

H₂ Reformer, Fuel Cell Power Plant, & Vehicle Refueling System

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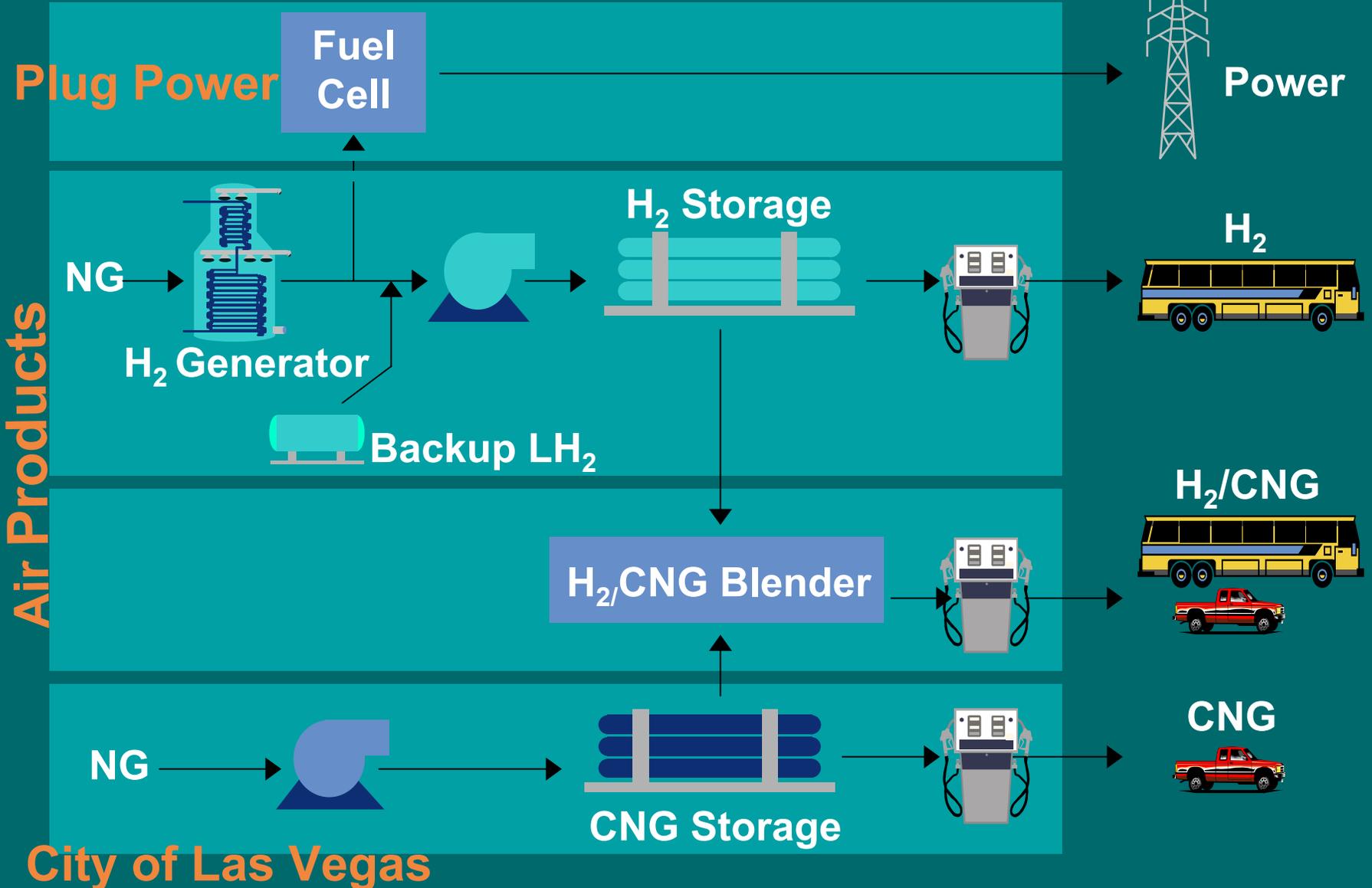
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Nevada Hydrogen Project



Goals and Objectives

- **Develop & demonstrate small, on-site H₂ production for fuel cells and H₂ fuel stations**
- **Design & install multipurpose vehicle refueling station to dispense H₂/CNG blends, and pure H₂**
- **Develop & install H₂-fueled stationary 50kW fuel cell**
- **Evaluate operability/reliability/economic feasibility, of integrated power generation and vehicle refueling designs**
- **Expand the current facility to serve as the first commercial facility when sufficient hydrogen demand develops.**

Relevant DOE Program Objectives

- Reduce dependence on foreign oil
- Promote use of diverse, domestic energy resources
 - Natural gas reformation
- Develop and demonstrate distributed hydrogen generation technology ...

Milestones

LH₂-based Fuel System On stream

July 2002

Scale-up H₂ Generator On stream

Aug 2002

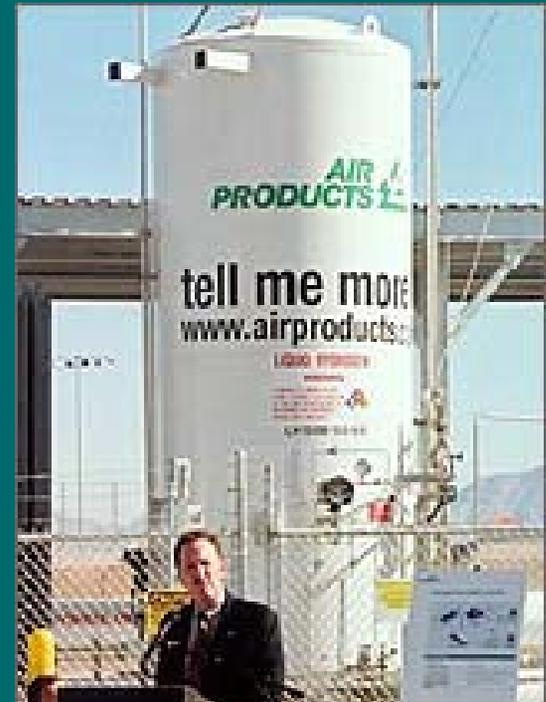
Initial Startup of Fuel Cell

Aug 2002

Dedication Ceremony

15 Nov 2002

(FY 2003 Major DOE program accomplishment)



H₂ Generator & Fuel Cell



Fueling Station



Status of Progress - H₂ Generator

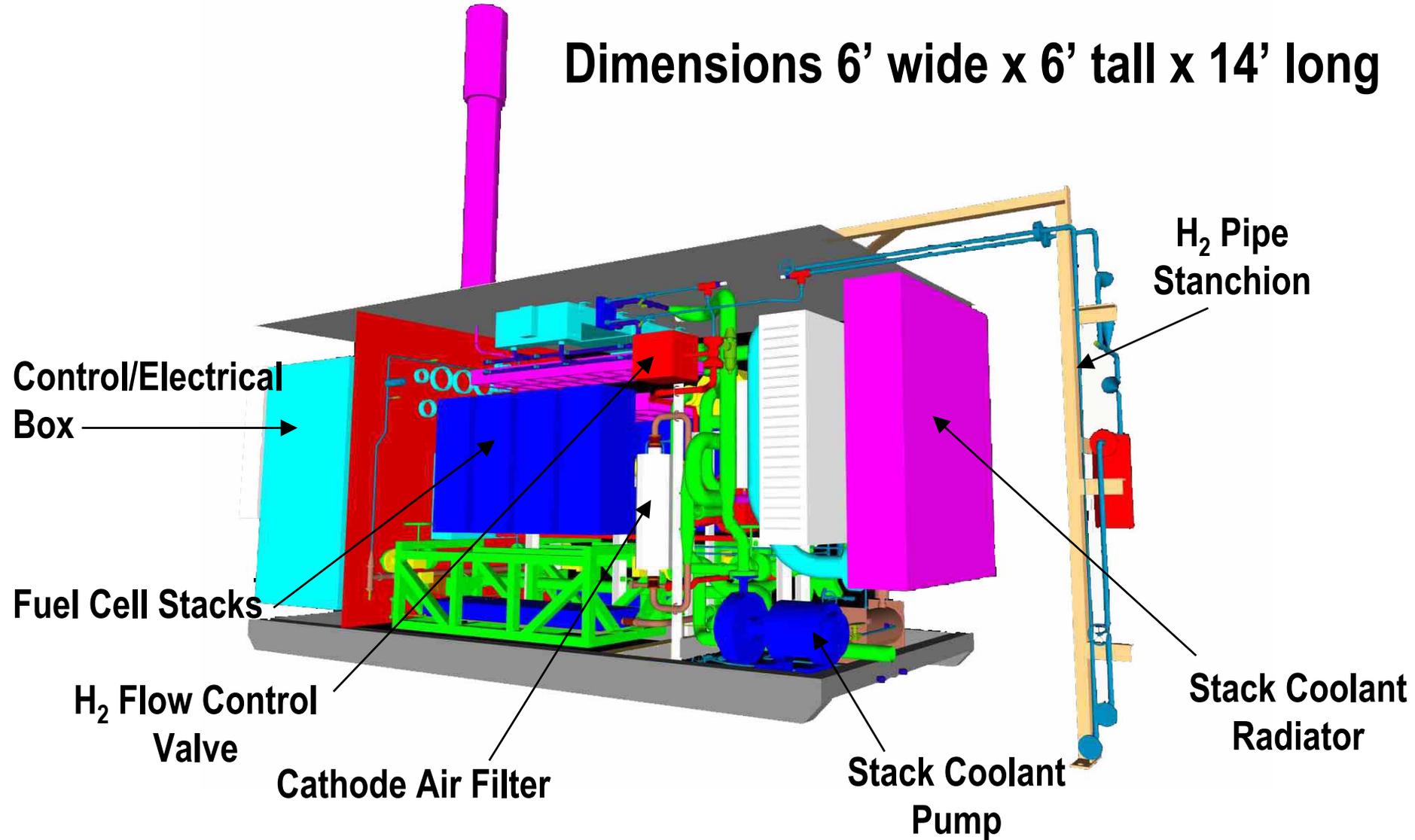
- Excellent process operation and product purity of 99.95+% demonstrated
- Turn-up and turn-down of hydrogen production to accommodate varying demand by fuel cell and fuel station achieved
- Remote operation (using Enterprise remote asset monitoring) from any location
 - Currently from AP sites in Sacramento and Allentown, PA
- Performance evaluation in-progress
- Approximately 2200 total hours run time

Status of Progress - Fuel Station

- Fueling demand integrated with site wide operational controls allows for automated operation.
- CNG/H2 and H2 Fuel Dispensing successfully performed on test fill tank, CNG/H2 ICE vehicles and H2 Fuel Cell vehicles.
- Fuel dispensing integrated with City of Las Vegas fuel accounting system.
- Limited fueling demand at this time.
- CLV vehicle fleet establishment in progress; more demand for fueling expected in future.

Plug Power 50 kW Fuel Cell

Dimensions 6' wide x 6' tall x 14' long



Status of Progress - Fuel Cell

- **Initial Startup - Aug 2002**
 - Initial operational issues identified and addressed.
 - Identified two hardware design issues; scanner cards and drain valves.
- **Dedication Ceremony Operation- November 2002.**
- **Hardware changes operational - April 2003.**
 - Scanner cards redesigned and installed.
 - Water drain valve approach modified.
- **Operational issues with cell voltage falloff prevented continuous operation.**

Status of Progress - Fuel Cell

- Engineering team on site 4/30 to continue to evaluate root cause and develop options to place unit in operation.
- Design approach of multiple stacks with no ability to independently manage gas flows, temperature, humidity and power challenging
- Excellent list of lessons learned compiled. Additional lessons learned from PlugPower single stack 5 KW systems combined in future designs.
- Unit successfully ran 3 days with trip by reformer. Restarted successfully and ran another 3 days with trip due to low voltage stack
- Stack will be replaced week of 5/27 and restarted
- Current performance indicates near term target of 2 - 3 months operation will be met with minor tweaks.

Future Work

- **Begin extended unattended operation of Fuel Cell Power Generator - June 2003**
- **Achieve extended integrated run of H₂ Generator and fuel station - June 2003**
- **Ongoing collection of site performance data to assess overall operation of the system - May - Nov 2003**
- **Vehicle fleet buildup will add 6 CLV H₂/CNG buses, and various light duty vehicles (dependent on external effort) - May 03 - May 04**

Status of Business Plan & Safety Review

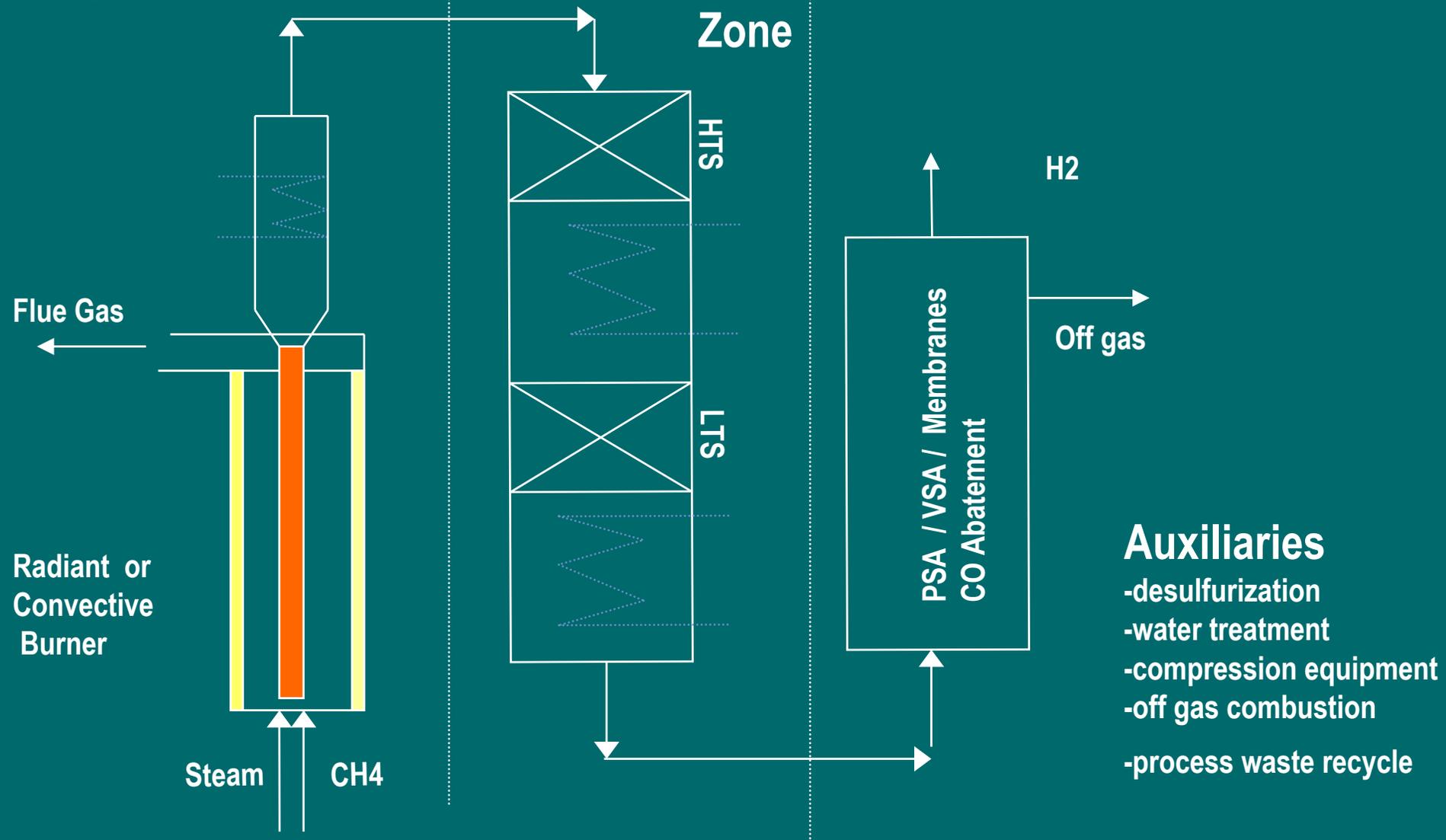
- **Business plans to follow installation and routine operation of the integrated systems**
 - Partners are interested in total integrated system as well as individual components
- **Safety is top priority in design, construction and operation**
 - Process & Design HAZOPs conducted on components
 - All safety and industry codes are addressed in designs
 - Air Products' 40 years of experience in commercial H₂

Traditional SMR

SynGas Production

Shift Conversion Zone

Separation Zone

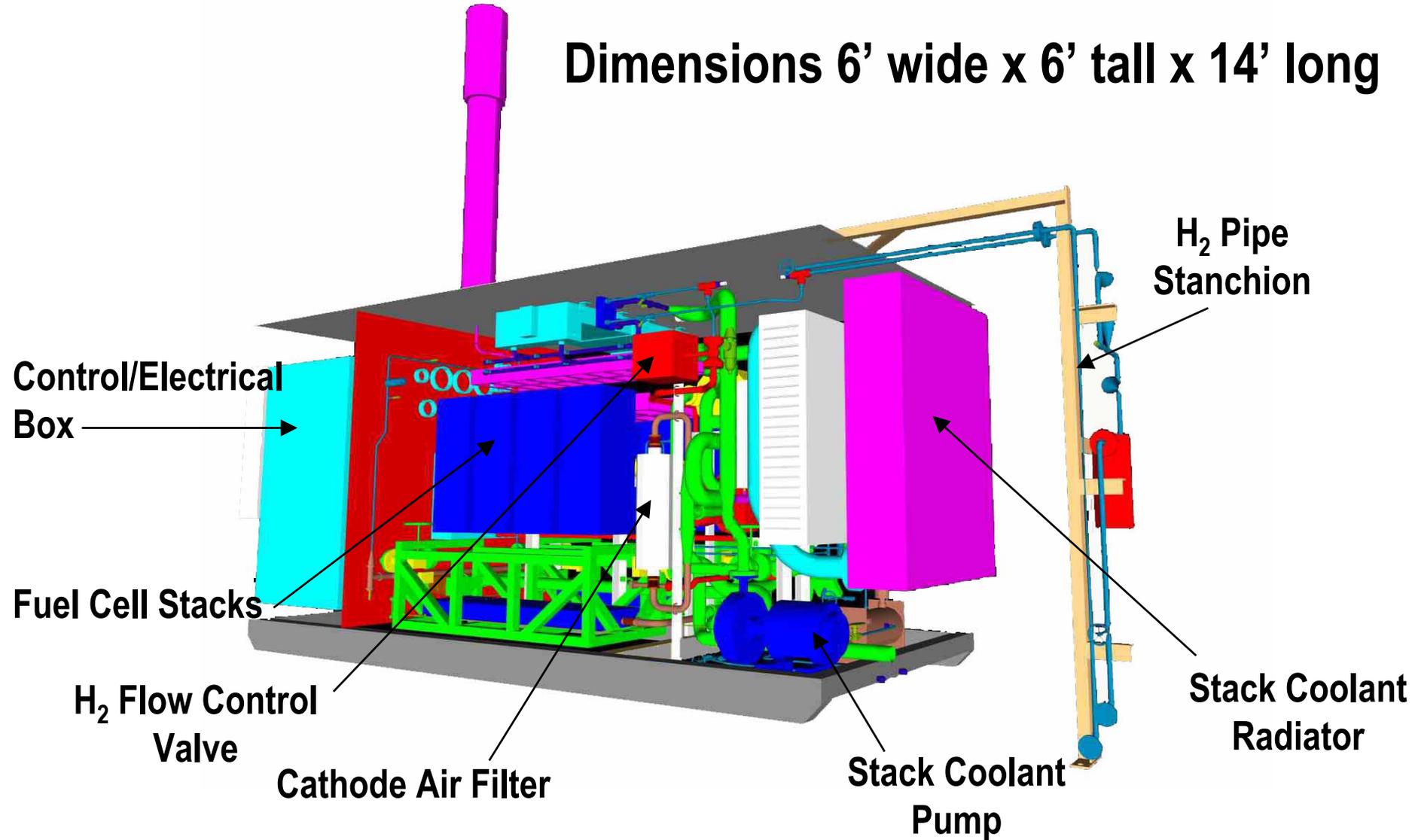


Harvest SMR – Container Internals



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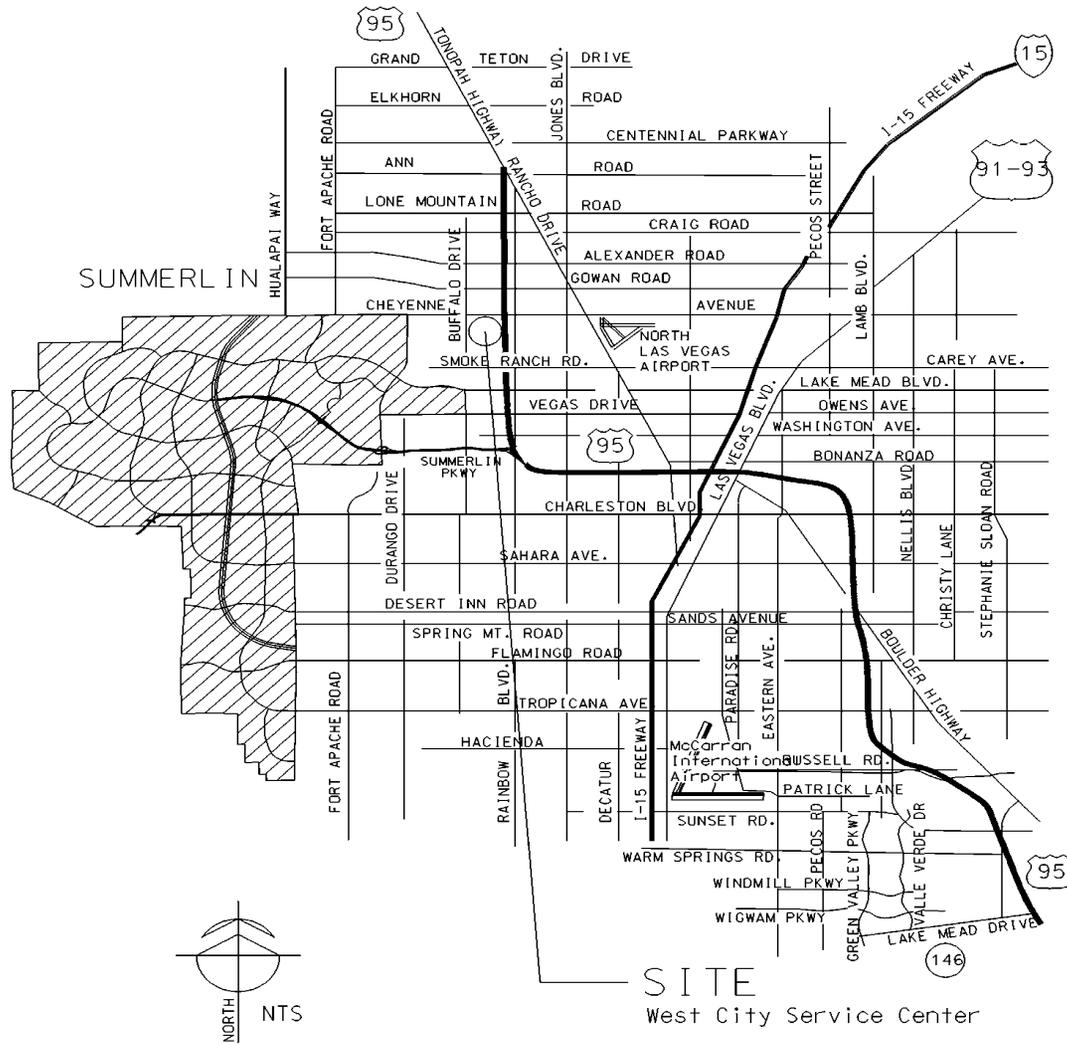
Projected H₂ Demand

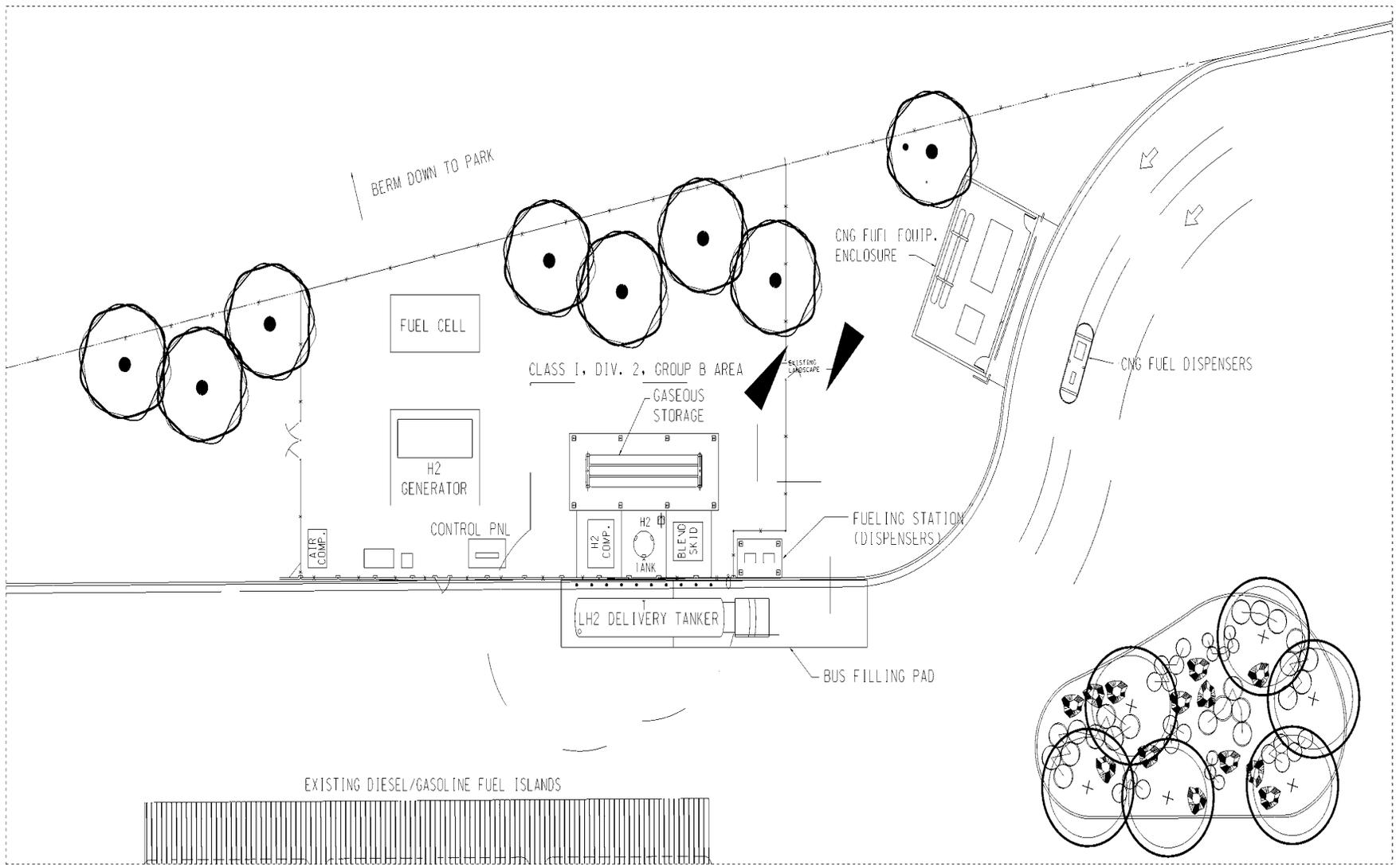
<u>Project Phase & Date</u>	<u>Hydrogen Applications</u>	<u>H₂ Demand SCFD</u>	<u>Proposed Hydrogen Supply Approach</u>
<u>Phase 1</u> May 2002 - Jun 2002 Initial Fuel Station Startup	1 - 3 H ₂ /CNG Light Duty Vehicles (LDVs) 1 H ₂ Hybrid Elec. bus 1 H ₂ /CNG Bus by CLV for testing beginning Jan 2001.	1,000 - 3,000	LH ₂ to supply vehicle fueling initially.
<u>Phase 2</u> Jun 2002 - Dec 2002 Vehicle Fleet Buildup	6 - 11 H ₂ /CNG LDVs 1 H ₂ Hybrid Elec. bus 2 - 6 H ₂ /CNG Buses 50kW Fuel Cell @ 25 - 50% rate	3,000 to 15,000 3,000 to 15,000	H ₂ Generator Prototype (17,000 SCFD) will supply H ₂ ; Liquid H ₂ is used as backup/peak shave. Fuel Cell balances H ₂ Gen. Production
<u>Phase 3</u> Jan 2003- Sept 2004 Full Station Operation	6 H ₂ /CNG Buses 11 - 20 H ₂ /CNG LDVs 1 H ₂ Hybrid Elec Bus 50kW Fuel Cell @ full rate	54,000	Commercial H ₂ Generator (65,000 SCFD) will supply H ₂ as bus fleet buildup achieves targets.

NV Hydrogen Program Projects Initiated in FY99

- Hydrogen Reformer, Fuel Cell Power Generator, and Vehicle Fueling System Project: Develop & demonstrate cost effective hydrogen/electricity co-production system.
- Hydrogen-Enriched Light-Duty Vehicle Fleet Project: Achieve Equivalent Zero Emission Vehicle (EZEV) levels for combined NOx and CO.
- Hydrogen-Enriched Natural Gas City Bus Fleet Project: Demonstrate a 75% emissions reduction in heavy duty engine, mass transit application.
- UNLV H2Fuel Bus Evaluation and Upgrade Project: Develop a hydrogen transportation system demonstration platform.

VICINITY MAP - LAS VEGAS





ENLARGED PLAN - HYDROGENATED FUEL SITE & CNG FUEL SITE

Scale: 1" = 20' 0"

Hydrogen – Natural Gas Vehicles

- **Heavy Duty Engine Development and Vehicle Demonstration Project**
 - **Retrofit up to six, 33 passenger, dedicated natural gas buses for CLV service**
 - **Range = 200 + miles**
 - **75% reduction below EPA 1998 Heavy Duty Emission Standards**



Hydrogen – Natural Gas Vehicles

- **Light Duty Engine Development and Vehicle Demonstration Project**
 - **Convert up to 18 F-150 trucks to operate on Hydrogen enriched natural gas**
 - **Place in service with CLV**
 - **Emissions meet or exceed 2003 CARB Super Ultra Low Emission Vehicle Standards**

