

# Cal State LA Hydrogen Infrastructure Engineering Workforce Training Program

Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Safety, Codes, and Standards

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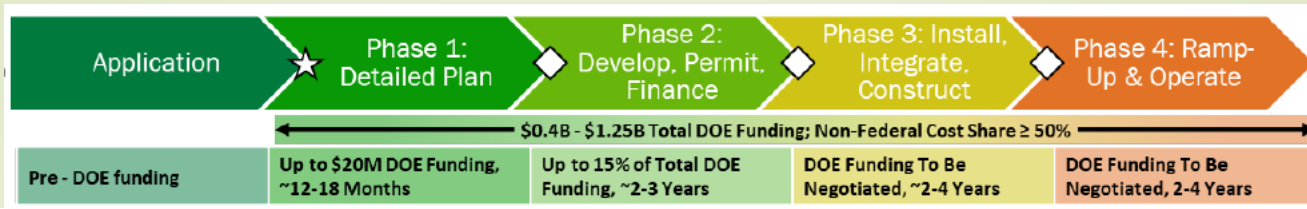
# Outline for the presentation

- I. Need for Workforce
- II. Hydrogen Station Intro
- III. CEC ZEV Workforce Program
- IV. Curriculum Design
- V. Partnership with Cerritos Community College
- VI. Collaboration with Industry



# Hydrogen is Coming Fast

	Numbers as of December 31, 2022	Total
FCEVs—Fuel cell cars sold and leased in US*		14,979
FCEBs—Fuel cell buses in operation in California		66
Fuel cell buses in development in California		>103
<b>Hydrogen stations available in California**</b>		<b>54</b>
Retail hydrogen stations in <i>construction</i> in California***		8
Retail hydrogen stations in <i>permitting</i> in California***		23
Retail hydrogen stations <i>proposed</i> in California***		7
Retail hydrogen stations <i>funded</i> , but not in development in California***		76
<b>Total retail hydrogen stations in development in California***</b>		<b>114</b>



## Regional Clean Hydrogen Hubs Funding Opportunity Announcement

Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) Number: DE-FOA-0002779

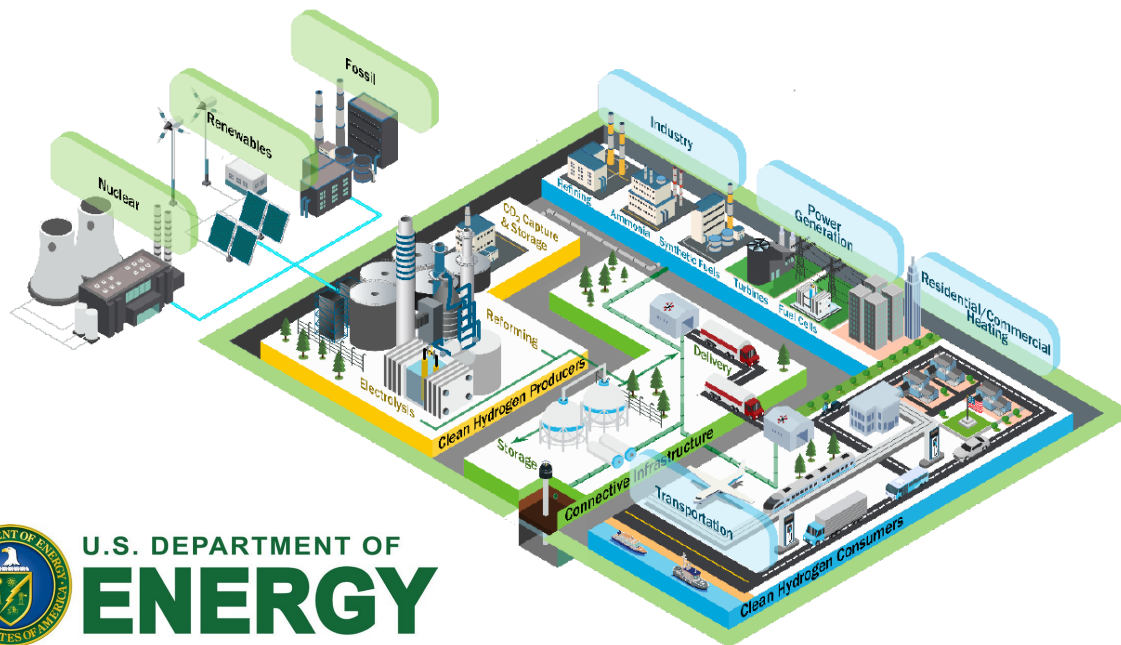
FOA Type: Initial

CFDA Number: 81.255

FOA Issue Date:	9/22/2022
Submission Deadline for Concept Papers:	11/7/2022 5:00pm ET
Concept Paper Encourage/Discourage Notifications:	December 2022
Submission Deadline for Full Applications:	4/7/2023 5:00pm ET
Expected Submission Deadline for Replies to Reviewer Comments:	5/31/2023 5:00pm ET
Pre-Selection Interviews:	Summer 2023
Expected Date for DOE Selection Notifications:	Fall 2023
Expected Timeframe for Award Negotiations:	Winter 2023-2024

The H2Hubs will form the foundation of a national clean hydrogen network that will contribute substantially to decarbonizing multiple sectors of the economy. Matching the scale-up of clean hydrogen production to a growing regional demand is a key pathway to achieving large-scale, commercially viable hydrogen ecosystems.

DOE prefers a funding range from \$500 million to \$1 billion for each H2Hub



# Comments on Hydrogen Workforce

COMMENTARY

## Skilled labor will be essential for a greener California

BY GUEST COMMENTARY, ADMINNEWSPACK AND YOUSEF BAIG  
SEPTEMBER 9, 2022



By Maryam Brown

Maryam Brown is the president of Southern California Gas Company.



Jon Preciado, Special to CalMatters

Jon Preciado is the business manager of the Southern California District Council of Laborers.

For the more than 32,000 highly skilled individuals around the state who work in the gas distribution industry, hydrogen represents real and meaningful opportunities for participation in the clean economy that are hallmarks of a just transition.



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April 9, 2021

I am writing on behalf of the California Hydrogen Business Council (CHBC)<sup>i</sup> to support SB 589 (Hueso). This bill will require the commission to identify workforce development and training resources needed to meet the state's goal of putting at least 5 million zero-emission vehicles in service by 2030 and reducing greenhouse gases emissions to 40% below 1990 levels by 2030.

The CHBC supports workforce training for the zero-emission vehicle industry and the inclusion of the Community College system and Conservation Corps in these efforts. California will need a skilled workforce to bring about a smooth transition to zero-emission vehicles (ZEV), which includes both battery electric vehicles (BEVs) and fuel cell electric vehicles (FCEVs).

# Cal State LA Hydrogen Research and Fueling Facility

CARB No. 06-618 \$2,700,000

DOE Award #DE-09EE0000443 \$475,750

AQMD, MSRC, Ahmanson Foundation, AAA



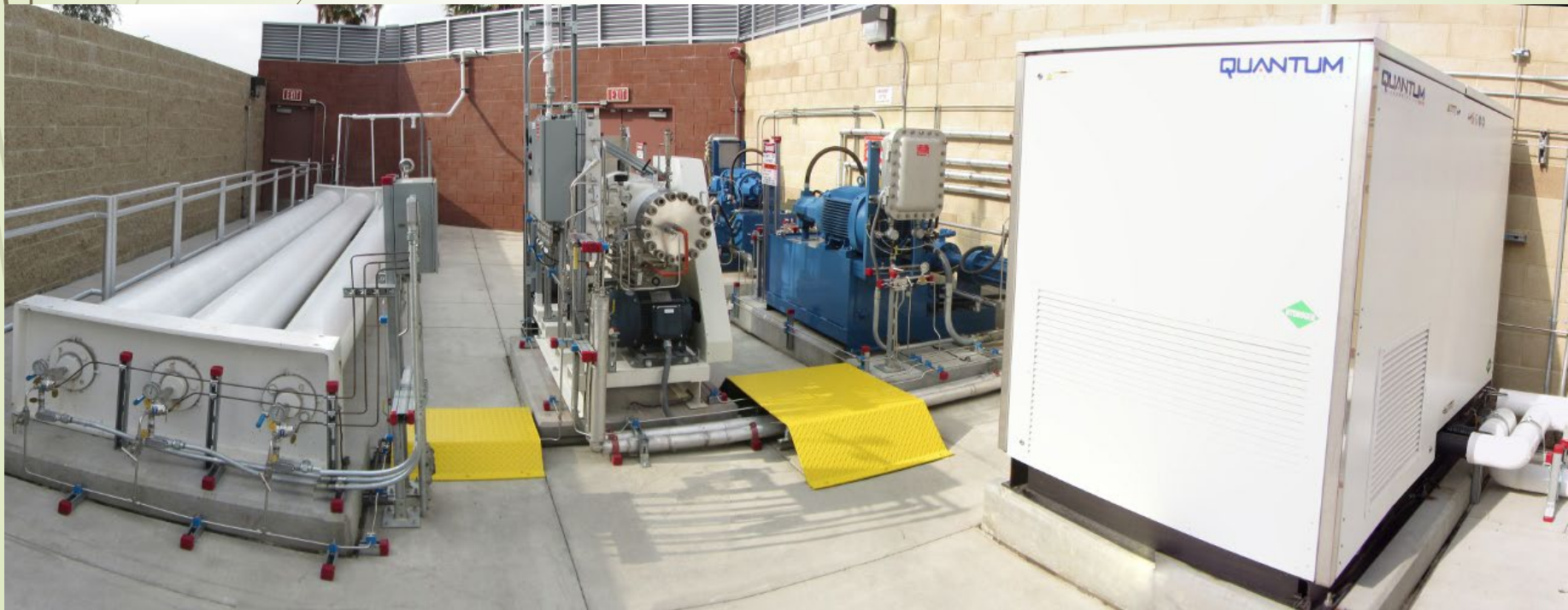
# CSULA Hydrogen Station Specs

Production: 60 kg/day

Storage: 60 kg

Pressure: 5,000 and 10,000 psi

Capacity: 15-20 fuel cell vehicles per day

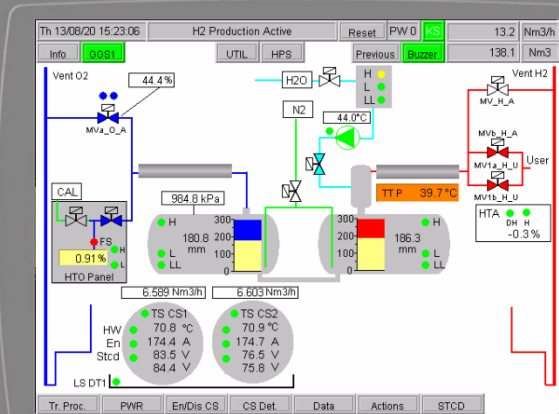
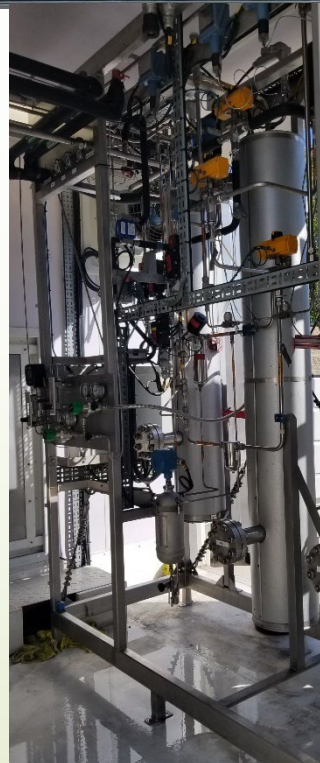


# Cal State LA Electrolyzer, Hydrogen Production From Water



## Manufacturing: Hydrogenics

Model number: HySTAT<sup>tm</sup> - A 1000  
D/30/10, 60 kg/day production  
capacity





# Grand Opening: May 7, 2014



# Original Goals for the Hydrogen Research and Refueling Facility

- Building a hydrogen fueling station to serve the East Los Angeles area as a focal point of commercialization, research, educational and outreach activities.
- Redesigning the curriculum to implement a Sustainable Energy and Transportation program including hydrogen economy and fuel cell applications.
- Conducting research with partner agencies.
- Preparing the Workforce in Clean Energy Transportation

# Fueling All

Passenger Cars, Bus, Truck, Trailer



# California ZEV Engineering Workforce Pilot by Cal State LA and Cerritos Community College

GFO-21-602: IDEAL ZEV Workforce Pilot



\$500,000



\$25,000



Partner

# Program Objectives

## **Objective 1. Assess skill sets required in the ZEV industry, with a focus on hydrogen.**

- **Action 1.** Collaborate with industry experts to develop curriculum that responds specifically to the hydrogen ZEV infrastructure and industry related skills.
- **Action 2.** Enhance the existing Sustainable Energy and Transportation Engineering Technology program with the newly developed curriculum.

## **Objective 2. Accelerate and expand the internship training program to meet increasing industry demand.**

- **Action 1.** Develop formal internship curriculum that responds specifically to the processes of the hydrogen fueling infrastructure, production, and maintenance.
- **Action 2.** Develop short-term onboarding training and long-term certification, including safety, to expand intern potential, and the ability to enter the workforce upon program completion.
- **Action 3.** Expand program capability to allow for a pipeline of transferring postsecondary students to become interns, increasing training potential.

## **Objective 3. Prepare the program for future growth**

- **Action 1.** Conduct outreach and engagement events to communities, government officials, industry, educational institutions, students, and the public.
- **Action 2.** Provide train-the-trainer workshops for incumbent workers and career technical instructors.
- **Action 3.** Design the pilot program for expansion to other institutions and CCs

# Preparing Next Generation

Classes

Visiting  
Researchers

Interns

Train the  
Trainer

Public Tours



MS and PhD Visiting  
Researchers

# Classes: Sustainable Energy and Transportation Lecture-Lab

- **TECH 1000 Introduction to Automotive Mechanisms**
- **[TECH 3700 Sustainable Energy and Transportation](#)**
- **[TECH 4700 Electric and Hybrid Vehicles](#)**
- **[TECH 4710 Engine Design and Performance](#)**
- **[TECH 4720 Photovoltaics Applications](#)**
- **[TECH 4740 Fuel Cell Applications](#)**
- **[TECH 4760 Measurement, Instrumentation and Control](#)**
- **TECH 4880 Fluid Power**
- **TECH 5720 Autonomous Vehicles and Smart Infrastructure**

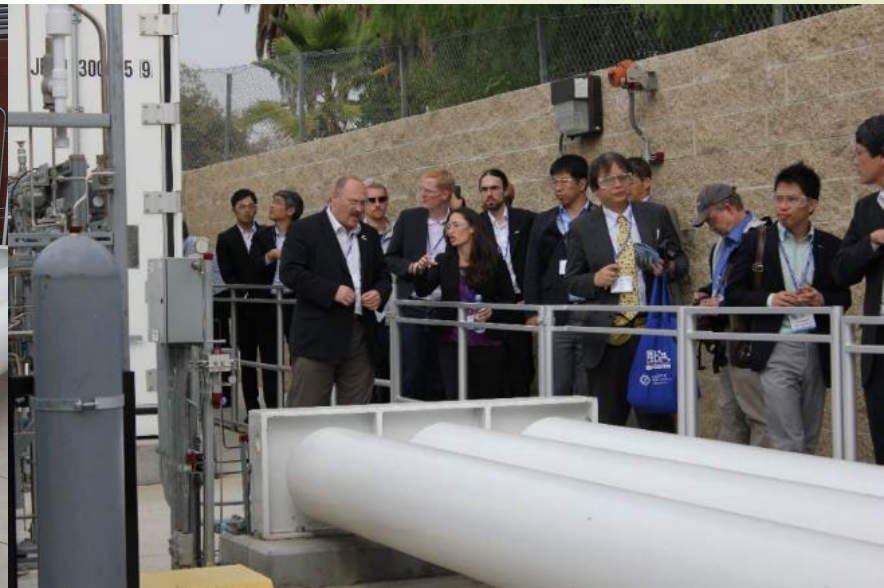
# Public Tours=10,000



John Frala and students from Rio Hondo  
Michael Dray conducts a tour



German Government 2022  
Fuel Cell Seminar 2014





# Curriculum Design

## Phase I

- 2022-2023
- Concentrate on Onboarding

## Phase II

- 2023-2024
- Concentrate on O&M

## Future

- 2025-2027
- In-Depth Safety and Design Course

# Phase I Design

Platform: LMS  
Canvas



Develop  
Topics and  
Subtopics



Develop  
Modules



Create Material:  
Drafts, Instructions,  
Files, Videos



Create  
Quizzes and  
Record

# Phase I Progress (Topics)

## Hydrogen Station Introduction

### Walk through

Hydrogen station layout and basic processes  
Equipment Overview  
Hydrogen station video and website  
Personnel introduction and database  
Training Records  
Cleanup and station appearance

## Fueling Procedures

Customer Interaction (Fabian and Israel)  
Dispenser and interface during fueling  
Fueling procedure, credit card use  
Monitoring of fueling and restarting  
Fueling protocol introduction, SAE J2601

## Operational Safety

Introduction to hydrogen safety, organizations and standards  
Basic hydrogen characteristics and their relation to safety, hazardous substances/data sheets  
Safe work habits, protective equipment  
Lock out, tag out procedures review  
Emergency procedures and incident reporting (Gilbert)  
Plant inspection, specific plant inspection and tools  
Continuous monitoring systems and actions (fire alarm systems, hydrogen sensors, other sensors)  
Recommended work practices.

## Control Room Environment

Software and control screens used  
Open/close station security  
Payment System  
Full System Reset, other resets  
Stop, Start procedures for the station (login)  
Power Control System  
Security  
Keeping records for maintenance, visitors, journal etc  
SOSS  
Common Malfunctions/Troubleshooting

# Phase I Progress (CANVAS LMS)

☰ Hydrogen Station Phase I Training > Modules

Collapse All

View Progress

+ Module



☰ ▶ Training Module 01 Hydrogen Station Introduction



☰ ▶ Training Module 02 Operational Safety



☰ ▶ Training Module 03 Control Room Environment



☰ ▼ Training Module 04 Fueling Procedures



☰ 📄 Introduction and Topics 04



☰ 📄 Customer Interaction (Israel and Favian)



☰ 📄 Dispenser and Interface during Fueling



☰ 📄 Monitoring and Restarting of Fueling



☰ 📄 Fueling Procedure, Credit Card Use (Rommel)



☰ 📄 Fueling Protocol Introduction, SAE J2601



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# Phase I Progress (Topic Level)

## Monitoring and Restarting of Fueling <sup>▲▼</sup>

### Monitoring and Restarting of Vehicle Fueling

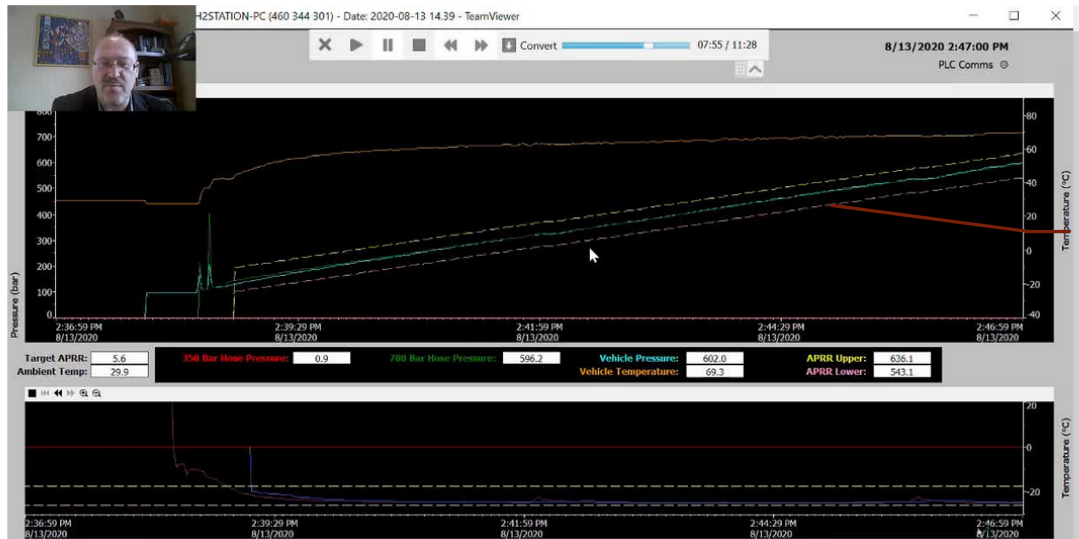
Topics Discussed:

- Diagram components, Layout, staying in pressure and temperature corridors, scales used
- Pressure side, Fueling initiation, Pulses
- Pressure holds for integrity, leak test
- Vehicle temperature monitoring
- Temperature corridors
- Common aborts and issues.

The file included here has a legend of the variables being monitored. Please review before proceeding to the instructional video below. [Fueling in Progress Diagram\\_Legend.pdf](#)

Watch the video (full screen is recommended) that discusses the Monitoring of Fueling through the control software. It includes a light discussion of the processes that relate to SAE-J2601 fueling protocol that also discusses related topics in greater detail. [Fueling Protocol Introduction, SAE J2601.](#)

Sometimes fueling can be restarted after a pressure or temperature abort. This is briefly discussed in the video.



Instructions for current topic

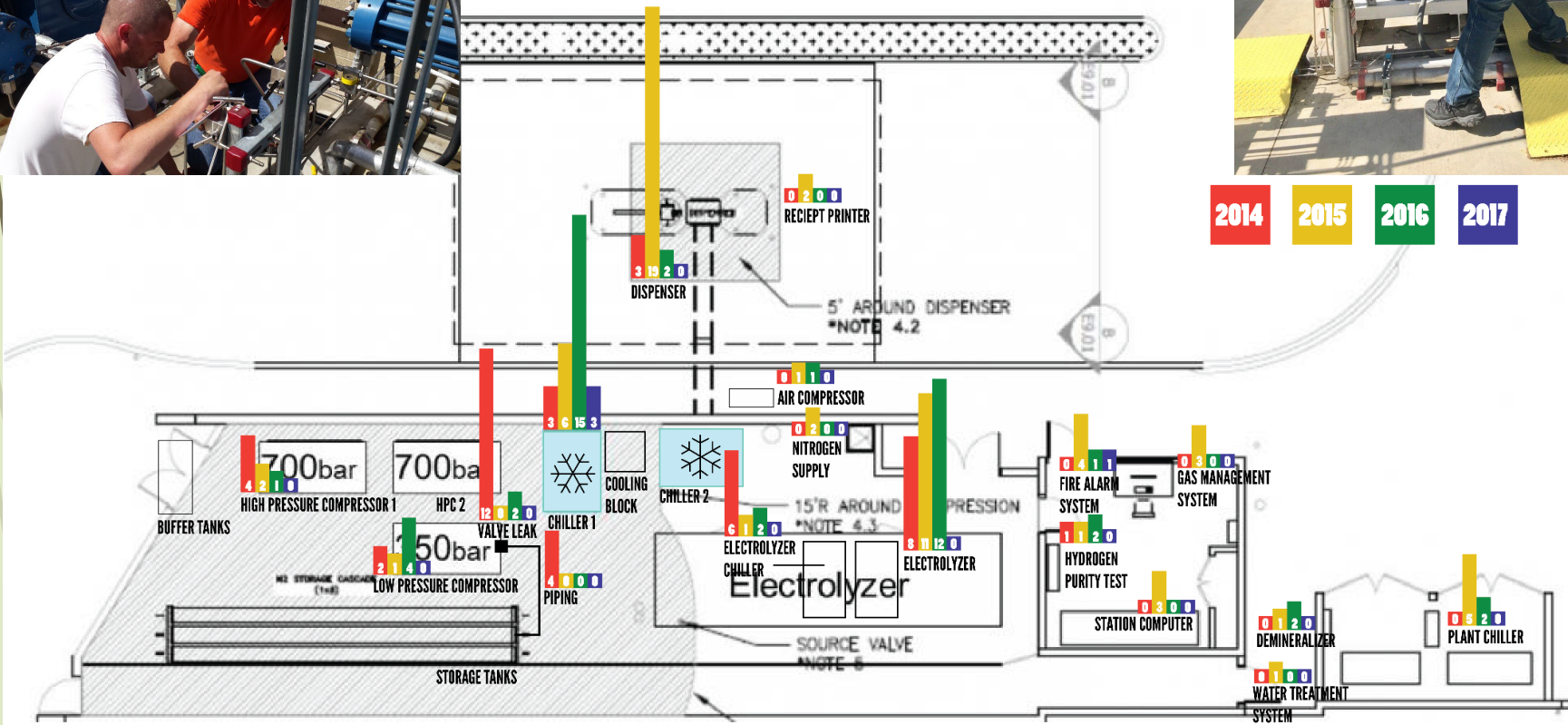
File with reading material

Link to another module

Instructional Video

# Phase II: O&M

## CSULA Hydrogen Station Map Failure by Component 2014-2017



Component	valve leak	electrolyze chiller	pipng	gas management system	station computer	demineralizer	booster/hydropac compressor	PDC compressor (low pressure)	plant chillers	fire alarm system	receipt printer	air compressor	hydrogen purity test	water treatment system	electrolyzer fault	dispenser	nitrogen supply	H2 chiller
2014	12	6	4	0	1	0	4	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	8	3	0	3
2015	0	1	0	3	2	1	2	1	5	4	2	1	1	1	11	19	2	6
2016	2	2	0	0	2	2	1	4	2	1	0	1	2	0	12	2	0	15
2017	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Total	14	9	4	3	6	3	7	7	7	6	2	2	4	1	31	24	2	27



# Partnership with Cerritos Community College


Train-  
the-  
Trainer

- Organize workshops

Student  
Transfer

- Setup Scholarships

# Collaboration with Industry



Hire Student  
Mechanical  
Electrical  
Civil  
Computer  
Science  
Technology



Company  
pays for  
internship  
6 months or  
longer



Intern transfers  
to company



# Nilsson Energy: Hydrogen House




☰ YouTube hydrogen house



The Hydrogen House

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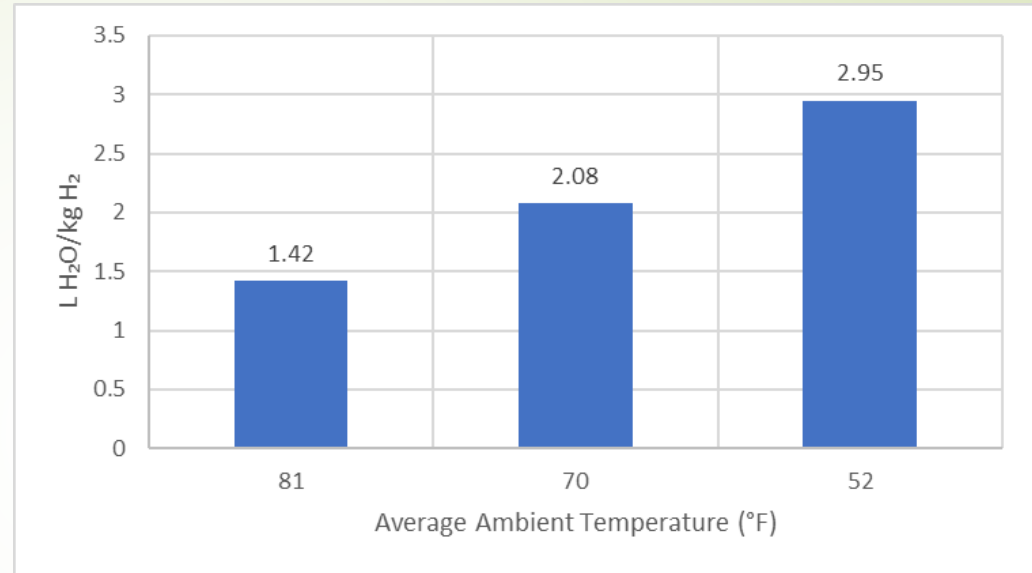
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# Fuel Cell Vehicle Water Capture Capability, 2018-19



**Sponsor:** Metropolitan Water District of Southern California



Water capture in L as a function of ambient temperature  
Ideal case is 9 kg of H<sub>2</sub>O per kg of H<sub>2</sub>.  
Progress from the case of 1L box with fan.



