Propane Education & Research Council

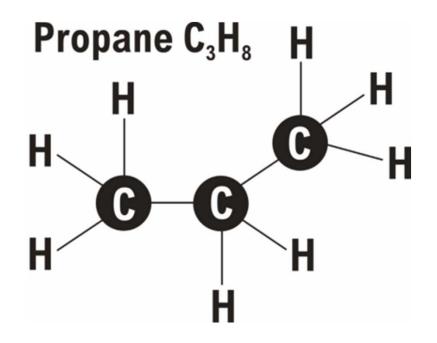
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### TOPICS



- Propane Industry
  - » Structure
  - » History
  - » Production
  - » Why Propane?
- Products and Solutions
- •Fueling
- Case Studies
- Commercialization



Propane is considered a low carbon fuel.

### NOTES ON METHODOLOGY



Considers both upstream and end-use emissions ("well to wheels" analysis)

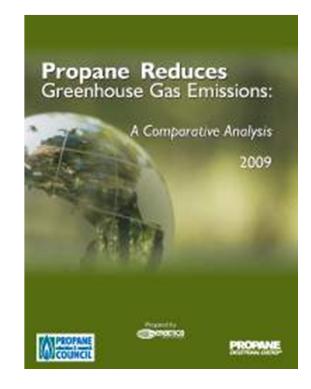
Defines base case on which all comparisons are made

All greenhouse gas emissions converted to CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent basis

Normalizes results to propane (i.e., propane = 1.0) to facilitate comparisons

GREET model v1.8c used for upstream emissions

All figures presented on higher heating value basis



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# **Propane Education and Research Council**

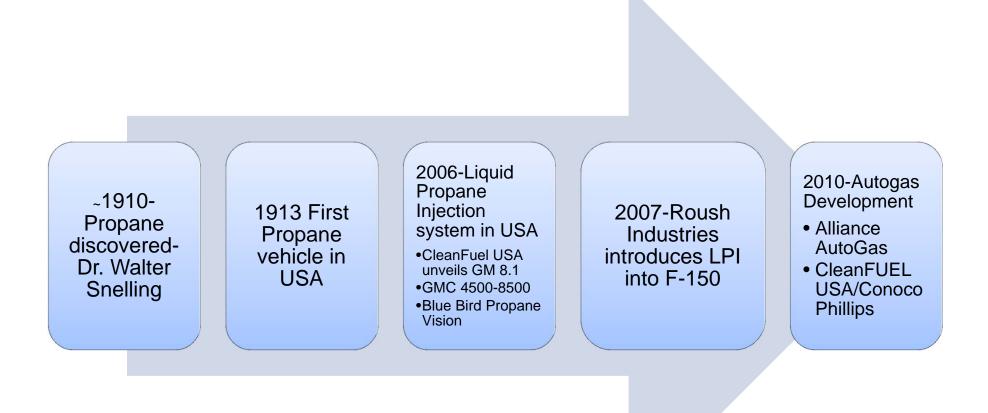
PERC Promotes safe, efficient use of odorized propane through investments in research, safety and consumer initiatives (created 1998)

# **National Propane Gas Association**

Membership is comprised of small businesses and large corporations engaged in all segments of the industry from retail marketing and appliances to manufacturers of equipment

#### HISTORY





#### PRODUCTION



50 percent of the propane used in the USA comes from raw natural gas. (Raw natural gas is about 90 percent methane, 5 percent propane and 5 percent other gases.)

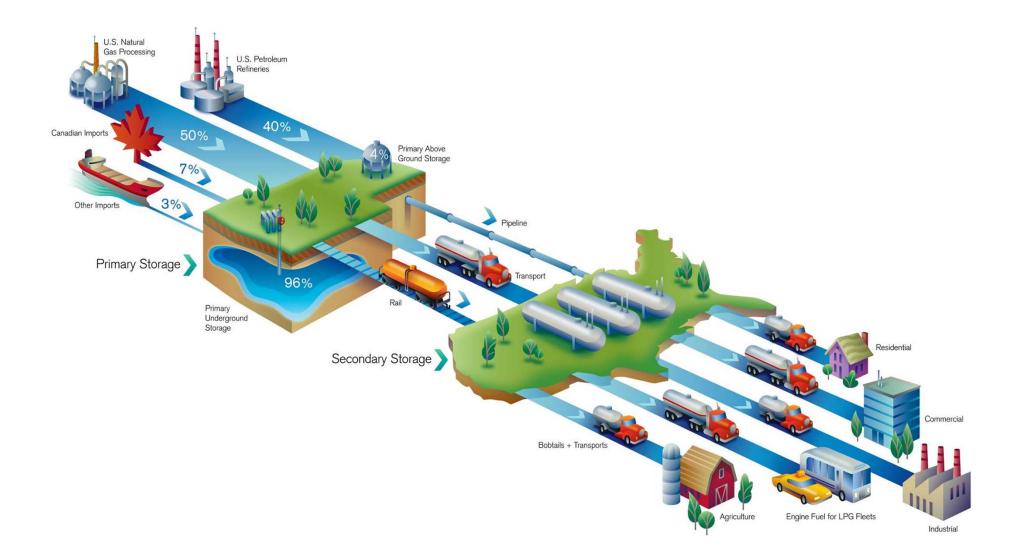
40 percent comes from petroleum during the refining process. (Propane vapors separated from gasoline liquid.)

7 percent from Canada/3 percent imported

Overall: 55 percent from natural gas

#### **PROPANE SUPPLY & DISTRIBUTION**





#### PROPANE AS AN ALTERNATIVE MOTOR FUEL



~270,000 propane vehicles in USA

~15M propane vehicles worldwide

Referred to as "Autogas"

Move in USA to use AutoGas for propane used for vehicle fuel



### WHY PROPANE?



#### Economical

- » Cost effective (maintenance & fuel cost)
- » Refueling is the least expensive option
- » Federal and state incentives
- Clean
  - » Reduces CO2 emissions by up to 12 percent
    - > NOx by up to 20 percent
    - > CO by up to 60 percent
  - » Overall reduces greenhouse gas emissions by up to 17 percent
- Safe
  - » Low pressure fuel (100 psig-300 psig)
  - » Narrow ignition range (2.15%-9.60%)

#### WHY PROPANE?



#### Easy to use

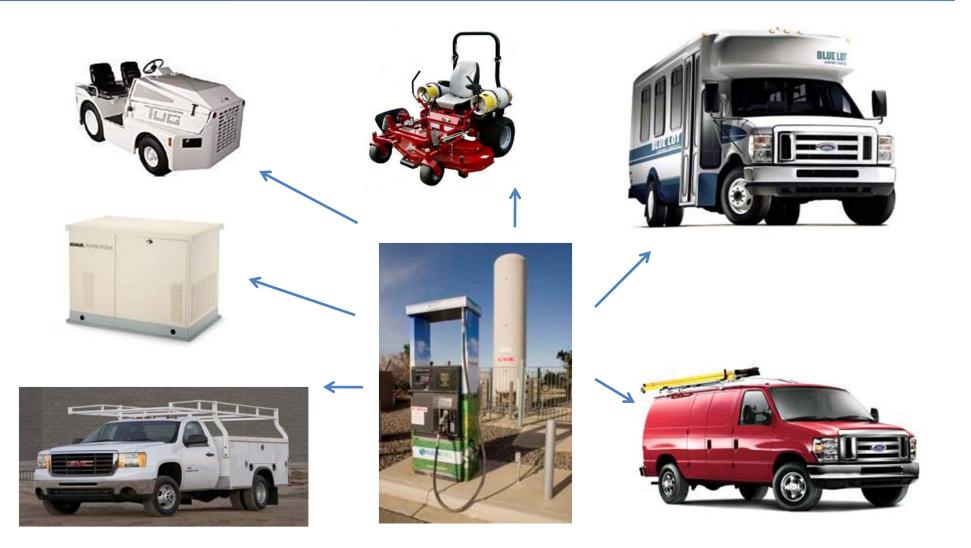
- » Performance is identical to gasoline
- » Fast and easy re-fueling
- Available
  - » Wide distribution network in every state
  - » Propane marketer partners can assist with refueling options and costs
- Domestically produced
  - » 90% is produced in the USA, 7 percent in Canada
  - » Increases energy security and independence

# PRODUCTS AND SOLUTIONS



## **PROPANE-A TOTAL SOLUTION**





### **PROPANE GSE PRODUCTS**







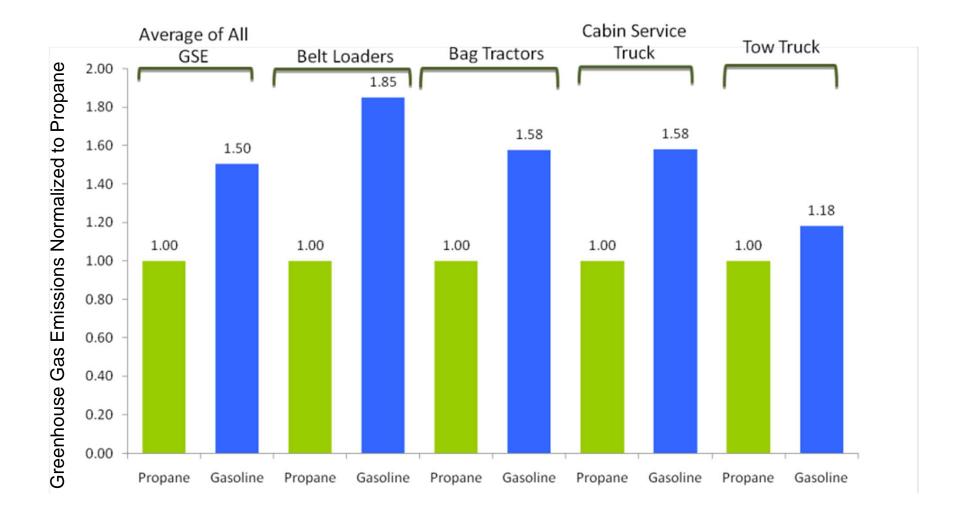
### TUG





### **GROUND SERVICE EQUIPMENT**





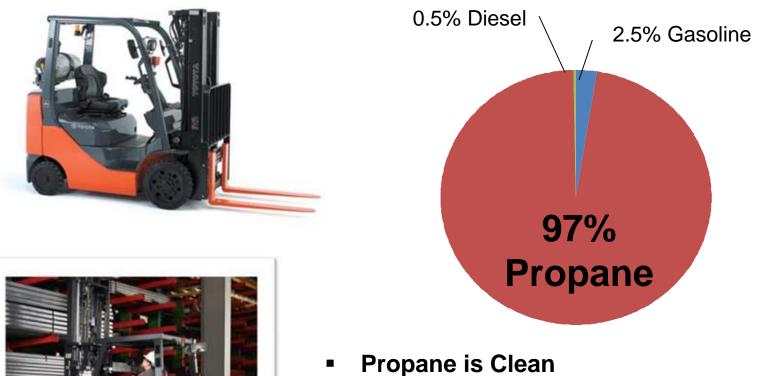
### **PROPANE FORKLIFTS**





# **CLASS 4 CUSHION IC MARKET** BREAKDOWN BY FUEL TYPE

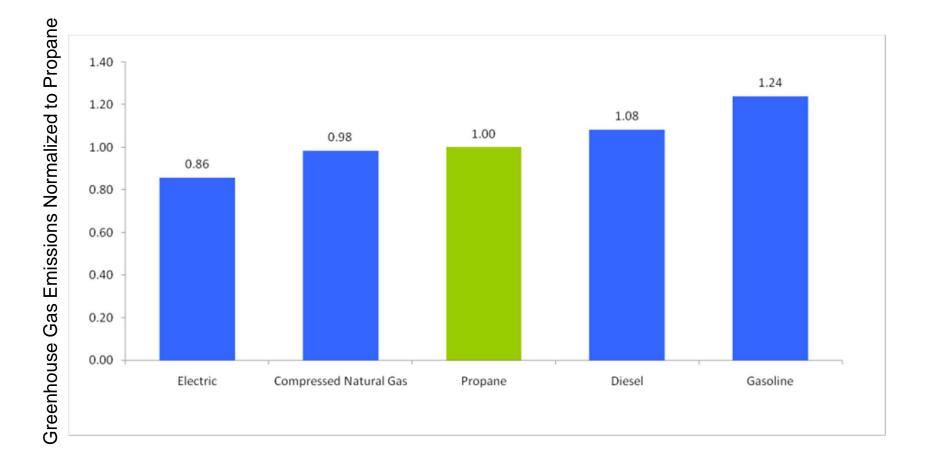




- **Propane is safe**
- **Propane tank exchanging is quick and simple**
- Propane can extend life of the engine
- **Propane can reduce lifetime maintenance** costs

### FORKLIFTS





#### COMMERCIAL MOWERS





## COMMERCIAL MOWERS





# PROPANE COMMERCIAL MOWING OEMs

























Husqvarna





### PROPANE MOWER ADVANTAGES

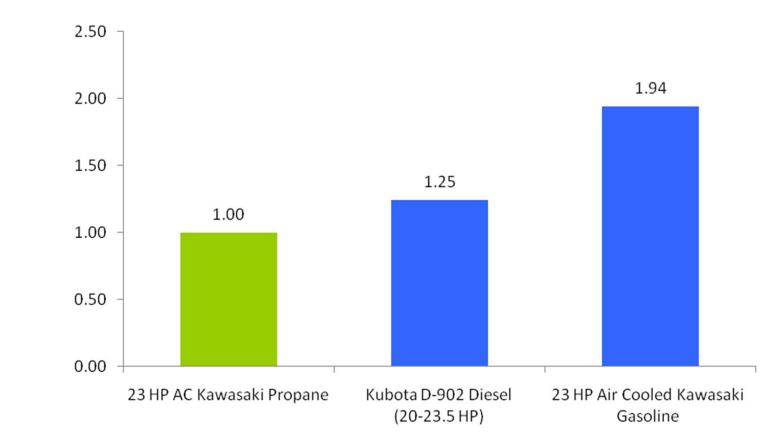


- Briggs & Stratton BIG BLOCK<sup>™</sup>
   32 HP Propane engine delivers a minimum of 30% lower harmful emissions.
- Not a converted gas engine.
- Engine has been EPA and CARB certified.



### **COMMERCIAL MOWERS**





Greenhouse Gas Emissions Normalized to Propane

#### **PROPANE TRIMMER**





#### LEHR ECO SERIES





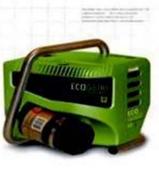
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#### PROPANE SCHOOL BUSES











- S LOCATED IN HUTCHINSON, KS
- SOUNDED IN 1966
- LARGEST TYPE A SCHOOL BUS MANUFACTURER IN NORTH AMERICA
- SCOLLINS BUS, MID-BUS, CORBEIL
- MANUFACTURE ON FORD & GM CUTAWAY CHASSIS
- SEATING FROM 9 to 35 PASSENGERS



# COUNCIL

# **COLLINS BUS CORPORATION**

#### **GM Cutaway Chassis**

- 6.0L V8 Propane engine
- 🔘 12,300 & 14,200# GVW
  - **9** 139" or 159" Wheelbase
- 6 Speed automatic transmission w/od
- I45 Amp alternator
- 40.5 Gallon propane tank
- Sestimated fuel range 300 miles

# EXBUS PROPANE

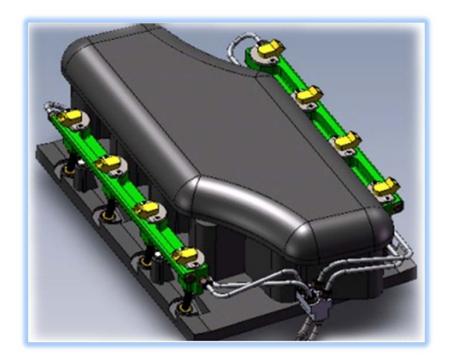




#### **The LPI System**

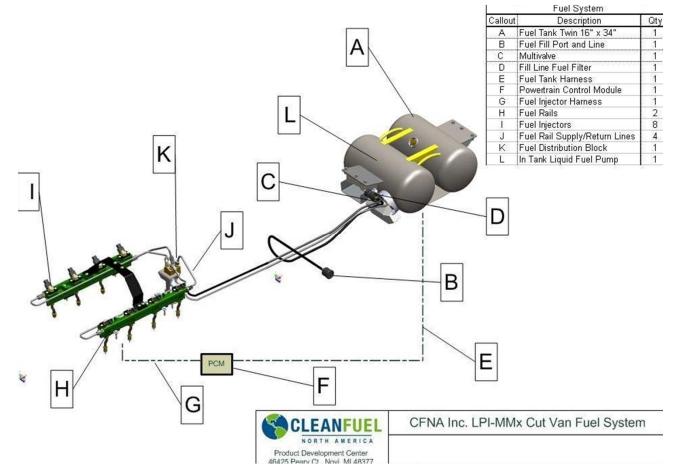
- SM 6.0L Propane Engine
- Liquid Injection System
- Sclean-Low Emissions
- Simple Design
- Sconomical
- Superior Performance
- 🔘 Safe
- Excellent Infrastructure

# **EXBUS**<sup>M</sup> PROPANE





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# **EXBUS** PROPANE

#### **Clean – Low Emissions**

<u>2010</u>

EPA & CARB – Diesel Standard EPA & CARB – Gasoline Standard 6.0L Propane Certification Level



NOx Only 0.2 0.2 0.154

Sertified with EPA & CARB at Zero Particulate Matter

No need for DPF, Cooled EGR or SCR Systems



# **Company Overview**

Girardin plant consists of 101,000 sq/ft (85,000 production and 16,000 office)





#### **BLUE BIRD MICRO BIRD**



#### Ford E-450 Cutaway

Model Years:	2009 – 2011
Engine Size:	6.8L V10 (2V)
Applications:	Dual Rear-Wheel Cutaway 5-Speed Auto Transmission
Tank Sizes:	Under-Floor – 43 gallons
Ordering:	Ford Ship Through Conversion Kits
Timing:	Q1, 2011





# BLUE BIRD VISION TYPE-C SCHOOL BUS PROPANE-POWERED









### BLUE BIRD PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY



- Utilize the highest volume Type-C school bus and successfully have it operate on propane instead of diesel
- Must remain designed and engineered to the same exacting standards and meet all Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards
- Become the lowest incremental cost alternative fuel powered large school bus

### BLUE BIRD PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY



- The result: Only fully integrated and school purpose-built chassis OEM propane-powered large school bus
- Safe, Affordable Green Transportation
  - » Already the lowest cost alternative fuel powered large school bus with a \$13,761 MSRP differential to 2009 Diesel buses, with 2010 diesel emission treatment added to buses this will be reduced further to more like a \$7,500 premium.

## SAFE



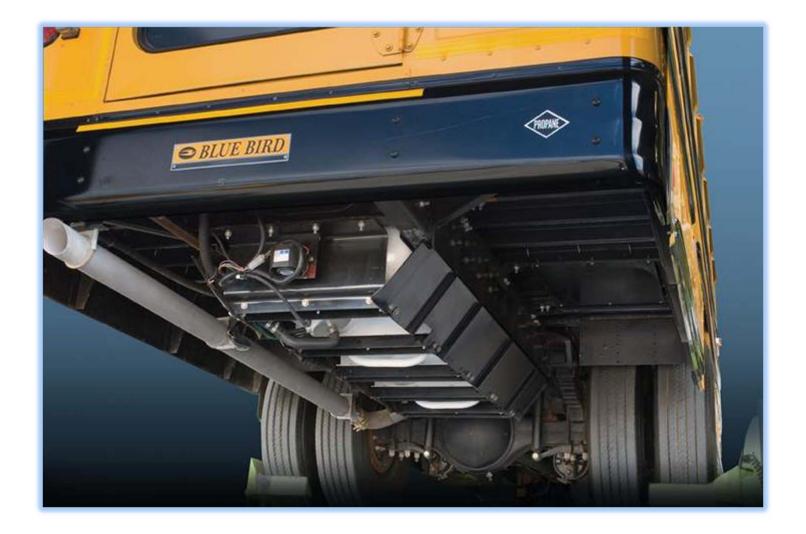
#### **Crash Test**

- 4,000 lbs @ 40 MPH
- Angled Side and Rear Impact
- 220 PSI Tank Pressure
- CMVSS 301.1 Protocol
- No Leakage or No Pressure
- Drop in 30 Minute Test



# 16 MOUNTING POINTS VS 4 LOCATED INSIDE CRASH CAGE





# BLUE BIRD/ROUSH 6.8L 3V

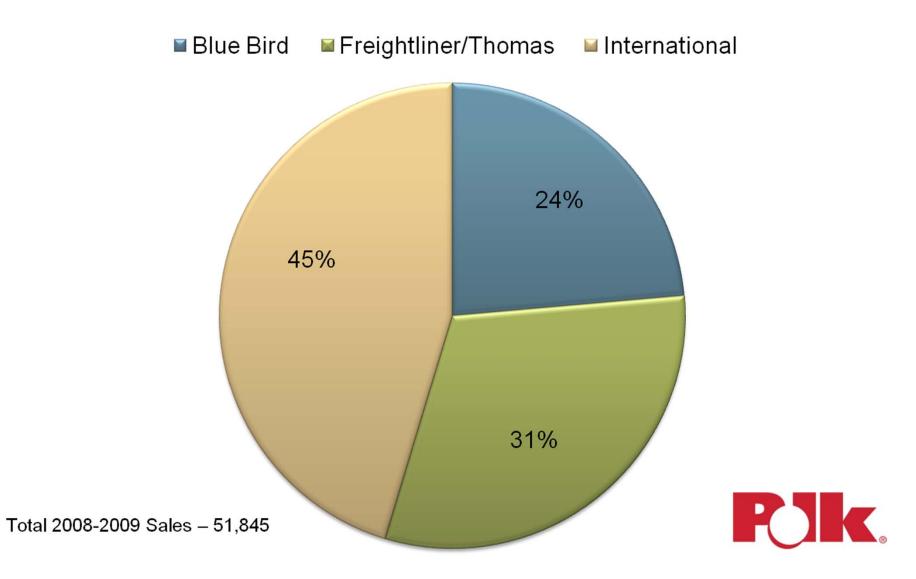


- Capacities: 47-77 students
- Wheelbases: 189"-273"
- GVWR Up to 33,000 lb.
- Ford/ROUSH 6.8L 3V LPG Engine (V10)
- Low emission vehicle certification
- ROUSH providing engineering design, development, and testing support for the powertrain, vehicle, and other required systems integration



### 2008-2009 TYPE-C SCHOOL BUS SALES







Freightliner Custom Chassis Corp., Powertrain Integration, and Clean Fuel North America are responsible to bring a propane-fueled school bus and bobtail to market

The program is based on an 8.0L long block provided by GM, a control system provided by PI, and a propane fuel system provided by CFNA

➤The engine assembly and fuel system will be certified for use in all 50 states and Canada in applications up to 33,000-lb GVWR





# FREIGHTLINER PRODUCTS







#### CLEANFUEL USA/GM 6.0L CUTAWAY VAN C2500/3500 HD CHASSIS CAB AND TYPE A COLLINS SCHOOL BUS













- Hardened 6.0 L Vortec Engine
- Fully integrated LPG fuel storage / delivery system and installation process
- Engineered for the same reliability, durability and safety you would expect from all GM products
- Fully warranted by GM and serviced by Chevrolet and GMC dealers







### 159" Wheelbase Cutaway 33803



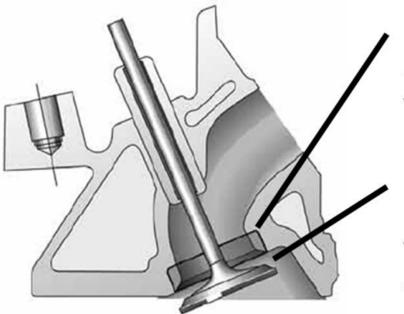
Shipment of our new LPG Express and Savana Cutaway is scheduled to begin in fourth quarter 2011



# Proven 6.0 L Vortec Engine

The (LC8) 6.0L Vortec gaseous fuel ready engine has:Hardened exhaust valves

- Hardened intake and exhaust valve seats
- Full 5 year / 100,000 mile Powertrain Warranty



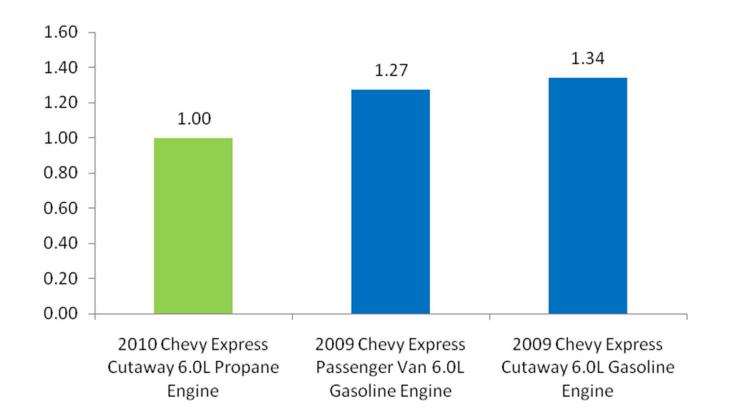
Exhaust valve seat inserts ensure an excellent seal between the valve and valve seat.

Exhaust valves made of special materials resist the higher temperatures and corrosive nature of propane and natural gas.

6.0L Engine

# GM CLEANFUEL USA 6.0-LITER ENGINE





# ROUSH CLEANTECH PRODUCTS PICKUPS



# Ford F-250 / F-350

- **Model Years:** 2009 2010
- **Engine Size:** 5.4L V8 (3V)
- Applications: All Bed Lengths All Cab except Chassis Cab All Axle configurations
- Tank Sizes:In-Bed-55 gallonsUnder-Bed-23 gallons
- Ordering: Ford Ship Through Conversion Kits
- Certification: EPA CARB



# ROUSH CLEANTECH PRODUCTS VANS



# Ford E-150 / E-250 / E-350

- **Model Years:** 2009 2011
- **Engine Size:** 5.4L V8 (2V)
- Applications: All Cargo configurations All Passenger configurations Single Rear-Wheel Cutaway
- Tank Sizes:Under-Floor–25 gallons
- **Ordering:** Ford Ship Through Conversion Kits

Certification: EPA CARB (pending)



# ROUSH CLEANTECH PRODUCTS CUTAWAY VANS

# Ford E-450 Cutaway

- **Model Years:** 2009 2011
- **Engine Size:** 6.8L V10 (2V)

Applications:Dual Rear-Wheel Cutaway5-Speed Auto Transmission

Tank Sizes: Under-Floor – 43 gallons

- Ordering: Ford Ship Through Conversion Kits
- Timing:September 2010





# ROUSH CLEANTECH FUTURE PRODUCTS

- Ford F-250 / F-350 (January, 2012) 6.2L V8 (3V)
- Ford F-650 (April, 2012) 6.8L V10 (3V)
- Ford F-59 / F-53 Strip Chassis 6.8L V10 (3V)
- Ford Transit Connect TBD Powertrain
- Ford F-150 TBD Powertrain









# SYSTEM OVERVIEW



Fuel Rail Assembly

- » Fuel Rails
- » Fuel Injectors
- Injection Press. / Temp.
   Sensor
- Fuel Line Assembly
  - » Fuel Lines
  - » Flow Control Solenoid

Fuel Tank Assembly

- » Fuel Tank
- » Fuel Pump
- » Fuel Level Sensor



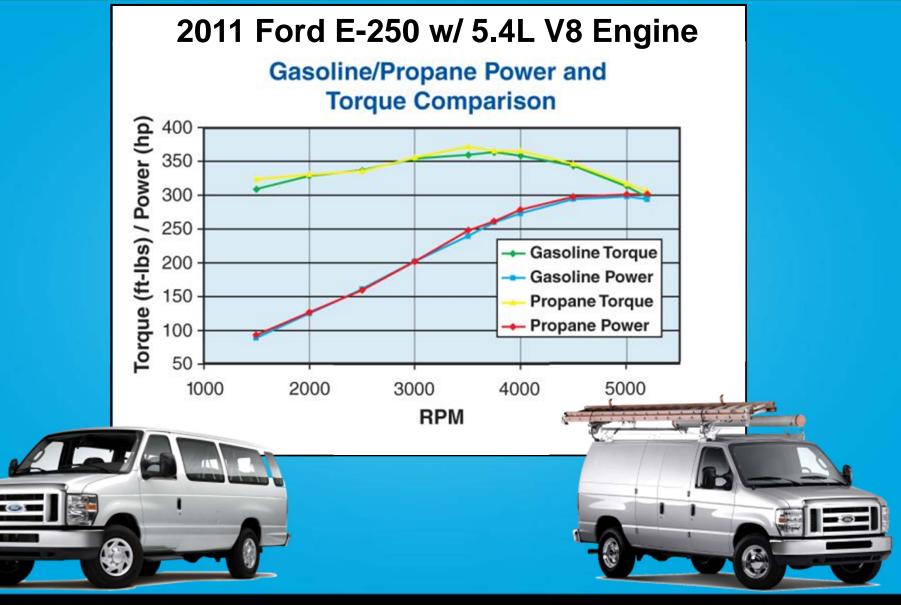
2011 Ford E-450 DRW Cutaway Fuel System

# **Powertrain Control System**

- PCM Calibration
- Wiring Harness

# Performance





800.59.ROUSH

#### **ROUSHcleantech.com**

# **Cold Weather Performance**



# Alaska DOT Testing

- Chandalar
- Anchorage
- Fairbanks







#### 800.59.ROUSH

#### **ROUSHcleantech.com**

# **Marketing & Awareness**



- Man Caves (DIY Network)
  - 26 Episodes
  - Vehicle at select Trade Shows







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#### 800.59.ROUSH

# SERVICEABILITY



Serviceable at any Ford Dealership

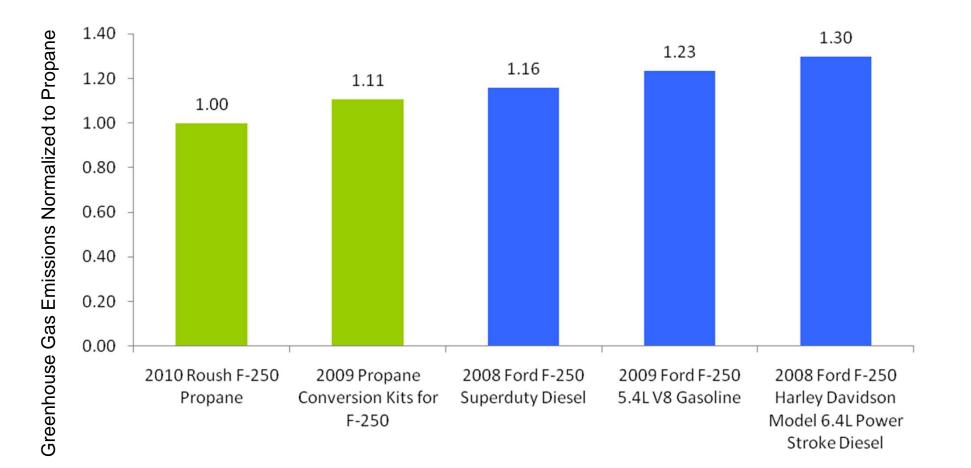
- 3,500 Ford Dealerships Nation-Wide
- Ford Factory Warranty Maintained
  - 5 year / 60,000 mile Powertrain
  - 3 year / 36,000 mile Drivetrain



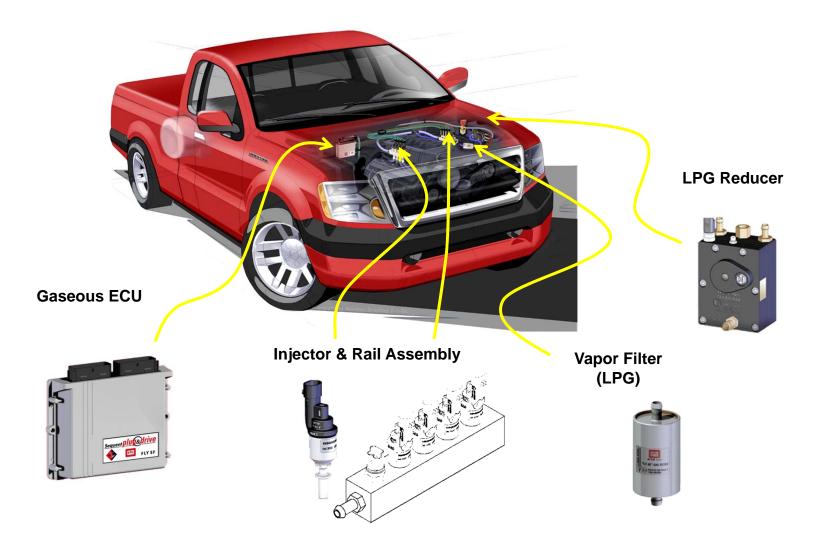


#### **FORD F-250**













SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED FOR BI-FUEL APPLICATIONS THE OEM INJECTORS ARE SHUT DOWN BY THE SEQUENT PLUG & DRIVE ECU

CONDITIONS THAT ALLOW CHANGEOVER:

- Temperature (engine coolant @ the alt fuel regulator)
- Time After Engine Start







Sequential Changeover

# **IMPCO AFTERMARKET PRODUCTS**

#### Summary of IMPCO EPA Certified Systems

- 3.5L Chevrolet Impala (2008/2009)
- 4.8L Chevrolet G-Van (2008/2009)
- 5.3L Chevrolet Avalanche (2009)
- 5.3L Chevrolet Suburban (2009) (2009)
- 5.3L GMC Yukon (2009)
- 6.0L Chevrolet Silverado (2008/2009)
- 6.0L Chevrolet G-Van (2008/2009)
- 6.0L GMC Savana (2008/2009)

- 3.9L Chevrolet Impala (2008/2009)
- 4.8L GMC Savana (2008/2009)
- 5.3L Chevrolet Silverado (2009)
  - 5.3L Chevrolet Tahoe
- 5.3L GMC Sierra (2009)
- 6.0L Chevrolet Express (2008/2009)
- 6.0L GMC Sierra (2008/2009)
  - 5.4L Ford F150 (2007)

# ALLIANCE AUTOGAS



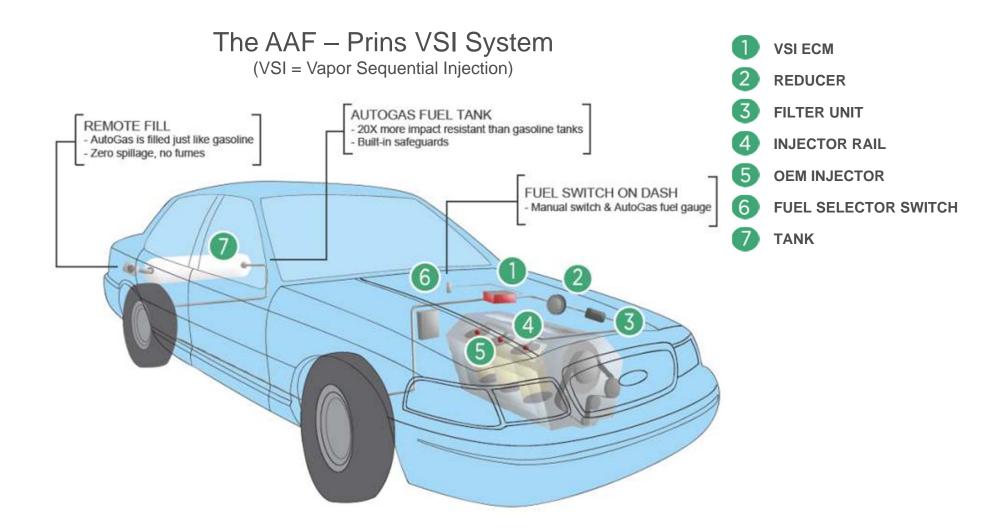
#### Alliance AutoGas uses the Prins Vapor Sequential Injection System:

- Used widely in Europe and Asia
- Starts on gasoline, immediately switches to AutoGas
- Can switch back to gasoline if an AutoGas filling station cannot be reached.
- DOT-approved fuel tanks, multiple mounting options
- Alliance AutoGas founding partner American Alternative Fuels (AAF) is
   the exclusive North American Distributor of the Prins System
- Alliance AutoGas Certified Conversion Technicians require just 10 manhours, on average, to convert a vehicle from gasoline to propane AutoGas using the Prins VSI system



# ALLIANCE AUTOGAS SYSTEMS





## **VEHICLES SUPPORTED**



	AAF - PRINS SYSTEM EPA VEH	HICLE CERTIFICATI	ONS
	MODEL YEAR(S)	MAKE	MODEL
FORD	2006, 2007, 2008, & 2009, <b>2010</b>	FORD	4.6L CROWN VICTORIA
	2006, 2007, 2008, & 2009, <b>2010</b>	FORD	4.6L CROWN VICTORIA POLICE PACKAGE
	2006, 2007, 2008, & 2009, <b>2010</b>	LINCOLN	4.6L TOWN CAR
	2006, 2007, 2008, & 2009, <b>2010</b>	MERCURY	4.6L GRAND MARQUIS
	2006, 2007, 2008, & 2009, <b>2010</b>	FORD	AIRPORT LIMO
	2006	FORD	5.4L F-150
	2007*, 2008*, <b>2009, 2010</b>	FORD	5.4L F-150
	2007*, 2008*, <b>2009, 2010</b>	FORD	4.6L F-150
	2007*, 2008*, <b>2009, 2010</b>	FORD	5.4L E-350
	2007*, 2008*, <b>2009, 2010</b>	FORD	4.6L E-350
	2007*, 2008*, <b>2009, 2010</b>	FORD	5.4L E-250
	2007*, 2008*, <b>2009, 2010</b>	FORD	4.6L E-250
	2007*, 2008*, <b>2009, 2010</b>	FORD	5.4L E-150
	2007*, 2008*, <b>2009, 2010</b>	FORD	4.6L E-150
	2007*, 2008*, <b>2009, 2010</b>	FORD	4.6L EXPLORER SPORT TRAC
	2007*, 2008*, <b>2009, 2010</b>	FORD	4.6L EXPLORER
	2007*, 2008*, <b>2009, 2010</b>	FORD	5.4L EXPEDITION
	2007*, 2008*, <b>2009, 2010</b>	LINCOLN	5.4L NAVIGATOR



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# **VEHICLES SUPPORTED**



	AAF - PRINS SYSTEM EPA VEHICLE CERTIFICATIONS			
	MODEL YEAR(S)	MAKE	MODEL	
	2006, 2007	GMC	6.0L C3500 SIERRA 2WD	
	2006, 2007	GMC	6.0L K3500 SIERRA 4WD	
	2006, 2007	GMC	6.0L C2500 SIERRA 2WD	
	2006, 2007	GMC	6.0L K2500 SIERRA 4WD	
	2006, 2007	GMC	5.3L C1500 SIERRA 2WD	
	2006, 2007	GMC	5.3L K1500 SIERRA 4WD	
	2006, 2007	GMC	5.3L CANYON	
	2006, 2007	GMC	5.3L YUKON	
Σ	2006, 2007	GMC	5.3L YUKON XL	
-	2006, 2007	CHEVROLET	6.0L C3500 SILVERADO 2WD	
	2006, 2007	CHEVROLET	6.0L K3500 SILVERADO 4WD	
	2006, 2007	CHEVROLET	6.0L C2500 SILVERADO 2WD	
	2006, 2007	CHEVROLET	6.0L K2500 SILVERADO 4WD	
	2006, 2007	CHEVROLET	5.3L C1500 SILVERADO 2WD	
	2006, 2007	CHEVROLET	5.3L K1500 SILVERADO 4WD	
	2006, 2007	CHEVROLET	5.3L AVALANCHE	
	2006, 2007	CHEVROLET	5.3L TAHOE	
	2006, 2007	CHEVROLET	5.3L SUBURBAN	
ALL	2006 →	N/A	6.8L (engine certification, not vehicle specific)	
AL	2006 →	N/A	8.1L (engine certification, not vehicle specific)	



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# FUELING



# **PROPANE IS ECONOMICAL**



- As an engine fuel it typically costs ~30-50 percent less than gasoline
- Pricing tends to be better in propane producing states like Texas and Louisiana
- Propane is ~ 106 octane
- Same HP and torque as gasoline vehicles

The Fine Print

- Propane is 91,600 btus
- New technology provides better efficiency resulting in less than 10 percent less mileage

# ECONOMICAL

- Installing a propane station is the least expensive alternative even as compared to gasoline or diesel stations
  - » 4-7 HP electric motor
  - » No ground water contamination
  - » Non toxic
  - » No costly EPA monitoring system
  - » Low pressure, 100-300 psig
  - » Low noise
  - » 2000 gallon skid mounted system with basic dispenser for ~ \$22,000-\$30,000...installed!





# FUELING INFRASTRUCTURE OPTIONS







PROPANE education & research COUNCIL



# ELECTRONIC DISPENSERS

#### PROPANE relation & research COUNCIL

- High frame, Commercial Style
- Key pad for secure self serve
- Attractive retail design
- Fully electronic dispenser
- Nozzle boot handle actuation
- Retail Displays:
- Total Sale
- Volume
- Price per gallon



# COMPLETE SKID SYSTEMS



- Complete storage and pumping unit designed for Autogas
- Portable system ready for electrical connection
- Includes storage tank, secured accessories, electrical control panel, dispenser
- High flow rate valves, pump/motor and piping





#### **PROPANE CYLINDERS**





#### On-Road Propane ASME motor fuel

#### **Off-Road Propane**

16 oz propane Aluminum forklift Aluminum mower

## ASME MOTOR FUEL



#### **Applications**

Permanently mounted LP gas tank to power appliances in:

- » Motorized recreational vehicles
- » Propane engines
- » Generators
- » APU's (Auxiliary Power Units)
- » Diesel fuel

#### **Capabilities**

- Diameters of 10" to 20"
- Overall lengths Of 21" To 48"
- Fuel capacities of 12 to 40 gallon
- Liquid and/or vapor withdrawal
- Powder coated finish

Manufactured in accordance with ASME (American Society Of Mechanical Engineers)



## ALUMINUM MOWER CYLINDERS

#### PROPANE relation & research COUNCIL

Applications: Propane-powered lawn mowers

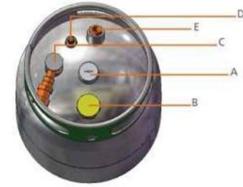
Capabilities: 5, 8 & 10 gallon capacity

#### Features:

- Horizontal use only
- Vapor service only: Includes LPD (Liquid Prevention Device) attached to end of vapor tube
- Includes fill valve with OPD (Overfill Prevention Device)
- Left-Hand connections: male & female
- Green collar for mower cylinder identification
- Additional labeling stating horizontal use only
- All other benefits associated with aluminum forklift cylinders







A. Float gauge (float shown; exterior read-out not visible)

- B. Liquid fill valve with OPD (Overfill Prevention Device)
- C. Vapor withdrawal tube/valve with LPD (Liquid Prevention Device)
- D. Fixed liquid level
- E. Safety relief valve
- F. OPD (Overfill Prevention Device)

# INCREASING PUBLIC FUELING ACCESS





#### **CLEAN START**



CleanFUEL USA, in conjunction with Texas State Technical College, received a \$12.3 million Department of Energy grant to develop curriculum for alternative fuel vehicle technicians as well as install over 180 alternative fuel propane autogas refueling stations in select US metropolitan markets.



#### **CLEAN START PROGRAM**



- 184 LPG Public-Access Refueling Stations
  - » 10 each in the following metropolitan areas:
    - Dallas/Ft. Worth, Austin/San Antonio, Houston, Atlanta, Chicago, Indianapolis, Seattle, Los Angeles, Sacramento, San Diego, Denver, Phoenix, St. Louis, Oklahoma City, Orlando (qty. 3), Louisiana IH-10
  - » 31 upgrade sites completed by December 2010
- One Vehicle Service Center in Each Area
- Project Completion by: 12/31/2011

#### **PROGRAM PARTNERS**

- PERC
  - » Funding for Contractor's) and with boots on ground to unver City Plans"
  - » Funding for market research
- CFUSA
  - » Key "Marketer" to Potential Fleet users
    - Fueling equipment supplier
    - Fueling network operator
    - Propane Engine Technology integrator
- ConocoPhillips
  - » Wholesale Propane supply
  - » Multi state branded marketing sites
    - > Corp. approval for Propane Marketing to work directly with retailers







#### **PROGRAM PARTNERS**







-Developing propane vehicle technician training curriculum

- -Training and certification for mechanics with propane vehicle specific curriculum
- State of the art facility and instructors in Waco, TX



# CASE STUDIES



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- <u>13 Days 3500 Miles</u>
- Cold Starts (-15C/5F)
- <u>Mountain Passes</u>

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<u>Steep Grades (>10%)</u>

#### TRAVELING RIDE AND DRIVE TO BC SCHOOLPROPANE DISTRICTS

- Visited over 25 school districts in BC operating mixed fleets, many with gas-to propane- aftermarket conversion experience
- Encouraged district supervisors to take the bus for a test-drive on their steepest-grade bus route.
- There were absolutely <u>no</u> negative comments made on performance or power, ......"as strong as a diesel."
- Fuel Economy during the trip was calculated at 7 MPG, which allowed for a range that exceeds Blue Bird's published 300 miles per tank with diesel.
- <u>No</u> problems related to cold starting or cold operating temperatures.
- One maintenance issue was reported to Blue Bird: Manifold bolts became loose and required a re-torque after approximately 1000 miles. They were rechecked at 3500 miles, and had held.
- First Propane Vision in Canada Sold in Vancouver.

#### COMPETITIVE LAWN SERVICE



- Goal of 100%
   Propane
- 30-50% less than gasoline
- Reduced mower maintenance
- < 2 year payback



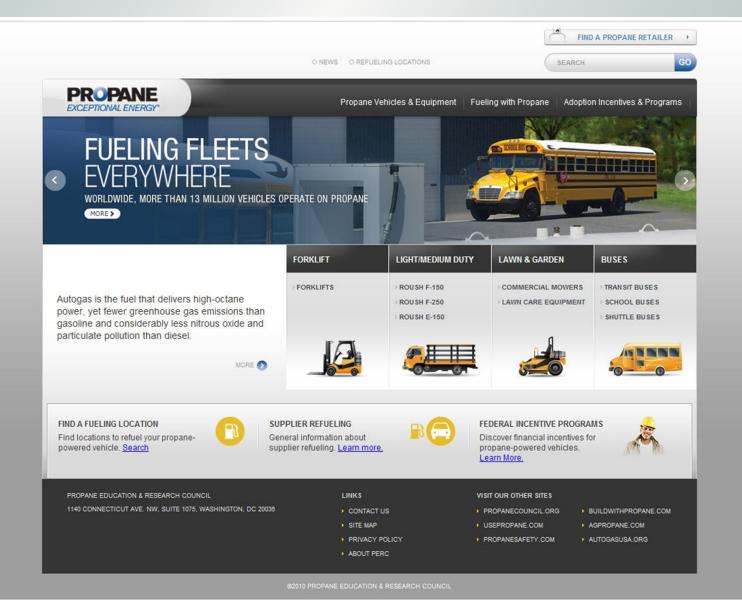
Eric Hansen takes keys from Jack Roush

# COMMERCIALIZATION





#### WWW.AUTOGASUSA.ORG



#### **PROPANE ROAD SHOWS**







#### ENGINE FUEL WEBINARS



- Over 2500 people have attended a series of propane webinars in the past few years.
- WWW.PERCThirdThursday.net
- Webinar examples include:
  - » Aftermarket Opportunities for Fleets and Propane Fuel Suppliers
  - » Propane Fueling and Infrastructure
  - » Propane Lift Trucks
  - » Propane Commercial Mowing
  - » Propane Shuttle Busses
  - » Installation & Sizing of Propane Generators

# 2011 PROPANE ENGINE FUEL SUMMIT



- > Over 400 watched live
- > 35 Presenters
- > Archives available at:

www.propaneenginefuelsummit.com



#### PROPANE TECHNOLOGY TRAINING





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Workshops open to all Propane Marketers

- » In-person Sessions
  - Scheduled Around the Country
  - > 4-6 Hours Long
  - > Class Limited to ~20, Advance Registration
- » Web-based Sessions
  - > 2 Hours Long
  - > Open to All, No Class Size Limit



### OTHER RESEARCH PROGRAMS



- Greenhouse gas emissions report
- Underground tank coatings performance study
- Remote monitoring systems comparison study
- Technology fact sheets

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