Remote Alaska Communities Energy Efficiency Peer Network

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http://energy.gov/eere/racee-competition-peer-exchange-network

- DOE plans to collect information for announcement on the next Peer Network call.
 - This can include useful information on funding and project ideas and opportunities
 - Email your input to <u>Fletcher.Souba@ee.doe.gov</u> for June's Webinar.



Welcome to the RACEE Peer Network

- The RACEE Peer Exchange Network is intended to provide a fundamental benefit to the 64 communities that pledged to reduce per capita energy usage by 15% by 2020.
- It will consist of three components:
 - RACEE website
 - Monthly technical webinars
 - In-person meetings
 - For, example, the RACEE Competition Summit at end of RACEE Phase 3
- For more details, see the RACEE Website:

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- The goal of the network is to empower Alaskan communities and native Alaskan villages to develop effective tools to advance the use of reliable, affordable, and energy efficient solutions that are replicable throughout Alaska and other Arctic regions.
- The Department leverages the existing convening power of the AEA and other regional energy efficiency organizations to form the Peer Exchange Network to build a community of energy efficiency information sharing and action by peer exchange through webinars, and events.



- Update on Rural Alaska Diesel Genset Specification, Performance, and Efficiency – David Lockard (AEA), Alan Fetters (AEA)
- Diesel Part 2
- Line Loss Mitigation
- AKEnergySmart More about Renewable Energy in Alaska





Rural Alaska Diesel Gensets:

- Specifications
- Performance
- Efficiency

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Alaska Energy Authority RACEE Peer Exchange Network

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AEA's mission is to reduce the cost of energy in Alaska









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Engine Selection in 2000

- Fuel was cheap
- Engines were simple and reliable:
 - Brand Preference
 - Load Capacity
 - Fuel Efficiency



Engine Selection in 2006

- Fuel Prices more than Doubled
- Electronic Fuel Injection
- Separately Cooled Aftercooler
 - Fuel Efficiency
 - Load Capacity
 - Recoverable Heat
 - Brand Preference



Engine Selection in 2017

- Reliability
- Regulatory Compliance
- Fuel Efficiency
- Load Capacity
- Recoverable Heat
- Brand Preference



2006 Diesel Engine





2017 Diesel Engine





Tier Emissions Levels



NOx - Nitrogen oxides, which react in the atmosphere with hydrocarbons

HC - Hydrocarbons, a by-product of combustion

PM - Particulate matter, a non-gaseous product of combustion



NSPS - New Source Performance

- Standards The EPA agreed that the circumstances in remote Alaska require special rules:
- Removed requirement to use after treatment devices for NOX, in particular, SCR, for engines used in remote Alaska:
- Allowed the blending of used lubricating oil, in volumes of up to 1.75 percent of the total fuel, if the sulfur content of the used lubricating oil is less than 200 ppm and the used lubricating oil is "on-spec"
- Exempted all pre-2014 model year engines from diesel fuel sulfur requirements (no ULSD);
- Allowed use of engines certified to marine engine standards and Tier 3 nonroad industrial engine standards; but
- Requires PM after treatment devices for 2014 and later model year



What are the Options?

- Purchase 2014 Final Tier 4 Engine
- Purchase 2014 Tier 3 Industrial Engine
 - Must install Particulate Filter
- Purchase 2014 Tier 3 Marine Engine
 - Must install Particulate Filter
- Particulate filters are problematic
 - Not OEM equipment must be engineered
 - Costly to install
 - May reduce fuel efficiency
 - Higher maintenance costs
 - Unproven Reliability



What's the Solution?

- Re-use of pre-2014 engines
 - "new" unused engine
 - Low-hour used / rebuilt engines
 - Remanufactured used engines
 - Not same as "OEM Repower" program
 - Must be pre-2014 block
 - Must not exceed 50/75% of new engine cost
 - May upgrade engine to cleaner emissions standard



Marine manifold captures additional heat from exhaust and transfers it to cooling system antifreeze. 50-100% increase in energy capture for heating purposes, as well as a 5-10degF increase in temperature



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Top: Caterpillar 3456 exhaust manifold and turbocharger before marine conversion

Bottom: same engine after marine conversion

At high loads the heat output from the marine version is twice as high as from the standard version

There are also benefits from the higher temperature of the output if the energy is used for space heating purposes

These heat recovery systems result in less electricity required for radiator fan cooling as well















Heat Recovery









12000 10000 59630 Gal/Yr - 3512 (Existing System) Heating Fuel Saved (Gallons Per Month) 8000 6000 4000 2000 0 January February March April June huguest september october hoverher became May JUN Month





Heat Recovery









Diesel Generator Energy Outputs



Energy Allocation for Older Technology Diesel Generation





Diesel Generator Energy Outputs



Energy Allocation for New Technology Diesel Generation



Changing Diesel Technology











Fuel Cost Dominates Annual

- 8760 hrs x 350 kW = 3,066,000 kWh/yr
- @13.0 kWh/gal = 235,000 gallons/yr
- @15.7 kWh/gal = 195,000 gallons/yr
- Fuel Savings = 40,000 gallons/yr
- \$4.00/gallon = \$160,000/yr
- 1-Year Payback Engine Replacement



Fuel Cost Dominates Lifetime

- 120 kW at 12 kWh/hr = 10 GPH
- 10 GPH x 50,000 Hr Life = 500,000 gallons
- \$4.00/gallon = \$2,000,000 over engine life
- 1% efficiency increase = \$20,000 savings
- Engine Efficiency can vary more than 10%





FY13 PCE DATA: Diesel Eff. vs Total Diesel kWh Generated (in thousands)







Waste Oil Injection





Injection of waste engine oil back into the fuel



Power Generation Fuel

- #1 Diesel is most common for winter power generation use
- Blended #1/#2 used in some places to reduce cost, improve lubricity, increase Btu/gallon content
- Some utilities heat and/or insulate their fuel tanks and piping so they can use #2 year-round
- Benefits of using #2 year-round: higher lubricity, lower cost, more Btu/gallon





