Merit Review: EPAct State and Alternative Fuel Provider Fleets

"Alternative Fuel Transportation Program"

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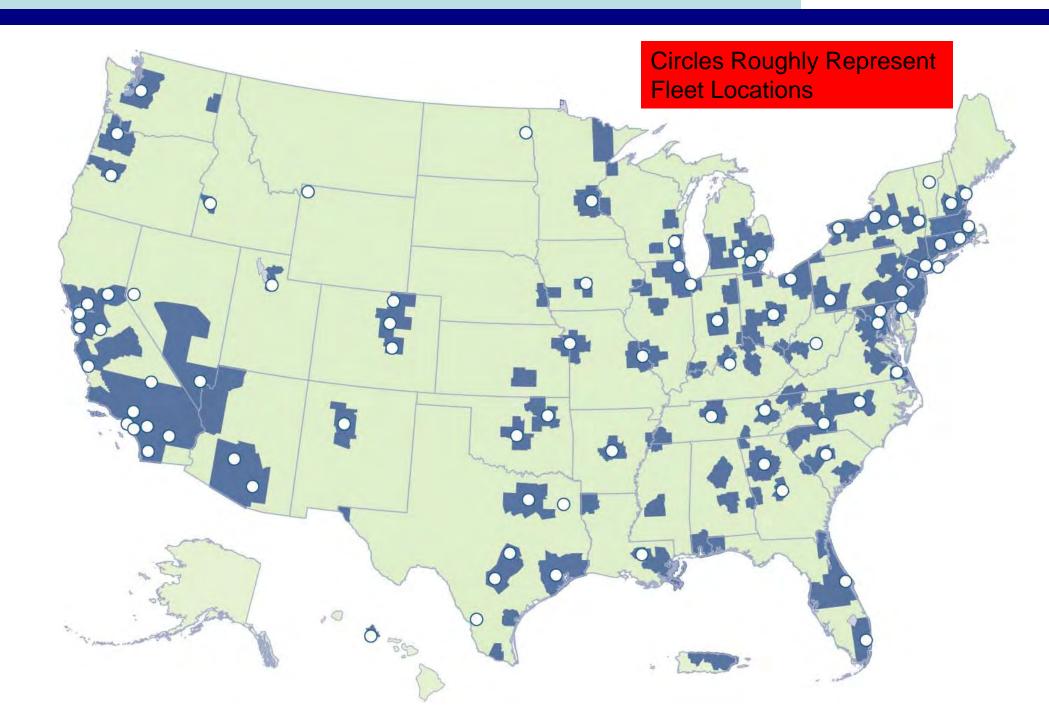
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Background on Program

- Energy Policy Act (EPAct) of 1992 Required DOE to establish an Alternative Fuel Transportation Program
 - Primary purpose to promote Replacement/Alternative Fuels through the acquisition of light-duty AFVs
- Regulatory Process Initiated in 1994
- Mandatory Compliance Started in Model Year (MY) 1997
- Annually 300+ State and Fuel Provider (SFP) Entities Must Meet Annual Requirements

SFP Fleets



Overview

Timeline

- Ongoing Regulatory Compliance Program
- Arising from EPAct 1992
- With Subsequent Legislative Amendments
 - Energy Reauthorization Act of 1998 (ECRA)
 - EPAct 2005
 - Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (EISA)

Budget

- Funding in FY10 (\$1.7M)
- Funding request for FY11 (\$1.8 M)

Relevance: Objectives

- Petroleum Reduction and Replacement
- Implement the EPAct Alternative Fuels Transportation Program
 - Ensure Compliance with Regulatory Requirements for 300 + Fleets
 - Interpret/Analyze Legislative Requirements
 - Collect, Store, and Analyze Data Covered Fleets Submit to Comply with EPAct SFP Requirements
- Encourage/Empower Fleets to Go Beyond Standard Compliance Requirements to Reduce Petroleum Use
- Partnering with Clean Cities & Federal Fleet Programs

Milestones/Activities

- Annual Reporting (12/31/10)
- Exemptions and Exclusions
- Interpretative Rulings
- Documentation
- Rulemaking (8/11)
- Alternative Fuel Petitions
- Reports
- Outreach

Approach/Strategy

- Strong Focus on Ensuring Fleet Compliance
 - Flexible Options
 - Enhanced Outreach and Education
 - Working with Deficient Fleets
- Documentation
- Online Tools and Decision Support
- Regulation Modification/Update

- Regulatory Process
 - EISA Section 133 Proposed Rule
 - Reporting requirements
 - Exemptions
 - Credits
 - Revision of Database
 - Draft Alternative Compliance Revisions
 - Review of the Current Regulatory Language

- Compliance/Enforcement
 - Standard Compliance 2010
 - Alternative Compliance 2010
 - Identified Additional Covered Fleets
 - Site Visits
 - Enforcement Plan

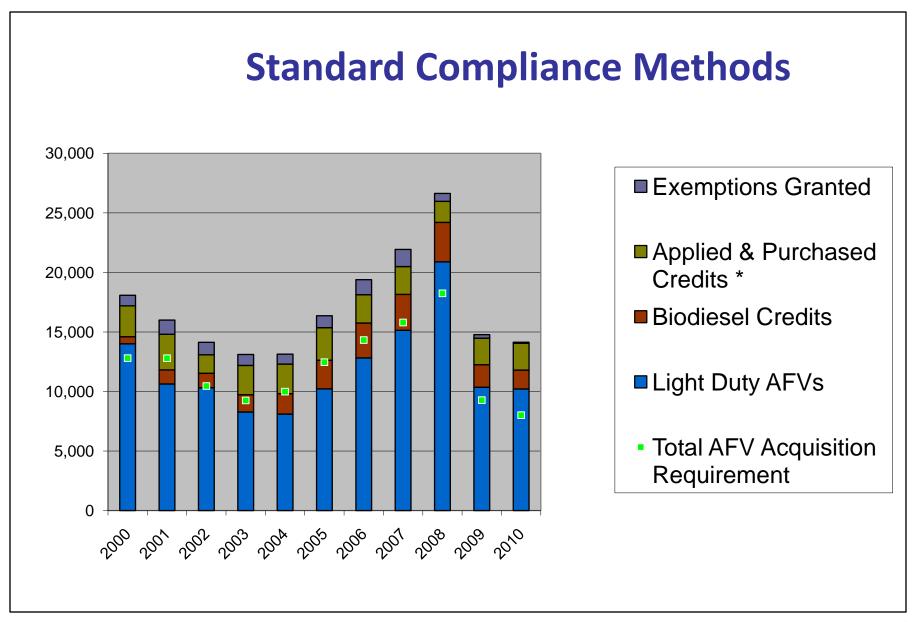
Administration

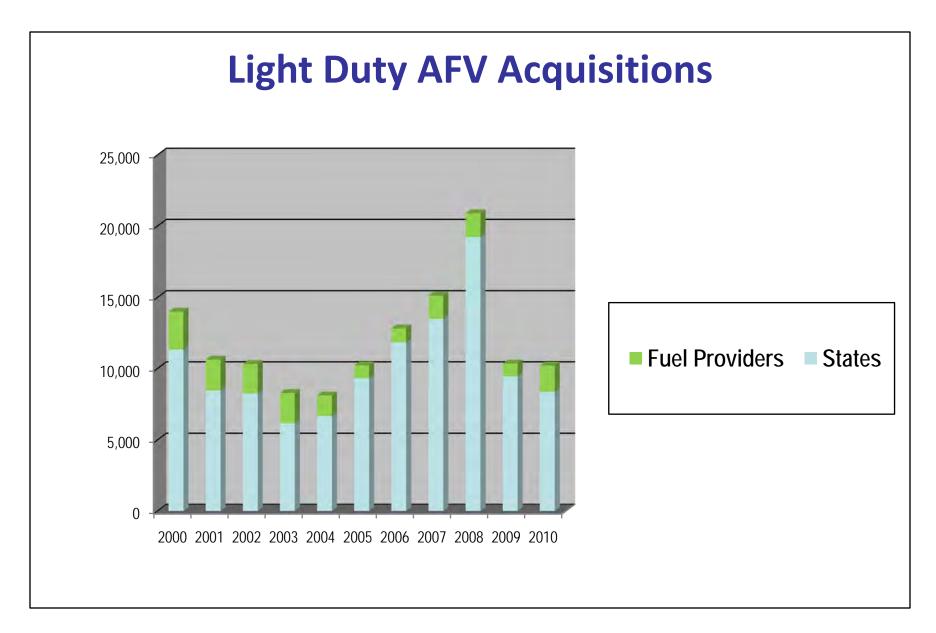
- Addressed Policy Positions
- Addressed Interpretive Rulings
- Developed Program's Document Disposition Schedule
- Standard Operating Procedures Documentation
- Appeals

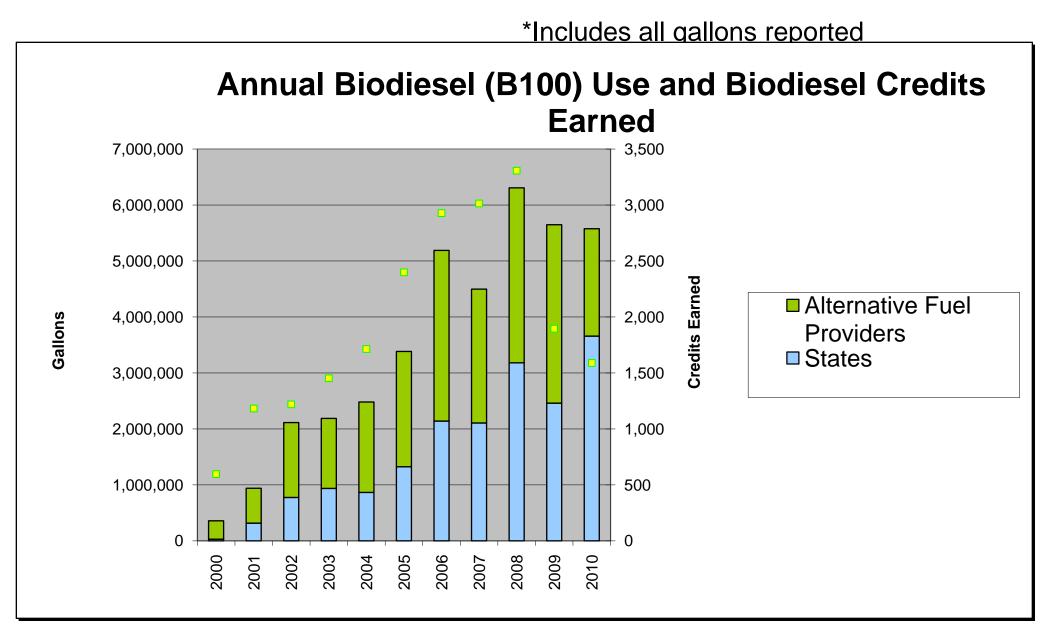
Outreach & Assistance

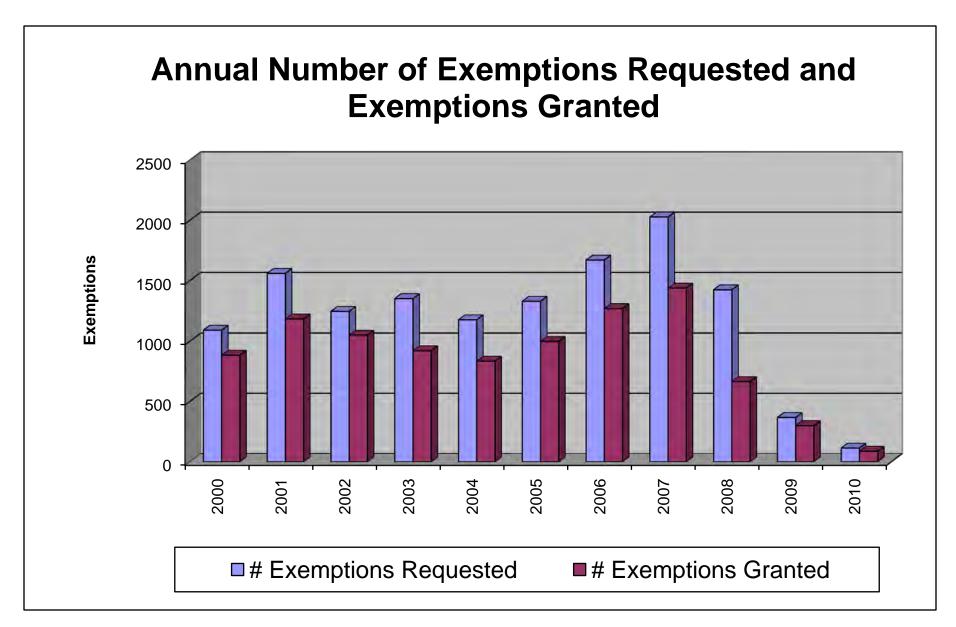
- Developed Online Exemption Request Tool
- Enhanced Public Petroleum REduction Planning (PREP) Tool
- Continued Developing FleetAtlas Tool
- EPAct Stakeholder & Fuel Retailer Workshops
- Developing Workshop Toolkit and Training Course

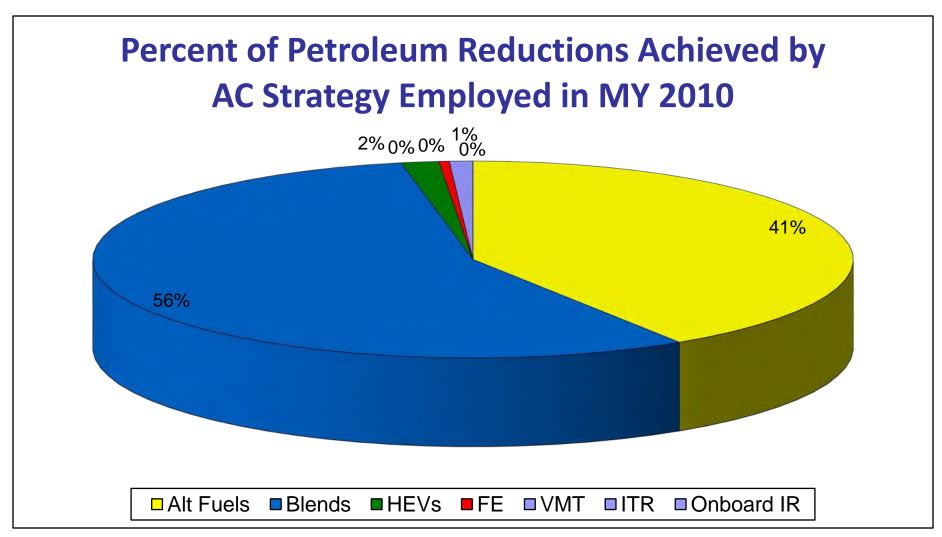
- Deployment of Various Vehicle Technologies Via:
 - Standard Compliance
 - Alternative Compliance
- 40-50 million Gasoline Gallon Equivalents (GGE)
- 100% Compliance











MY2010 Results of Alternative Compliance Resulted nearly 3,414,312 GGE of petroleum reduced, from just 12 fleets (compared with 2,427,494 GGE for MY 2009)

Collaboration and Coordination

- EPAct Workshops
 - Clean Cities and Federal Fleet Programs
- Clean Cities Program
 - Incentives and Laws
 - Clean Cities Coordinator Training
 - Clean Cities Annual Retreat
- Alternative Fuel Petitions
 - Involves Reviews Cutting Across Various Programs
- Coordination with Fleets and Other Stakeholders to Facilitate Infrastructure Deployment
 - DOE Collaborating with Industry and Other Labs (Rulemaking Comments, Hearings, Conferences, Other Outreach)

Future Work

- Additional Site Visits
- Regional EPAct Workshops
- Revision of Alternative Compliance Program
- Develop Online Compliance Tools
- Analyze Other Existing Fleets for Potential Coverage
- Issue EISA Section 133 NOPR
- Develop Tool Kits for Best Practices
- GIS Analysis for Fleet Vehicles and Re-Fueling Infrastructure
- Documentation of Processes and Decisions

Summary

- Objectives
 - Petroleum Reduction and Replacement
 - Deploy and Encourage Technology Acquisitions
 - Collect, Store, and Analyze Data
 - Encourage/Empower Fleets to Go Beyond Standard Compliance Requirements
 - Ensuring Compliance with Statutory Requirements

Summary (Cont'd)

Approach

- Careful Development of New Requirements
- Develop Flexible Approaches
- Extensive Outreach and Technical Assistance
- Analysis & Interpretive Rulings
- Documentation
- Online Tools and Decision Support

Summary (Cont'd)

Results

- Compliance Rate of 100%
- Deployment of Various Vehicle Technologies Via Standard Compliance & Alternative Compliance
- 40-50 million GGE of Petroleum Replacement Per Year (Conservative Estimate)

Future Work

- Enhancing Flexibility
- Streamlining Program
- Continue Documenting Decisions and Processes
- Outreach
- Capturing Additional Covered Fleets