

Example detail

Research report: Application of life cycle assessment methodology to the understanding of the energy balance and efficiency of hydrogen value chain building blocks (Energy Institute, 1st edition, May 2022, 9781787253216) provides a comparative analysis for options in various hydrogen value chain blocks. Figure 5 is a typical output; however, Figure 5 should be read in the wider context of the Research Report (e.g., to consider assumptions).

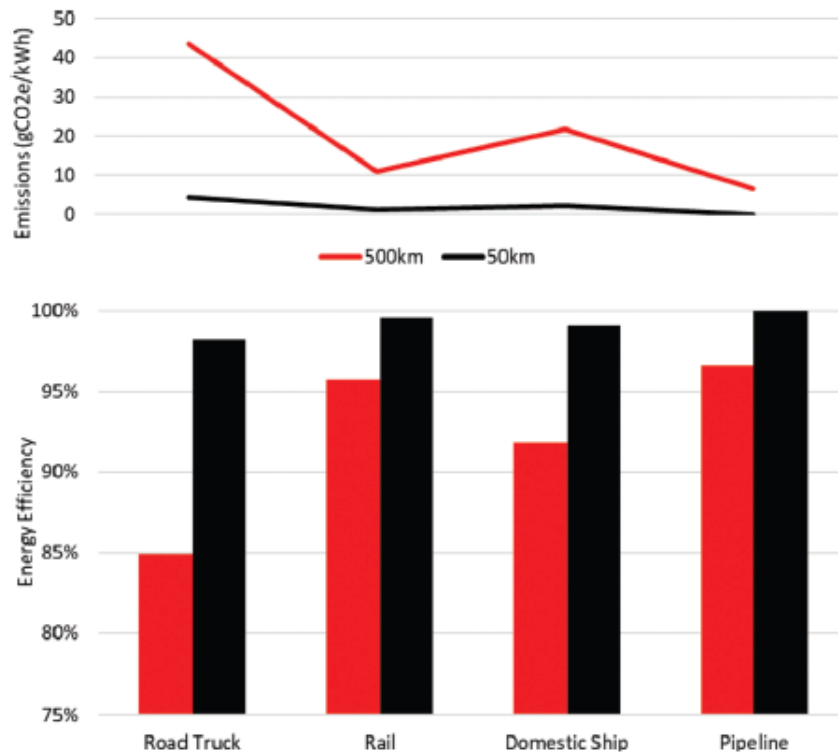


Figure 5.3: Transport of 100 % H₂ by truck, rail, domestic ship, and pipeline

Footnotes to figures:

- Results shown for road, rail and domestic shipping are for 250 barg compressed gas; pipeline results are for 70 barg transmission in existing pipelines. Efficiency of compression prior to transport is assessed separately in 5.2.

A high-level summary of the applicability of the current legislation and regulations in respect to hydrogen applications is presented in Table 2. The high-level summary is presented on each focus area of the hydrogen applications. Table 2 should be read in the wider context of the Research Report (e.g., to consider assumptions).

(Replicated from *Research Report: Review of Directives/Regulations relevant to the safe and environmentally compliant production, transportation, and storage of hydrogen* (Energy Institute, 1st edition, September 2022, 'in press'))

Table 2: Legislative review: summary of findings

| Focus area | Observation |
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| Safety case/ reports | Clear regulations for onshore hydrogen production and storage – particularly the Control of Major Accident Hazards (COMAH) and the Planning Regulations where hydrogen is specifically listed as a dangerous substance There are no regulations covering offshore hydrogen production |
| Design and asset integrity | Clear scope and limitation on hydrogen application, but there is no comprehensive regulation covering the end-to-end process |
| Pipeline | Generic regulation covers offshore and onshore hydrogen pipelines. Hydrogen is not explicitly listed, but it is covered under the definition of flammable fluid |
| Transportation | Clear application on bulk road transport of hydrogen – mostly generic regulations where hydrogen is covered under the definition of dangerous goods |
| Gas safety | GSM(R) written for natural gas distribution. GS(M)R does not specifically address hydrogen, except restricting the maximum concentration of hydrogen in gas stream (max. 0,1 %-mol) |
| Emergency response | Generic regulations applying to hydrogen |
| Environmental permitting | Hydrogen production activity is listed under the regulated installations covered by this legislation, regardless of the production methods or raw materials used |