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Description Provides a number of functions to access the
National Energy Research Laboratory Alternate Fuel Locator API
<<https://developer.nrel.gov/docs/transportation/alt-fuel-stations-v1/>>.
The Alternate Fuel Locator shows the location of alternate fuel stations in the United States
and Canada. This package also includes the data from the US Department of Energy Alternate Fuel
database as a data set.

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all_stations	<i>Find All Alternate Fuel Stations by Criteria</i>
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Description

Find All Alternate Fuel Stations by Criteria

Usage

```
all_stations(api_key, params = nrel_params(limit = "all"))
```

Arguments

api_key	Character. An authorized API key for the NREL API service. API keys can be requested at https://developer.nrel.gov/signup/
params	A list of parameters for the API call. See ?nrel_params for options.

Value

An object of class nrel_api, containing content, parameters, and response.

Examples

```
## Not run:
my_params <- nrel_params(fuel_type = "ELEC", ev_connector_type = "TESLA")
my_stations <- get_all_stations(MY_API_KEY, my_params)
stations(my_stations)

## End(Not run)
```

altfuel	<i>Alternate Fuel Stations in the US.</i>
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Description

A dataset containing the alternate fuel stations in the United States and Canada tracked by the US DOE Alternate Fuels Data Center

Usage

```
altfuel
```

Format

A data frame with 40279 observations of 64 variables:

Fuel_Type_Code The coded fuel type available: BD = BioDiesel, CNG = Compressed Natural Gas, ELEC = electric, E88 = Ethanol (E85), HY = Hydrogen, LNG = Liquified Natural Gas, LPG = Propane.

Station_Name The name of the fuel station.

Street_Address The physical street address of the station.

Intersection_Directions Brief additional information about how to locate the station.

City The name of the city in which the station is located.

State The two character code for the U.S. state or Canadian province/territory of the station's location.

ZIP The postal code for the station.

Plus4 The plus-4 portion of the station's ZIP code (U.S. ZIP codes only).

Station_Phone The telephone number of the fuel station

Status_Code The current status of the station, given as code values: E = Available, P = Planned, T = Temporarily Unavailable

Expected_Date For planned stations, the date the station is expected to open or start carrying alternative fuel. For temporarily unavailable stations, the expected date is the date the station is expected to reopen. This date is estimated but not guaranteed.

Access_Code A description of who is allowed to access the station, given as 'Public' or 'Private'.

Access_Detail_Code A description of other station access information, given as code values: CALL = call ahead, KEY_AFTER_HOURS = card key after hours, KEY_ALWAYS = card key at all times, CREDIT_CARD_AFTER_HOURS = credit card after hours, CREDIT_CARD_ALWAYS = credit card at all times

Access_Days_Time Hours of operation for the station.

Cards_Accepted A space-separated list of payment methods accepted. Payment methods are given as code values: A = American Express, Debit = Debit, D = Discover, M = Mastercard, V = Visa, Cash = Cash, Checks = Check, ALLIANCE = Alliance AutoGas, ARI = ARI, CleanEnergy = Clean Energy, Comdata = Commercial Fueling Network, EFS = EFS, FleetOne = FleetOne, FuelMan = Fuelman, GasCard = GASCARD, PacificPride = Pacific Pride, PHH = PHH, Proprietor = Proprietor Fleet Card, Speedway = Speedway, SuperPass = SuperPass, TCH = TCH, Tchek = T-Chek T-Card, Trillium = Trillium, Voyager = Voyager, Wright_Exp = WEX

Owner_Type_Code The type of organization that owns the fueling infrastructure. Owner types are given as code values: FG = Federal Government Owned, J = Jointly Owned, LG = Local/Municipal Government Owned, P = Privately Owned, SG = State/Provincial Government Owned, T = Utility Owned

BD_Blends For biodiesel stations, the level of biodiesel blends the station provides.

EV_Level1_EVSE_Num For electric stations, the number of Level 1 EVSE (standard 110V outlet).

EV_Level2_EVSE_Num For electric stations, the number of Level 2 EVSE (J1772 connector).

EV_DC_Fast_Count For electric stations, the number of DC Fast Chargers.

EV_Other_Info For electric stations, the number and type of additional EVSE.

EV_Network For electric stations, the name of the EVSE network, if applicable.

EV_Network_Web For electric stations, the EVSE network Web site, if applicable.

Geocode_Status A rating indicating the approximate accuracy of the latitude and longitude for the station's address, given as code values: GPS = GPS, 200-9 = Point, 200-8 = Address, 200-7 = Intersection, 200-6 = Street, 200-5 = Neighborhood, 200-5 = Postal Code - Extended, 200-5 = Postal Code, 200-4 = City/Town, 200-3 = County, 200-2 = State/Province, 200-1 = Country, 200-0 = Unknown

Latitude The latitude of the station's address.

Longitude The longitude of the station's address.

Date_Last_Confirmed The date the station's details were last confirmed.

ID A unique identifier for this specific station.

Updated_At The time the station's details were last updated (ISO 8601 format).

Federal_Agency_ID A unique identifier for the federal agency.

Federal_Agency_Name The name of the federal agency.

Open_Date The date that the station began offering the fuel. Please note that most LPG (propane) stations do not have open dates. Some open dates are approximate. Also note that electric station records that are imported to the Station Locator on a daily basis through a network API do not have open dates.

Hydrogen_Status_Link For hydrogen stations, a link to a website that provides up-to-date information about the current status of this hydrogen station.

LPG_Primary For propane stations, the type of station, given as a boolean.

E85_Blender_Pump For E85 stations, an indication of whether the station has a blender pump on site, given as a boolean.

EV_Connector_Types For electric stations, an array of strings identifying the connector types available at this station.

Country The two character country code of the station's location.

Hydrogen_Is_Retail For hydrogen stations, whether a station offers the retail sale of hydrogen by accepting payment at the point of sale.

Federal_Agency_Code The abbreviation for the Federal Agency, if relevant.

Facility_Type The type of facility at which the station is located.

CNG_Dispenser_Num For CNG stations, the number of CNG dispensers installed.

CNG_On-Site_Renewable_Source For CNG stations, the type of renewable energy used to generate CNG on-site.

CNG_Total_Compression_Capacity For CNG stations, the total compressor capacity per compressor, measured in standard cubic feet per minute (scfm)

CNG_Storage_Capacity For CNG stations, the total storage capacity, measured in standard cubic feet (scf).

LNG_On-Site_Renewable_Source For LNG stations, the type of renewable energy used to generate LNG on-site.

E85_Other_Ethanol_Blends For E85 stations, an array of strings identifying the range(s) of blends other than E85 available at the station.

EV_Pricing For EVSE stations, information about whether and how much users must pay to use the EVSE.

LPG_Nozzle_Types For LPG stations, an array of strings, identifying the type of nozzles available at the station, given as code values: ACME = ACME, QUICK_CONNECT = Quick-connect.

Hydrogen_Pressures For hydrogen stations, any array of strings identifying the pressures of the hydrogen available (in bar).

Hydrogen_Standards For hydrogen stations, any array of strings identifying which SAE International fueling protocol standard(s) the infrastructure meets.

CNG_Fill_Type_Code For CNG stations, the type of dispensing capability available, given as code values: B = Fast-fill and time-fill, Q = Fast-fill, T = Time-fill.

CNG_PSI For CNG stations, a space separated list of PSI pressures available.

CNG_Vehicle_Class For CNG stations, the maximum vehicle size that can physically access the fueling infrastructure, given as code values: LD = Passenger vehicles (class 1-2), MD = Medium-duty (class 3-5), HD = Heavy-duty (class 6-8)

LNG_Vehicle_Class For LNG stations, the maximum vehicle size that can physically access the fueling infrastructure, given as code values: LD = Passenger vehicles (class 1-2), MD = Medium-duty (class 3-5), HD = Heavy-duty (class 6-8)

EV_On-Site_Renewable_Source For EVSE stations, the type of renewable energy used to generate electricity on-site.

Source

https://afdc.energy.gov/data_download/alt_fuel_stations_format

altfuel_api	<i>Query the NREL Alternative Fuel API</i>
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Description

Query the NREL Alternative Fuel API

Usage

```
altfuel_api(api_key, endpoint, params = list(NULL))
```

Arguments

api_key	Character. An authorized API key for the NREL API service. API keys can be requested at https://developer.nrel.gov/signup/
endpoint	Character. Path to the specific API endpoint. Options available at https://developer.nrel.gov/docs/transportation/alt-fuel-stations-v1/
params	A list of parameters for the API call. See ?nrel_params for options.

Value

An object of class `nrel_api`, containing content, parameters, and response.

Examples

```
## Not run:
altfuel_api(MY_API_KEY, endpoint = "/api/alt-fuel-stations/v1")

## End(Not run)
```

alt_fuel_near

Check For Alternate Fuel Nearby

Description

Check For Alternate Fuel Nearby

Usage

```
alt_fuel_near(api_key, location = NULL, miles = 5, fuel_type = NULL)
```

Arguments

api_key	Character. An authorized API key for the NREL API service. API keys can be requested at https://developer.nrel.gov/signup/
location	A free-form input describing the address of the location. This may include the address given in a variety of formats, such as: street, city, state, postal code, etc.
miles	Numeric. The radius (in miles) around the search location to search for stations within. An explicit radius of up to 500.0 miles may be passed in, or the special infinite string may be passed in to find the nearest stations regardless of distance. Defaults to 5.
fuel_type	Optional. Filter results by a specific fuel type. Options: BD (biodiesel), CNG (compressed natural gas), ELEC (electric), E85 (ethanol/E85), HY (hydrogen), LNG (liquified natural gas), LPG, (propane).

Value

Logical value indicating whether at least one alternative fuel station exists for the given fuel in the given radius around the specified location.

Examples

```
## Not run:
alt_fuel_near(MY_API_KEY, "Nome, AK")
alt_fuel_near(MY_API_KEY, "Raleigh, NC", radius = 10, fuel_type = "LNG")

## End(Not run)
```

count_results	<i>Count Station Results</i>
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Description

Count Station Results

Usage

```
count_results(x)
```

Arguments

x	A nrel_api object
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Value

A data frame of station count by fuel station type

Examples

```
## Not run:
x <- nearest_stations(MY_API_KEY, location = "Fort Worth, TX", radius = 5)
count_results(x)

## End(Not run)
```

last_updated	<i>Retrieve the Date of Last API Data Update.</i>
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Description

Retrieve the Date of Last API Data Update.

Usage

```
last_updated(api_key)
```

Arguments

api_key	Character. An authorized API key for the NREL API service. API keys can be requested at https://developer.nrel.gov/signup/
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Value

An object of class POSIXct containing the date and time of the most recent data update.

Examples

```
## Not run:
last_updated(MY_API_KEY)

## End(Not run)
```

nearest_stations	<i>Retrieve Nearest Alternate Fuel Stations by Criteria</i>
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Description

Location parameters can either be passed directly as arguments, or imported using the `nrel_params()` function to generate a list. Location passed as arguments takes precedence.

Usage

```
nearest_stations(
  api_key,
  location = NULL,
  latitude = NULL,
  longitude = NULL,
  radius = NULL,
  params = nrel_params(radius = "infinite")
)
```

Arguments

<code>api_key</code>	Character. An authorized API key for the NREL API service. API keys can be requested at https://developer.nrel.gov/signup/
<code>location</code>	A free-form input describing the address of the location. This may include the address given in a variety of formats, such as: street, city, state, postal code, etc.
<code>latitude</code>	Numeric. The latitude of the desired location.
<code>longitude</code>	Numeric. The longitude of the desired location.
<code>radius</code>	Numeric. The radius (in miles) around the search location to search for stations within. An explicit radius of up to 500.0 miles may be passed in, or the special infinite string may be passed in to find the nearest stations regardless of distance. Defaults to 'infinite'.
<code>params</code>	A list of parameters for the API call. See <code>?nrel_params</code> for options.

Value

An object of class `nrel_api`, containing content, parameters, and response.

Examples

```
## Not run:
# find the 5 nearest Tesla stations to FAA HQ in Washington DC
my_params <- nrel_params(fuel_type = "ELEC", ev_connector_type = "TESLA", limit = 5)
my_loc <- c("FAA Headquarters, Washington, DC")
tesla_stns <- nearest_stations(MY_API_KEY, location = my_loc, params = my_params)
stations(tesla_stns)

## End(Not run)
```

nrel_params

*Configure parameters for NREL API call***Description**

Configure parameters for NREL API call

Usage

```
nrel_params(
  status = NULL,
  access = NULL,
  fuel_type = NULL,
  cards_accepted = NULL,
  owner_type = NULL,
  federal_agency = NULL,
  cng_fill_type = NULL,
  cng_psi = NULL,
  cng_vehicle_class = NULL,
  e85_has_blender_pump = NULL,
  ev_network = NULL,
  ev_charging_level = NULL,
  ev_connector_type = NULL,
  ev_connector_type_operator = NULL,
  lng_vehicle_class = NULL,
  state = NULL,
  zip = NULL,
  country = NULL,
  limit = NULL,
  location = NULL,
  latitude = NULL,
  longitude = NULL,
  radius = NULL
)
```

Arguments

status	Return stations that match the given status. A single status, or a comma-separated list of multiple statuses, may be given. Options: all, E (Available), P (Planned), T (Temporarily unavailable).
access	Return stations with the given access type. Options: all, public, private.
fuel_type	Return stations that supply any of the given fuel types. A single fuel type, or a comma-separated list of multiple fuel types, may be given. Options: all, BD (biodiesel), CNG (compressed natural gas), ELEC (electric), E85 (ethanol/E85), HY (hydrogen), LNG (liquified natural gas), LPG, (propane).
cards_accepted	Return stations that accept any of the given payment methods. A single payment method, or a comma-separated list of multiple payment methods, may be given. Options: all, A, Debit, D, M, V, Cash, Checks, ALLIANCE, ARI, CleanEnergy, Comdata, CFN, EFS, FleetOne, FuelMan, GasCard, PacificPride, PHH, Proprietor, Speedway, SuperPass, TCH, Tchek, Trillium, Voyager, Wright_Exp.
owner_type	Return stations owned by the given types of owners. A single owner type, or a comma-separated list of multiple owner types, may be given. Options: all, FG (Federal Govt Owned), J (Joint Owned), LG (Local/Municipal Govt Owned), P (Privately Owned), SG (State/Provincial Govt Owned), T (Utility Owned).
federal_agency	Return stations owned by the given federal agency. A federal agency code, or a comma-separated list of multiple federal agency codes, may be given. Options: all, AAF, CH, CHSW, USACE_CW, CSOSA, DEF, DAF, DA, DOC, HHS, DHS, HUD, DOJ, DOL, DON, DOS, DOI, DOT, DTS, VA, EWDL, ECC, FCSD, FTC, FIN, FOCCG, GSA, GAFA, GAID, GAIT, HLTH, IRC, INA, IC, ISED, JUS, LGHC, NASA, NDEF, NREV, NRES, PARL, PQPCC, PM, PSEP, PSP, SCI, SBT, SI, SSA, TRANS, TREAS, USMC, CBP, USDA, DOD, DOE, EPA, FAA, IRS, USPS, VAFF.
cng_fill_type	Return only CNG stations that provide the specified type of dispensing capability. A single type, or a comma separated list of multiple types, may be given. Options: all, B (Fast-fill and time-fill), Q (Fast-fill), T (Time-fill).
cng_psi	Return only CNG stations that provide the specified PSI pressure. A single pressure level, or a comma separated list of multiple pressure levels, may be given. Options: all, 2400, 3000, 3600.
cng_vehicle_class	Return only CNG stations that can accommodate the specified vehicle class size or greater. Options: all, LD, MD, HD.
e85_has_blender_pump	Logical. If TRUE, then return only E85 stations that also have a blender pump capable of providing mid-level ethanol blends.
ev_network	Return only electric charging stations that belong to the given network. A single network, or a comma separated list of multiple networks, may be given. Options: all, BCHYDRO, Blink Network, ChargePoint Network, Circuit électrique, eCharge Network, Electrify America, Electrify Canada, EV Connect, EVGATEWAY, eVgo Network, FLO, FCN, GE WattStation, Greenlots, Non-Networked, OpConnect, PETROCAN, POWERFLEX, SemaCharge Network, Sun Country Highway, SWTCH, Tesla Destination, Tesla, Volta, Webasto.

ev_charging_level	Return only electric charging stations that provide the given level of electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE). Options: all, 1, 2, dc_fast, legacy.
ev_connector_type	Return only electric charging stations that provide the given connector types. Options: all, NEMA1450, NEMA515, NEMA520, J1772, J1772COMBO, CHADEMO, TESLA.
ev_connector_type_operator	Control how multiple connector type options passed to the ev_connector_type parameter behave. The default of OR will return stations that have any of the connectors present. Specifying AND will only return stations that have all of the connectors present.
lng_vehicle_class	Return only LNG stations that can accommodate the specified vehicle class size or greater. Options: all, LD, MD, HD.
state	Return only stations within the given state. State must be given as a two character state code (eg, "CO" for Colorado). A single state, or a comma-separate list of multiple states, may be given.
zip	Return only stations within the given ZIP code. ZIP codes must be exactly 5 digits long. A single ZIP code, or a comma-separate list of multiple ZIP codes, may be given.
country	Return only stations within the given country code. Options: all, US (United States), CA (Canada).
limit	The maximum number of results to return. An explicit limit of up to 200 may be passed in, or the special all string may be passed in to return all results.
location	A free-form input describing the address of the location. This may include the address given in a variety of formats, such as: street, city, state, postal code, etc.
latitude	Numeric. The latitude of the desired location.
longitude	Numeric. The longitude of the desired location.
radius	Numeric. The radius (in miles) around the search location to search for stations within. An explicit radius of up to 500.0 miles may be passed in, or the special infinite string may be passed in to find the nearest stations regardless of distance.

Value

A list of selected options for passing to an api call.

Examples

```
# Which electric charging stations have Tesla connectors?
my_params <- nrel_params(fuel_type = "ELEC", ev_connector_type = "TESLA")
```

stations	<i>Extract station data from API object</i>
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Description

Extract station data from API object

Usage

```
stations(x)
```

Arguments

x An nrel_api object.

Value

A data frame with the station listing from the nrel_api object.

Examples

```
## Not run:
my_params <- nrel_params(fuel_type = "ELEC", ev_connector_type = "TESLA")
my_stations <- get_all_stations(MY_API_KEY, my_params)
stations(my_stations)

## End(Not run)
```

station_by_id	<i>Find a Specific Alternative Fuel Station by Unique ID</i>
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Description

Find a Specific Alternative Fuel Station by Unique ID

Usage

```
station_by_id(api_key, station_id)
```

Arguments

api_key Character. An authorized API key for the NREL API service. API keys can be requested at <https://developer.nrel.gov/signup/>

station_id The unique ID of the station to find.

Value

An object of class `nrel_api`, containing content, parameters, and response.

Examples

```
## Not run:  
my_stn <- station_by_id(MY_API_KEY, station_id = 150544)  
stations(my_stn)  
  
## End(Not run)
```

update_params	<i>Update Non-Null Parameters</i>
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Description

Update Non-Null Parameters

Usage

```
update_params(params, updates)
```

Arguments

params	list of parameters
updates	list of new parameters

Value

an updated list of parameters

Examples

```
my_params <- list(name = "Matt Foley")  
my_updates <- list(name = NULL, location = "a VAN down by the RIVER")  
new_params <- update_params(params = my_params, updates = my_updates)
```

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