

Reductions Proposed Again in FY 2011 for Hydrogen-Fuel Cell Programs

The Obama Administration proposed today to reduce funding for PEM-based hydrogen and fuel cell programs in FY 2011, proposing \$137 million (a reduction of \$37 million), and provided no money for new vehicle deployment under the Technology Validation program. SECA program funding was proposed at \$50 million, a reduction of \$4 million from 2010.

There was no public criticism of the hydrogen program this year from the Secretary, and no attempt at outright elimination. But the cuts are significant and include programs of greatest importance to the industry.

We will oppose these cuts vigorously and expect that the effective coalition that came together in 2009 to support a strong fuel cell budget will be equally effective this year.

The chart below provides a little more detail on the budget proposed for 2011.

| | | Millions | | |
|---|--|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Energy Efficiency-Renewable Energy | | FY 2010 | FY 2011 | Change |
| Fuel Cell Systems | | \$77,482.00 | \$67,000.00 | -\$10,482.00 |
| Hydrogen Systems | | \$47,000.00 | \$40,000.00 | -\$7,000.00 |
| Systems Analysis | | \$5,556.00 | \$5,000.00 | -\$556.00 |
| Market Transformation | | \$25,865.00 | \$9,000.00 | -\$16,865.00 |
| Manufacturing R&D | | \$5,000.00 | \$5,000.00 | \$0.00 |
| Technology Validation, Safety, C&S* | | \$13,097.00 | \$11,000.00 | -\$2,097.00 |
| Total EERE | | \$174,000.00 | \$137,000.00 | -\$37,000.00 |
| Fossil Energy | | | | |
| Fuel Cells - SECA | | \$54,000.00 | \$50,000.00 | -\$4,000.00 |
| Coal to Hydrogen | | \$25,000.00 | \$12,000.00 | -\$13,000.00 |
| *No money for deployments in 2011 | | | | |