

# Hydrogen overview and its role in Louisiana decarbonization.

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## LIGHTEST AND MOST ABUNDANT

Hydrogen is the first element in the periodic table. It is the lightest, most abundant and one of the oldest chemical elements in the universe.

## NEVER ALONE

On Earth, hydrogen is found in more complex molecules, such as water or hydrocarbons. To be used in its pure form, it has to be extracted.

## FUEL OF STARS

Hydrogen fuels stars through nuclear fusion reaction. This creates energy and all the other chemicals elements which are found on Earth.

## Hydrogen

### What is hydrogen used for?

## Hydrogen is used in many industrial processes

Nearly all of the hydrogen consumed in the United States is used by industry for refining petroleum, treating metals, producing fertilizer, and processing foods. U.S. petroleum refineries use hydrogen to lower the sulfur content of fuels.

# Hydrogen is used for exploring outer space

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration ("NASA") began using liquid hydrogen in the 1950s as a rocket fuel, and NASA was one of the first to use hydrogen fuel cells to power the electrical systems on spacecraft.









Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration.

#### How is hydrogen made? global hydrogen production shares

Most hydrogen is produced using **steam methane reformation** or other forms of **hydrocarbon reformation** to break hydrogen from the hydrocarbons.



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#### The hydrogen rainbow



#### Blue v. green hydrogen

#### How the hydrogen is made, matters. Blue uses SMR and CCS; Green uses RE and electrolysis



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#### Potential future uses of hydrogen



## **Residential/Commercial:**

heating and other appliance uses (cofire with methane by local gas utility).

Industrial: steam (boilers) and heat (furnace) purposes for manufacturing.

**Power generation:** turbine combustion.

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## Why Louisiana?

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Governor-appointed advisory board **unanimously approved the plan** (Feb 1).

Defines a plan to reduce Louisiana's GHG emission to 26-28% of 2005 levels by 2025; 40-50% of 2005 levels by 2030; and "net zero" by 2050.

Plan calls for **industry to reduce GHG emissions** by using renewables, efficiency, and fuel switching to resources like hydrogen.

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#### Louisiana CO<sub>2</sub> emissions per sector

Louisiana GHG emissions are **dominated by the industrial sector**.



Note: CO<sub>2</sub> emissions are from fossil fuel combustion only.

Source: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Inventory of U.S. Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Sinks: 1990-2018; and State CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions from Fossil Fuel Combustion.

#### Louisiana importance

#### U.S. and Louisiana CO<sub>2</sub> emissions per sector, 2018

In the U.S., **power generation comprises about 35 percent** of overall national emissions.



In Louisiana, power generation comprises about 17 percent of overall state emissions. Louisiana's primary source of  $CO_2$  emissions comes from industrial sources.



Note: CO2 emissions are from fossil fuel combustion only, adjusted for feedstock use.

□ Industrial, 22%

■ Agriculture, 10%

Source: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Inventory of U.S. Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Sinks: 1990-2018; and State

CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions from Fossil Fuel Combustion.

■ Power Generation, 27%

Commercial, 7%

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#### U.S. industrial energy use & GHG emissions.

Industrial GHG emissions are concentrated in a six sectors. Refining and chemicals take up 37 percent alone.



#### Chemical industry use

#### Over 40 percent of chemical industry energy use is for non-feedstock purposes.



Source: Jeff Rissman. "Decarbonizing Chemicals and other Industries in Louisiana. On Fresentation. October 8. 2021.

#### Average wage comparison, Louisiana manufacturing and energy-based manufacturing

The premium of energy-based manufacturing to total manufacturing is more pervasive in Louisiana. In 2021, Louisiana energy-based manufacturing wages were 1.62 times traditional manufacturing and have increased at an average annual rate of 5.5 percent (compared to the manufacturing average of 4.9 percent)



Note: Energy-based manufacturing includes: petroleum and coal products; chemical; and plastics and rubber products manufacturing. Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce.

#### Manufacturing wages by sector, Louisiana (2021)

In Louisiana, manufacturing sector wages totaled \$13.6 billion in 2021. Energy manufacturing accounts for 46 percent of total manufacturing wages (\$6.7 billion).



Note: Energy-based manufacturing includes: petroleum and coal products; chemical; and plastics and rubber products manufacturing. Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce.

## Hydrogen challenges & opportunities

#### Hydrogen cost ranges

#### Natural gas-based production methods with CCUS are the more likely costeffective transition methods.



USDOE, 2020. Hydrogen Strategy, Enabling a Low-Carbon

Economy: https://www.energy.gov/sites/prod/files/2020/07/f76/USDOE FE Hydrogen Strategy July2020.pdf

#### Salt cavern storage constraints

GHD US	Hydrogen Blend				
Hydrogen Storage	5%	10%	20%	50%	
Energy Equivalent Consumption (BCF) <sup>1,2</sup>	31,533	32,659	35,172	45,723	
Volume Hydrogen Req'd (BCF)	1,577	3,266	7,034	22,862	
Hydrogen Working Gas Capacity (BCF) <sup>3</sup>	249	517	1,113	3,617	
Approximate Salt Cavern Facilities <sup>4</sup>	19	40	85	277	
Salt Caverns <sup>5</sup>	62	129	278	904	

#### NOTES

- 1. Consumption based on 2020 natural gas consuption of 30,482 BCF per EIA
- 2. Energy Equivalency assumes H2 energy density is 33% of natural gas
- 3. Hydrogen Storage Capacity based on ratio of total storage to total consumption for natural gas per EIA (2019)
- 4. Cavern Facilities based on average work gas per Salt Cavern facility per EIA
- 5. Salt Caverns assumes average 4 BCF working gas per cavern

Existing Natural Gas Storage Facilities (US, 2019)						
Storage	V	Vorking Gas	Avg Working	% of Annual		
Туре	Facilities	(BCF)	Gas (BCF)	Consumption		
Aquifer	47	403.81	8.59	1%		
Depleted Field	328 🖌	3,935.13	12.00	13%		
Salt Dome	37	483.17	13.06	2%		
TOTAL	412	4,822.11	11.70	16%		

#### Louisiana's hydrogen economy

Louisiana already has a substantial hydrogen economy with a large number of buyers, sellers, and infrastructure (direct and supporting).



Source: https://esgreview.net/2021/11/03/louisiana-selected-for-hydrogen-megaproject/.

#### GOM energy manufacturing investments by sector.

Large number of future investments tied to energy transition. Note the Inflation Reduction Act ("IRA") has **\$3.2 billion in additional CCS tax credits** and **\$7.8 billion in clean hydrogen**.



Source: Authors Construct; capex for announced projects with missing information were estimated using available data from average/typical facility type/cost.

Challenges/opportunities

## Hydrogen hub funding support

As much as **\$8 billion in funding** (Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act or "IIJA") to support hydrogen hubs. Louisiana is part of three-state coalition (project "HALO").





#### Conclusions

- Industrial carbon emissions are high in energy producing states, particularly those along the Gulf Coast.
- These industries, however, are important components of many regional economies. Their loss could be devastating.
- Hydrogen will be a very important decarbonization tool over the next several years in order to meet many state's clean energy and climate goals.
- Hydrogen is expensive and will also require additional storage and transportation build out.
- CCUS is a critical component of most decarbonization tools, including hydrogen. Difficult if not impossible to produce the hydrogen volumes needed to meet industrial needs with electrolysis alone.

Questions, comments and discussion.

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