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Regional Clean Hydrogen Hubs Mid-Atlantic Regional H2Hub Public Event

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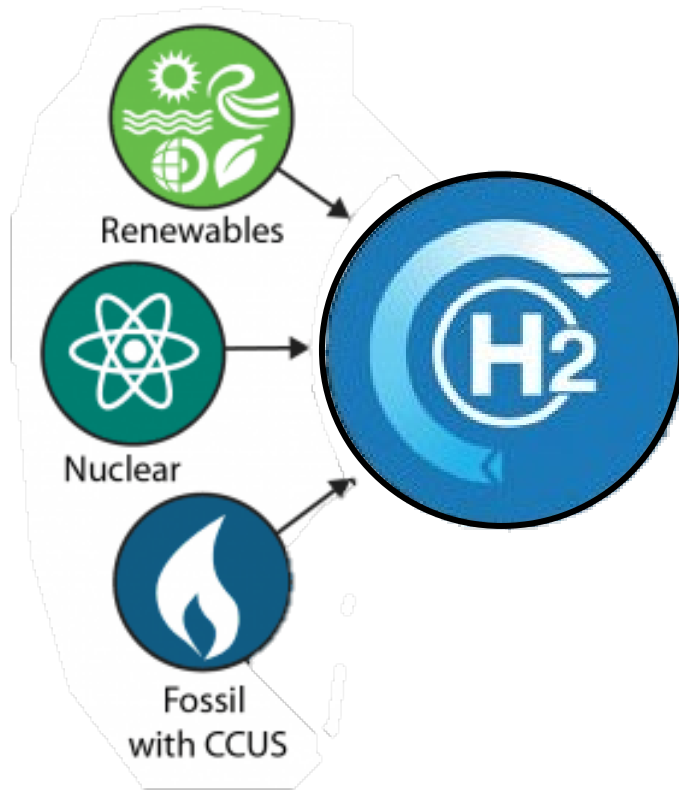
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H2Hubs Overview



What is Hydrogen?

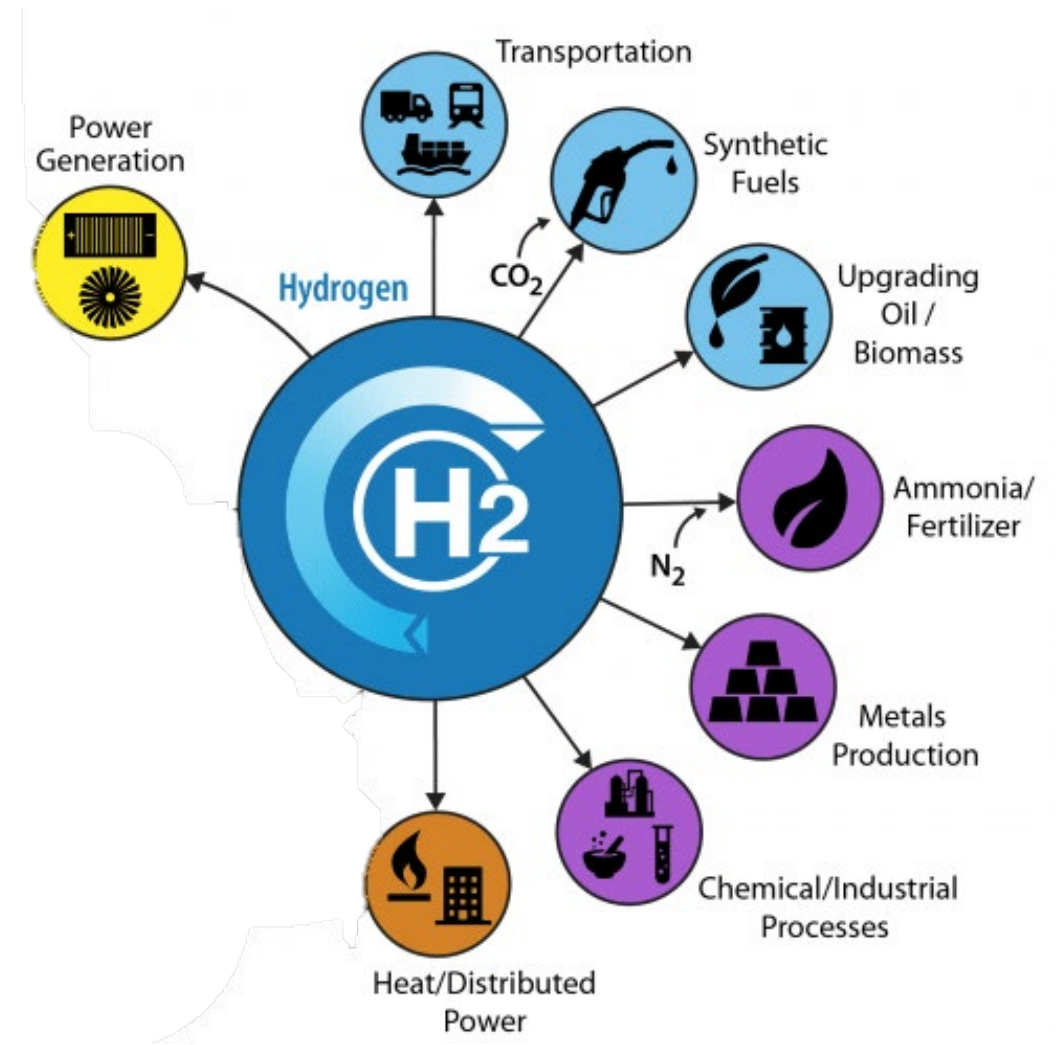
- **Hydrogen (H_2)** is the simplest and most abundant element known.
 - You might recognize it from the chemical formula for water – H_2O !



- **Hydrogen can be made using a variety of domestic energy resources.**
- Hydrogen can be produced through several processes, including:
 - Electrolysis; Direct Solar Water Splitting
 - Steam Methane Reforming
 - Biological (e.g., algae)
- **Currently, the U.S. produces 10 million metric tons of hydrogen each year.**

What Can Hydrogen Do?

- Hydrogen is **part of a suite** of solutions that can help our nation achieve its net-zero goals.
- Helps hard-to-decarbonize sectors such as **heavy-duty transportation**, **steel and chemicals** manufacturing, and production of **liquid fuels**.
- Supports **increased integration of renewable energy** into the grid and offers multiple revenue streams for clean power generation.



Whole of Government Approach to Clean Hydrogen



U.S. National Clean Hydrogen Strategy and Roadmap



Hydrogen Shot
(\$1/kg by 2031)



Clean Hydrogen Standard



H2Hubs Demand-Side Support Initiative



IRA tax incentives



Clean Hydrogen Pathways to Commercial Lift-Off Report



Hydrogen Interagency Task Force (HIT)

a collaboration among 11+ U.S. federal agencies to further advance a whole-of-government approach to executing the national clean hydrogen strategy



Additional DOE funding:
Clean H2 Electrolysis
Clean H2 Manufacturing and Recycling
(additional \$1.5B)





Regional Clean Hydrogen Hubs

Build regional clean H2Hubs across the country to create networks of clean hydrogen producers, consumers, and local connective infrastructure to accelerate use of clean hydrogen.

H2Hubs Demand-Side Support Initiative

- Sept 2023: Announced RFP. Responses were due on November 2, 2023.
- Jan 2024: H2DI was selected as the independent entity.
- Learn more about the initiative here:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QgOL_Xg7K1Q

H2Hubs Current Status

- **October 2023: DOE announced 7 projects selected for award negotiations.**

What is a Regional Clean Hydrogen Hub?



Selected Regional Clean Hydrogen Hubs



Selected H2Hubs Overview

**Unprecedented
Investment in America's
Hydrogen Infrastructure**

**Federal investment of
\$7 billion**

**To accelerate adoption of
hydrogen technologies**

**Approximately 3
Million Metric Tons of
Hydrogen Production
per Year**

**Providing tangible
benefits for Americans**

**Dedicated Dollars for
Community Benefits**

**Tens of Thousands of
Jobs**

**Greenhouse Gas
Reduction of 25 million
Metric Tons Per Year**



Community Benefits

Prioritizing Community Benefits in OCED Projects

OCED **requires** applicants to include a Community Benefits Plan to help ensure broadly shared prosperity in the clean energy transition.

By **prioritizing community benefits**, we can ensure the next chapter in America's energy story is marked by greater justice, equity, security, and resilience.

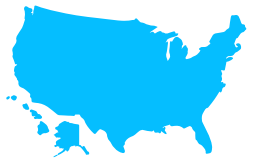
Community & Labor Engagement



Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, & Accessibility



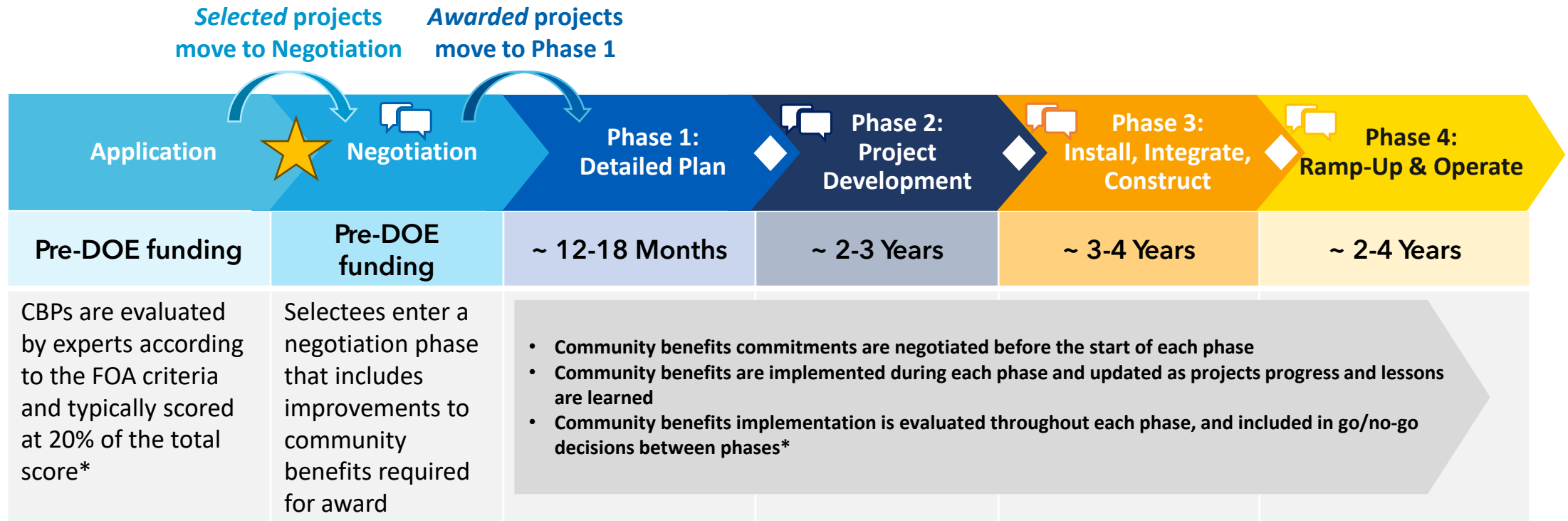
Investing in the American Workforce



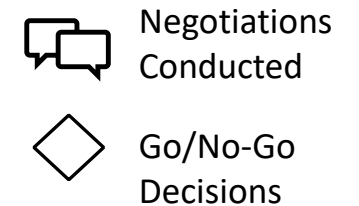
Justice40 Initiative



Community Benefit Commitments - Implementation Requirements per Phase

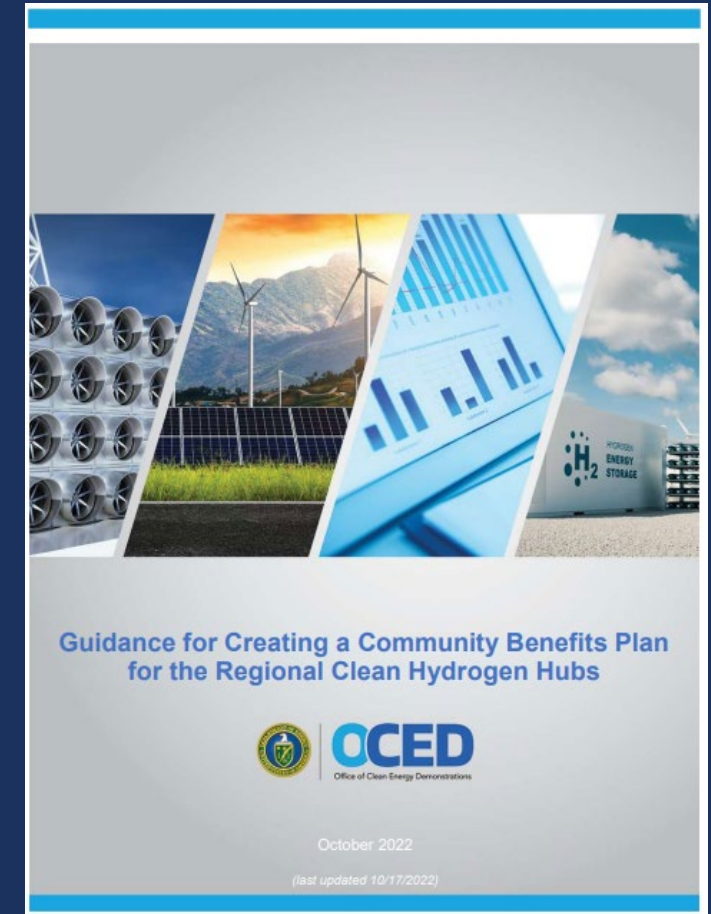


**CBPs are considered alongside assessments of engineering, procurement, and construction; business development and management; permitting and safety; and technical data and analysis.*



Strong Community Benefits Commitments

- Demonstrate moving beyond a vision or assessment into **actionable goals, outcomes, and implementation steps** supported by adequate money, people, and time resources
- Include mechanisms for **accountability to and transparency with** impacted communities
- Propose clear **metrics** to measure success
- Match proposed actions to the **needs and priorities** of impacted communities
- **Robustly address** all four topic areas
- **Minimize and mitigate negative impacts** and harm, especially to already overburdened communities
- **Create quality jobs**, equitable access, and invest in workforce development
- **Evolve** to incorporate community and worker feedback
- **Build** toward lasting and enforceable Community and Labor Agreements



**OCED FOA CBP Guidance docs
available with each FOA at:**
<https://oced-exchange.energy.gov/>



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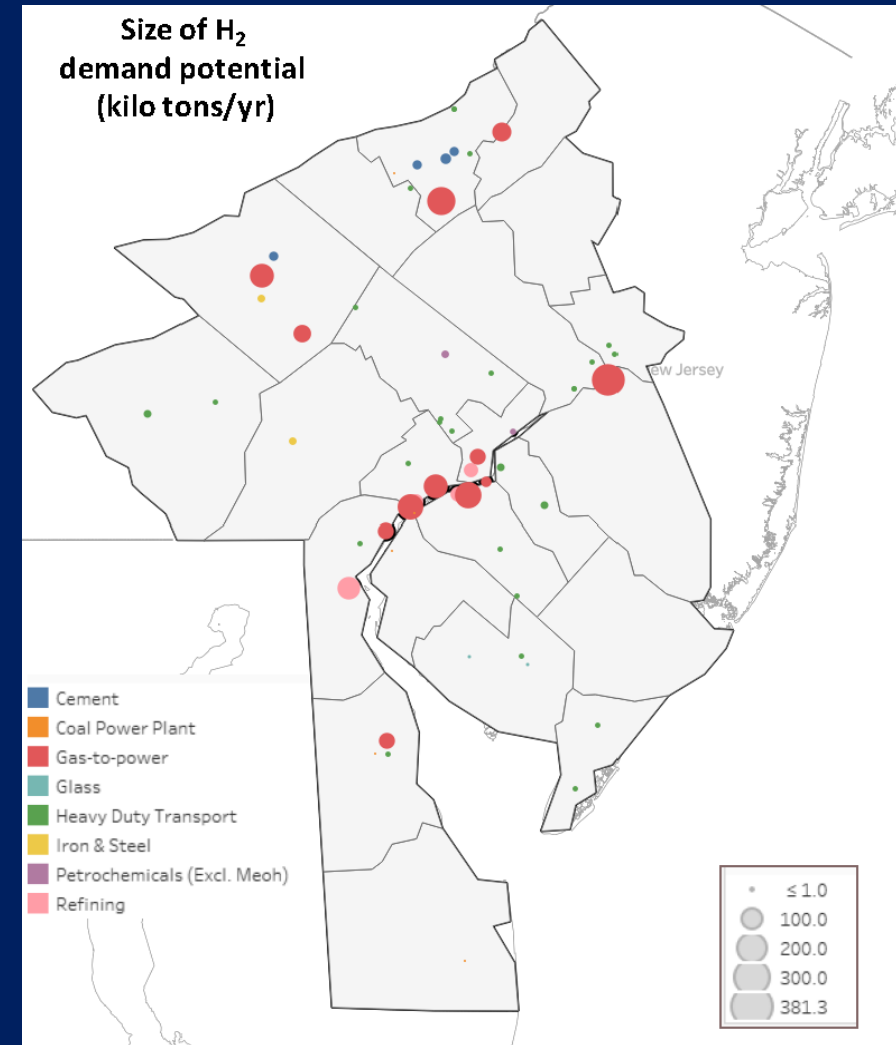
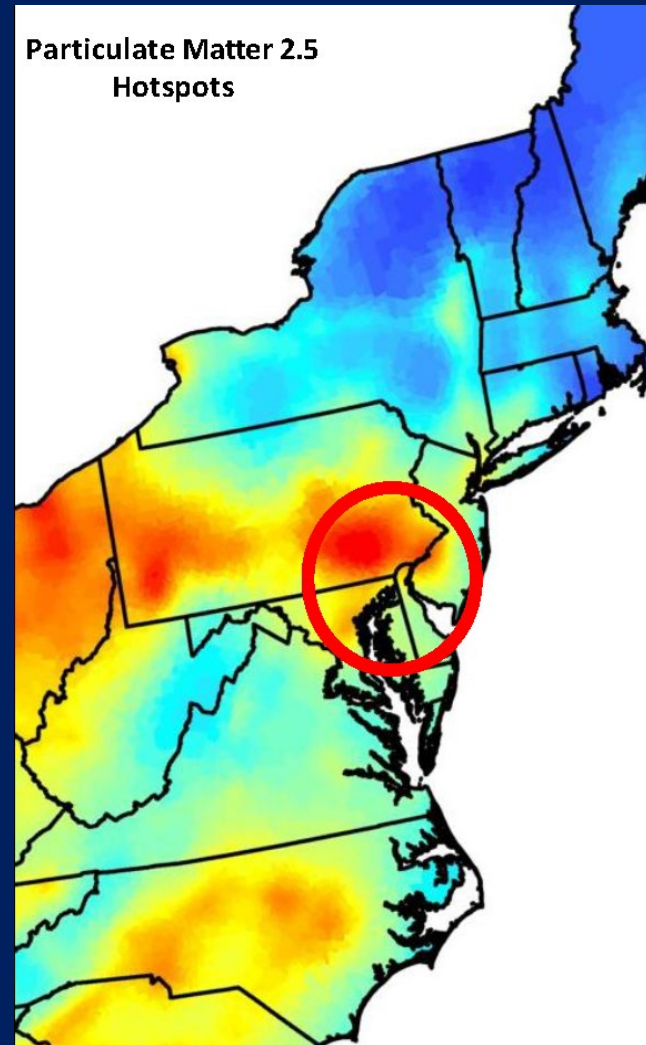
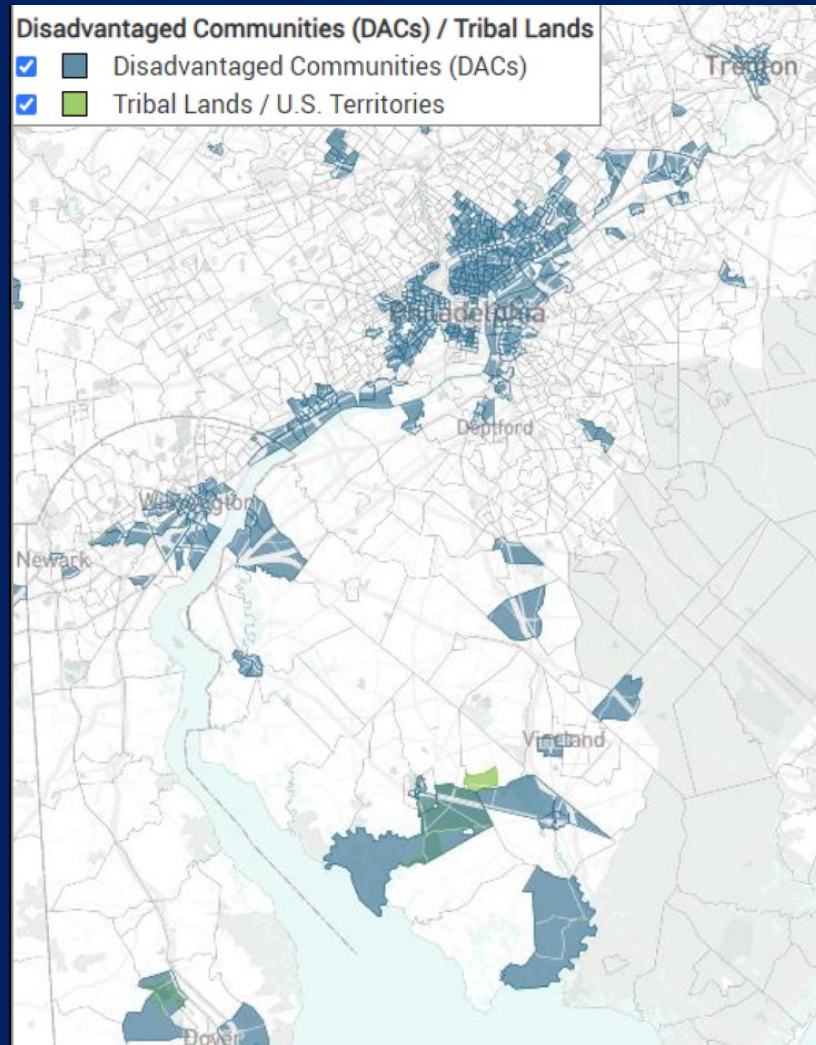
Mid-Atlantic Regional Clean Hydrogen Hub

WHY GREEN AND PINK HYDROGEN FOR THE MID-ATLANTIC

- Only use energy solutions that reduce both GHG & criteria pollutants
- Seize opportunities to create good, union jobs in clean energy economy
- Reduce emissions in sectors that have high levels of pollution and are difficult to decarbonize/electrify :
 - Industrial Facilities (23% of GHG): chemical manufacturing, steel, cement, logistics facilities
 - Transportation (28% of GHG) : Heavy-duty trucking, transit buses, ports, marine vessels, aviation
- Focus renewable energy electrification in sectors that make most sense: residential, light-duty vehicles, commercial buildings, etc.

JUSTICE 40 | SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCING AIR POLLUTION

Large emitters in hub are sources of H2 demand



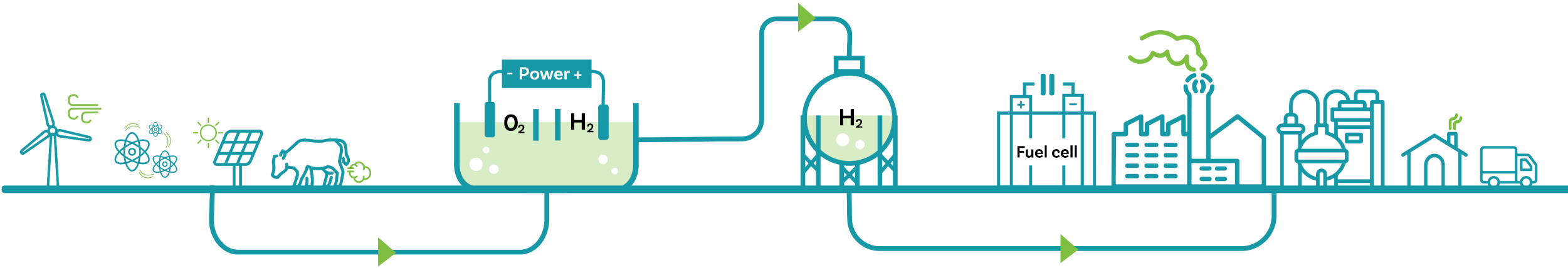
HOW WILL MACH2 PRODUCE HYDROGEN?

Using energy produced by clean energy sources like wind, solar, nuclear

...Low to zero carbon electricity could produce hydrogen from water through electrolysis.

Hydrogen is stored safely for when needed.

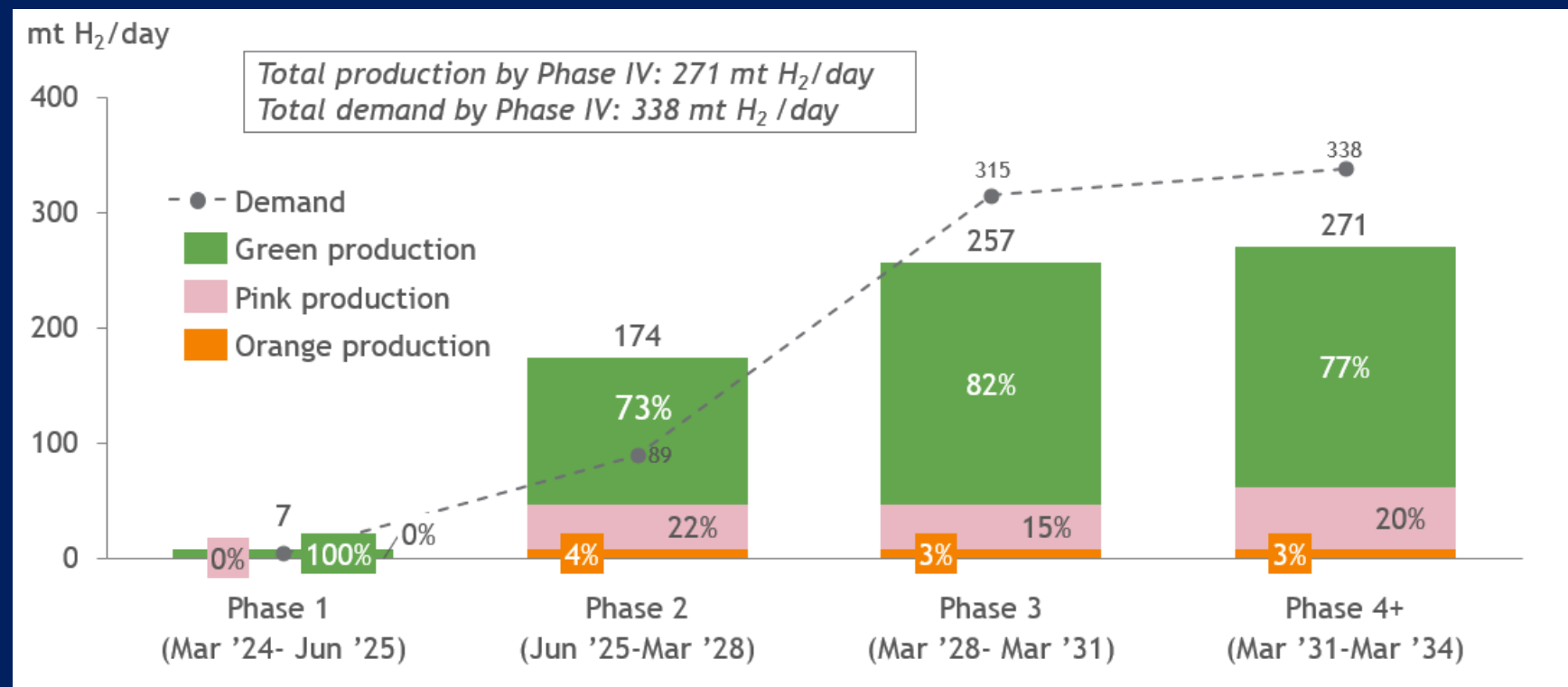
Clean hydrogen could be used for power generation, transportation fuel, refining and other industrial processes.



MACH₂ IS A FOSSIL
FUEL-FREE HUB

POWERED BY
RENEWABLE &
NUCLEAR ENERGY

LEVELIZED H₂
COST: \$3.86/KG



Green

Pink

Orange

Definition:

Solar or Wind powered
electrolyzer

Nuclear powered
electrolyzer

Biogas or biomethane in
SMR (e.g., RNG)

Carbon intensity:

0 kg CO_{2e}/kg H₂

0.2 kg CO_{2e}/kg H₂

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WHAT DO ELECTROLYZERS LOOK LIKE?



1 megawatt electrolyzer is
size of trailer of a semi-truck

MACH₂

Labor, Workforce & Community Outreach

- PA AFL-CIO
- DE AFL-CIO
- Building Construction Trades
- Pipefitters & Steamfitters
- Delaware Prosperity Partnership
- DESCA
- DE Workforce Development Board
- Philadelphia Works
- University of Delaware
- Cheyney University
- Rowan
- UPenn
- Drexel
- Delaware State University

H₂ Producers & Innovators

- Air Liquide
- PBF Energy
- Bloom Energy
- PGW
- Monroe Energy
- Enbridge
- Versogen
- Holtec
- PSE&G
- Chesapeake Utilities
- sHYp
- Hydropore
- First State Hydrogen

Feedstock Diversity & Infrastructure

- PECO
- PSE&G
- US Wind
- Buckeye
- IRPL
- Orsted

H₂ Supply Chain

- Chemours
- DuPont
- WL Gore
- Compact Membrane Systems

Industrial & Commercial Applications

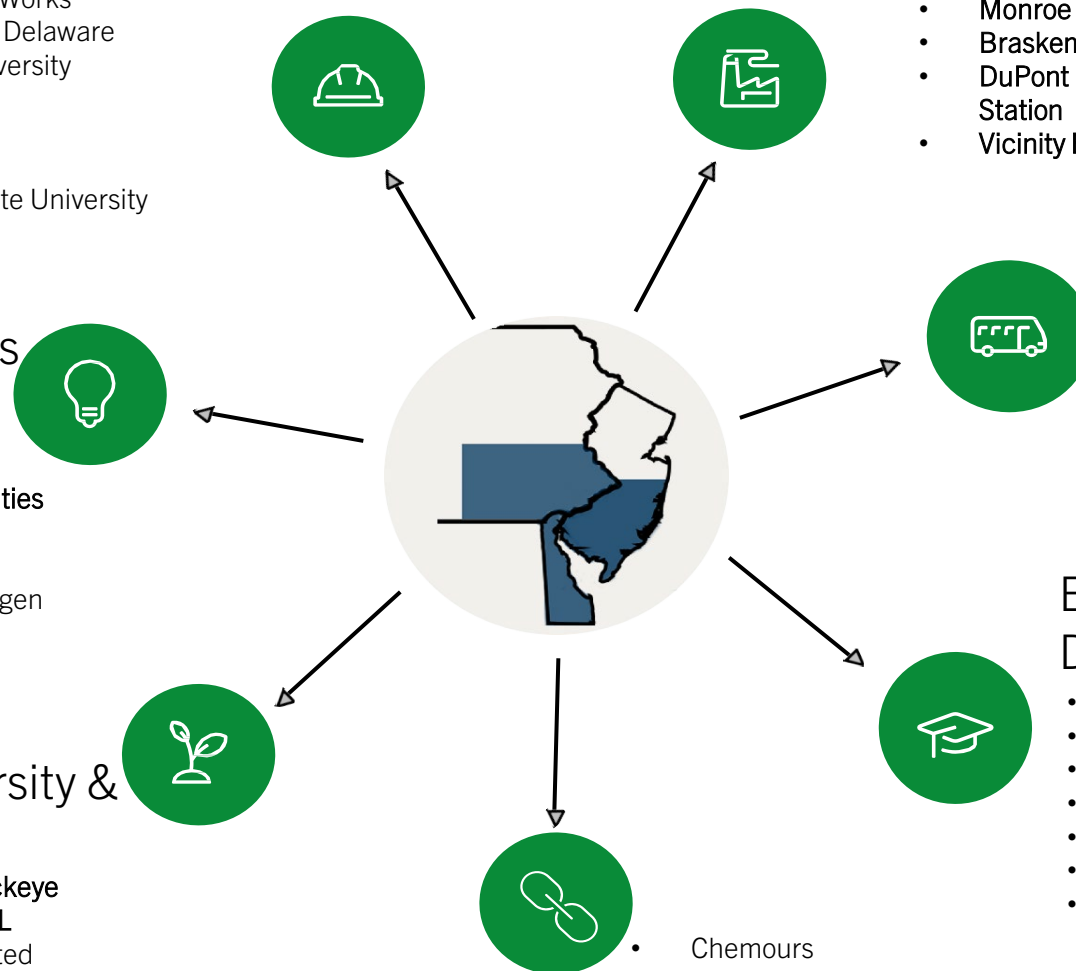
- Monroe Energy
- Braskem
- DuPont Experimental Station
- Vicinity Energy
- PSE&G
- Enbridge
- Hilco
- HyAxiom
- Amazon
- Ameresco

Transportation Applications

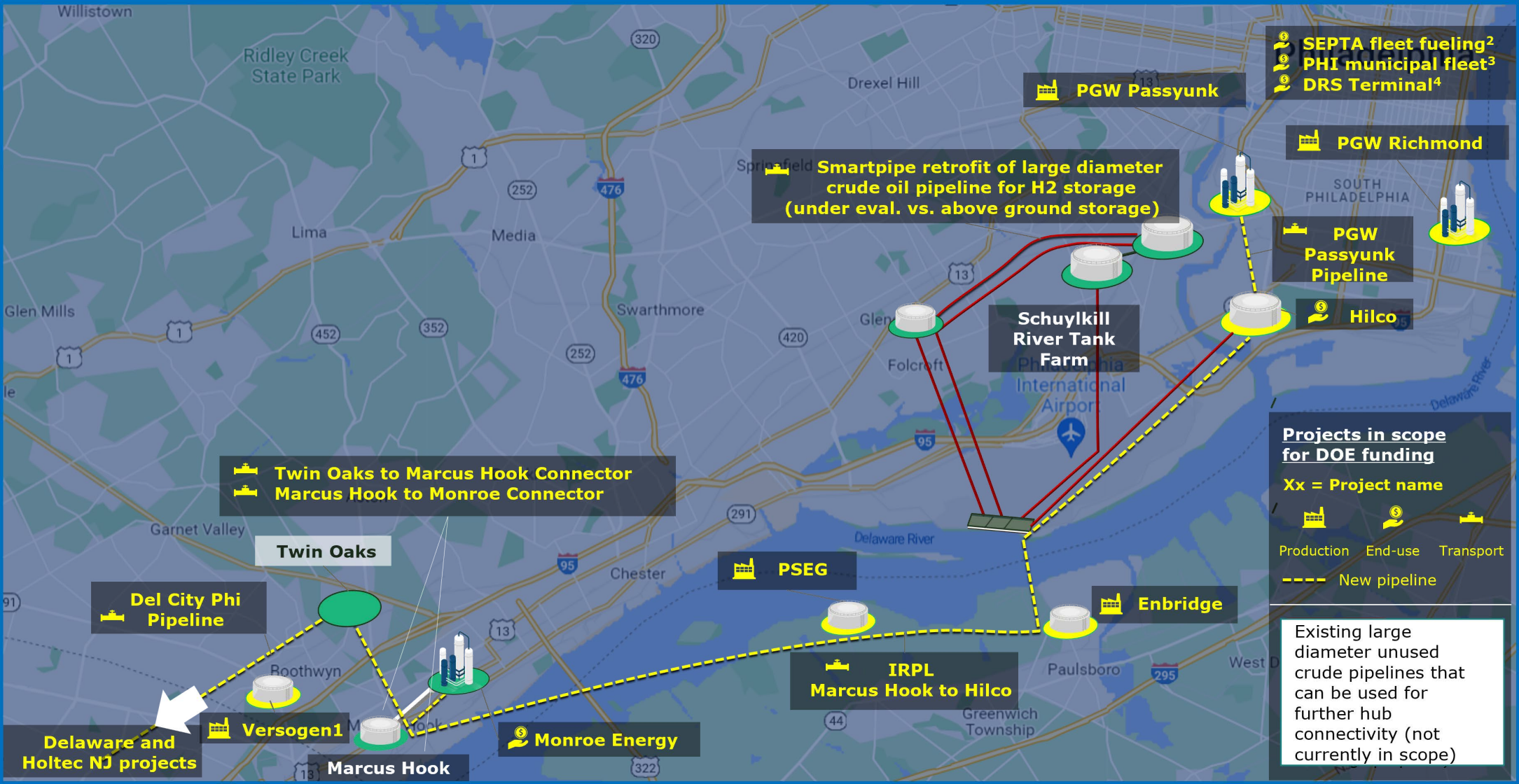
- SEPTA
- DART
- NJ Transit
- Philadelphia Municipal Fleets

Education, Research & Development

- University of Delaware
- Cheyney University
- Rowan
- UPenn
- Drexel
- Delaware State University
- DESCA



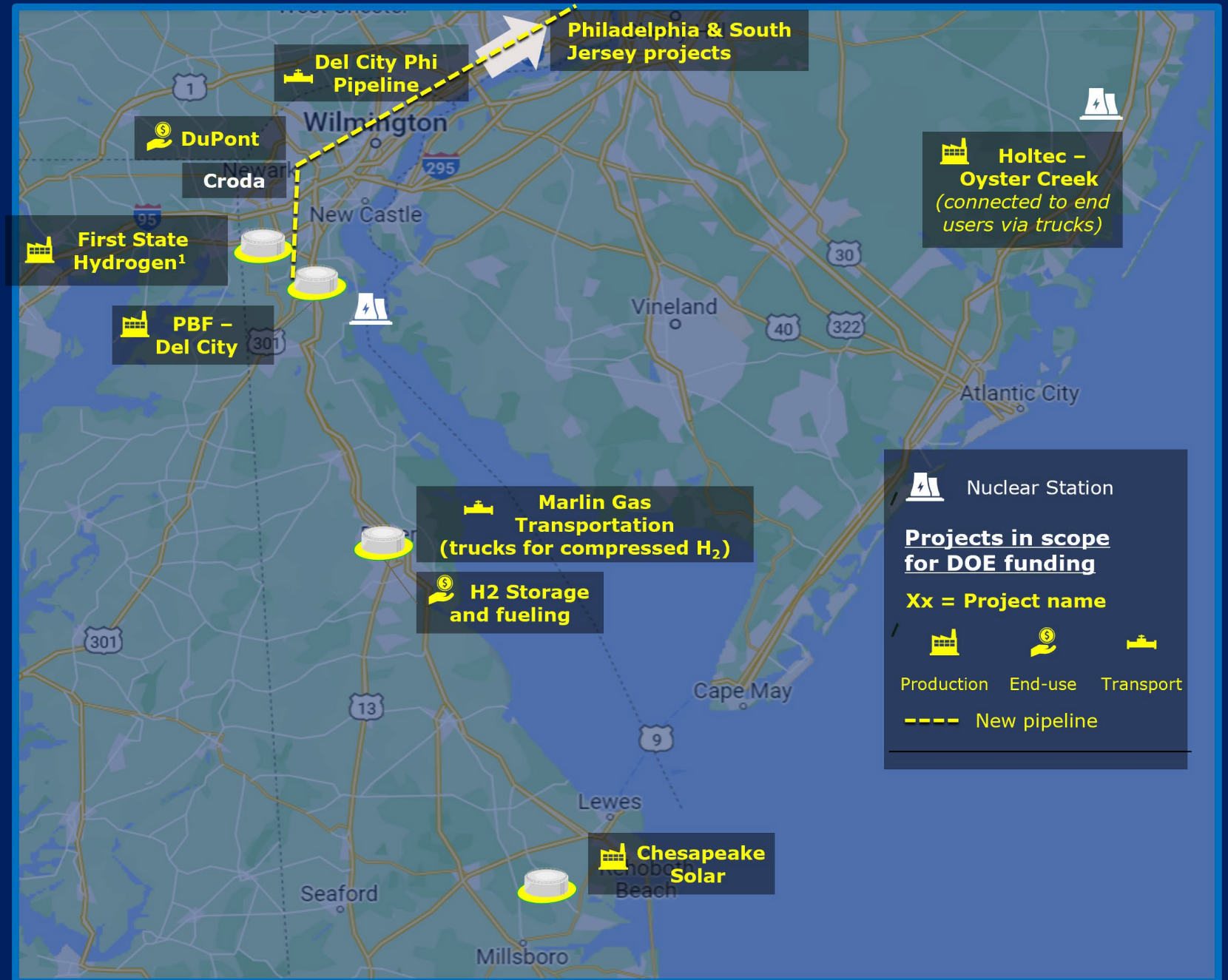
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WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND JOBS



- MACH₂ will create 20,800 well-paying jobs in the clean energy economy, including 13,400 union construction jobs
- The regional Building Trades and AFL-CIO helped lead MACH₂ from the start. Every project will be constructed with project labor agreement
- MACH₂ will coordinate equitable access to next-generation job training opportunities, especially historically underserved communities
- Key workforce partners: Labor, Cheyney University, Delaware Tech, the Collegiate Consortium, Philadelphia Works, DE Workforce Development Board, NJ State Employment and Training Commission, FAME, Inc., LEEP

**POST AWARD
ORGANIZATIONAL
STRUCTURE
EMBEDS COMMUNITY
BENEFITS, WORKFORCE
DEVELOPMENT & EJ40
ACTIVITIES AT ALL
LEVELS INCLUDING
BOARD, ADVISORY
COMMITTEES,
EXECUTIVE TEAM &
COMMUNITY BENEFITS
STAFF**





Next Steps & Resources

Current Status – Negotiations

Award Negotiations: OCED is in negotiations with project selectees.

After Award: IF the projects receive an award (successful negotiations)

- Selectees enter into cooperative agreement with OCED
- Detailed Project Plan begins
- OCED will work with selectees to ensure compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)
- Significant engagement with OCED and awardee



Get Involved

———— Project of Interest Selected/Awarded
..... Project of Interest not Selected/Awarded

Project of interest
selected (Oct 2023)



Project not
selected

DOE
involvement
ends*

Negotiation

How to engage during negotiation:

- Visit Hub webpages
- Attend Hub-specific virtual briefing
- Email the H2Hub
- Email DOE at engage_H2Hubs@hq.doe.gov
- Attend local engagements (details TBD)
- Read [Initial CBP summary](#)

DOE will use feedback from engagements to inform the negotiation process

Project awarded



Project not
awarded

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Implementation Phases 1-4

NEPA engagement

Ongoing engagement throughout phases 1-4



How to engage during Phases 1-4:

- **Attend facilitated sessions** with DOE and project performers to raise priorities and concerns
- **Reach out to H2Hub teams** any time
- **Participate in H2Hub engagements;** workforce or community agreements; or advisory boards H2Hubs may have as part of their CBP activities
- **Reach out to DOE** if any questions or concerns are not being adequately addressed engage_H2Hubs@hq.doe.gov
- Each phase has a go/no-go where DOE will assess project performance including CBP – **your feedback matters!**

How NEPA will work:

- **DOE will comply** with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and related requirements for the Hubs.
- Feedback via early engagement will **inform initial scope of NEPA reviews**.
- **Stakeholder engagement** throughout the NEPA process, including at scoping and draft NEPA document review stages.

*Communities and labor can still engage with the applicant based on the information they released to date to explore a path forward without this specific source of federal funding.



Stay Connected

- Reach OCED about the H2Hubs [Engage H2Hubs@hq.doe.gov](mailto:H2Hubs@hq.doe.gov)
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H2Hubs Resources

Regional Clean Hydrogen Hubs

- [Program Page](#)
- [Press Release](#)
- [Overview of Selected Projects](#)
- [Local Engagement Opportunities](#)
- [OCED CBP fact sheet](#)

Demand-Side Support Initiative for Clean Hydrogen

- [Request for Proposals \(RFP\)](#)
- [Video: OCED Update on Demand-Side Support Initiative](#)

Additional Clean Hydrogen Resources

- [U.S. National Clean Hydrogen Strategy and Roadmap](#)
- [Hydrogen Interagency Task Force](#)
- [Clean Hydrogen Pathways to Commercial Liftoff Report](#)
- [Hydrogen Shot](#)

Additional DOE Resources

- [Office of Economic Impact and Diversity assistance to advance equity & CBP in communities](#)
- [Office of Energy Jobs technical assistance to advance CBP jobs, labor & skilled workforce](#)



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