energy.gov/eere/fuelcells/articles/increase-your-h2iq-training-resource>

U.S. annual hydrogen production

**10 million metric tons**

Largest users in the U.S.

Petroleum Processing

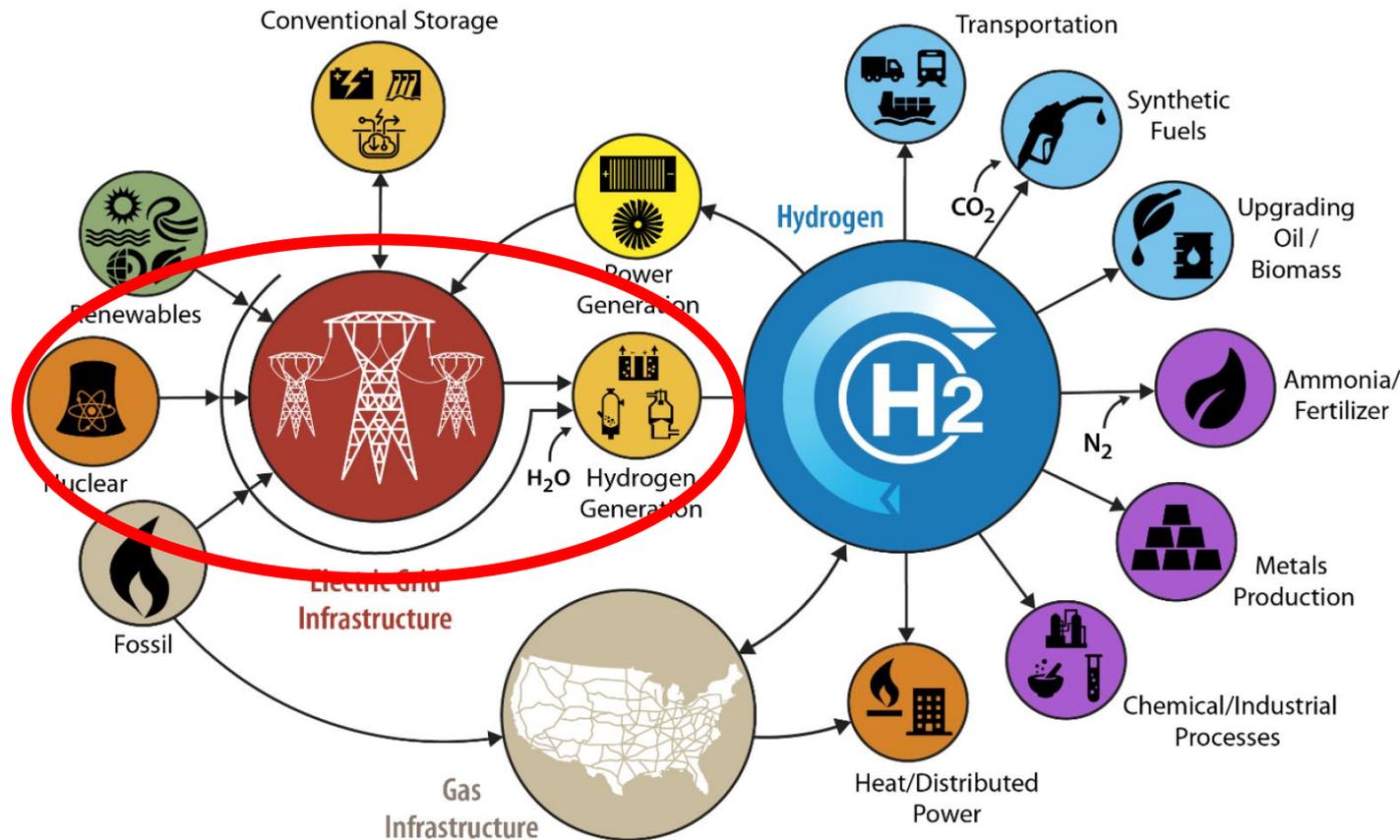
**68%**

Fertilizer Production

**21%**

# H<sub>2</sub>@Scale

Nuclear Power is a key ingredient to the success of large scale hydrogen utilization of the DOE H<sub>2</sub>@Scale strategy



H<sub>2</sub>@Scale lays a framework for the potential wide-scale production and utilization of hydrogen.

H<sub>2</sub>@Scale addresses high level energy-related issues such as enabling grid resiliency, energy security, cross-sector efficiency improvements, and emissions reductions.