Emissions and Air Permitting Requirements for Standby Generator Sets

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# **Course Objectives**

#### **Emissions and Air Permitting Requirements for Standby Generator Sets**

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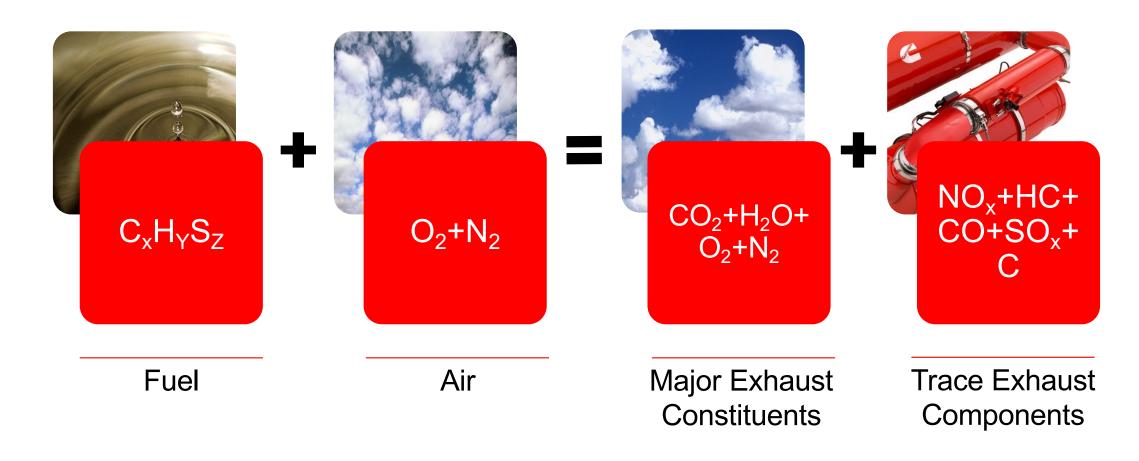
This course will provide a brief overview of regulated emissions constituents and their formation in order to provide a foundational understanding of engine emissions. Next, the EPA's New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) will be reviewed as it relates to both compression ignited (diesel) and spark ignited (natural gas or propane) engine equipped generator sets. Participants will gain an awareness of common pitfalls related to emissions permitting and will be introduced to various strategies employed to meet local emissions regulations.

#### After completing this course, participants will be able to:

- Recognize commonly regulated exhaust emissions constituents.
- Describe EPA emissions requirements for diesel and gaseous standby generator sets.
- Identify common requirements for permitting engine-driven generator sets.

What are some common air quality permitting requirements that apply to stationary emergency generator sets?

#### **Exhaust Emissions Formation**



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	What is it?	How is it formed?	CI	SI
NO <sub>x</sub>	Oxides of nitrogen (NO and NO <sub>2</sub> )	Forms at high in-cylinder temperatures, most prominent during high engine load.	✓	✓
НС	Over 100 different types of hydrocarbons	Product of incomplete combustion, most prominent during low engine load.	✓	$\checkmark$
NMHC	Non-methane hydrocarbons, subset of total hydrocarbons	Product of incomplete combustion, dependent on fuel composition.	✓	✓
VOC	Volatile organic compounds	Primarily hydrocarbons but may include other compounds.		$\checkmark$
PM	Anything that is trapped on or condenses onto a filter	Most prominent during low load operation.	✓	
CO	Carbon monoxide	Product of imperfect combustion, most prominent during low engine load.	✓	✓
SO <sub>x</sub>	Oxides of sulfur (SO and SO <sub>2</sub> )	Product of combustion process when sulfur is present. Increases linearly with fuel consumption.	✓	✓

# New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) for Compression-Ignited and Spark-Ignited engines



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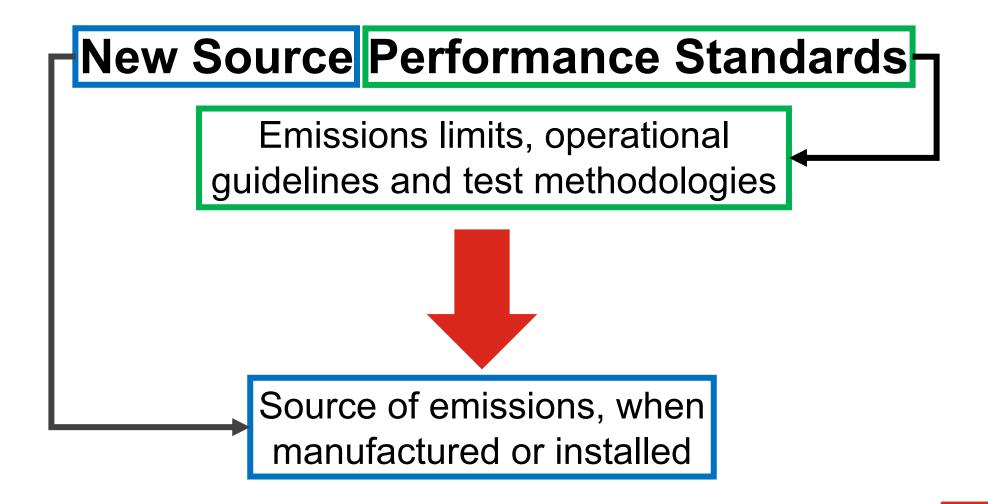
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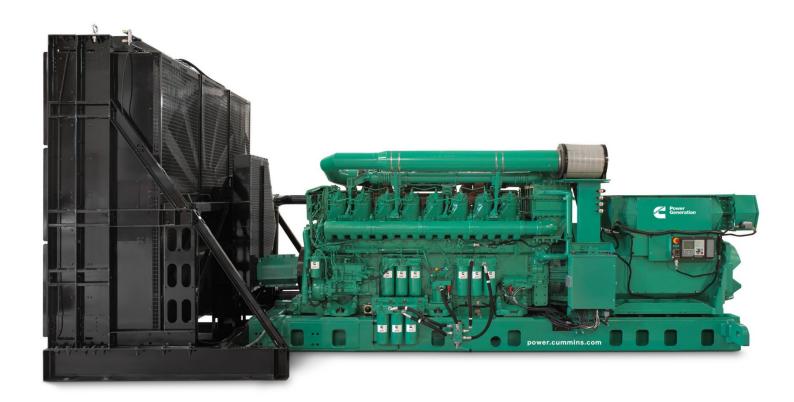
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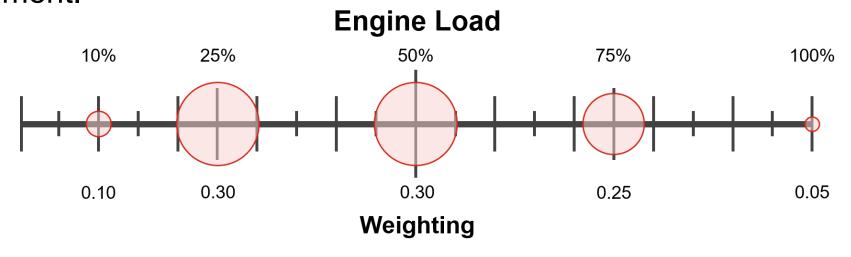




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- Engines and emissions control devices must be certified as a complete solution by the engine manufacture (field upfit or third-party installations cannot meet certification requirements).

# Stationary and Nonroad Engines

#### **Stationary**

- On site for at least 12 consecutive months.
- Unable to be mounted on a trailer or be mobilized.



#### **Nonroad**

- No movement or operation restrictions.
- Must comply most stringent emissions requirements.



- Emergency standby (safe evacuation, life support)
- Legally required standby (fire—fighting operations)
- Optional standby (could cause an economic loss)





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Remote mining site including two DQGAS (1500 kWe) generator sets.



Combined heat and power project producing steam with one C2000 N5C (2000 kWe) generator set.

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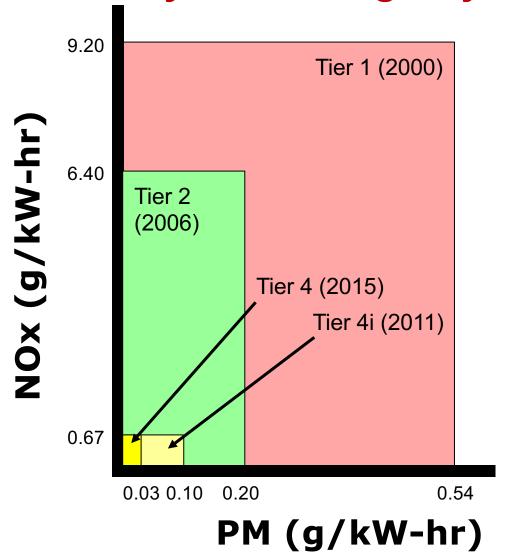
# New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) for Stationary CI engines

Title 40, Part 60: Subpart IIII



#### **Evolution of NSPS CI Engine Regulations**

EPA Non-Road / Stationary Non-Emergency Engines >751 HP



#### **Regulated Emissions Levels**

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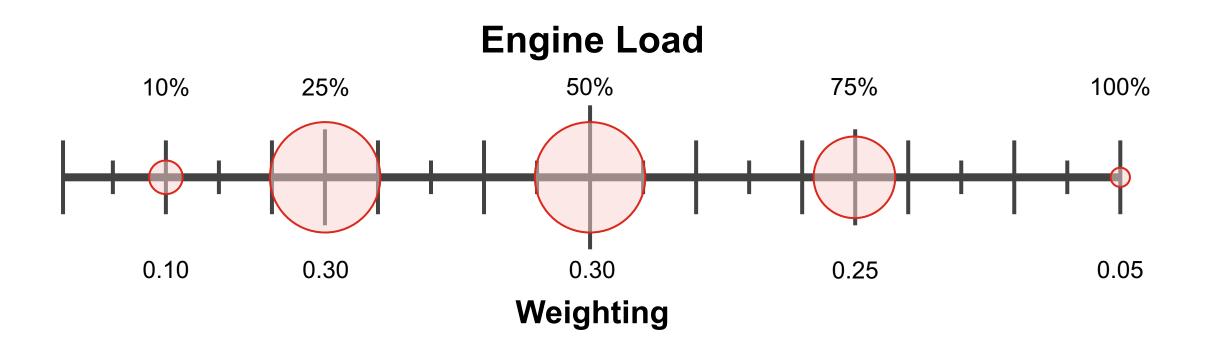
Emergency engine tier levels shown in RED

NOx / NMHC / CO / PM (g/kW-hr)

(NOx+NMHC) / CO / PM (g/kW-hr)

Certified product follows ISO 8178 D2 - 5 Mode Test Cycle for constant speed engines

#### Pollutant and Engine Load Weighting



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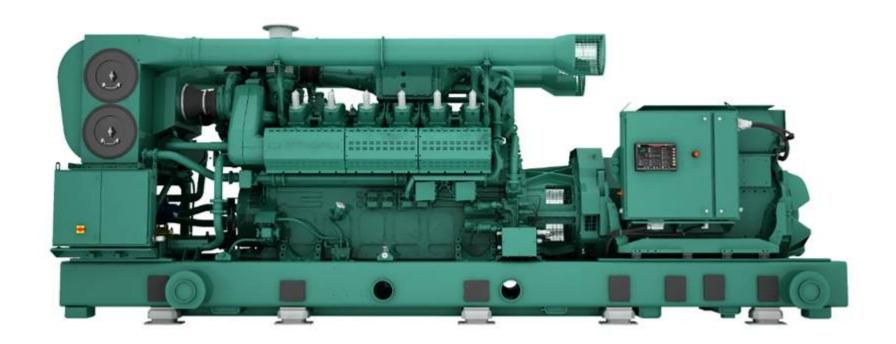
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Title 40, Part 60: Subpart JJJJ



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## **Regulated Emissions Levels**

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Man			HP	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
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## **Certification Summary**

- Mandatory factory certification of rich burn propane engines
- Optional factory certification of all natural gas engines and lean burn propane engines
- If not factory certified, the owner/operator must perform certain tasks:

Engine Power	Maintenance plan and records, maintain/operate engine in a way to minimize emissions	Initial performance testing within 1 year of engine startup	Subsequent performance testing every 8,760 hours or 3 years, whichever comes first
< 100 hp	✓		
100-500 hp	✓	✓	
> 500 hp	✓	✓	✓

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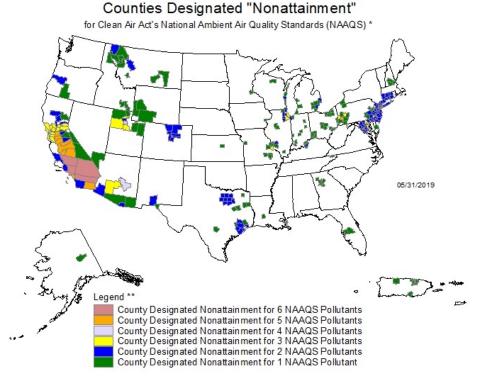
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## National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS)

- Identifies pollutants that are harmful to human health.
- Establishes criteria pollutant limits for geographical areas:
  - CO, Pb, NO<sub>2</sub>, O<sub>3</sub>, PM and SO<sub>2</sub>



Guam - Piti and Tanguisson power stations are designated nonattainment for the SO2 (1971) NAAQS
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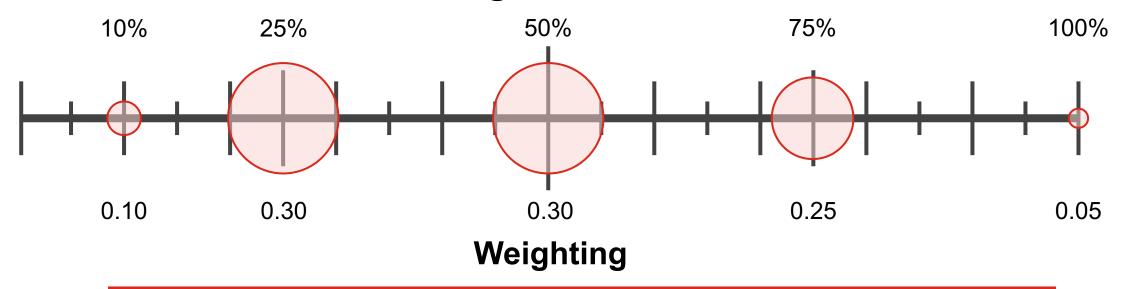
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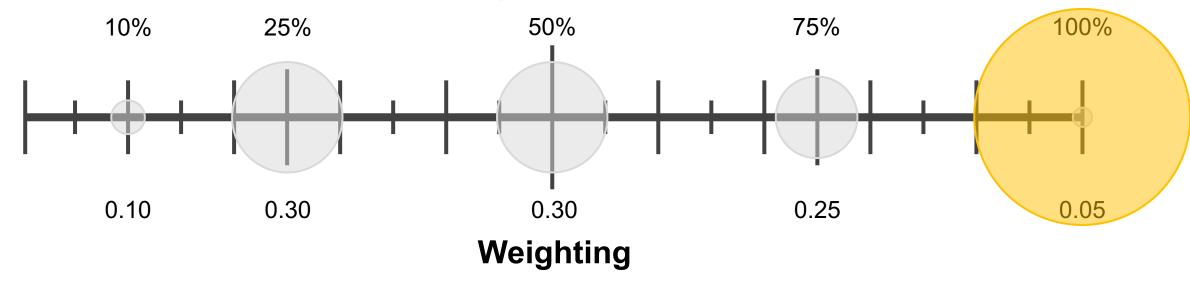
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- 6 g/hp-hr NOx at 100% generator set rated load is becoming a common BACT target
  - This target is typically considered "Guaranteed" or "Maximum Potential to Emit"
  - Most generator set manufacturer data sheets present Nominal values
  - Consult generator set manufacturer for potential to emit values

## **Site Air Permit Example**

#### **Project Considerations:**

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Performance Data	<b>Standby</b>	<b>Standby</b>	<b>Standby</b>	<b>Standby</b>
BHP @ 1800 RPM (60 Hz)	1145	2185	3225	4308
Fuel Consumption L/Hr (US Gal/Hr)	254 (67)	443 (117)	602 (159)	787 (208)
Exhaust Gas Flow m³/min (CFM)	282 (9963)	45 (15921)	55 (19592)	662 (23369)
Exhaust Gas Temperature °C (°F)	331 (628)	354 (670)	377 (711)	443 (830)
Exhaust Emission Data				
HC (Total Unburned Hydrocarbons)	0.3 (114)	0.18 (76)	0.1 (48)	0.07 (33)
NOx (Oxides of Nitrogen as NO <sub>2</sub> )	3.4 (1290)	3.3 (1350)	4.2 (1900)	5.2 (2440)

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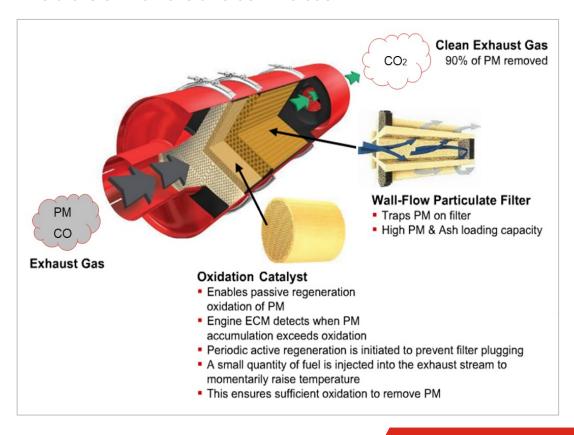


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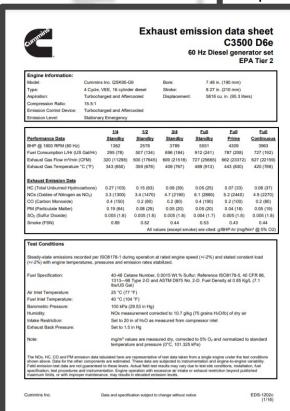


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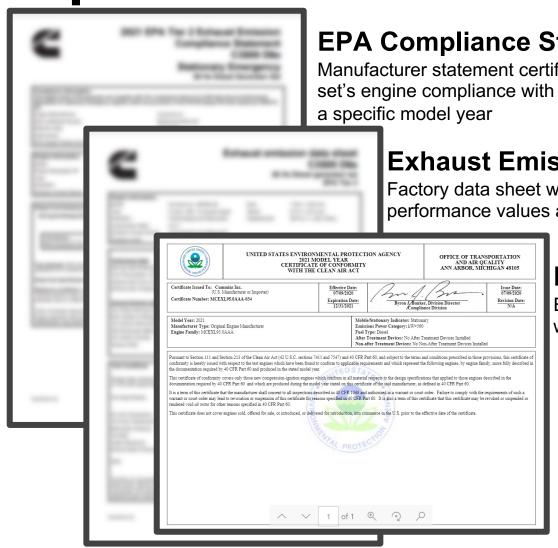


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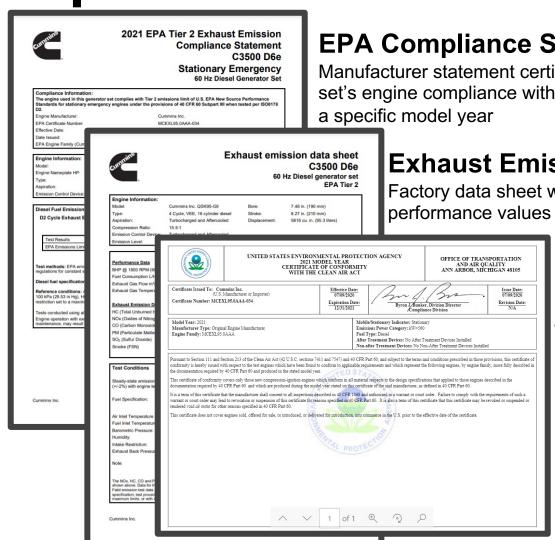
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Spec Note Generator set manufacturer shall provide documentation of engine EPA certification including EPA Family name and generator set model.

### **Course Summary**

### **Emissions and Air Permitting Requirements for Standby Generator Sets**

- Recognize commonly regulated exhaust emissions constituents.
- Describe EPA emissions requirements for diesel and gaseous standby generator sets.
- Identify common requirements for permitting engine-driven generator sets.

### Specify:

- Generator set shall include engine which complies with U.S. EPA New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) for Stationary Emergency engines under the provisions of [40 CFR Part 60 Subpart IIII or 40 CFR Part 60 Subpart JJJJ] when tested per ISO 8178 D2.
- Engine shall meet emissions limits as defined for Stationary Emergency engines in [40 CFR Part 60 Subpart IIII or 40 CFR Part 60 Subpart JJJJ] when tested per ISO 8178 D2.

### **Additional Resources**

#### **Cummins White Papers**

- EPA Emission Regulations: What they mean for diesel powered generating systems
- The Impact of Tier 4 Emission Regulations on the Power Generation Industry
- Understanding RICE NESHAP regulations and their impact on stationary diesel generator sets
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#### > White paper

By Aniruddha Natekar, Sales Application Engineer



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On July 11, 2006, the EPA finalized the New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) to regulate emissions from stationary diesel engines. Starting from January 1, 2007, the NSPS harmonized emissions requirements for stationary diesel engines with the existing EPA nonroad regulations and specified requirements for an interim period through January 1, 2007 to transition to these new stationary engine regulations. EPA also has regulations for stationary spark ignited gas engines which are covered in a separate white paper. This paper explains how the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) New Source Performance Standards apply to diesel engines used in generator sets.

Diesel-powered generator sets remain the preferred choice for standby and emergency power systems around the world. With the growth of applications in recent years involving distributed generation, more diesel generator sets are being used for utility peaking and commercial load-shedding due to their proven reliability, low life-cycle cost, high efficiency, ready availability, ease of installation, operational flexibility and high-quality electrical performance.

Cummins Power Generation offers generator sets from 15 kW to 2500 kW that meet all applicable Tier levels established by the EPA for stationary and nonroad applications.

Compared to previous years, NOX and PM emission requirements have reduced significantly as we have moved up the tier levels. It is also worth noting that the fuel that we have been using has undergone some change as well. The sulfur content for example has gone down from 5000 ppm to 500 ppm for low sulfur diesel (LSD) and to 15 ppm for ultra low sulfur diesel (ULSD).

#### NOX AND PM EMISSION REQUIREMENTS

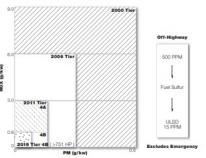


FIGURE 1 – Increasing EPA Nitrogen Oxide and Particulate Matter standards through 2015.

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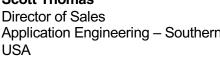
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