

Advanced Emission Reduction  
Technologies for Locomotives:

# Fuels & Lubes

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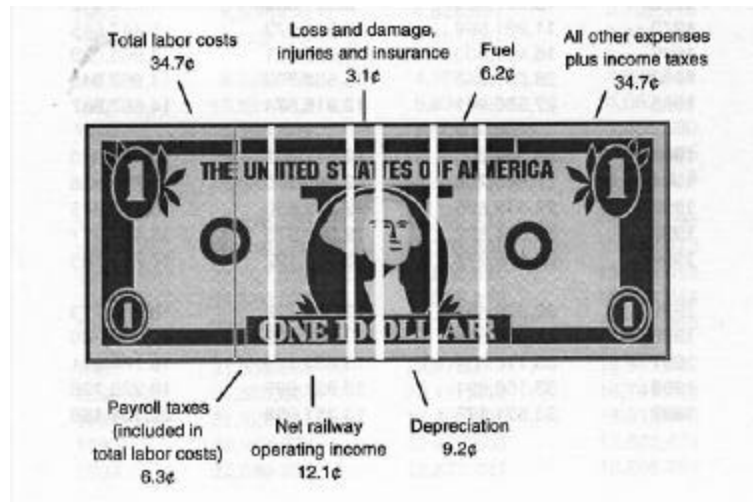


## Railroad Energy Consumption

- \* 1999 Class I Railroads:
  - » 20,254 Locomotives
  - »  $3.75 \times 10^9$  Gallons Diesel Fuel Consumed
  - » = 185,120 gallons/year/locomotive
  - » Average Cost of \$0.56 / gal

Source: AAR Railroad Facts 2000

## RAILROAD REVENUE DOLLAR - 1999



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## Fuels & Lubes Overview

- \* **Fuel-Saving Devices & Additives**
- \* Brief review of previous work
- \* Recent fuel-effect studies
- \* Lubricating Oil Issues
- \* Future research areas

## Fuel Saving Devices & Additives

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- \* AAR Recommended Practice RP-503  
"Locomotive Diesel Fuel Additive Evaluation Procedure"
- \* Transport Canada & ESDC "Simplified Fuel Additive Test"
- \* Tampering Provisions in EPA Locomotive Rule
- \* EPA-Required Registration of Fuels and Fuel Additives (211b)

## AAR Recommended Practice-503

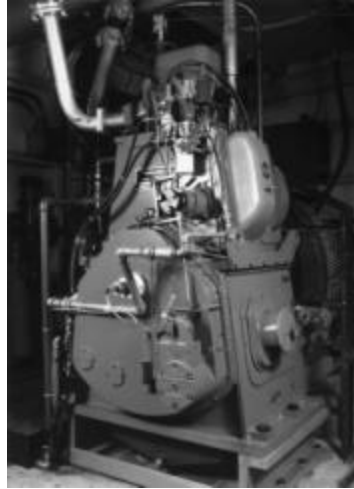
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- \* Voluntary Procedure
- \* Phase I: Analyze Fuel Properties
- \* Phase II: Single-Cylinder Cat 1G2
  - » A screening test to make sure the additive/device does not harm the engine - protects the more expensive locomotive test engines
- \* Phase III: EMD 2-567C Engine (fuel economy and exhaust emissions)
- \* Phase IV: EMD 12-645E3B or GE 127FDL fuel economy and exhaust emission tests
- \* RP-503 needs to be update to reflect EPA 40CFR92 locomotive exhaust emission procedures and requirements
  
- \* AAR RP-503 SwRI contact = John Hedrick (210) 522-2336  
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## Simplified Fuel Additive Test

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- \* SFAT - Simplified Fuel Additive Test
- \* Funded by the Transport Development Center of Transport Canada
- \* Work performed by Engine System Development Center (ESDC) in Montreal
- \* Based on Alco/Bombardier 1-251
- \* Goal is to develop a less-expensive alternative to the AAR RP-503



## EPA 211(b)

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- \* Sections 211(b) and 211(e) of the Clean Air Act require registration of motor vehicle fuels and fuel additives with the EPA
- \* 40 CFR Part 79 -- Registration of Fuels and Fuel Additives
- \* Applies to On-Highway Motor Vehicles
- \* List of registered F/FA is available on EPA's web page:  
<http://www.epa.gov/oms/regs/fuels/additives/web-dies.txt>

## EPA Locomotive Rule - Tampering

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- \* Using a fuel additive or "fuel saving device" on a EPA-certified locomotive may constitute "tampering" under §92.1103
- \* If the additive or device contributes to the increase in emissions of a regulated pollutant, it is tampering.... "Subject to a civil penalty of not more than \$25,000 for each violation"
- \* Make sure you have a "reasonable basis" to believe that you will not increase ANY of the regulated emissions before you use a product.

## Questions: Fuel Saving Additives/Devices

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- \* Is it registered with EPA under 211(b)?
  - » Not a requirement, just a question.
- \* Has the product been evaluated using the AAR RP-503 procedure?
- \* Do you have a "reasonable basis" to believe that use of the additive or device will not constitute tampering under the EPA locomotive regulations?

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## 1972 - "Back to the Future"

- \* NO<sub>x</sub> reduction studies on EMD 2-567 for DOT & EPA (ASME 74-DPG-14)
- \* Retarded timing
- \* EGR (hot & cooled)
- \* Water Injection
- \* Boost air bleed

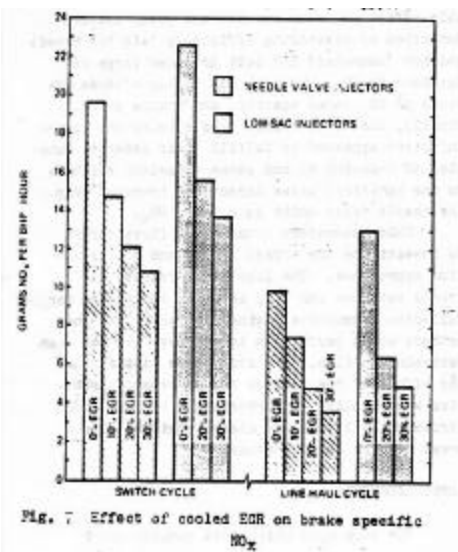
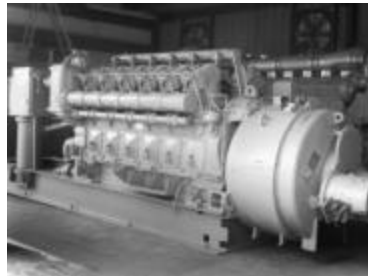


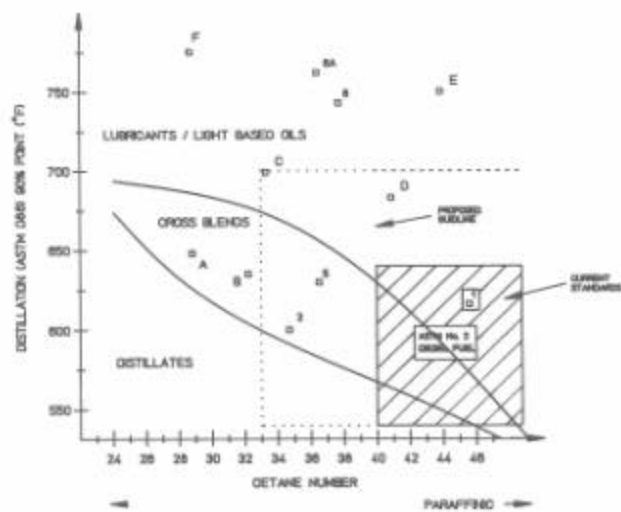
Fig. 7 Effect of cooled EGR on brake specific NO<sub>x</sub>

## Late 1970's Fuel Crunch!

- \* 1978 - Started "Alternative Fuels for Medium-Speed Diesel Engines" - DOE-FRA funding; AAR program planning
- \* 1980 - AAR member roads provide two test engines
  - » EMD 12-645E3 - 2,500 hp
  - » GE 7FDL12 - 2,500 hp
- \* 1981 - DOE & FRA funding ends - AAR assumed sole sponsorship



## AAR Fuels Program



## 1978-1987 AAR Fuels Research at SwRI

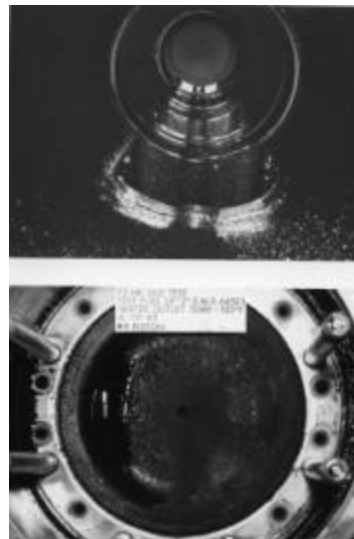
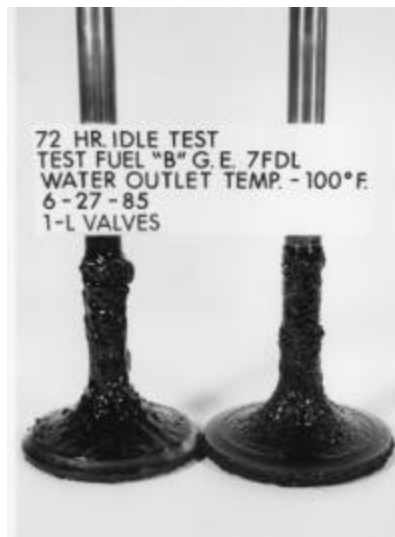
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- \* Broadened specification diesel fuels
  - » Fuel characterization
  - » 72-hour idle tests
  - » 500-hour screening tests
  - » Field tests
  - » Very limited exhaust emissions testing

RESULT = AAR FUELS MANUAL

## Broadened-Specification Diesel Fuels

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## 1986 Dual-Fuel EMD

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- \* DOE-funded project
- \* EMD 2-567C engine
- \* High-Pressure, Dual-Fuel (diesel & LNG) injector developed
- \* Achieved full power with 99% gas substitution w/o reducing CR
- \* SAE 872041



## BN DUAL-FUEL LOCOMOTIVE

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- \* ECI Conversion
- \* 2,250 kW
- \* Dual-Fuel
- \* Revenue Coal Service 1992-95



## EMD DUAL-FUEL LOCOMOTIVE

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## MK Rail 1200G LNG Switcher

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- \* CAT 3516G
- \* 1,000 kW
- \* Spark Ignited
- \* 2.7 g/kW-hr NOx
- \* Operating in LA
- \* UP & BNSF



## GAS RAIL USA

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- \* Cooperative Industry Research Project
- \* Coordinated by SwRI
- \* Initiated in 1993
- \* Objective:
  - » Develop Gas Engine Technology for a Low NO<sub>x</sub> Passenger Locomotive
  - » Apply Technology to Revenue Service Demonstration in Los Angeles, California

## GAS RAIL USA Participants

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- \* Southwest Research Institute
- \* U.S. Department of Energy
- \* South Coast Air Quality Management District
- \* Southern California Regional Rail Authority
- \* California Air Resources Board
- \* Union Pacific Railroad
- \* Electro-Motive Division of General Motors
- \* Southern California Gas
- \* Gas Research Institute
- \* Amoco Petroleum Products

## GAS RAIL ENGINE DEVELOPMENT

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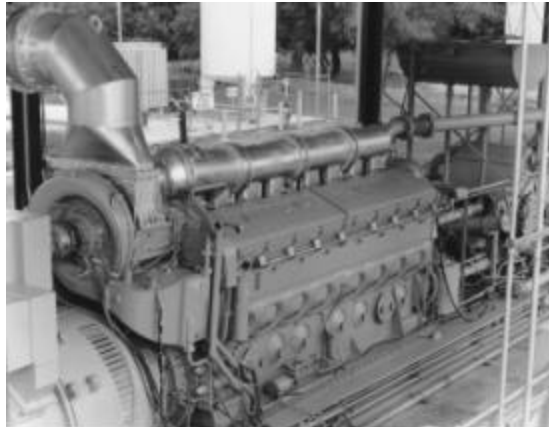
- \* 49.2 m<sup>3</sup> (13,000 gal) LNG Storage Tank
- \* Cryogenic Pumps to 41.4 MPa (6,000 psi)
- \* Vaporizers
- \* 725 kg/hr Methane



## 1992 - EMD 710 Engines Installed to Support Gas Rail USA

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EMD 1-710 single-cylinder test engine



EMD 16-710G3 test engine

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## CARB Fuel Effects Study

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- \* Began August 1998
- \* Test 4 fuels in a total of 6 locomotives
  - » CARB diesel vs. on-hwy Federal diesel vs. two nonroad diesels
  - » GE C44-9 (UP)
  - » EMD SD70MAC (BNSF)
- \* Participant List:
  - » CARB
  - » UP
  - » BNSF
  - » AAR
  - » EMD & GE locomotive support

## CARB - Unregulated Emissions

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- \* Selected unregulated emissions were also measured
  - » Volatile Organic Fraction (VOF) of total particulate
  - » Sulfates
  - » Benzene
  - » 1,3-Butadiene
  - » Formaldehyde
  - » Acetaldehyde
  - » PAH (both gas phase and PM phase)
  - » Metal Particulate
  - » Soluble Organic Fraction (SOF)

## SwRI Locomotive Emissions Test Center

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- \* Established in 1992 for the AAR
- \* To date, over 50 locomotives tested
- \* Projects for EPA, CARB, CaDOT, DOE, AAR, RR's, and OEM's
  - » Most of this data is in the public domain



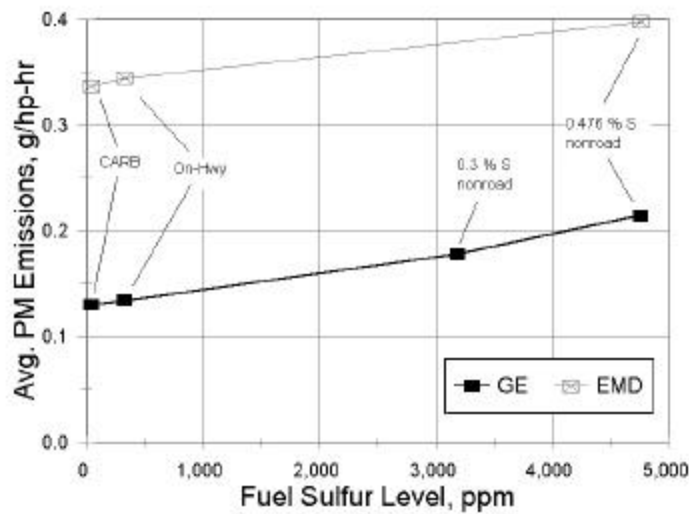
# CARB Fuel-Effects Study

**TABLE 1. AVERAGE CHANGE IN REGULATED LOCOMOTIVE EXHAUST EMISSIONS BETWEEN TEST FUELS**

FUEL CHANGE	Percent change in Average Line-Haul Composite Emissions <sup>a</sup>			
	HC	CO	NOx	PM
<b>EMD SD70MAC</b>				
CARB vs. On-Hwy	+ 1 %	+ 7 %	- 4 %	- 3 %
CARB vs High Sulfur <sup>b</sup>	+ 3 %	+ 8 %	- 6 %	- 16 %
On-Hwy vs High Sulfur <sup>b</sup>	+ 1 %	+ 1 %	- 3 %	- 13 %
<b>GE DASH9-44CW</b>				
CARB vs On-Hwy	- 4 %	- 1 %	- 3 %	- 3 %
CARB vs High Sulfur <sup>b</sup>	+ 2 %	- 2 %	- 7 %	- 39 %
On-Hwy vs High Sulfur <sup>b</sup>	+ 6 %	- 2 %	- 4 %	- 38 %
CARB vs 0.3% Sulfur <sup>c</sup>	+ 1 %	- 3 %	- 5 %	- 27 %
On-Hwy vs 0.3% Sulfur <sup>c</sup>	+ 4 %	- 2 %	- 2 %	- 25 %
0.3% Sulfur <sup>c</sup> vs High Sulfur <sup>b</sup>	+ 2 %	0 %	- 2 %	- 17 %

**Notes:** a - EPA Line-Haul duty cycle weighted emissions.  
 b - 4,670 ppm sulfur nonroad fuel, EM-2664-F  
 c - 0.3% Sulfur fuel = 3,190 ppm sulfur, EM-2708-F

# CARB Fuel-Effects Study



## DOE-NREL Biodiesel Study

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- \* U.S. DOE (National Renewable Energy Lab) Project at SwRI to test Biodiesel fuel in a locomotive
  - » Diesel baseline, CARB diesel baseline, B20, C20
  - » Triplicate EPA tests on each fuel
  - » NREL Contact is Dr. Shaine Tyson 303-275-4616
  
- \* Current Status - Recently completed testing
  - » CSXT No. 2629
  - » EMD GP38-2
  - » EMD 16-645-E (roots-blown)
  
- \* Final report soon

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## Lubricating Oil Issues

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- \* Retarded fuel injection timing will lead to increased soot loading, and higher viscosity
- \* New oil formulations likely to be necessary
- \* Lube suppliers working to address engine oil needs for Tier 0, 1, and 2 locomotives
- \* Lessons learned from truck engine experiences
- \* Need access to Tier 2 engines NOW to be assess issues

## Lube Oil Contribution to PM

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- \* At 50 ppm fuel sulfur, the lubricating oil contribution to PM sulfate is about the same as that from fuel
- \* Low oil consumption cylinder kits
- \* Lower sulfur lubricating oil base stocks
- \* Metal additive effects on PM size and number

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## Diesel Technology Options

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FIL. SYSTEM	COMBUSTION	INDUCTION	FUEL	AFTERTREATMENT
HIGH INJ. PRESS. SMALL HOLE NOZ. LOW SAC VOLUME INJ. RATE SHAPE TIMING RETARD ELECTRONIC CONTR. <i>FLEX GOVERNING</i> <i>FLEXIBLE TIMING</i>	REENTRANT BOWLS HIGHER TOP RING CONCENTRIC BOWLS BETTER AIR UTILIZATION <i>CENTRAL INJECTOR</i> <i>FOUR VALVES</i> COMPLIANT RINGS HIGHER COMP. RATIO HOMOGENEOUS CHARGE COMP. [MIXTURE] (HCCI)	COLD CHARGE AIR BETTER TURBO MATCH NEW INT. MANIFOLDS SWIRL RATIO MATCH W. FIE CHARACTER. EXH. GAS RECIRC. COOLED EGR COOLED/FILTERED EGR TIMED PORT EGR FAST AIR BOOST	LOW SULFUR SULFUR-FREE, APO <sub>2</sub> -FREE DME NG LPG EMULSION BIO[DIESEL]	OXIDATION CATALYSTS LEAN NO <sub>x</sub> CATALYSTS LEAN NO <sub>x</sub> CAT. w/REDUCTANT PLASMA-ASSISTED LEAN NO <sub>x</sub> CATALYSTS SELECTIVE CATALYTIC REDUCTION (NH <sub>3</sub> , UREA) THERMALLY-REGEN. TRAP CATALYST-ASSISTED TRAP ADDITIVE-ASSISTED TRAP OFF-LINE REGENERATED TRAP

## Technology Options

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- \* Water emulsions
  - » PuriNOx
  - » A-55
  - » Auqazole
  - » others?
- \* Lubricant issues
- \* Fuel Cells
- \* DB Energy recovery systems
- \* Idle shutdown systems
  - » Automatic shutdown & restart
  - » Kim Hotstart APU
  - » Others

## Diesel Fuel Summary

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- \* Daily use fuel not regulated by EPA (...yet)
- \* Emissions test fuel is specified by EPA, with a sulfur content of 2,000 to 4,000 ppm
- \* Expect future emphasis on reducing fuel sulfur level to follow on-highway regulations
- \* Current US on-highway fuel sulfur 500 ppm max.
- \* 2007 = 15 ppm max for on-highway