

Marine Highway Information

It has come to our attention that the EPA and IMO organizations are pressuring the fuel producers to refine the diesel fuel to a 15 ppm sulphur content for US Marine to be implemented nationwide between 2011 and 2013. This information should be concerning to Marine Fleet Owners with non-regulated or Tier 1 engines that have fuel systems designed for the 1000 ppm sulphur fuel. The lubricity characteristic of the fuel is critical to the life of the fuel system components. When the sulphur level is reduced, these older engines may experience an increase cost of operation unless a solution can be found. This increased cost of operation will be linked to shorter injector or nozzle life, high pressure pump seizures, and increased downtime for repairs. We are soliciting comments from Fleet Owners and other Marine Industry experts to address this issue and indicate what solutions do exist out there to ensure Marine Highway Safety is not compromised.

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