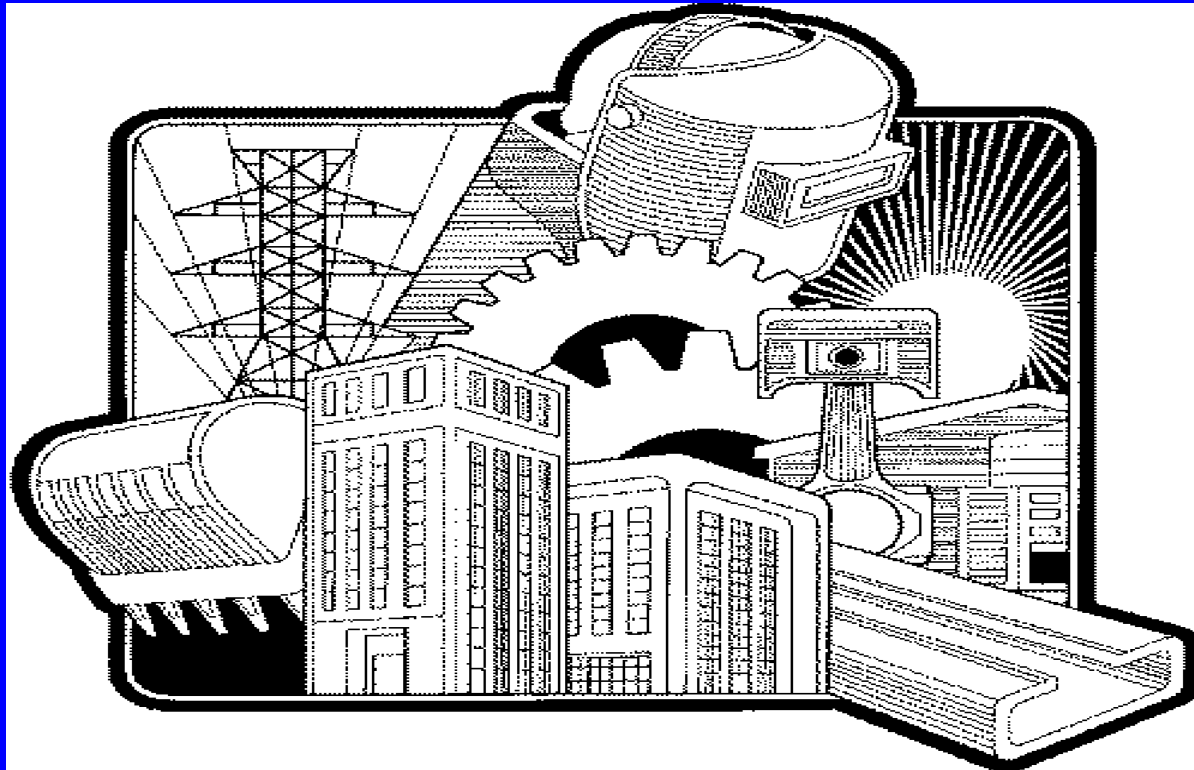


# An Overview of NFPA's Hydrogen Requirements



**National Hydrogen Association Meeting**  
**September 22, 2003**



# NFPA- What it is and does

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- Non-profit association founded in 1896
- Provides full range of fire and safety programs
- Develops codes & standards - volunteer based
- 75,000 Members & 300+ Staff
- 220+ Committees
- 300+ Codes & Standards
- [www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org)
- [www.nfpa.org/ECommittee/HCGroup/HCGroup.asp](http://www.nfpa.org/ECommittee/HCGroup/HCGroup.asp)

# The NFPA Process

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- Revision process closely mirrors regulatory revision process
  - Call for proposals
  - Committee review of proposals
  - Report on Proposals published
  - Call for Comments/committee review
  - Vote by NFPA membership
  - Issuance by NFPA Standards Council
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# Existing NFPA H<sub>2</sub> Codes and Standards

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1. *NFPA 50A Standard for Gaseous Hydrogen Systems at Consumer Sites 1999 Edition*
  2. *NFPA 50B Standard for Liquefied Hydrogen Systems at Consumer Sites 1999 Edition*
  3. *NFPA 853 Stationary Fuel Cell Power Plants 2003 Edition*
- *NFPA 70 National Electric Code® Article 692 2002 Edition*

# Projects Underway to Expand Hydrogen Requirements

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- Expansion of NFPA 52 Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Vehicular Fuel Systems Code 2002 Edition to cover Hydrogen.
- *Modifications to NFPA 55 Standard for the Storage, Use, and Handling of Compressed Gases and Cryogenic Fluids in Portable and Stationary Containers, Cylinders, and Tanks 2003 Edition* to address hydrogen systems

# The NFPA Hydrogen Coordinating Group (HCG)

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- Compare the existing NFPA hydrogen safety requirements to the needs of the hydrogen infrastructure and determine where there are gaps.
- Form work groups to develop the needed requirements

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- Formed December 2002 with following task groups:
- 1. Metal Hydride Storage and Generation
- 2. High Pressure Storage/Composite Material for Storage/High Pressure Handling and Utilization)
- 3. Hydrogen Siting (including electrical classification, rooftop siting, and offset distances)
- 4. Below Grade and Mounded Storage
- 5. Emergency Power generation

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- 6. C<sup>3</sup>® Code Set
  - 7. Methanol Usage
  - 8. Hydrogen Venting (Size and Location of Vents)
  - 9. Hydrogen Piping and Utilization (including building ventilation)
  - 10. Hydrogen Detection and Protection (Sensing and Control Devices)
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# Potentially Affected Documents

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- 1. *NFPA 55 Standard for the Storage, Use, and Handling of Compressed Gases and Cryogenic Fluids in Portable and Stationary Containers, Cylinders, and Tanks*
- 2. *NFPA 52 Vehicular Fuel Systems Code*
- 3. *NFPA 30A Code for Motor Fuel Dispensing Facilities and Repair Garages*
- 4. *NFPA 853 Stationary Fuel Cell Power Plants*
- 5. *NFPA 5000™ Building Construction and Safety Code*

# Potentially Affected Documents

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- 6. *NFPA 497 Recommended Practice for the Classification of Flammable Liquids, Gases, or Vapors and of Hazardous (Classified) Locations for Electrical Installations in Chemical Process Areas*
- 7. *NFPA 70 National Electric Code® Article 692*
- 8. *NFPA 110 Standard for Emergency and Standby Power Systems*
- 9. *NFPA 111 Standard on Stored Electrical Energy Emergency and Standby Power Systems*

# Recent Code and Standard Activities- NFPA 55 2004 ed.

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- *NFPA's Industrial and Medical Gas Technical Committee met in August 2003 to review proposals*
- *Committee proceeding to incorporate NFPA 50A and 50B into 2004 edition of document*
- *Committee will make NFPA 55 primary document for stationary hydrogen storage and hydrogen utilization systems*

# **Recent Code and Standard Activities- NFPA 853 2003 ed.**

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- ***2003 edition of 853 just released***
- ***Covers all size stationary fuel cells- previous edition did not cover smaller systems***
- ***Refers to NFPA 55 for storage of hydrogen used for fuel cell systems***

# **Recent Code and Standard Activities- NFPA 52 2002 ed.**

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- ***NFPA's Vehicular Alternative Fuel Systems met in June 2003 to develop requirement for hydrogen refueling operations to be added to NFPA 52***
- ***Committee also planning on incorporating NFPA 57 (LNG refueling and engine systems) into 2005 edition of NFPA 52***
- ***Committee will meet March 16-18, 2004 to review proposals to NFPA 52***

# **Recent Code and Standard Activities- NFPA 5000 2006 ed.**

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- ***NFPA Building Construction and Safety Code contains references to NFPA 55, 853, and 52 among other hydrogen documents***
- ***Public proposal closing date for NFPA 5000 is 10/17/2003***

# **Recent Code and Standard Activities- NFPA 1 2006 ed.**

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- ***NFPA 1- now called the Uniform Fire Code***
- ***Fire prevention code meant to work in tandem with NFPA 5000 Building Code***
- ***Give code official a single document for fire safety compliance inspections***
- ***For the most part NFPA 1 extracts material from other NFPA document- large portions of NFPA 55 extracted into NFPA 1***

# The Future

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- NFPA would like to see the views of all interested parties heard and encourages them to participate in the process of creating hydrogen safety requirements in the NFPA codes and standards
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