



CLEAN AIR
TASK FORCE

The Role of Carbon Capture and Storage Incentives in Ammonia Fuel Production

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About Clean Air Task Force

Our Mission

Push the change in technologies and policies needed to get to a zero-emissions, high-energy planet at an affordable cost.

Our Goal

Achieve zero-emissions energy, waste, agricultural, and forest management systems by 2050.

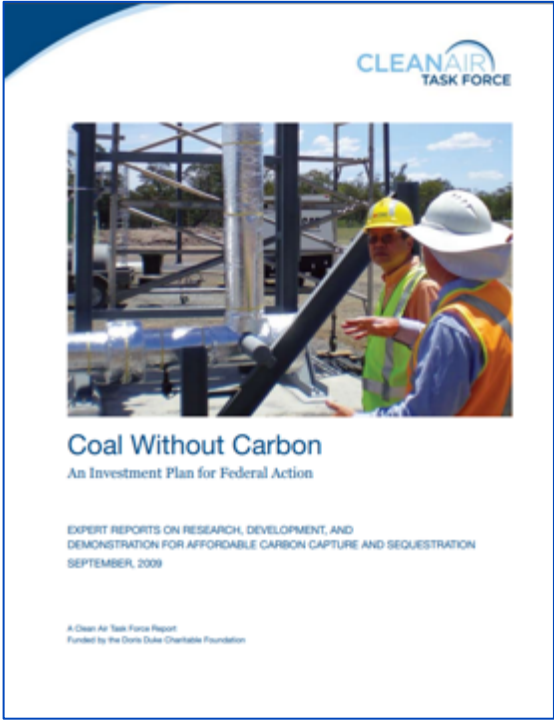
Our Vision

Meet the world's rising energy demand in a way that is financially, socially and environmentally sustainable.

Our Funding

Annual budget about \$6 million. Grants from private foundations and individuals, no industry funding.

Examples of previous CATF work on low-carbon fossil energy

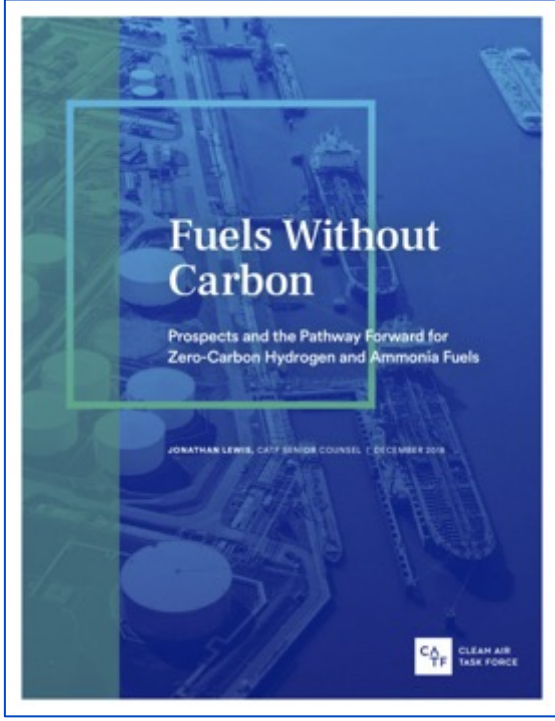


Profiles of technologies with potential to reduce costs of low-emitting fossil energy (2009), including:

- Geological carbon sequestration
- Post-combustion CO2 capture
- Coal Gasification
- Underground coal gasification

Based on expert content from MIT, LLNL, Tufts, and the private sector.

<https://www.catf.us/resource/coal-without-carbon/>

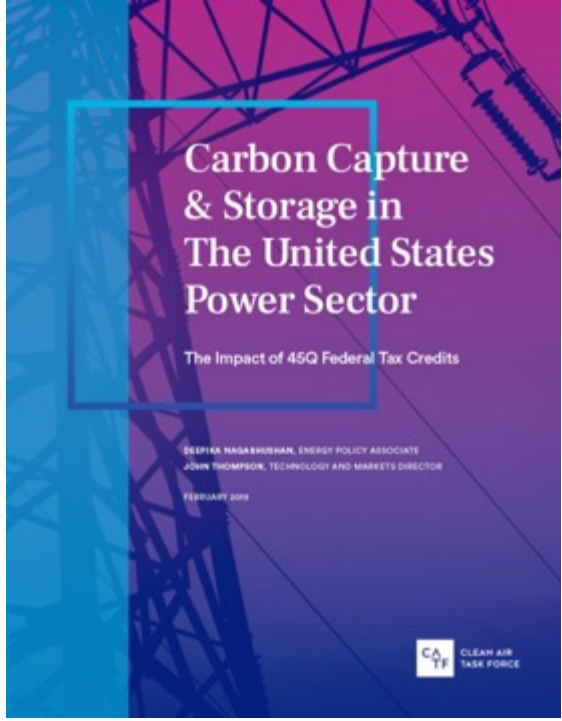


Initial exploration of how production and use of zero-carbon hydrogen and ammonia might help decarbonization (2018), including applications in

- power sector
- industrial sector
- transportation

*** Update and expansion of this analysis currently underway ***

<https://www.catf.us/resource/fuels-without-carbon/>



Analysis indicating that 45Q tax credit may lead to nearly 49 million tpy CO2 captured by 2030, including:

- Coal retrofits of 41.3 million tpy
- NGCC retrofits of 7.4 million tpy

Based on modeling analysis by Charles River Associates with input from academic and private sector experts.

<https://www.catf.us/resource/45q-ccs-analysis/>



Why zero-carbon fuels? Three examples (among many...)

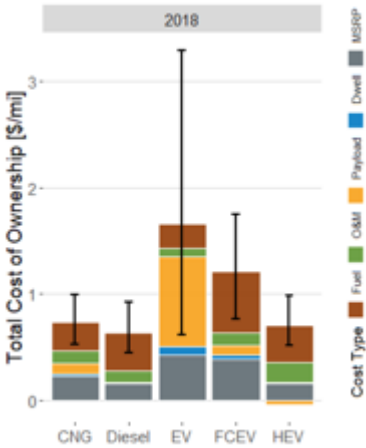
Heavy Trucking



Toyota's newest hydrogen semi-truck at the Port of Los Angeles. SEBASTIAN BLANCO

Class 7 and 8 trucks (26,000 – 80,000 pounds gross) consumed **~5 quadrillion Btu** of diesel fuel in the US in 2016 (approx. 3/4 the demand due to cars).

These will be difficult to electrify due to payload, range, and dwell issues. Early economic indicators for these favor hydrogen.



Energy Transport & Storage

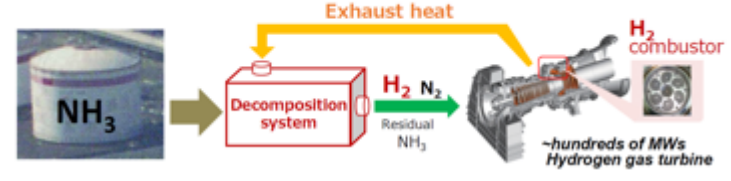


US power plants with capacity factor less than ~30% consume **~3-4 quadrillion Btu** of fuel annually. This is one proxy for grid "balancing" energy requirements.

Refrigerated ammonia offers a pathway to very large-scale chemical storage of energy for grid balancing. Energy penalty for cracking back to hydrogen may be small when integrated with CCGT.

Advanced combined cycle gas turbine

☆ Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Engineering / Mitsubishi Hitachi Power Systems



Marine Shipping



Marine shipping currently consumes **~9 quadrillion Btu** annually, primarily as residual fuel oil.

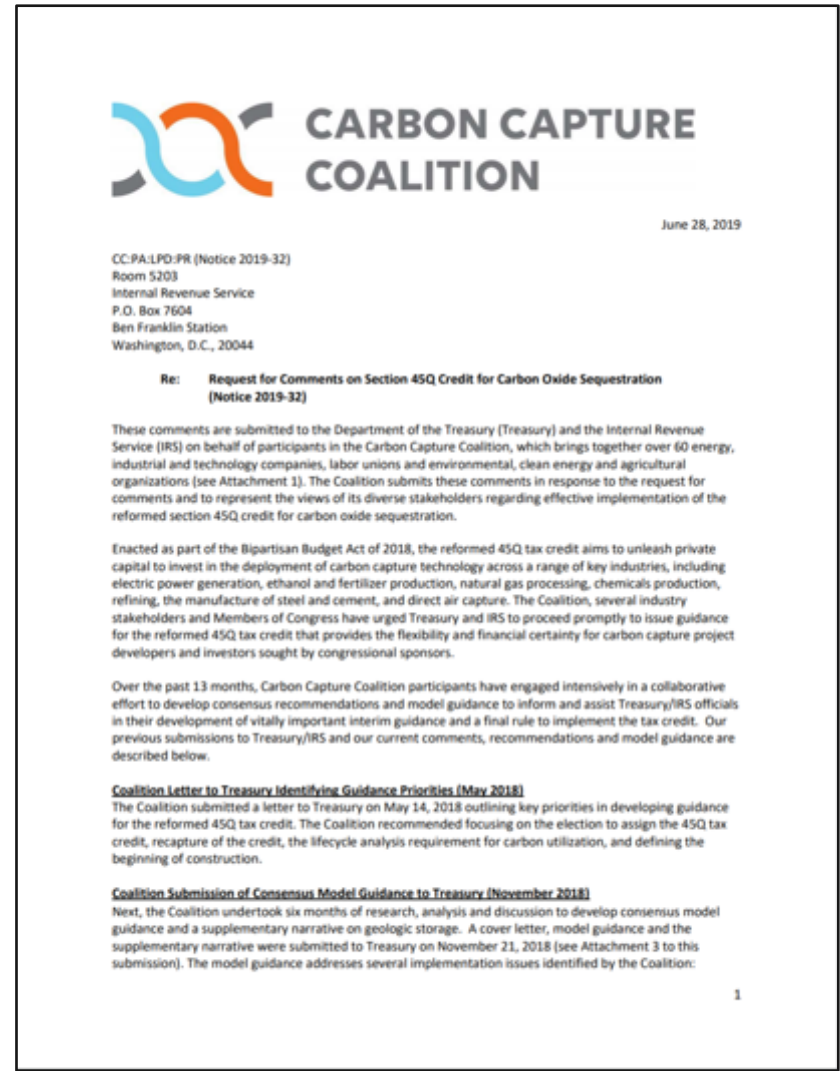
Roughly half of this fuel is for bulk carriers, container ships, and tankers that will be especially difficult to electrify.



Carbon sequestration tax credits are available to support zero-carbon fuels production

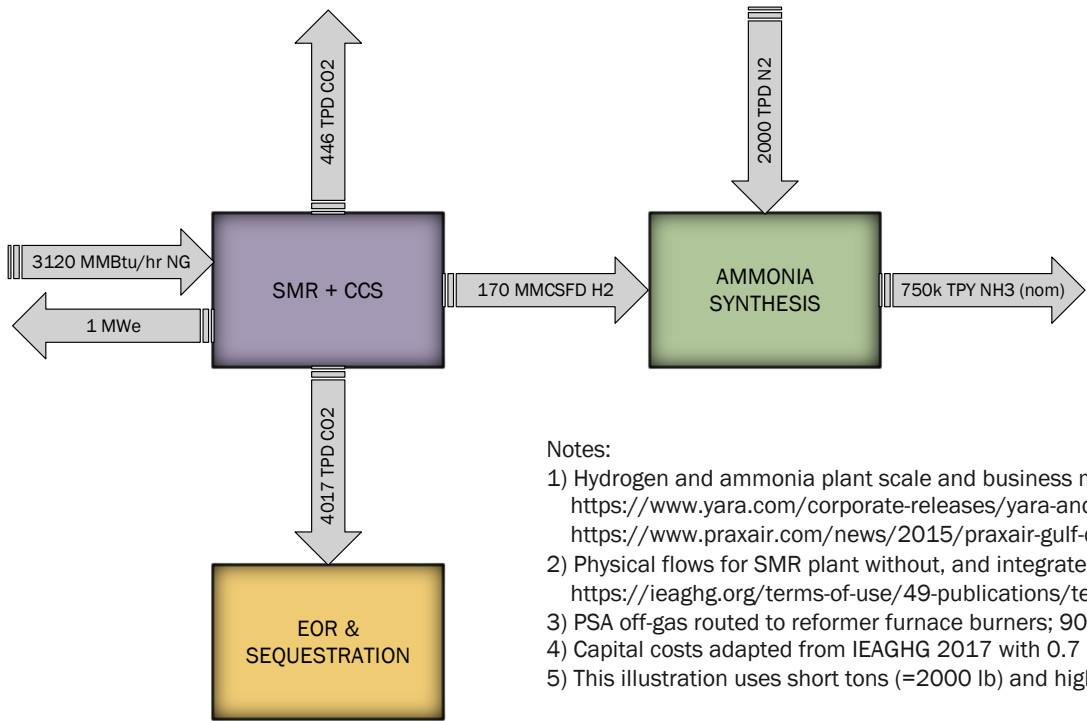
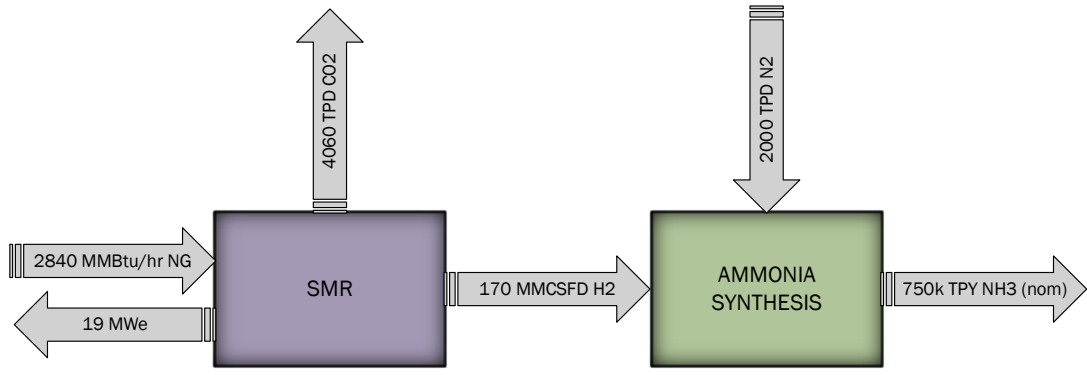
45Q Tax Credit for CO2 sequestration

- Bipartisan Budget Act enacted Feb 2018 expanded and improved the tax credit available for capturing and sequestering CO2 that would otherwise be emitted from a variety of industrial sources; steam methane reformers and similar facilities appear to qualify
- Credit ramps up to \$35/t for EOR, \$50/t for storage by 2026, at inflation thereafter
- Available for 12 years after in-service for projects commencing construction by Jan 1, 2024, without cap on number of eligible projects or volumes
- The incentive is a credit against income taxes. A party with significant income tax exposure likely needs to be included in the project ownership structure (such as “tax equity investors”); these structures and transferability of the credit are complex.
- Guidance is pending on many issues related to the credit. CATF and other organizations have submitted extensive comments to IRS, and a draft rule is expected in Dec 2019.



<https://carboncapturecoalition.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/Final-CCC-submission-to-Treasury-6-28-19.pdf>

Hypothetical stand-alone SMR project to illustrate potential value of 45Q incentive for hydrogen, with implications for ammonia



Key Economic Assumptions

| ASSUMPTION | VALUE | 2026 45Q |
|---------------------|------------|----------|
| SMR TPC | \$340M | - |
| SMR w/ CCS TPC | \$607M | - |
| Owner's Costs | 15% on TPC | - |
| OPEX (Except Feed) | 4% of TPC | \$27M |
| Natural Gas | \$4/MMBtu | \$114M |
| Electricity | \$50/MWh | \$0.5M |
| CO2 Revenue for EOR | \$20/ton | \$30M |
| 45Q Tax Credit | Ramps | \$42M |

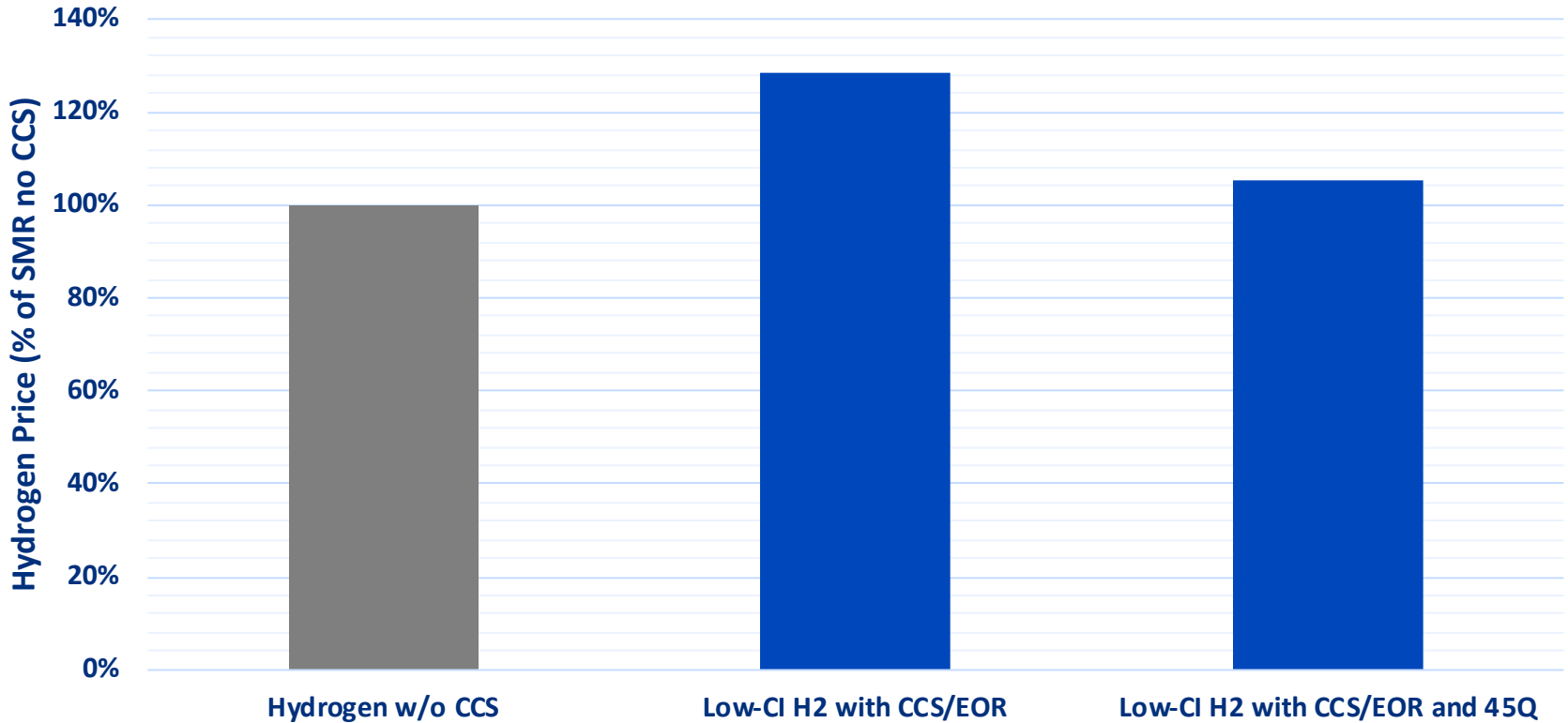
Notes:

- 1) Hydrogen and ammonia plant scale and business model from BASF-Yara and Praxair press releases for Freeport Ammonia: <https://www.yara.com/corporate-releases/yara-and-basf-open-world-scale-ammonia-plant-in-freeport-texas/>
<https://www.praxair.com/news/2015/praxair-gulf-coast-expansion-to-serve-freeport>
- 2) Physical flows for SMR plant without, and integrated with, MEA CO2 PCC scaled from IEAGHG 2017: <https://ieaghg.org/terms-of-use/49-publications/technical-reports/784-2017-02-smr-based-h2-plant-with-ccs>
- 3) PSA off-gas routed to reformer furnace burners; 90% CO2 removed from furnace exhaust (~19% CO2 v/v wet)
- 4) Capital costs adapted from IEAGHG 2017 with 0.7 power scaling on H2 capacity, adjustment from Euro->Dollar, and inflation
- 5) This illustration uses short tons (=2000 lb) and higher heating values



This exercise suggests that 45Q can make the cost of producing hydrogen with CCS very close to the cost of producing conventional hydrogen

Required Hydrogen Sales Price to Hit Target IRR



Key assumptions:

- SMR and CCS are owned by same entity and that entity has the tax appetite to fully use the 45Q credits at face value
- Each case produces 10% unlevered A/T IRR over 20 years of project life
- Although not pictured, Low-CI H2 with CCS but without EOR requires hydrogen price > 150% of “Hydrogen w/o CCS” case





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