

2012 DOE VEHICLES TECHNOLOGIES PROGRAM REVIEW:

LITHIUM-ION BATTERY RECYCLING FACILITIES

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Summary

- Toxco Inc, was the sole recipient of DOE funding under **DE-FOA-0000026- Area** of Interest 4 (Advanced Lithium ion Battery Recycling Facilities)
- Expanded facility to manage End of Life Hybrid and Electric Vehicle Batteries currently under construction in Lancaster Ohio
- Facility to utilize advanced recycling technologies to recover active battery constituents for "Battery to Battery" recycling.
- Construction project is contiguous to Toxco's existing battery recycling facility in Ohio.
- Dedicated large format advanced battery recycling facility to provide long term services and solutions to burgeoning HEV/EV industry.

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Overview

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	Timeline		Barriers	Mitigation
Start Date	April 1, 2010		End of Life Vehicle Batteries Timeline	Sustainability in Processing Materials
Finish Date	December 2013		U.S. Battery Production Timeline	Managing Materials Through Pre-Production
Funding To Date	Budget		Cell Chemistry Identification	Working Groups within Industry (i.e. USABC)
DOE Project Funding	\$ 9,553,652		RISKS	
Contractor Project Funding	\$ 9,553,607		Consumer Confidence in New EV Technology	Market Conditions Apply
Capital Outlay 2011	\$ 3,056,021.05		Unsuccessful Deployment of EV Technology	Market Conditions Apply
DOE	\$ 1,634,837.09		New Battery Technology Developments	Flexibility in Recycling Technology
Contractor	\$ 1,634,837.09		Partners	Responsibility
Phase 1 Percentage Completed (Construction)	90%		Electri-Core	DOE Outreach, Industry Education, Reporting.

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Objectives/Relevance

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- Toxco Inc.'s objective is to construct a battery recycling facility dedicated to the recycling of large format high energy batteries used in hybrid and electric vehicles.
- Toxco's prime objective is to solve for various chemistries used in OEM vehicle and grid application platforms;
- Recycle and Recover battery constituents for "Battery to Battery" recycling
- Recover strategic metals such as Rare Earth
 Lanthanides from batteries to secure valuable resources.
 - Provide economic growth through the creation of new jobs in high tech recycling.

Facility Construction Equipment Installation Recycle and Recover RAW Materials

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- Establish a sustainable business model in preparation for long term solution for EV/HEV batteries.
- Adaptable technological interface between multiple battery chemistries.
- □ Create industry partnerships to provide Battery Ready Materials to achieve low cost battery production for HEV/EV's.
 - Hire leading technologists to strive for continued improvements to meet the varied challenges in a rapidly changing environment.
 - Creation of sustainable jobs in Ohio.

Cross Platform Battery Systems

Segregated Battery Recycling Lines

> Battery Ready Materials



Approach

- As Toxco's challenge in this space in unique among all ARRA recipients, due to the life cycle of HEV/EV batteries, Toxco has developed and fostered a collaborative approach with key industry players to build on business relationships and sustainable modeling with respect to End of Life Battery Recycling:
 - Manage and recycle industrial battery waste from large OEM battery manufactures.
 - Established recycling contracts and relationships with many OEM automotive manufacturers.
 - Provide key recycling services to industry sponsored programs for end of life collection and recycling.
 - Continue to enhance and improve recovery technologies in advance of completed construction.
 - Continue industry outreach through presentations at various conferences and technical programs.





Approach

- Environmental Standards
 - *Toxco is a fully permitted facility in Ohio.*
 - OHIO EPA PERMIT OHD071654958
 - ARRA project is an expansion of an existing, successful, permitted battery recycling operation in Ohio.
 - The New facility was chosen due to close proximity to ARRA funding recipients and U.S. automotive manufacturing hubs
- NEPA Findings
 - Toxco's NEPA audit has been completed.
 - A Finding of No Significant Impact was issued April 2010.
- Go / NO Go Criteria
 - Environmental Assessment Completed
 - Validation of Recycle process Completed
 - Facility Build (Construction) 90% Completed





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Facility design, layout, construction, and processing

Battery Materials

Secondary Batteries



Technical Accomplishments and Progress

- Toxco has achieved recovery of rare earth metals in metallic form (third party validation) from recycled NiMh batteries.
 - Validation of recovery technologies in pre-commercialized system.
 - Relevance to Go/No Go Milestone Success.
- Facility Construction is almost complete April (historic rain events in Ohio has delayed progress) First battery Lines implemented July August.
- Recovered battery materials have been submitted to 3rd party battery manufacturer for test cell production.
- Continued enhancement of separation of cathode/separator/anode from LiB's in advance of plant build out.



Technical Accomplishments and Progress

- Since 2010 Toxco has created or sustained 15 jobs in relation this project.
- *Toxco expects to add at least 8 new positions by end of 2012.*
- Currently engaged in discussions with multiple ARRA stakeholders on sustained recycling programs for batteries and materials.



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Collaboration/Partnerships

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- Continued support and participation for industry led initiatives such as Recycling Task Force – Society Automotive Engineers
- Continue to participate in industry collaboration via Vehicle Recycling Partnership - USCAR
- Provide Education outreach on End of Life Battery Management through Trade Groups – Automotive Recyclers Association, and International Scrap Recycling Institute (ISRI)
- Education through presentations and technical conference attendance.
 - SAE Vehicle Technology Symposium
 - ISRI Annual Conference
 - Automotive Battery Recycling Association
 - PRBA



Future Work - 2012

- Toxco will continue with the construction of the Ohio expansion.
 Estimated construction completion April/May 2012.
- Equipment placement of the first battery recycling line expected complete July – August 2012
- Toxco will continue efforts in customer outreach and promotion of Toxco expanded service areas.
- Development and continued validation of Battery Ready Materials to be used in the manufacturing of new battery products.
- Begin interviews and hiring of initial staff for new operations June
 July

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Future work

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Toxco's Construction Progress







