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Safety Panel

# Safety Planning for the H-Prize Competition

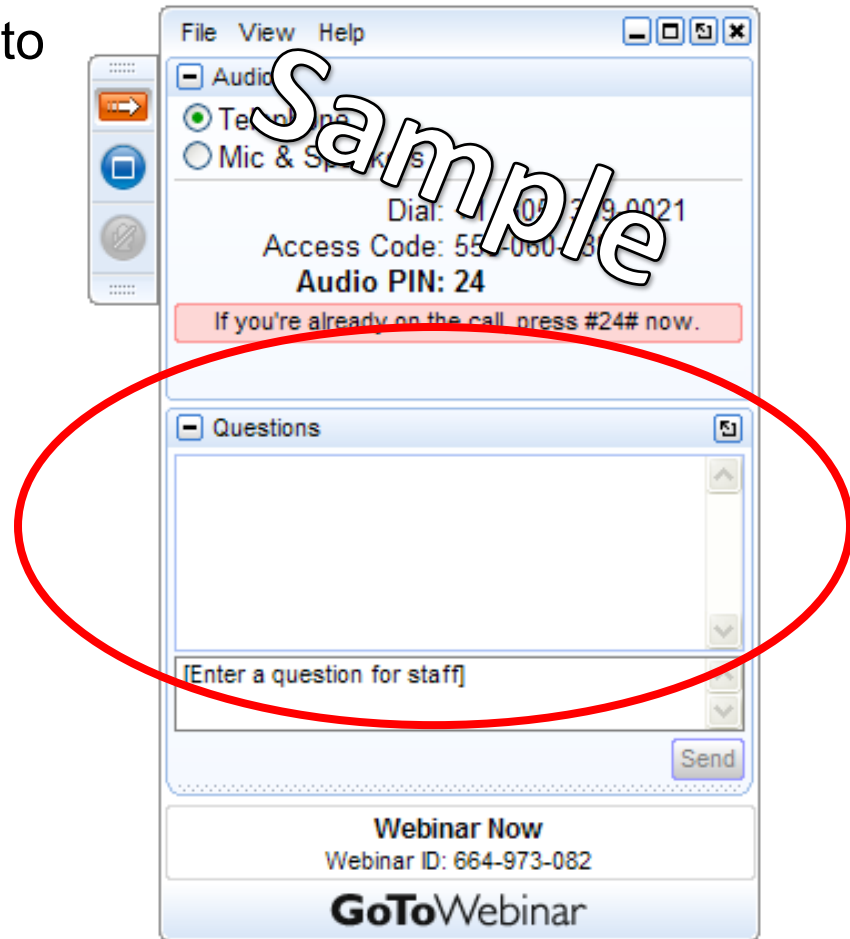
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## Question and Answer

- Please type your questions into



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## About the H-Prize

H2 Refuel is the 2014-2016 H-Prize competition. It challenges America's innovators to deploy an on-site hydrogen generation system, using electricity or natural gas, to fuel hydrogen vehicles, that can be used in homes, community centers, retail sites or similar locations. The best entry, based on technical and cost criteria, will win \$1 million.

The H-Prize was established by the 2007 Energy Independence and Security Act to be a series of competitions to encourage and reward innovations and advances in hydrogen energy technologies.

The H-Prize is administered by the Hydrogen Education Foundation, and sponsored by the Department of Energy's Fuel Cell Technologies Office.



*Safe practices for the production, storage, distribution and use of hydrogen are essential to establish public confidence and for reducing barriers to widespread acceptance of hydrogen technologies.*

## **Safety Planning**

- As part of the design submission for finalist selection, contestants must:
  - include a safety plan
  - a hazard analysis, and
  - have received approvals from local planning/zoning, fire and building officials before system operation (this may require some approval processes be started by the time of design submission, and that should be indicated in the submission information)

The following slides provide an overview and resources to help with safety planning.

# Hydrogen Safety Resources

PNNL has a core capability in hydrogen safety to meet the DOE Fuel Cell Technologies Office goals and needs. The capability is implemented through the resources below.

## Hydrogen Safety Panel

- Identify Safety-Related Technical Data Gaps
- Review Safety Plans and Project Designs
- Perform Safety Evaluation Site Visits
- Provide Technical Oversight for Other Program Areas



## Safety Knowledge Tools and Dissemination

- Hydrogen Lessons Learned
- Hydrogen Best Practices
- Hydrogen Tools (iPad/iPhone mobile application)
- Hydrogen Tools Portal (<http://h2tools.org>)



## Hydrogen Safety First Responder Training

- Online Awareness Training
- Operations-level Classroom/Hands-on Training
- National H<sub>2</sub> and Fuel Cell Emergency Response Training Resource





# Hydrogen Safety Panel

*The Hydrogen Safety Panel is a team of highly experienced individuals created to address concerns about hydrogen as a safe and sustainable energy carrier.*

**Principal Objective:** Promote the safe operation, handling, and use of hydrogen and hydrogen systems across all installations and applications by:

- identifying and addressing safety-related technical data gaps
- making design, construction, and operations personnel aware of relevant issues and best practices that affect safe operation and handling of hydrogen and related systems
- working with design, construction, and operations personnel to ensure that safety is a priority in their daily, ongoing work

# Hydrogen Safety Panel Activities

**The Hydrogen Safety Panel contributes to its objective by:**

- ▶ participating in safety reviews
- ▶ providing safety planning guidance
- ▶ reviewing project designs and safety plans
- ▶ sharing safety knowledge and best practices
- ▶ presenting and recognizing safety as a priority
- ▶ participating in incident investigations



*Hydrogen Safety Panel members at the California Fuel Cell Partnership in West Sacramento, CA, for the 21st meeting*

# Hydrogen Safety Panel Accomplishments

- Over 410 project reviews covering vehicle fueling stations, auxiliary power, backup power, combined heat and power, industrial truck fueling, portable power and R&D activities.
- White papers with recommendations recently include:
  - Secondary Protection for 70MPa Fueling
  - Safety of Hydrogen Systems Installed in Outdoor Enclosures
- Supported development/updating of safety knowledge tools: Lessons Learned and Best Safety Practices on the Hydrogen Tools Portal ([h2tools.org](http://h2tools.org)).
- Conducted 21 Hydrogen Safety Panel meetings since 2003. Panel meetings currently engage a broad cross-section of the hydrogen and fuel cell community.

## Hydrogen Safety Panel Members

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Robert Zalosh	Firexplo



# Learnings from Fuel Cell Deployments

- Project Integration
  - A thorough and integrated approach to project safety planning needs to involve all parties
- Hazard Analysis
  - Safety vulnerability analysis needs to comprehensively consider potential incident scenarios introduced by hydrogen/fuel cell deployment and equipment operations and exposures
- Requirements
  - Practices in technology development phases don't necessarily translate to safe or code compliant configurations for deployment
  - Safety issues associated with the modular design approach for refueling equipment need to be better understood by both manufacturers and code developers for safe and economical deployments
- Certification
  - The role and scope of third-party certification of hydrogen and fuel cell systems need to be clarified to facilitate their commercialization
    - What is covered and do certifications support or replace AHJ approval?

# The Need for Safety planning

Safety is an essential ingredient for establishing public confidence and reducing barriers toward the goals of decreasing our dependence on oil, reducing carbon emissions and enabling clean, reliable power generation. Safe practices in the production, storage, distribution, and use of hydrogen are:

- essential to protect people from injury or death, and
- necessary to minimize damage to facilities



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# Primary Goals

## The goals of safety planning are to:

- ▶ identify hazards,
- ▶ evaluate risks by considering the likelihood and severity/consequence of an incident associated with the hazards, and
- ▶ minimize the risks associated with a project

To achieve these goals, various hazard analysis and risk assessment techniques are used, in conjunction with safety reviews.

***Safety planning should be an integral part of the design and operation of a system. Safety approvals should not be after thoughts or final hurdles to be overcome before a system can become operational.***

# Guidance for Effective Safety Plans

## **The project safety planning process is meant to:**

- help identify and avoid potential hydrogen and related incidents
- generate a good safety plan that will serve as a guide for the safe conduct of all project work

## **A safety plan should:**

- use a graded approach based on level of risk and complexity
- cover all experimental/operational work being conducted with particular emphasis on the aspects involving hydrogen, hazardous materials handling and fuel cell systems

# Safety Plan Topics

- Scope of Work
- Organizational Safety Information
  - Organizational Policies & Procedures
  - Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Experience
- Project Safety
  - Identification of Safety Vulnerabilities
  - Risk Reduction Plan
  - Management of Change Procedures
  - Project Safety Documentation
- Communications Plan
  - Employee Training
  - Safety Events and Lessons Learned
  - Emergency Response

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# Focusing on the Hazards

Potential hazards in any work, process or system should be identified, analyzed and eliminated or mitigated as part of sound safety planning. **In general, a good safety plan identifies:**

- immediate (primary) failure modes
- secondary failure modes that may come about as a result of other failures

*For effective safety planning, an attempt is made to identify all conceivable failures, from catastrophic failures to benign collateral failures. Identification and discussion of perceived benign failures may lead to the identification of more serious potential failures.*

# Identification of Safety Vulnerabilities

- Identification of Safety Vulnerabilities (ISV). Assessment of the potential hazards associated with work at any scale from laboratory to operations begins with the identification of an appropriate assessment technique. The ISV is the formal means by which potential safety issues associated with laboratory or process steps, materials, equipment, operations, facilities and personnel are identified. The plan should describe:
  - the ISV method that is used for this project
  - who leads and stewards the use and results of the ISV process
  - significant accident scenarios identified (e.g. higher consequence, higher frequency)
  - significant vulnerabilities (risks) identified
  - safety critical equipment

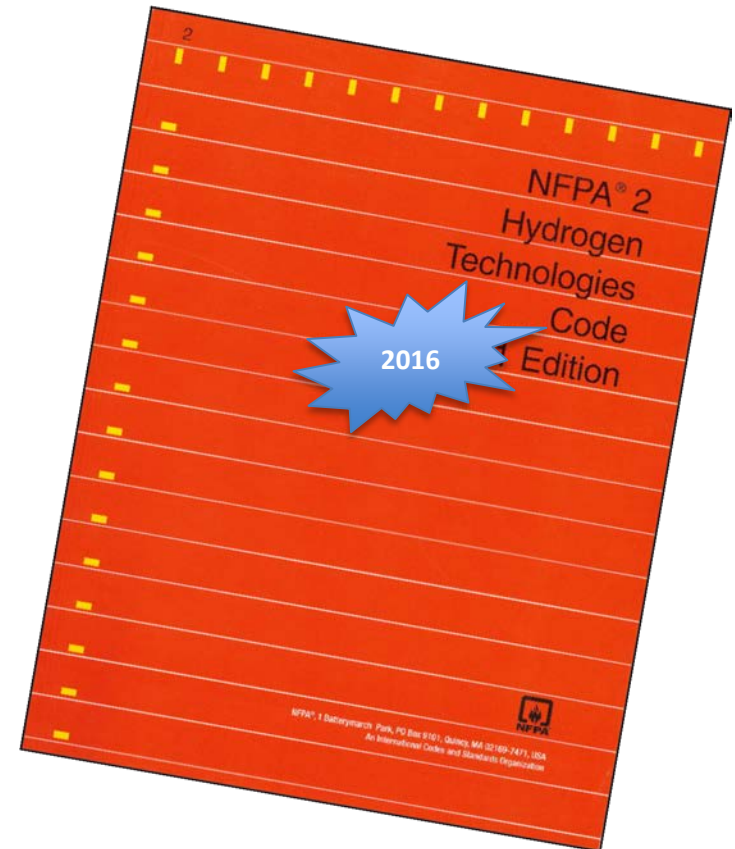
## Two questions should be addressed in the ISV:

- *What hazard associated with this project is most likely to occur?*
- *What hazard associated with this project has the potential to result in the worst consequence?*

# Codes and Standards

**Designs must meet the relevant safety codes and standards for installation in the target location, including the applicable parts of the following:**

- NFPA 2, Hydrogen Technologies Code, 2011 Edition
- NFPA 70, National Electrical Code®
- ASME B31.3, Process Piping; or B31.12, Hydrogen Piping and Pipelines
- ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code (BPV)
- SAE J2719, Hydrogen Fuel Quality for Fuel Cell Vehicles





# Codes and Standards (cont'd)

The following fueling protocols are likely to apply to some but not all potential system designs; relevant designs/submittals will be expected to meet these codes and standards where applicable.

- SAE J2601: for automotive fueling
- SAE J2601-2: for heavy duty vehicle fueling
- ISO/IS 22734-2: Hydrogen generators using water electrolysis process, residential applications

Additional codes and standards may apply depending on the system design and installation location.

***Submissions that deviate from the base codes and standards listed will need to provide detailed information on what is different and how equivalent safety is provided.***

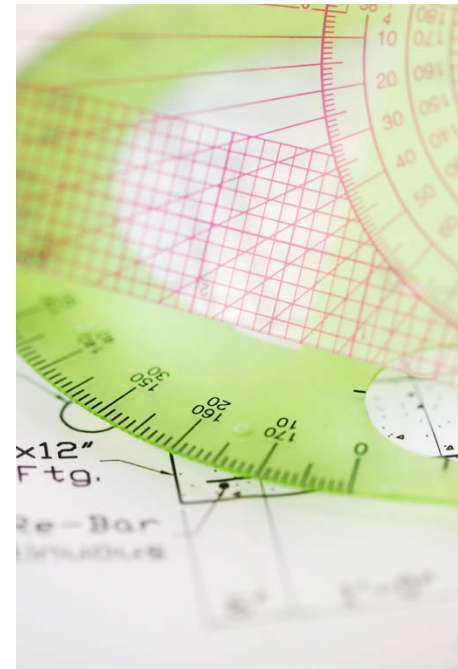
# Other Relevant Questions...

- Who are the authorities having jurisdiction, and to what degree have they been involved in the design and installation of equipment for this project?
- Was there any special permitting and/or certification that was required?
- Has a third-party review or certification of any components, sub-systems, systems or products been considered and performed?

# Additional Required Documentation

In addition to the safety plan, the following documents should be provided:

1. Process flow diagram, piping and instrument diagram, or both
2. Preliminary design or functional description for each component in the system
3. Codes and standards compliance discussion
4. Layout of the system in the planned installation, along with
  - a. Required separation distances
  - b. Hydrogen vent system considerations
  - c. Electrical classification and ignition source control
  - d. Ventilation requirements for any enclosed spaces



# Safety Resources

# Hydrogen Tools

## A Transformative Step Towards Hydrogen Adoption

### CENTRALIZED LOCATION

organizes current H<sub>2</sub> resources in one robust location—including **more than 20** existing tools, with plans for adding future content

### FOCUSED CONTENT

tailored to the specialized needs of H<sub>2</sub> user groups

### CUSTOMIZABLE INTERFACE

allows content to display based on the H<sub>2</sub> user's role or interests

### RESPONSIVE DESIGN

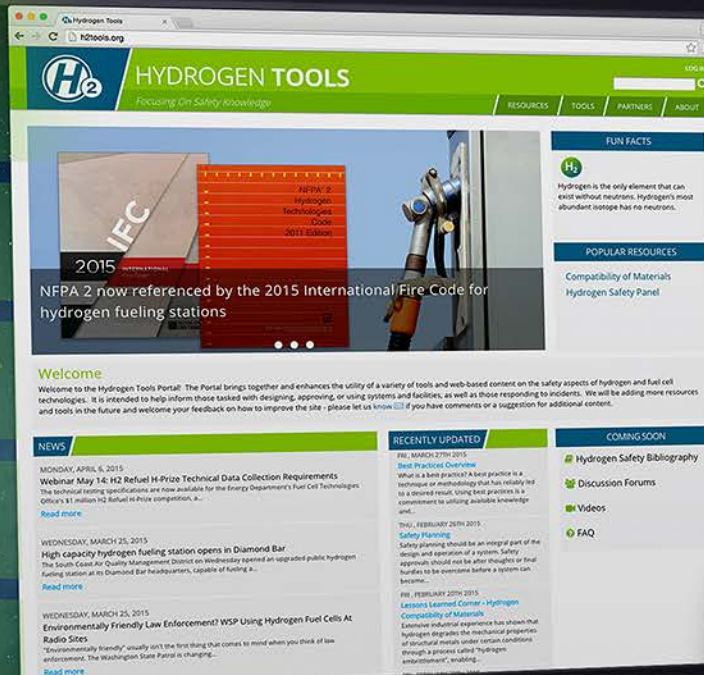
enables H<sub>2</sub> safety work across both desktop and mobile devices

### TRUSTED COMMUNITIES

fostered through social networking around H<sub>2</sub> subject matter expertise

### EXPANDABLE FORMAT

built with frequently requested future feature sets in mind



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<http://h2tools.org>

► **Credible and reliable** safety information from a **trustworthy** source

# H2tools.org/bestpractices

## ...sharing experience, applying best practices

- Introduction to Hydrogen
  - So you want to know something about hydrogen?
- Hydrogen Properties
  - Hydrogen compared with other fuels
- Safety Practices
  - Safety culture
  - Safety planning
  - Incident procedures
  - Communications
- Design and Operations
  - Facility design considerations
  - Storage and piping
  - Operating procedures
  - Equipment maintenance
  - Laboratory safety
  - Indoor refueling of forklifts

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### Best Practices

#### Impact of Hydrogen Properties on Facility Design

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An understanding of the properties of hydrogen is critical for the proper design of a facility or workspace. A workspace can be configured to mitigate hazards by understanding and taking advantage of some of the characteristics of hydrogen.

Designers and operators of hydrogen storage facilities must be aware that hydrogen's flammability range is very wide compared to other fuels. Additionally, under optimal combustion conditions (at a 20% hydrogen-to-air volume ratio), the energy required to initiate hydrogen combustion is much lower than that required for other common fuels (e.g., a small spark).

Property	Hydrogen H <sub>2</sub>	Methane CH <sub>4</sub>	Gasoline
Normal boiling point <sup>1</sup> (NBP) [°C]	-253	-162	37 - 205
Physical state at 25°C, 1 atm	Gas	Gas	Liquid
Heating Values <sup>2</sup>			
LHV (kJ/g)	120	50	44.5
HHV (kJ/g)	142	55.5	48
Flammability limits (vol% in air)	4.0-75	5.3-15	1.0-7.6
Molecular weight	2.02	16.0	~107
Flame temperature in air <sup>3</sup> [°C]	2045	1875	2200
Minimum ignition energy <sup>2</sup> [mJ]	0.02	0.29	0.24
Quenching distance [mm]	0.64	2.0	2.0
Density at NBP (g/L)	70.8	423	~700
Vapor specific gravity at 25°C, 1 atm (air=1)	0.070	0.54	3.7

<sup>1</sup>The boiling point at 1 atm pressure.

<sup>2</sup>Heating values are the energy per gram of fuel, generated by a combustion reaction. The higher heating value (HHV) is obtained when all of the water formed by combustion is liquid. The lower heating value (LHV) is obtained when all of the water formed by combustion is vapor.

<sup>3</sup>Experimentally determined flame temperatures are shown in the table. These values do not differ significantly from theoretical adiabatic flame temperatures. See Ref. (3) for discussion.

<sup>4</sup>In air at 1 atm pressure.

For any incident involving hydrogen, keep in mind the properties of hydrogen and watch for potential ignition sources that can ignite a hydrogen leak:

- electrical (e.g., static electricity, electric charge from operating equipment)
- mechanical (e.g., impact, friction, metal fracture)
- thermal (e.g., open flame, high-velocity jet heating, hot surfaces, vehicle exhaust)

There should be no grass or shrubs planted near areas where hydrogen potentially may be released to prevent the need for using powered garden tools in the area. According to NFPA 55, both compressed gaseous hydrogen storage vessels and liquid hydrogen storage vessels must be located at least 50 feet from combustible materials.

Mixtures near optimal combustion conditions should be considered prone to spontaneous ignition.

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*Safety events from "H2incidents.org" illustrate what can go wrong if best practices are not followed.*

# Gaseous Hydrogen Properties

Gaseous hydrogen:

- has a flammable range of 4-75% in air
- will typically rise and disperse rapidly (14x lighter than air)
- diffuses through materials not normally considered porous
- requires only a small amount of energy for ignition (0.02 mJ)
- burns with a pale blue, almost invisible flame
- can embrittle some metals

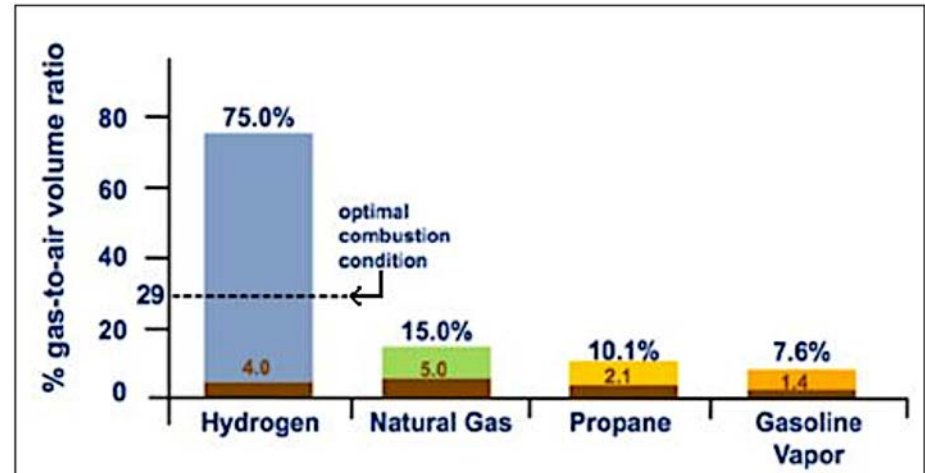


Figure 3. Flammability Range

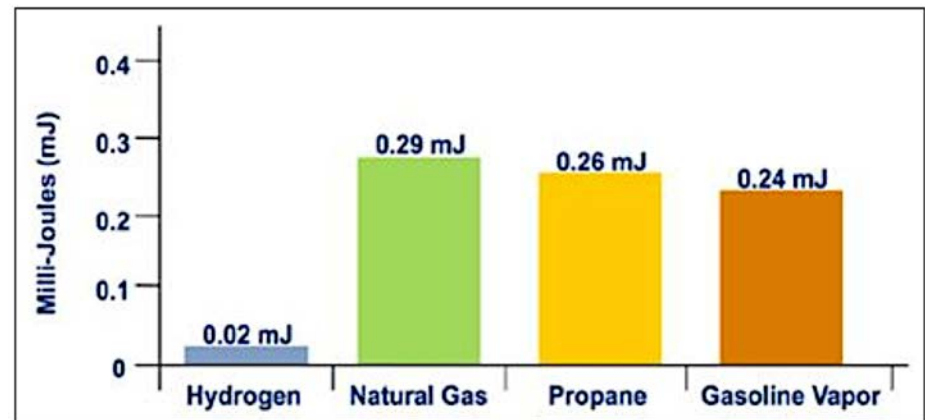


Figure 4. Minimum Ignition Energy

# Hydrogen Properties: A Comparison

	Hydrogen	Natural Gas	Gasoline
Color	No	No	Yes
Toxicity	None	Some	High
Odor	Odorless	Mercaptan	Yes
Buoyancy Relative to Air	14X Lighter	2X Lighter	3.75X Heavier
Energy by Weight	2.8X > Gasoline	~1.2X > Gasoline	43 MJ/kg
Energy by Volume	4X < Gasoline	1.5X < Gasoline	120 MJ/Gallon

Source: California Fuel Cell Partnership



Each safety event record contains

- Description
- Severity (Was hydrogen released? Was there ignition?)
- Setting
- Equipment
- Characteristics (High pressure? Low temperature?)
- Damage and Injuries
- Probable Cause(s)
- Contributing Factors
- Lessons Learned/Suggestions for Avoidance/Mitigation Steps Taken

**NOTE:** *Information that may uniquely identify an incident will not be displayed in the incident reports in order to maintain anonymity for the companies and locations.*

Hydrogen Tube Trailer Over...

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**Hydrogen Tube Trailer Overturns in Field**

**Severity:** Incident      **Leak:** Yes      **Ignition:** Overturn

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A hydrogen leak occurred when hydrogen tube trailer traveling on a rural roadway left the road, overturned on its side, and resulted in a single hydrogen tube valve being opened or broken. The cause of the accident is unknown, however, it appears to be unrelated to hydrogen (i.e., it is likely that human driving errors caused the accident). The hydrogen tubes contained compressed hydrogen gas at 200 bar (2,800 psi). The back end of the tube trailer containing the high pressure hydrogen cylinders and valves contacted the ground and resulted in the valve opening or breaking and forcing all the hydrogen from one tube. The substance that leaked was located on the bottom tank in the center position. The first firefighter crew at the accident scene verified that the leakage was limited to one tube and that there was no overheating condition as verified by a thermal imaging device. The second firefighter crew (H2AZMAT team) which was sent to recover the hydrogen remaining on the overturned tube trailer, determined that hydrogen recovery at the accident scene was not safe. The hydrogen tube trailer was lifted using lifting straps slung around the trailer near the hydrogen tube anchorage points, since the trailer did not have any fixed lifting points. After the tube trailer was upright, it was transported to the hydrogen supplier, where the hydrogen was removed and recovered. No injuries occurred related to the hydrogen leak.

**Setting:** Hydrogen Delivery Vehicle/Tube Trailer

**Equipment:** Hydrogen Delivery Vehicle/Tube Trailer

**Damage and Injuries:** Property Damage

**Probable Cause:** Vehicle Condition

**Contributing Factors:** Operator Induced Damage

**Characteristics:** High Pressure (100 bar)

**When Incident Discovered:** During Operations

**Lessons Learned:**

1. Increased structural protection is needed at the tube anchorage points in case of an accident. See problem 2.
2. A system of designated lifting features is needed on trailers to require the use of a crane for moving and lifting high hydrogen cylinders and located at protected points, greatly minimize hazardous and too safe.

**Supporting documents:**

Figure 1: Damage to hydrogen cylinder valves from Axle  
Figure 2: Hydrogen Tube Trailer Accident recovery job

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**Tube Trailer Rollover**

# Technical Reference for Hydrogen Compatibility of Materials

*Consists of material specific chapters (as individual PDF files) summarizing mechanical-property data from journal publications and technical reports*

- Plain Carbon Ferritic Steels
- Low-Alloy Ferritic Steels
- High-Alloy Ferritic Steels
- Austenitic Steels
- Aluminum Alloys
- Copper Alloys
- Nickel Alloys
- Nonmetals

The screenshot shows the 'HYDROGEN TOOLS' website with a green header and navigation menu. The main content area is titled 'Technical Reference for Hydrogen Compatibility of Materials' and includes a sidebar with navigation links, a description of the resource, and two tables of material data.

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**TECHNICAL REFERENCE** Technical Reference for Hydrogen Compatibility of Materials

A Sandia National Laboratories Resource

**Sandia National Laboratories**

Guidance on materials selection for hydrogen service is needed to support the deployment of hydrogen as a fuel as well as the development of codes and standards for stationary hydrogen use, hydrogen vehicles, refueling stations, and hydrogen transportation. Materials property measurement is needed on deformation, fracture and fatigue of metals in environments relevant to this hydrogen economy infrastructure. The identification of hydrogen-affected material properties such as strength, fracture resistance and fatigue resistance are high priorities to ensure the safe design of load-bearing structures.

To support the needs of the hydrogen community, Sandia National Laboratories is conducting an extensive review of reports and journal publications to gather existing materials data for inclusion in the Technical Reference for Hydrogen Compatibility of Materials. Additionally, Sandia is working internationally with collaborators to acquire newly generated data for inclusion in the Technical Reference. SAND2012-7321 is an archival report issued by Sandia National Laboratories representing the reference information compiled as of September 2012. Individual sections of this report may be updated or added periodically at this website.

**Plain Carbon Ferritic Steels**

Sub Metal Type	Designation	Nominal composition	Revision	Section
	C-Mn Alloys	Fe-C-Mn	5/07	1100

**Low-Alloy Ferritic Steels**

Sub Metal Type	Designation	Nominal composition	Revision	Section
Quenched & Tempered Steels	Cr-Mo Alloys	Fe-Cr-Mo	12/05	1211
Quenched & Tempered Steels	Ni-Cr-Mo Alloys	Fe-Ni-Cr-Mo	12/05	1212

# Hydrogen Safety Training for Researchers

- **Objectives:** Provide basic hydrogen safety training through an interactive online course
- Laboratory researchers and technical personnel handling hydrogen need basic information on pressure, cryogenics, flammability, asphyxiation, and other risks and precautions for using hydrogen.
- **Six Modules** are included in the course, with a quiz at the end of each module.
  - Course introduction and overview
  - Basic handling precautions for hydrogen use as they relate to Hydrogen's physical and chemical properties
  - Safety issues related to pressure systems
  - Safety issues related to cryogenic systems
  - Overview of emergency response considerations for hydrogen incidents
  - High-Level overview of the codes and standards that apply to hydrogen applications



Sample Screenshot

# Working with First Responders

## Preplanning

- H-Prize participants and facility owners should work with local first responders to assist in their preplanning activities. This should include a tour of the hydrogen facilities with focused attention on safety features and emergency shutoffs.

## Training

- Training of emergency response personnel should be a high priority to ensure that these personnel understand how to properly respond to a hydrogen incident.
- A variety of resources are available to assist with this training (see the resource lists at the end of this presentation).

## Equipment

- A hydrogen fire is often difficult to detect without a thermal imaging camera or flame detector. Ensure that the local first responders have one available for their use.

# First Responder Hydrogen Safety Training

## ▶ National Goal

- Support the successful implementation of hydrogen and fuel cell technologies by providing technically accurate hydrogen safety and emergency response information to first responders

## ▶ Integrated Activities

- Online, awareness-level training
- Classroom and hands-on operations-level training
- National training resource (enabling trainers)

## ▶ Collaboration and Partnerships

- Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL)
- California Fuel Cell Partnership (CaFCP)
- National Fire Academy



*A properly trained first responder community is critical to the successful introduction of hydrogen fuel cell applications and their transformation in how we use energy.*

# Online Awareness-level Training

Address <http://www.ehammertraining.us/energy/hydrogen/controller.cfm> Go Links

## Introduction to Hydrogen Safety for First Responders

U.S. Department of Energy  
Hydrogen Program  
[www.hydrogen.energy.gov](http://www.hydrogen.energy.gov)

**COURSE MATERIALS** LIBRARY EXIT ▶

Hydrogen Basics  Transport & Storage  Hydrogen Vehicles  Hydrogen Dispensing  Stationary Facilities  Codes & Standards  Emergency Response  Summary

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[www.hydrogen.energy.gov](http://www.hydrogen.energy.gov)

The Course Materials cover the following topics:

- Hydrogen Basics
- Transport & Storage
- Hydrogen Vehicles
- Hydrogen Dispensing
- Stationary Facilities
- Codes & Standards
- Emergency Response

**Online course content**

You can view the topic modules in sequence or select them in random order using the top navigation bar.

A short quiz follows at the end of the course. User responses will be collected but will not be attributed to you as an individual.

Begin the Course ▶

<http://hydrogen.pnl.gov/FirstResponders/>

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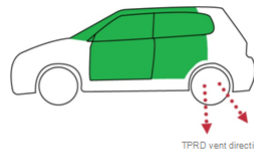
- 100 from hydrogen and emergency response community conduct broad review (Summer 2006)
- On-line training launched January 27, 2007
- 200-300 unique visits monthly; >32,000 total.

# National First Responder Training Resource



## Hydrogen Vehicle Safety Systems

- When a leak is detected by hydrogen sensors, solenoid valves close, shutting off the flow of hydrogen, and the vehicle safely shuts down
- When collision sensors activate:
  - Tank solenoid valves close so that hydrogen remains locked in the tank.
  - In FCVs, high-voltage relays open so that the high-voltage battery/capacitors are isolated from the system
- Tank solenoid valves also close when the vehicle is turned off or the power is disrupted
- Tanks have thermally activated pressure relief devices (TPRDs)



TPRD vent direction



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Can be downloaded at <http://h2tools.org/fr/nt/>

## National Hydrogen and Fuel Cells EMERGENCY

A properly trained first responder can perform critical tasks that hydrogen and fuel cell emergency response training resource as a comprehensive training materials are developed for organizations and are intended to serve their mission as an instructor to conduct the training.

This nationally-focused resource provides a variety of presentation materials for different presentation formats and comprehensive classroom delivery.

- **L1 (Overview)** - This resource has little knowledge is limited to basic technologies and additional slides
- **L2 (Short Course)** - This resource has an intermediate level of knowledge not necessarily classroom sessions minimized and condensed
- **L3 (Full Course)** - This resource contains materials that would be used for purposes intended for a full course

Feedback from presenters and first responders is used to update training content and resources. Feedback should be sent to [training@h2tools.org](mailto:training@h2tools.org)

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### A TEMPLATE for TRAINING

#### NATIONAL HYDROGEN AND FUEL CELLS EMERGENCY RESPONSE TRAINING

- Slide #1: What and Why
- Slide #2: National Hydrogen and Fuel Cells Emergency Response Training

Example Uses of Training Slides

#### 1. Introduction and Background Slide #3

	L1 Overview	L2 Short Course	L3 Full Course
Slide #4: Fuel Cells Overview and Benefits	✓	✓	✓
Slide #5/6/7: Fuel Cells – Where are We Today?			✓
Slide #8: Diverse Fuel Cell Transportation Applications			✓

#### 2. Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Basics Slide #9

##### 2.1 Hydrogen – Where does it come from and how do we use it now?

Slide #10: Why Hydrogen?	✓	✓	✓
Slide #11: Where Do We Get Hydrogen?	✓	✓	✓
Slide #12: Hydrogen Uses	✓	✓	✓
Slide #13: Hydrogen Distribution			✓
Slide #14: Transporting Hydrogen Today			✓

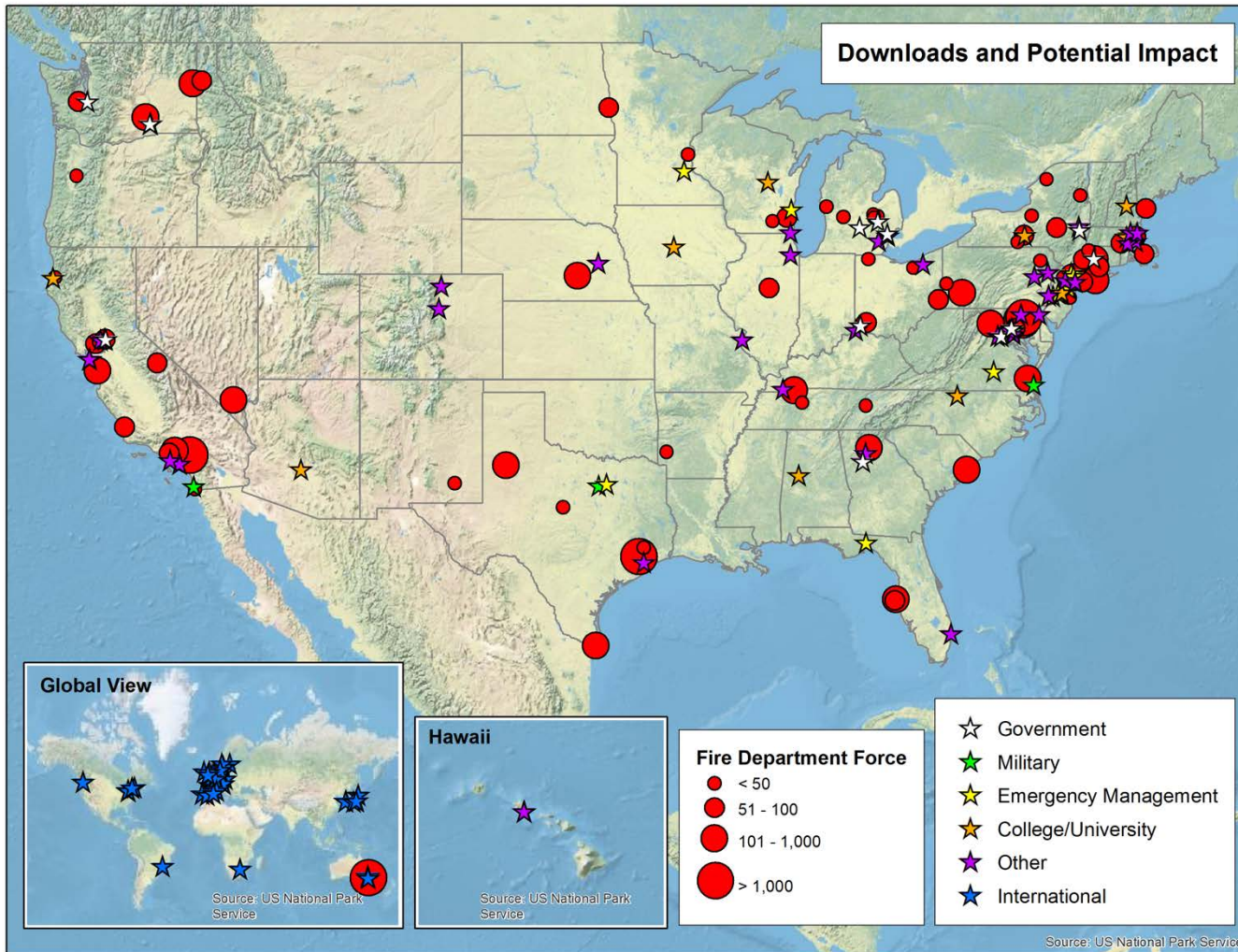
##### 2.2 Properties of hydrogen and its safe use

Slide #15: Hydrogen Properties and Behaviors	✓		✓
Slide #16: Hydrogen Properties: A Comparison	✓	✓	✓
Slide #17: Relative Vapor Density			✓
Slide #18: Auto-Ignition Temperature			✓
Slide #19: Comparison of Flammability	✓	✓	✓
Slide #20: Flammability Range			✓
Slide #21: Explosive Range			✓
Slide #22: Comparison of Fuel Odorants and Toxicity			✓
Slide #23/24/25: Designing Safe Systems – Gaseous Hydrogen			✓
Slide #26: Designing Safe Systems – Liquid Hydrogen			✓

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# National Training Resource Downloads



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- 278 downloads
- in 6 Continents
- and 35 of 50 states
- translated into Japanese in support of Japan fuel cell activities



# Final Thoughts

- **The Safety Panel's Role**
  - The Safety Panel serves as an asset for contestant's "continuous and priority attention to safety."
  - Learnings from individual projects benefit the broader safety knowledge base for hydrogen and fuel cell technologies.
- **Lessons Learned**
  - H-Prize participants are asked to share lessons learned based on incidents, near-misses or other learnings during the conduct of this work that can be shared more broadly.
- **Questions/Comments**
  - Contestants may request assistance from or provide input to the safety review team/Hydrogen Safety Panel on any safety-related topic.

# Thank You for Your Attention!

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# Questions and Answers