Environmental Standards for Vehicles in the U.S. and Their Impact on BC Emissions

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Multiple Drivers for Reducing Diesel Emissions



- Mobile sources account for about 19% of global black carbon (BC) emissions
- In the U.S. mobile sources account for the majority of US elemental carbon emissions, at about 52%
 - Diesels are responsible for 90% of the mobile emissions (2005 inventory)
- Current US regulations for new engines are projected to significantly reduce elemental carbon by 2030



Black Carbon Inventories – EPA Report to Congress 2012





Mobile Sources



- Year 2005
- U.S. mobile source BC comes mainly from diesels
- Gasoline exhaust is a smaller source of BC



Ways to reduce PM emissions



- Oxidize organic gas-phase components (i.e. oxidize HCs)
 - Diesel Oxidation Catalyst (DOC)
 - No reduction or slightly reduces soot portion of PM
- Filter out solid components (soot and ash)
 - Diesel Particulate Filter (DPF)
 - Soot must be burned off (regenerated)
- Reduce diesel sulfur content (reduce sulfate/SOx)
 - Lowers both directly emitted PM and secondary PM
- Recirculate crankcase vapor to combustion chamber; Closed crankcase ventilation
- Upgrade engine to cleaner standards

The "Systems Approach" to Standard Setting



- Treat vehicles and fuels as one system regulate fuel sulfur and vehicle emissions at same time.
- Sulfur reduction is necessary for the most advanced emission controls
 - Diesel Particulate Filters and Lean NOx traps
 - Advanced catalysts for spark ignition engines
- Sulfur reduction yields immediate benefit from entire fleet
- U.S. Gasoline, 30 ppm avg; 80 ppm max
 Tier 3 proposal will reduce to 10 ppm average
- U.S. Diesel, 15 ppm max

Reducing BC from Mobile Sources

- > BC emissions from U.S. mobile diesel engines controlled via
 - Emissions standards for new engines, including requirements resulting in use of diesel particulate filters (DPFs) in conjunction with ultra low sulfur diesel fuel
 - Standards are for PM and are "technology forcing."
 - Diesel particulate filters to be used on
 - On road diesels (trucks, passenger cars)
 - Nonroad diesels (such as construction and agricultural equipment)
 - Locomotives
 - Commercial marine (categories 1 and 2) using distillate fuel
 - **Retrofit programs** for in-use mobile diesel engines, such as EPA's National Clean Diesel Campaign and the SmartWay Transport Partnership Program.



- On road diesel PM standards 2007 model year
 - 99% reduction in diesel PM for 2012 diesel track compared to a 1970 pre-control diesel truck
 - On road diesel PM and BC reduced by 91% and 95% respectively from 2005-2030
 - Diesel particulate filters (DPF) preferentially reduce BC
 - DPFs require ultra low sulfur diesel fuel (less than 15 ppm versus ~ 500 ppm)
 - Earlier diesel PM standards also reduced BC
- Similar standards for nonroad diesels started in 2012
 - Exhaust emissions from these engines will decrease by more than 90 percent.
- Similar standards for locomotives and commercial marine (categories 1 and 2 but not ocean going)
- EPA has estimated the cost of controlling PM_{2.5} from new diesel engines at ~ \$14,000/ton (2010\$). Tremendous health benefits.
- Similar diesel controls being phased in internationally
- Gasoline PM is also reduced in future years

Projected Decline in BC Emissions from

Mobile Sources





Total U.S. mobile source BC emissions are projected to decline by 86% by 2030 due to regulations already promulgated.

Emissions from U.S. Mobile Sources

Mobile Source Emissions Reductions 1990-2030



BLACK (ELEMENTAL) CARBON	1990	2005	2020	2030	1990>2005	2005>2030
Onroad gasoline	69,629	14,510	9,538	10,027	-79%	-31%
Onroad diesel	219,958	153,477	28,175	7,615	-30%	-95%
Tire	809	1,198	1,435	1,720	48%	44%
Brakewear	290	475	569	682	64%	44%
Nonroad gasoline	5,420	5,444	4,702	5,174	0%	-5%
Nonroad diesel	148,537	112,058	31,254	9,356	-25%	-92%
Commercial Marine (C1 & C2)	22,122	21,652	11,595	5,440	-2%	-75%
Commercial Marine (C3)	1,262	1,681	864	1,306	33%	-22%
Locomotive	19,317	22,495	11,349	5,684	16%	-75%
Aircraft*	283	410	457	553	45%	35%
Total	487,628	333,400	99,940	47,557	-32%	-86%



- The tightest standards on new diesel engines can not clean up the existing fleet
- Goal: reduce emissions from the legacy fleet of millions of diesel engines
- National Clean Diesel Campaign components:
 - Diesel Emissions Reduction Program (DERA): Install exhaust control devices
 - SmartWay Transport Program: Promote fuel saving technologies; less fuel = emissions reductions



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