

# FAA Office of Environment & Energy

## CLEEN Program Overview

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# FAA Efforts Relating to Aircraft Emissions

## Understanding Emissions

- Conducting particulate matter (PM) measurements
- Improving atmospheric modeling capabilities for regulatory tools
- Assessing impacts on air quality, climate change, and ozone layer
- Evaluating current aircraft, commercial supersonic aircraft, unmanned aerial systems, and commercial space vehicles

## Reducing Emissions at the Source

- Aircraft technologies and architecture
- Modifications to fuel composition
- Vehicle operations
- Aircraft/engine standards (NO<sub>x</sub>, CO<sub>2</sub>, and PM standards)
- Future trends analysis

## Mitigation

- Alternative fuel sources
- Policy measures (CORSA)

Focus of presentation



# Continuous Lower Energy, Emissions & Noise (CLEEN) Program

- FAA led public-private partnership with 100% cost share from industry
- Reducing fuel burn, emissions and noise via aircraft and engine technologies and sustainable aviation fuels
- Conducting ground and/or flight test demonstrations to accelerate maturation of certifiable aircraft and engine technologies

	Phase I (Completed)	Phase II (Ongoing)	Phase III (Coming Soon)
Time Frame	2010-2015	2016-2020	2021-2025
FAA Budget	~\$125M	~\$100M	TBD
Noise Reduction Goal	25 dB cumulative noise reduction cumulative to Stage 5 <b>and/or reduces community noise exposure (new goal for Phase III)</b>		
Fuel Burn Goal	33% reduction	40% reduction	-20% re: CAEP/10 Std.
NO <sub>x</sub> Emissions Reduction Goal	60% landing/take-off NO <sub>x</sub> emissions	75% landing/take-off NO <sub>x</sub> emissions (-70% re: CAEP/8)	
Particulate Matter Reduction Goal			Reduction relative to CAEP/11 Std
Entry into Service	2018	2026	2031



# CLEEN Technologies

## Engine Core

- ✓ Boeing: CMC Acoustic Nozzle
- ✓ GE: TAPS II Combustor
- ✓ GE: TAPS III Combustor
- ✓ Honeywell: Engine Core Efficiency Technologies
- Honeywell: Compact Combustor System
- Honeywell: Advanced Turbine Blade Outer Air Seal
- Honeywell: Advanced High Pressure Compressor
- ✓ Pratt & Whitney: High Pressure Compressor Aero-Efficiency
- ✓ Pratt & Whitney: High Pressure Turbine Aero-Efficiency & Durability
- ✓ Rolls-Royce: CMC Blade Tracks
- ✓ Rolls-Royce: Dual-Wall Turbine Airfoils
- Rolls-Royce: Advance RQL Combustor

## Airframe

- ✓ Aurora: D8 Double Bubble Fuselage
- ✓ Boeing: Adaptive Trailing Edge
- ✓ Boeing: Structurally Efficient Wing

## Aircraft Systems

- ✓ GE: FMS Technologies
- ✓ GE: More Electric Aircraft Systems

## Nacelle, Fan, and Bypass

- ✓ Boeing: Compact Nacelle – Ground Test
- Boeing: Aft Fan Duct Acoustics
- ✓ Collins Aerospace: Nacelle Technologies
- ✓ Delta Tech Ops / MDS Coating Technologies: Leading Edge Protective Blade Coatings
- ✓ GE: Open Rotor
- GE: Low Pressure Ratio Advanced Acoustics
- Honeywell: Advanced Acoustic Fan and Liners
- ✓ Pratt & Whitney: Geared Turbofan Technologies

Fuel  
NO<sub>x</sub>  
Noise

- ✓ Completed Effort
- Continues in FY21

# CLEEN Technologies that have already entered into the fleet:

## Boeing

### Adaptive Trailing Edge

- ~ 2% fuel burn reduction
- ~ 1.7 EPNdB cum noise reduction in some single and twin aisles
- **Boeing has adopted technologies from this project for use in commercial and defense products.**

## Delta/MDS/America's Phenix

### Leading Edge Protective Coating for Turbofan Blades

- ~1% fuel savings for Mainline and Regional Commercial carriers
- **Currently in service in the Delta fleet for operational evaluation.**

## General Electric

### TAPS II Combustor

- > 60% margin to CAEP/6 LTO NOx achieved.
- **CLEEN Phase I NOx goal met.**
- **Entered fleet in 2016 on all LEAP engines for Airbus A320 Neo and Boeing 737MAX**

### FMS/Engine and FMS/ATM Integration

- 0.7-1.0% fuel burn reduction
- **Entered into service on the LEAP engine on Boeing 737MAX, Airbus A320 Neo aircraft, and soon on the GE9X engine on Boeing 777X**

### Twin Annular Pre-Swirler (TAPS) III Combustion System

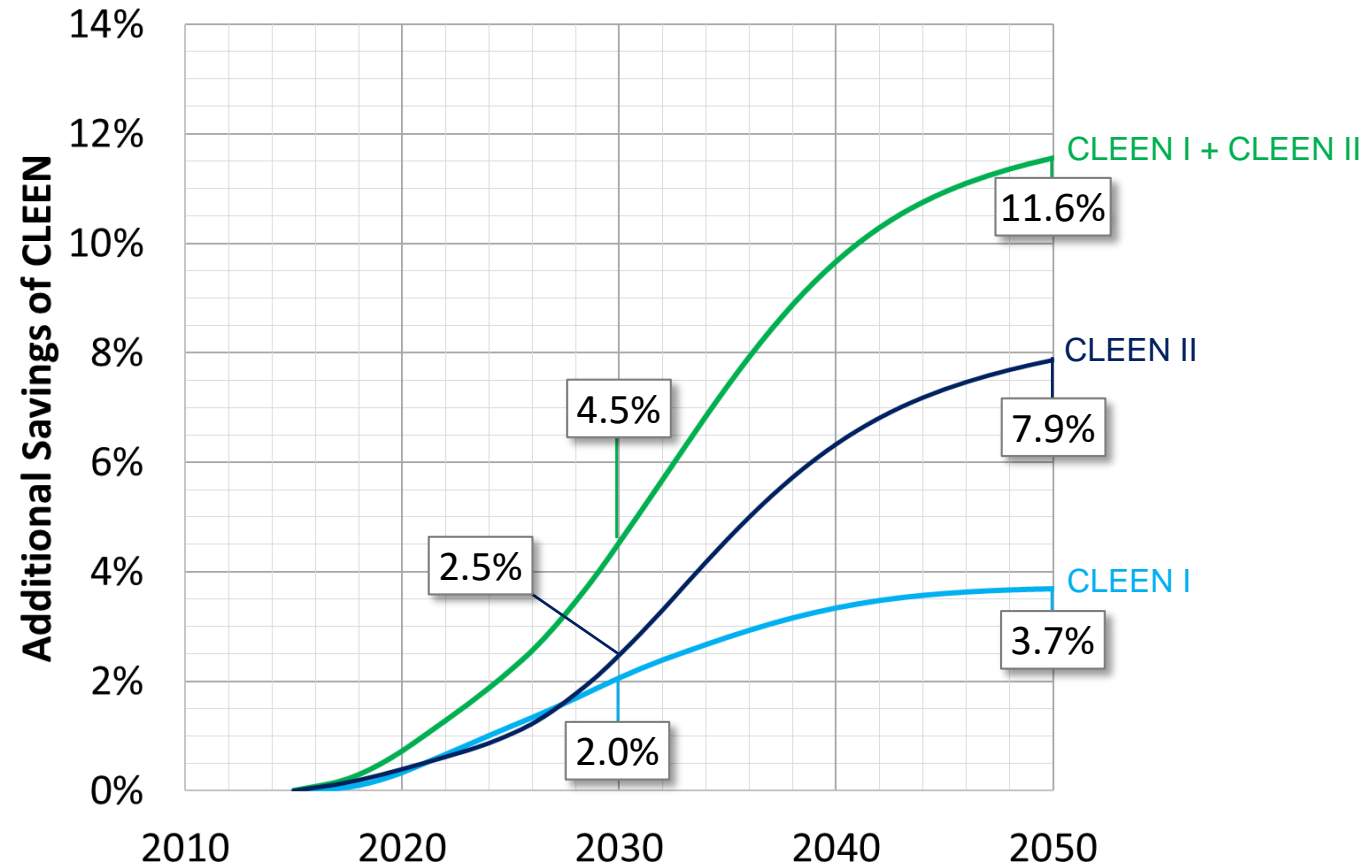
- ~ 35% margin to the more stringent CAEP/8 (at 55 OPR) LTO NOx achieved.
- **Entering the fleet on the GE9X engine on Boeing 777X**

Improved tools and processes that have resulted from CLEEN technology maturation are leading to lower noise and emissions



# Fleet-Level Fuel Burn Reduction

CLEEN Fuel Savings  
relative to Evolutionary  
Scenario



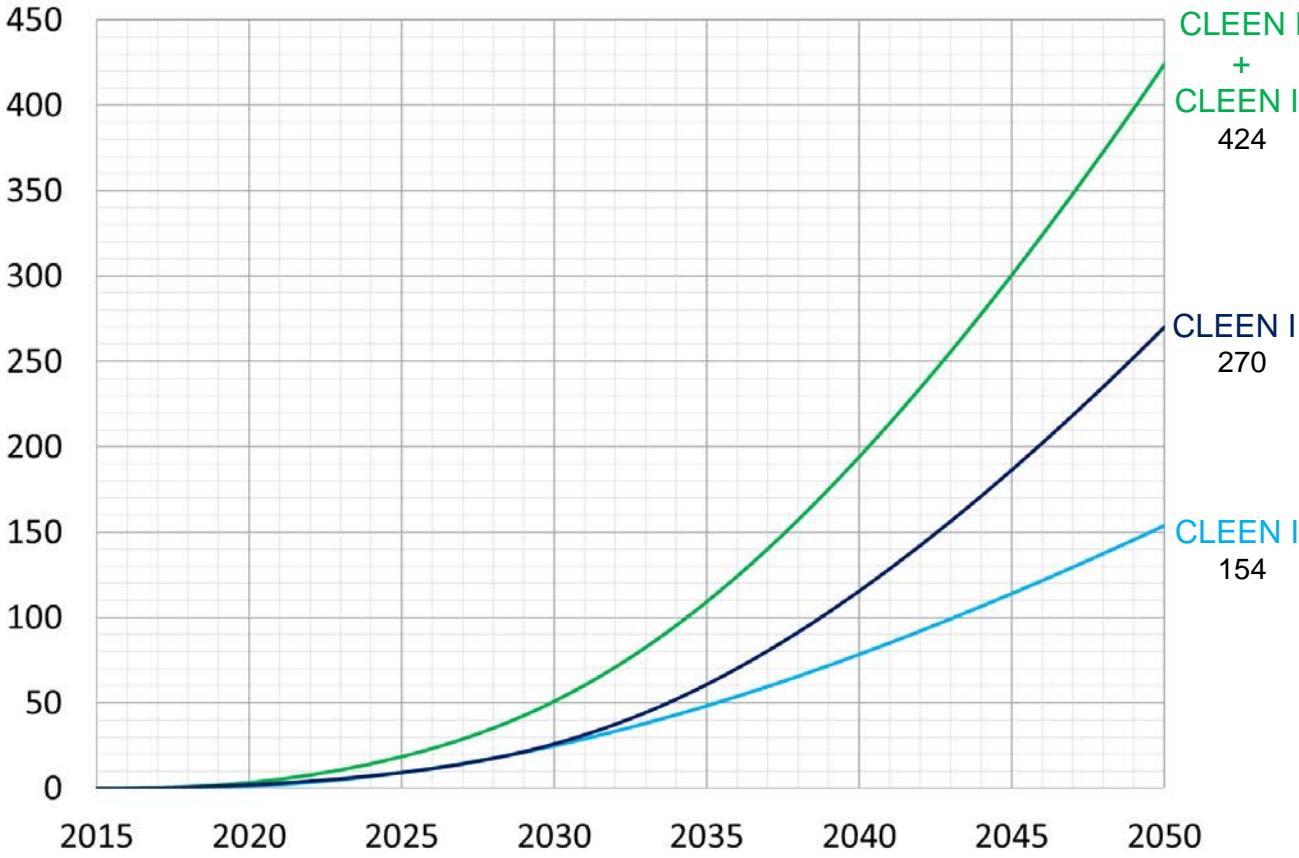
Note: Fuel burn savings are shown for a given year (not cumulative).

Analysis includes CLEEN Phase II fuel burn technologies modeled to date.



# Fleet-Level Cumulative CO<sub>2</sub> Reduction

Cumulative CLEEN CO<sub>2</sub> Savings relative to Evolutionary Scenario (Million Metric Tonnes)



Note: Results assume a CO<sub>2</sub> production rate of 3.15 kg CO<sub>2</sub>/kg Fuel.  
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# ASCENT Technology Projects

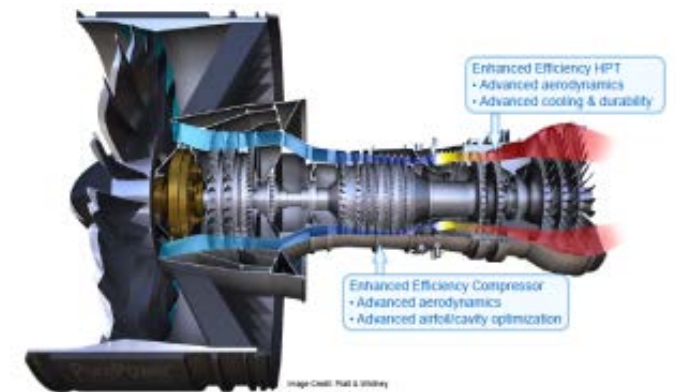
- **Expansion of environmental technology research portfolio into FAA's Center of Excellence for Alternative Jet Fuels and Environment**
- **Provides complementary venue for University-led research to advance industry state-of-the-art and expand knowledge broadly**
- **Themes:**
  - Improved technology noise modeling
  - System-level modeling and design considerations
  - Propulsion-airframe integration
  - Combustion
  - Turbomachinery
  - Supersonics
- **Overview of projects now available on ASCENT website:**  
<https://ascent.aero/topic/Aircraft-Technology/>





# Summary

- Development of more efficient airframes and engines has resulted in significant aviation fuel, emissions, and noise reductions
- The US Government is leading a number of efforts and collaborating with the aviation industry to mature new technology that results in increased fuel efficiency and reduced noise and emissions
- Most of the CLEEN Phase II technology projects have reached their maturation goals, with more expected in the next year, despite COVID impacts
- CLEEN Phase III will continue FAA efforts to accelerate maturation of environmental aircraft technologies into the fleet
- New ASCENT projects continue to expand our aircraft technology research portfolio





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