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Fuel Approval Process & Status James Hileman Chief Scientific and Technical Advisor for **Environment and Energy Federal Aviation Administration** April 30, 2019

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FAA Efforts Relating to Jet Fuel

Testing

- Support ASTM Intl Certification/Qualification testing and improve process
- Measure combustion emissions

Analysis

- Environmental sustainability
- Techno-economic analysis
- Future scenarios

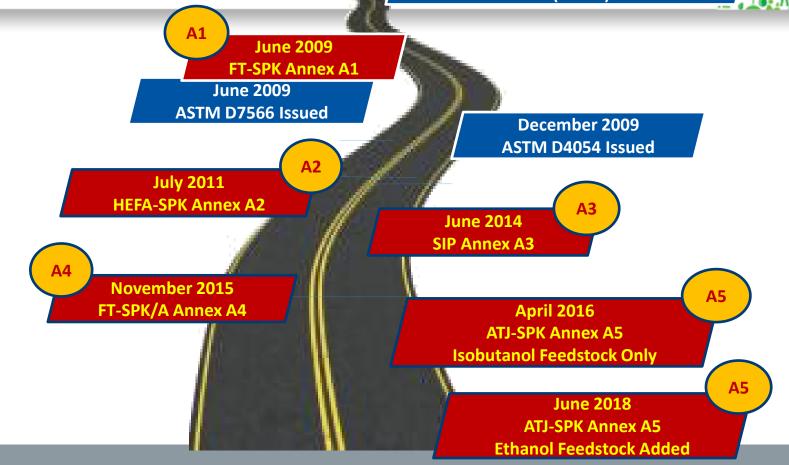
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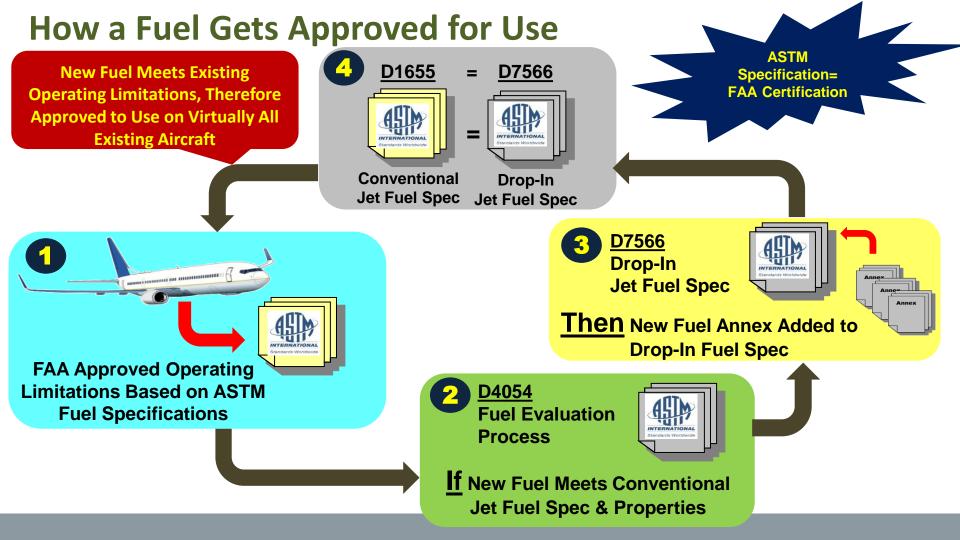
- Interagency
- Public-Private
- State & Regional
- International



Over a Decade of Progress

May 24, 2006 Commercial Aviation Alternative Fuels Initiative (CAAFI) Established

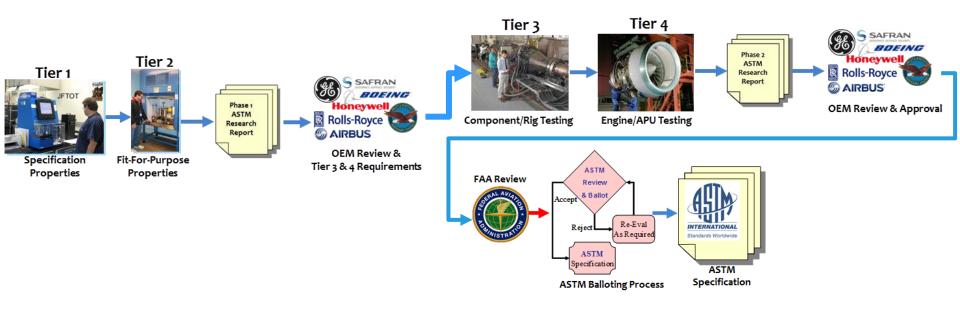


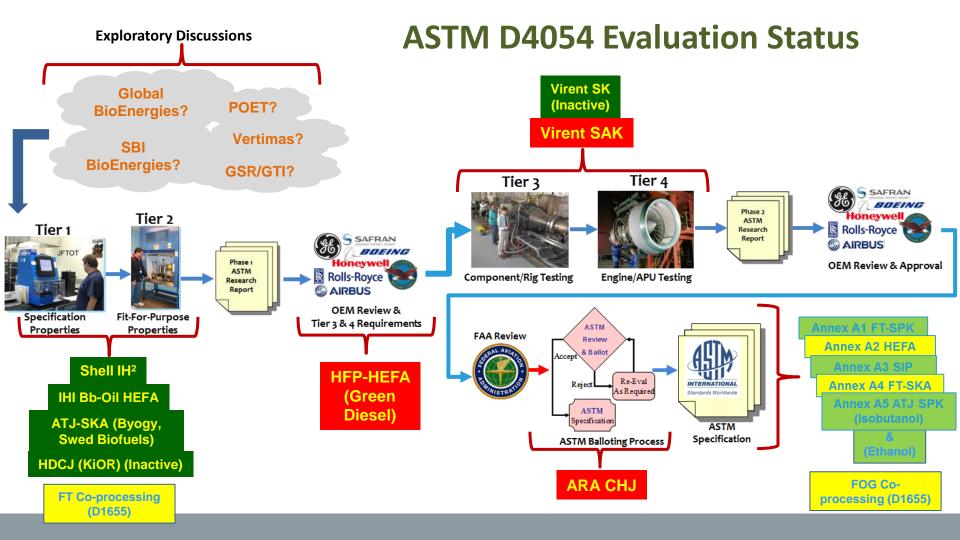






ASTM D4054 Alternative Jet Fuel Evaluation Process



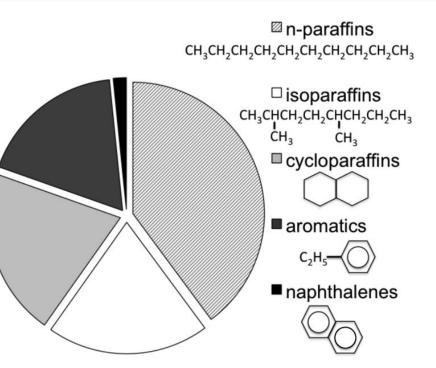






Jet Fuel Composition

- Conventional jet fuel composed of variety of hydrocarbons
- Fuels approved thus far composed mostly of normal and isoparaffins
- Next set of fuel approvals contains larger variety of "jet fuel" hydrocarbons



Estimated Requirements for Fuel Approvals

As a result of the investments made by FAA and others, time and fuel requirements for ASTM Intl approval have fallen over time

Fuel Type	Date ASTM began data review	Date final phase II research report submitted	Date of addition to ASTM Specification (D7566)	Estimated gallons of fuel produced for testing	Estimated time from first review to approval	Composition
FT-SPK	9/2007 est.	09/2008	09/2009	710,000 ¹	3 years	Largely normal/iso- paraffins
HEFA-SPK	6/2008 est.	05/2010	07/2011	626,000 ²	3 years	
SIP	6/2011	04/2013	06/2014	16,000	3 years	
Gevo ATJ-SPK (isobutanol)	12/2010	04/2015	06/2016	93,100 ³	5 $^{1}/_{2}$ years	
Lanzatech ATJ- SPK (ethanol)	09/2016	07/2017	04/2018	50 4	1 ^{1/} 3 years (16 months)	
ARA CHJ	6/2012	10/2018	2019 (expected)	79,000	7 years	Wider range of molecules

¹ USAF fuel purchases in 2007 and 2008 for fleetwide qualification

² USAF & Navy fuel purchases in 2009-11 for fleetwide qualification

³ USAF, Navy and CLEEN fuel purchases in 2012-2014

⁴Only tier 1 & 2 testing needed for Lanzatech due to existing knowledge base and similarity to previously approved fuels.

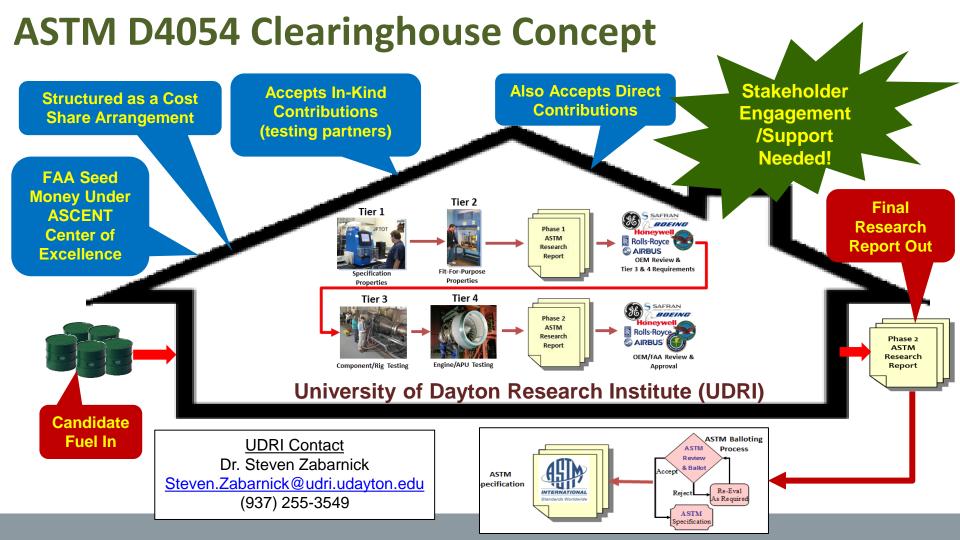




Potential Benefits of Additional Fuel Approvals:

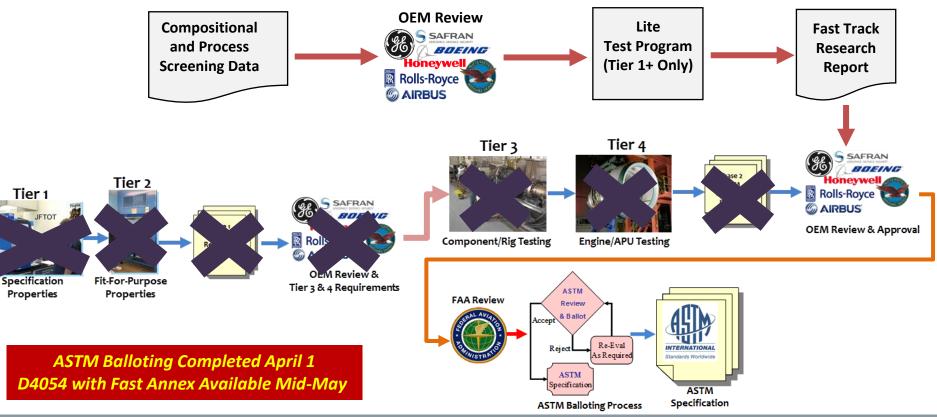
- Wider range of biomass could be used
- Reduced cost of fuel production
- Greater environmental benefit
- Greater blend level

Diversity of options results in greater opportunity for success in more places



ASTM D4054 Fast Track Annex

For new fuels with conventional hydrocarbon composition







Closing Observations

- Fuel approvals are essential to developing a robust sustainable aviation fuel industry
- We have achieved considerable progress in approving fuels due to robust governmental support and a strong partnership with industry
- Much work remains to be done to approve additional new fuels – we need to work in collaboration across the globe to leverage scarce resources





