Diesel Retrofit Technology Update

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Strategies to Reduce Emissions from In-Use Diesel Engines

- Retrofit installing a verified emission control device on an existing diesel engine
- Refuel
- Repair/Rebuild
- Repower
- Replace
- Idling reduction



Types of Diesel Retrofit Technologies

PM Reduction

- Diesel Particulate Filter
 - Wall-flow device that physically traps PM in exhaust stream on surface of substrate; PM burned off through regeneration (passive or active)
 - >85% PM reduction
- Flow-Through Filter
 - Wire-mesh substrate or metal foil-based substrate with sintered metal sheets that traps a portion of the PM; passive regeneration with catalyst
 - 50-75% PM reduction
- Diesel Oxidation Catalyst
 - Flow-through device with catalytic coating on substrate that oxidizes soluble organic fraction of PM
 - 25-50% PM reduction
- Closed Crankcase Ventilation System
 - Replaceable filter that reduces engine blow-by emissions
 - >90% PM reduction (crankcase emissions)



Types of Diesel Retrofit Technologies

NOx Reduction

- Selective Catalytic Reduction
 - Flow-through device that reduces NOx with injection of a reductant (urea) over the catalyst
 - 60-90% NOx reduction
- Lean NOx Catalyst
 - Flow-through device that reduces NOx with injection of a reductant (diesel fuel) over the catalyst
 - 25-40% NOx reduction



List of Available EPA-/ARB-Verified Level 3 Retrofit Technologies Continues to Expand (as of September 2013)

- U.S. EPA (<u>epa.gov/cleandiesel/verification/verif-list.htm</u>)
 - 6 on-road passive DPFs (includes 2 DPF+SCR)
 - 2 on-road active DPFs
 - 1 off-road passive DPF
 - 1 off-road SCR (NOx control)
 - 1 locomotive SCR (NOx control)
- California ARB (<u>www.arb.ca.gov/diesel/verdev/vt/cvt.htm</u>)
 - 13 on-road passive DPFs (includes 1 DPF+LNC and 1 DPF+EGR)
 - 9 on-road active DPFs
 - 1 off-road passive DPF
 - 4 off-road active DPFs
 - 7 Level 3 devices for TRUs or APUs
 - 11 Level 3 devices for stationary engines



Benefits of Diesel Retrofit Technology

- Allows continued use of existing diesel engine with all its positive attributes
- Immediate, cost-effective reductions in emissions from in-use diesel fleet
- Filter retrofits provide climate change impacts through reductions in black carbon emissions
 - EPA Report to Congress on black carbon in March 2012



Technical Considerations for Successful Retrofit Projects

- Vehicle should be properly maintained before considering retrofit
- Application engineering Matching the right technology to the specific piece of equipment and application
- Proper professional installation Retrofits can be installed safely (visibility concerns addressed)
- On-vehicle monitors Provide important user feedback on performance (don't ignore warning lights)
- Maintenance Vehicle/equipment and retrofit device require inspection and maintenance
- Checklists available on MECA diesel retrofit website

Successful Retrofits Require a Cooperative Effort Between Fleet Owners, Operators, and Technology Providers



Significant On-Road Retrofit Experience, Off-Road Experience Growing

- >300,000 on-road DPF retrofits and >50,000 off-road DPF retrofits worldwide
- >1 million DOC retrofits worldwide
- >40,000 on- and off-road DPF retrofits in California since 2002
- Significant experience with retrofit technologies exists for on-road vehicles
 - School buses, transit buses, long- and short-haul trucks, refuse haulers, utility vehicles
 - Same technology as on new diesel vehicles
 - DOCs and DPFs form technology base for reducing PM emissions from U.S. 2007-10 on-road HD engines and Tier 4 off-road HD engines
 - U.S. 2010 on-road HD engines launched with DPF+SCR systems
- Retrofit experience is growing for many off-road applications
 - Construction equipment, port vehicles/equipment, marine engines and locomotives, stationary IC engines



Significant On-Road Retrofit Experience, Off-Road Experience Growing



Source: U.S. EPA's "Second Report to Congress: Highlights of the Diesel Emissions Reduction Program," April 2013



MECA Diesel Retrofit Sales Survey Results (Total U.S. – On-Road and Off-Road)





MECA Diesel Retrofit Sales Survey Results

- Recent decline in retrofit sales (outside CA) related to:
 - Decrease in DERA funding
 - Recent trend of funding being spent more on repowers and replacements
 - Decrease in DOC and CCV sales
- DPF sales in CA increasing slightly, but 2011-2012 sales did not see expected bump from ARB truck and bus regulation compliance deadlines
 - Effective enforcement policy needed for truck and bus regulation
- Amendments to ARB off-road diesel vehicle regulation depressing retrofit market opportunity



Retrofits Have Excellent Performance Record

- Of ~25,000 DPFs deployed in California since 2002, ARB found less than 15 cases where devices failed to point of unsafe vehicle operation ("Bill Analysis" report on SB 1230: <u>www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/11-12/bill/sen/sb_1201-</u> <u>1250/sb_1230_cfa_20120409_115325_sen_comm.html</u>)
 - Failures attributed to either poor engine or device maintenance, misapplication of device, or ignoring of warning alarms
- 2003 survey of 3,848 construction retrofit installations from 2001 to 2003 in Europe found failure rate of only 1-2% (SAE Paper 2004-01-0076)
- Need for effective public outreach and education
 - Dispel myths about retrofits

Retrofit Devices Work But Require Care and Maintenance



Solutions for Broadening Retrofit

- More funding needed
 - CMAQ funding (\$4.44 billion for FY 2013-14); ~\$325 million set aside for PM2.5 projects in FY 2013 and again in FY 2014
 - New York truck voucher incentive program
 - Funding/incentives need to be expanded or re-invented to capture more of the health and climate change benefits of clean diesel technologies
 - New Jersey diesel risk reduction law (uses non-federal funds) and clean construction program
- Timely implementation and effective enforcement of regulations
 - ARB diesel fleet rules
- Streamline technology verification
 - Verification continues to be expensive, slow process that could benefit from more resources at both EPA and ARB
- Clean construction initiatives
 - Contract specifications to promote use of emission controls
- EPA's five-year in-use clean diesel strategy
 - Target areas with high PM exposure areas (e.g., ports)



Other Future Retrofit Considerations

- WHO/IARC classified diesel exhaust as carcinogenic to humans in June 2012
 - Old diesel vs. new diesel
- New off-road engines meeting Tier 4 limits without filters
 - As clean as new on-road heavy-duty diesels with filters?
 - Particle number emission standards may need consideration to ensure reduction of ultrafine particulates and use of best available controls
 - July 2013 MECA report on health impacts of ultrafine particulates
- Diesel replacement parts
 - Potential market opportunity for emission control replacement parts for diesel vehicles certified with emission control devices



Next Steps

- Over 13 years of progress, but still millions of legacy diesel engines operating across the U.S.
- Manufacturers continue to invest and expand the retrofit technology options available for reducing PM and NOx emissions from existing diesel engines
- Need effective policies/strategies to increase interest in retrofit projects
- Defined window of opportunity for retrofit



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