

Update on Phase 1 of the Advanced Collaborative Emissions Study (ACES Phase 1)

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In 2007, US on-highway heavy-duty diesel engines (HDDE) were required to meet a particulate matter (PM) emission standard of 0.01 g/hp-hr, a 90 percent reduction from the previous level established in 1994. The nitrogen oxides (NO_x) level in 2007 was limited to 1.5 to 1.2 g/hp-hr, a 37 to 50 percent reduction from the 2004 NO_x standard. In 2007, HDDE were equipped with filtered crankcase ventilation, exhaust gas recirculation (EGR) or clean gas induction (CGI), and high efficiency catalyzed diesel particulate filters (DPF) with some means of active regeneration.

With all these changes to on-highway diesel engines, it was important to perform a detailed exhaust emission characterization as called for in ACES Phase 1 in order:

- to quantify the significant reduction in both regulated and unregulated emissions that can be achieved by advanced diesel engines, and
- to help conduct a meaningful health effects study as planned under Phase 3 of the ACES using the most current information and in consideration of issues identified from ACES Phase 1.

ACES Phase 1 focused on the measurement and characterization of regulated emissions and as many as 700 compounds of unregulated emission species present in the exhaust of four modern (model year 2007) HDDE. The engines were supplied by four major engine manufacturers that include Caterpillar, Cummins, Detroit Diesel, and Volvo, and the 2007 engine lube oil was provided by Lubrizol. Engine testing under ACES Phase 1 was recently completed and data analysis is currently underway. At the conclusion of the data analysis for all four engines, one engine will be selected, based on a defined statistical criterion, for a detailed health study at the Lovelace Respiratory Research Institute, under Phase 3 of the ACES.

The federal test procedure (FTP) transient cycle, two CARB cycles, and one 16-hour transient cycle, developed to be used for the health study, were used for emissions characterization from all four engines. Regulated emissions of NO_x, carbon monoxide (CO), non-methane hydrocarbons (NMHC), and PM were measured in accordance with EPA code of federal regulations Part 1065. Unregulated emission species such as particle size and number, organic carbon, elemental carbon, elements, nitrogen dioxide (NO₂), nitrous oxide (N₂O), volatile and semivolatile hydrocarbons, carbonyls, nitrosamines, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAH), nitro-PAH, and dioxins/furans were all measured using best established measurement and analytical techniques.

ACES Phase 1 will provide a unique and very essential database on regulated and unregulated emissions from modern on-highway HDDE. The data acquired from each of the engines in ACES Phase 1 will be used to select an engine suitable for animal testing in Phase 3 of the ACES. The final report on ACES Phase 1 is scheduled to be released in March, 2009.

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ACES Phase 1 was performed by Southwest Research Institute in collaboration with Desert Research Institute.

The poster presented below contains some background information about the ACES Phase 1 project. It also contains results on regulated emissions for the FTP transient cycle and the 16-hour transient cycle, with some limited information on unregulated emissions species such as NO₂ and particle number.

In brief, all engines met the regulatory limit on NO_x. NMHC, CO, and PM were substantially lower than the regulatory limit. NO₂ to NO_x ratio was high, and it ranged from 0.30 to 0.65, depending on the engine technology used. Total particle number was generally low, except during DPF regeneration events.

More detailed information about this project will be available in the final report and in future publications.

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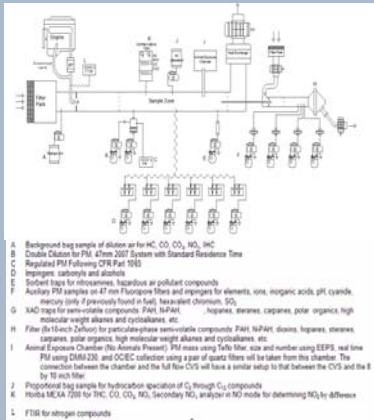
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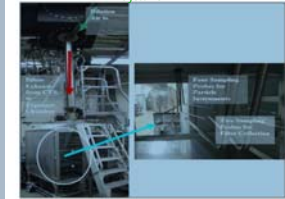
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- ACES Phase 1 focused on the measurement and characterization of:
 - Regulated emissions
 - Particle Number and Size
 - Up to 795 compounds of unregulated emission species

Experimental Setup



Engine Experimental Setup and Sampling Systems



Animal Exposure Chamber (Same as the ones that will be used at Lovelace) for Sampling Different Exhaust Species



High Volume Sampling for PAH, N-PAH, Oxy-PAH, and Dioxins/Furans

Experimental Test Matrix

Cycle	Regulated Pollutants	Unregulated
Max Size FTP	3	4
Mode 1 (rated speed, 90% load)	3	4
Mode 3 (rated speed, 90% load)	3	4
Mode 5 (max torque speed, 90% load)	3	4
City/Stop FTP	3	4
Max Size FTP	3	4
Composite CARB/TRACE Cycle Mode 1, 2, and 3 (stop, transient, and idle)	2	2
Composite CARB/TRACE Cycle Mode 3 and 4 (stop and high speed cruise)	2	2
16-Hour Transient Cycle	3	3
16-Hour Steady State	3	3
16-Hour Background Clean Air	1	1

PM₁₀ and fine particulate size number, total mass, total mass, and semi-volatile OC will be performed for these regulated engine operation.
 *These four test FTP runs will be done by and three without idle by
 City/Stop (idle) after starting the 16-hour test FTP runs, which is also before starting the CARB composite mode. A third burner cycle including the CARB composite mode will follow the 16-hour transient cycle in a fourth burner cycle after finishing the 16-hour transient cycle.
 *These 16-hour transient background collection using a 100 micron filter XAD

The Test Matrix includes three repeats of several transient engine tests, including a 16-hour transient cycle that will be used in Phase 3 of ACES (Health Study)

Measured Gas and Particle Phase Exhaust Species

Parameter/Species	Units	Engine A	Engine B	Engine C	Engine D
NOx	g/hp-hr	1.261	0.886	1.030	1.117
THC	g/hp-hr	0.006	0.016	0.042	0.018
CO	g/hp-hr	0.130	0.110	0.720	0.345
PM	g/hp-hr	0.004	0.004	0.004	0.007

Regulatory Limits

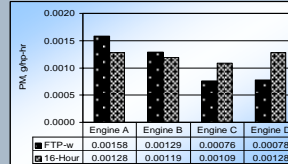
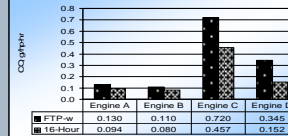
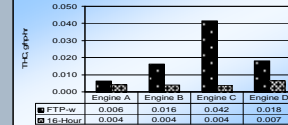
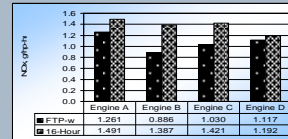
Regulated emissions from heavy-duty diesel engines are typically reported in unit mass divided by the work produced by the engine. E.g. g/hp-hr.

The US regulatory limits for 2007-2009 are as follows:

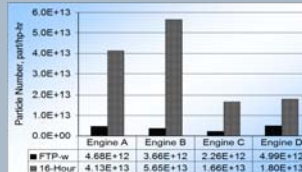
NOx	MMHC	CO	PM
1.2-1.5	0.14	15	0.01

The NOx limit for 2010 and beyond is reduced to 0.20 g/hp-hr.

Results



All engines met the regulatory emissions limit for the FTP and for the 16-hour transient cycle that will be used in Phase 3 of ACES at Lovelace.

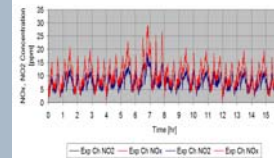


The particle number emissions for the 16-hour cycle is different from engine to engine, depending on the DPF regeneration strategy implemented by each engine manufacturer.

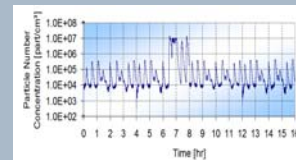
Average Exposure Chamber Concentration for the 16-hour Cycle

Engine A												
DP	NOx	NO2	THC	CO	PM	CO2	HC	HC	HC	HC	HC	HC
37.9	880	540	36	380	230	158	154	0.8	228	436E+02		
40.7	920	590	43	446	162	165	0.8	233	425E+02			
39.6	870	527	36	360	180	159	0.8	232	436E+02			

NOx and NO2 Concentration Profile for the 16-hour cycle



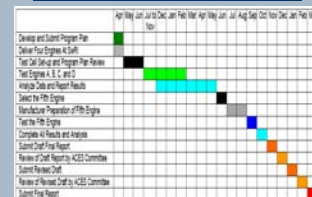
Particle Number Concentration Profile for the 16-hour cycle



Summary

- Unregulated emissions data are currently under review. More data will be reported before the end of 2008.
- Regulated emissions such as THC, CO, and PM were much lower than the regulatory limits.
- NO_x met the regulatory limit, but the NO₂ to NO_x ratio ranged from 0.30 to 0.65 during the 16-hour transient cycle, depending on the engine technology.
- Exhaust particle number concentrations were generally low, except during DPF regeneration.

Program Schedule, 2007, 2008, and 2009



Series 60 by Detroit Diesel



MP7 by Volvo Powertrain



C13 by Caterpillar



ISX by Cummins