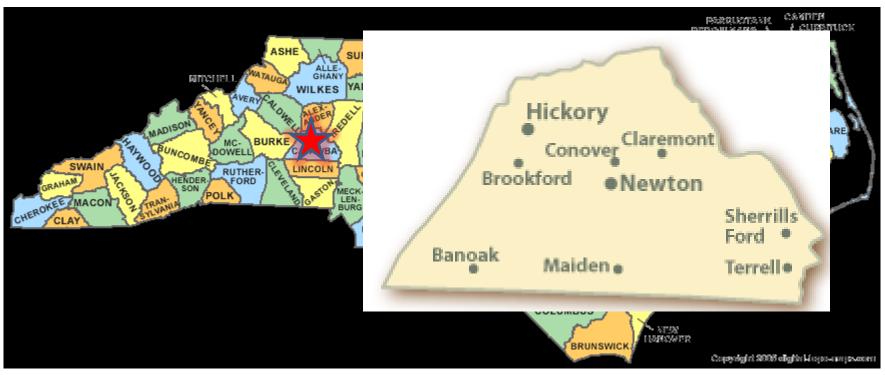
# Integrating Co-Generation for Renewable Fuel Production at the Catawba County, NC EcoComplex

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#### The Catawba County EcoComplex





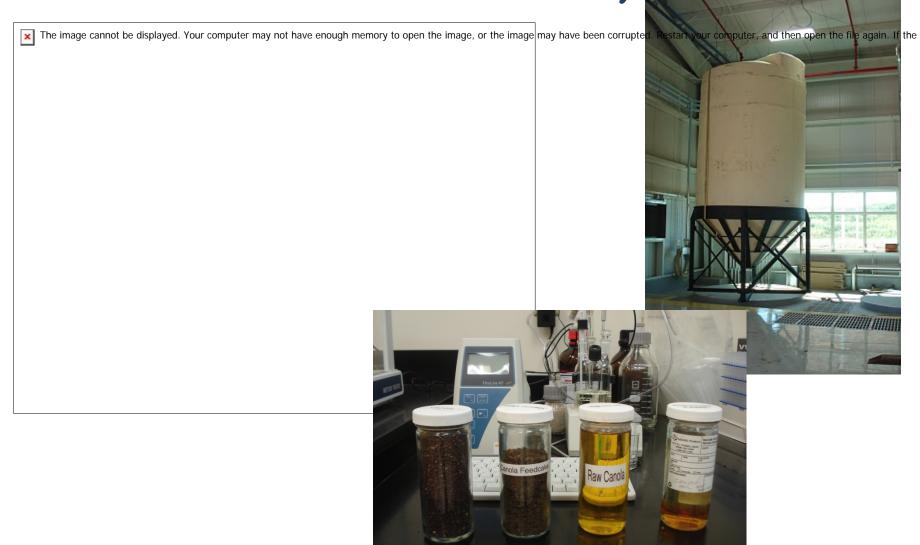




- Partnership between Catawba County and Appalachian State University
- Funding for the facility :
  - Catawba County, ~\$1.6mil for LEED Silver building
  - Appalachian State University, ~\$1.6mil for equipment and staffing. Majority of this funding from the Golden LEAF Foundation, U.S. DOE, UNC General Administration, and the Biofuels Center of North Carolina.

- For Catawba County benefits include an economical renewable fuel source for landfill equipment and an onsite university partner for collaboration on EcoComplex development and optimization projects.
- For Appalachian State University benefits include a pilot scale facility for biodiesel production process research, laboratory facilities for feedstock and fuel quality analysis, chassis dynamometer for emissions analysis, and a "real-world" learning environment for student development.

Definitely a WIN-WIN







### Combustion Emissions Analysis

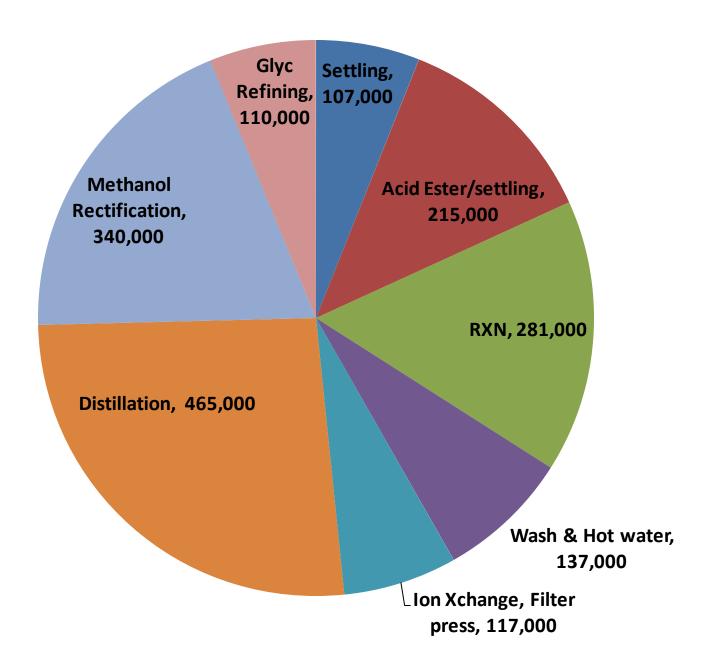


Returns Emissions in g/km, g/kg fuel, g/s, or g/bhp-hr: CO<sub>2</sub>, CO, SOx, NOx, THC, Particulate Matter





#### Heat Requirements per 500 gal Biodiesel (Btu)



#### **Landfill Gas to Energy**



Energy Output per Engine: 1MW e & 6.5 MMBtus/hr Waste Thermal Heat

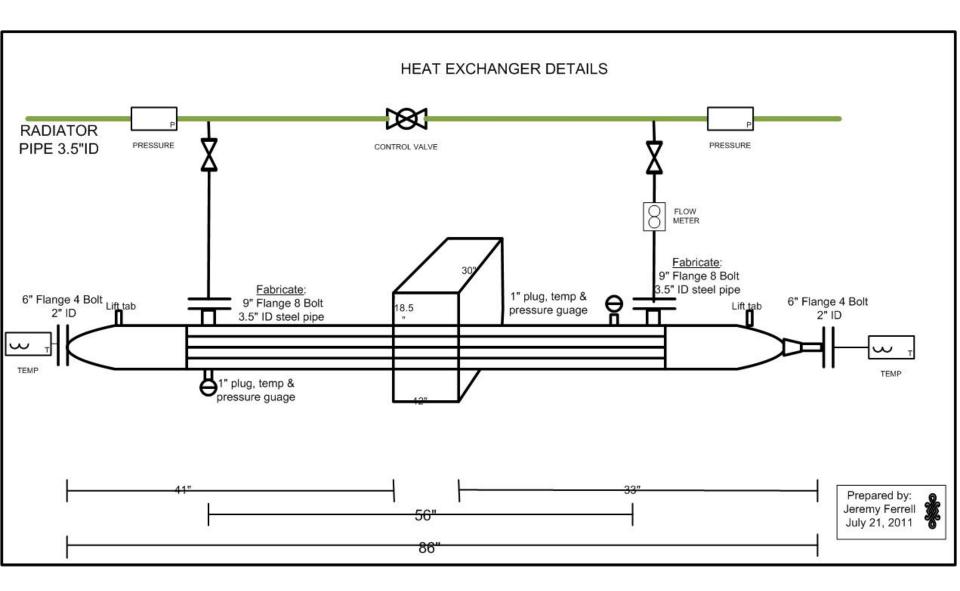


## GIVEN PARAMETERS (from Nixon):

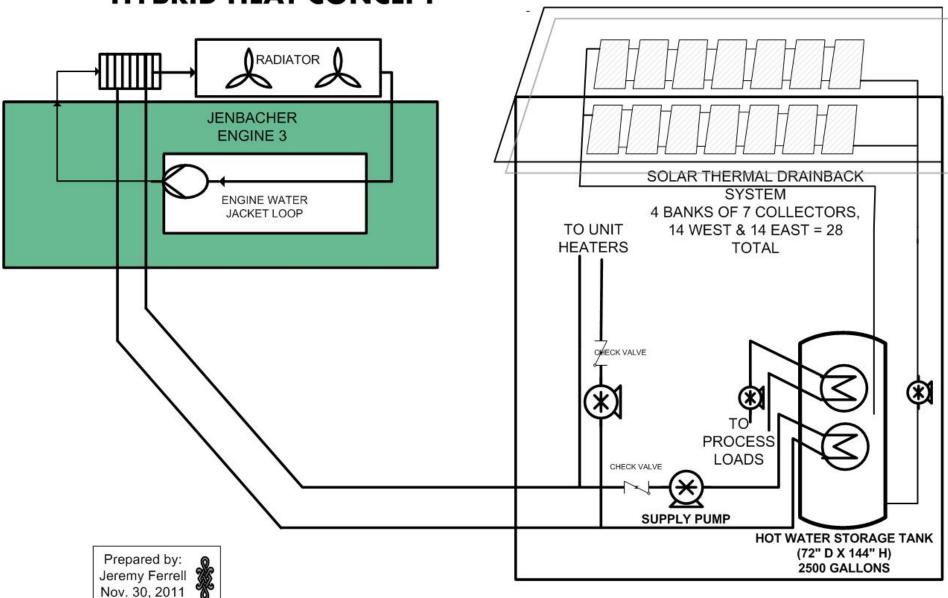
PARAMETERS: Jenbacher HX			
16	psi allowable pressure drop		
270	gal/min coolant flow		
15	C max temp drop		
85	C coolant in temp		
3.5	inch pipe supply		
7	ft max length		
200,000	BTU/hr needed		

# PRELIMINARY HEAT EXCHANGE CALCS.

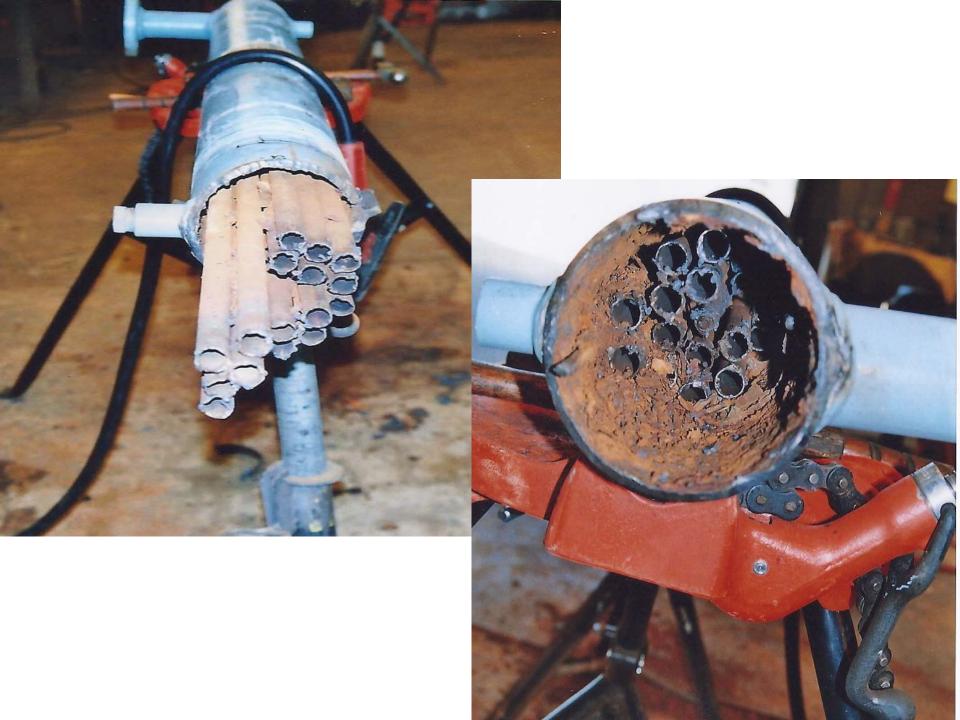
Heat Exchange Calculations			
Area	20	ft^2	
U	144	Btu/(ft hr F)	
Cp water	1	Btu/lbF	
Cp coolant	0.8	Btu/lbF	
mdot water	20,000	lb/hr	
mdot coolant	134,000	lb/hr	
Calculated Effectiveness	0.193		
Q dot to cold side	232,000	Btu/hr	



ECOCOMPLEX BIODIESEL FACILITY
HYBRID HEAT CONCEPT















### **Heat Recovery**

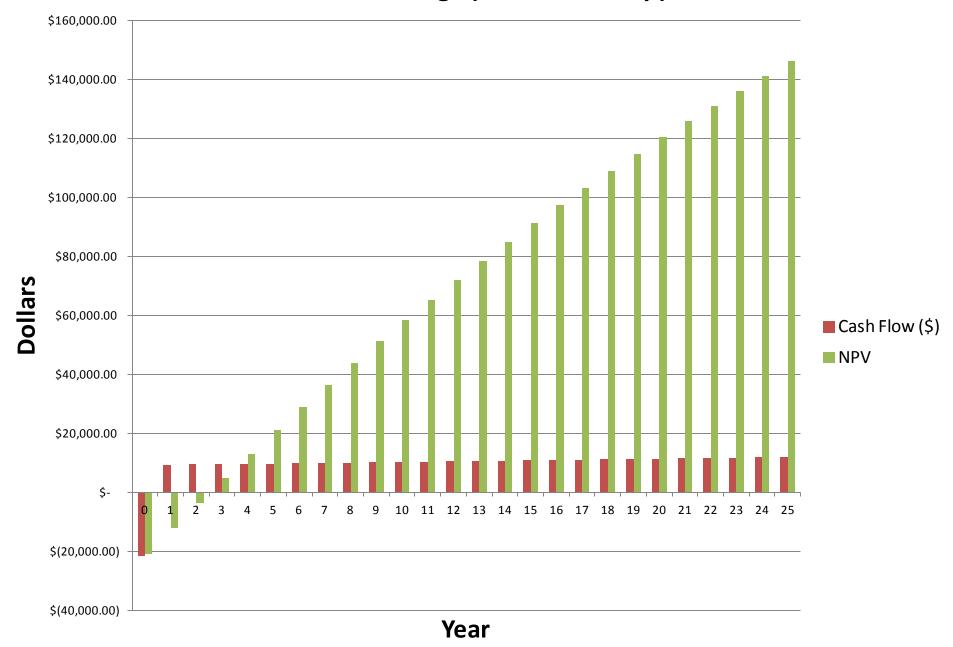




### Economic Analysis

- Heat Exchanger System
  - -Installed Cost \$21,663
  - -Annual Avoided cost of \$9,500 per year (based on 50,000 gal/yr and \$1.19/therm nat. gas)
  - -3 year payback (based on 3.5% cost of capital and 1% inflation)
  - -39.7% IRR (based on savings)

#### **Co-Gen Savings (Nat. Gas Comp)**



### Thank you

