



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF  
**ENERGY**

# **Technology Validation**

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**2009 DOE Hydrogen Program & Vehicle  
Technologies Program**

**Merit Review and Peer Evaluation Meeting**

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*Goal: Validate complete systems of integrated hydrogen and fuel cell technologies for transportation, infrastructure and electricity generation applications under real-world operating conditions*

## Objectives:

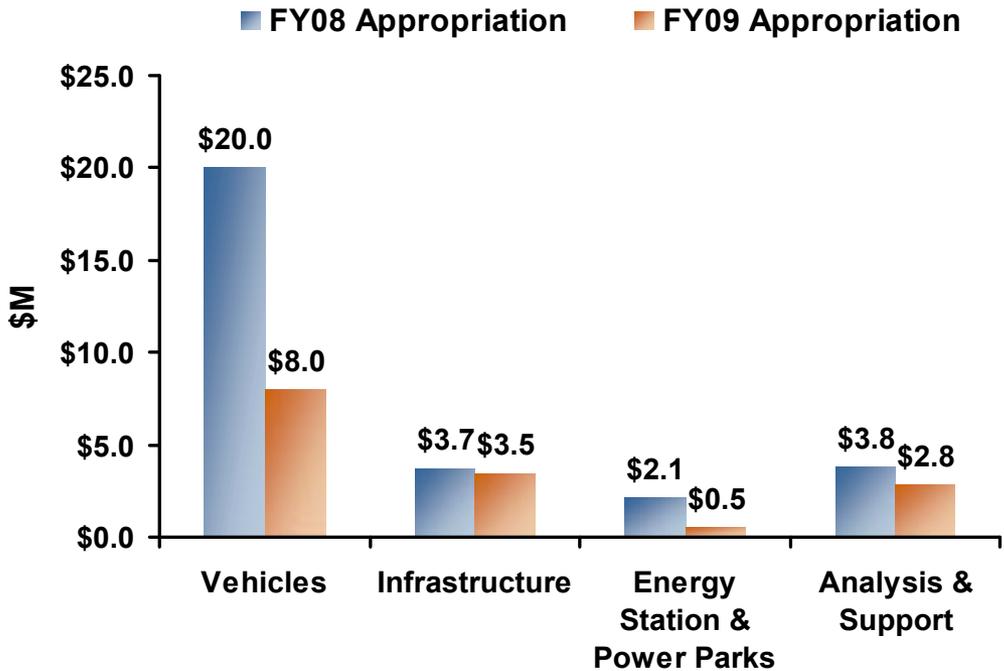
- Validate hydrogen and fuel cell technologies under real world conditions
- Identify current status of the technology
  - Assess progress toward technology readiness
  - Provide feedback to H<sub>2</sub> Research and Development

### **Key Targets**

Performance Measure	2009	2015
Fuel Cell Stack Durability	2000 hours	5000 hours
Vehicle Range	250+ miles	300+ miles
Hydrogen Cost at Station	\$3/gge	\$2-3/gge



**FY 2009 Appropriation = \$14.8M**  
**FY 2008 Appropriation = \$ 29.6M**



## EMPHASIS

- All Gen 2 vehicles and fueling stations in operation using advanced technology hardware to meet program objectives.
- Verify 2,000 hour fuel cell durability target by 2010.
- Collect vehicle operational and maintenance data and conduct dynamometer testing to evaluate fuel cell performance and range.



*The lack of data on vehicles and infrastructure has been addressed in  
Phase 1 of the Learning Demonstration*

- Lack of fuel cell vehicle performance and durability data
- Lack of refueling infrastructure performance and availability data
- Need to assess
  - fuel cell start-up and operation in 3 different climatic conditions
  - ability to start fuel cells in cold climates
- Evaluation of filling vehicles at 700 bar
- Need to address fuel cell vehicle and infrastructure interface issues



# 2009 Progress & Accomplishments

*Fuel Cell Vehicles and hydrogen infrastructure continue to operate without major problems*



- 140 fuel cell vehicles and 20 hydrogen fueling stations in operation
- All Gen 2 vehicles in operation now
- Fuel cell durability
  - 1,977 hours projected (nearly 60K miles)
- Over 1.9 million miles traveled
- Over 85K total vehicle hours driven
- Fuel cell efficiency 53-58%
- Over 88,000 kg of hydrogen produced or dispensed
- 6 hydrogen stations at 700 bar



## **FUTURE PLANS**

- Continue testing and operation of generation 1 and 2 fuel cell vehicles
- Verify
  - 2,000 hour fuel cell durability
  - \$3.00/gasoline gallon equivalent
- Complete the construction of refueling station for buses at Volcanoes National Park in Hawaii
- Continue data collection of fuel cell buses, stationary fuel cell and fork lifts

- Analysis of the data from the Learning Demonstration Project – NREL
- Learning Demonstration Projects
  - Chevron and Hyundai-Kia
  - Ford and BP
  - Chrysler, Daimler and BP
  - GM and Shell
- Hydrogen Energy Station – APCI
- California Hydrogen Infrastructure Project – APCI
- Fuel Cell Bus Evaluations
- Hawaii Hydrogen Center – Hawaii Natural Energy Institute



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