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## Microbial Contamination Detection and Remediation

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- Actively participate with various industry peer groups, task forces, and ad hoc technical groups.
- Consulting in the areas of fuel storage and maintenance.
- Legal & litigation support, expert witness.

#### Overview of Presentation

- Overview
- Issues
- Potential Causes
- Detection Methods
- Remediation
- Q&A

### Industries Impacted By Microbially Influenced Corrosion

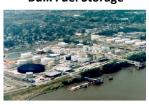
**Finished Fuel** 



**Bulk Fuel Transmission** 



**Bulk Fuel Storage** 



**Local Terminals** 

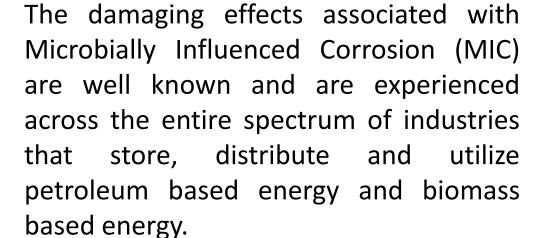


Retail Fueling



Utilities







**Emergency Systems** 



**Aviation / Military** 





Rail



Agriculture



Marine





### Clean Air Act

.... however, the introduction of alternative fuels into a well established industry has resulted in some unanticipated & costly outcomes.

## Changing Fuel Supply 1993 to Current

Items	High Sulfur Diesel Pre 1993	Low Sulfur Diesel 1993	EtOH in Gasoline 2005	Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel 2006	Biodiesel 2008
Sulfur	3000 ppm	500 ppm		→ <15 ppm	0 ppm
Stability	Stability Issues			Very Stable	Variable
Aromatics, %	Decrease in ir	0%			
Saturates, %	Incr	Varies based on blend stock			
Water, ppm	lr	Absorbs much more water			
Microbial Activity	>120 days presence of		•	rs due to more in saturates	<30 days Enhances MIC

## Typical Fuel System Corrosion From MIC

Aircraft Wing Tank



Diesel AST

Ship Hull

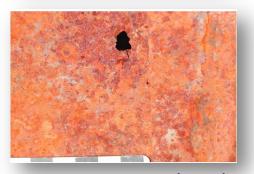




**Gasoline UST** 

Truck Fuel Tank





Home Heating Oil Tank

### **Atypical ULSD Fuel System Corrosion**

Fuel System Components















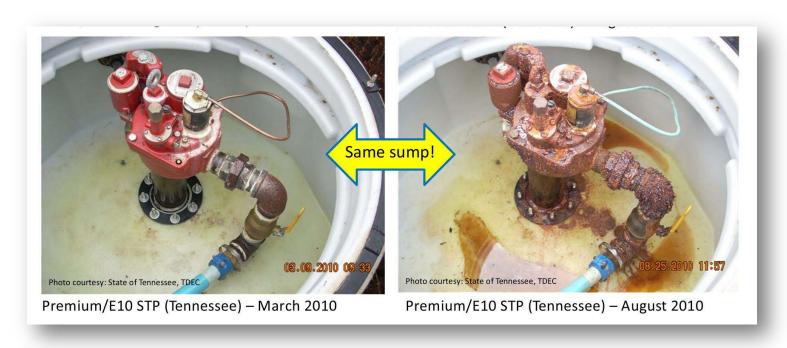






## Atypical E10 Gasoline System Corrosion

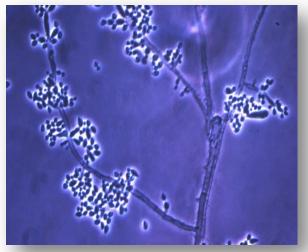
- Accelerate Corrosion of Sump Pump by Acetobacter
- Dryness or saturation of sump effects corrosion rates



### Microorganisms



Algae Not Associated with Fuels

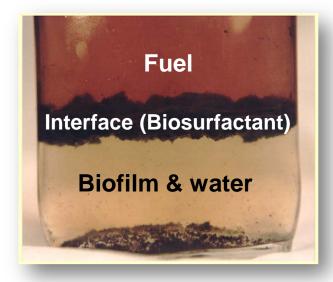


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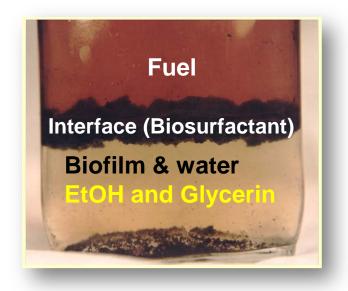


Bacteria Acetobacter

# Factors That Promote Microbial Growth In Fuel Systems Before and After



Before 2005



After 2005

## Potential Sources of Fuel Cross Contamination

Switch Loading

Split Loading

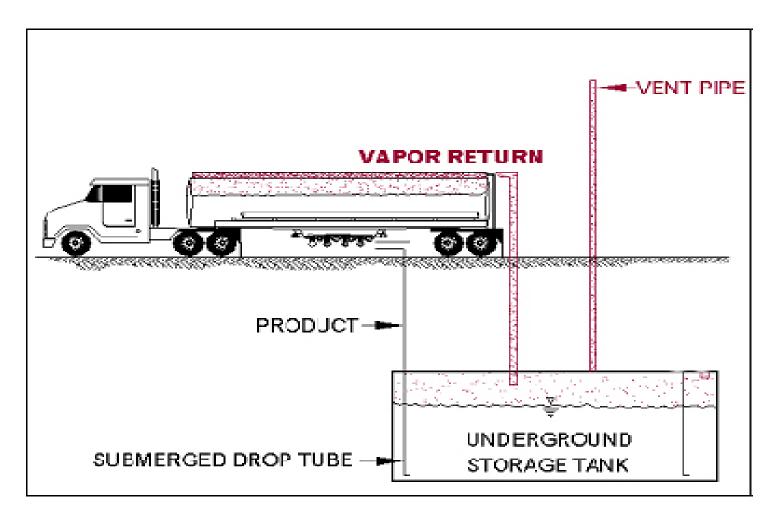
Stage 1 Vapor Recovery

### What is Split Loading?

Share common ventilation Diesel Compartment 14a 18C 28 Vapor return Line

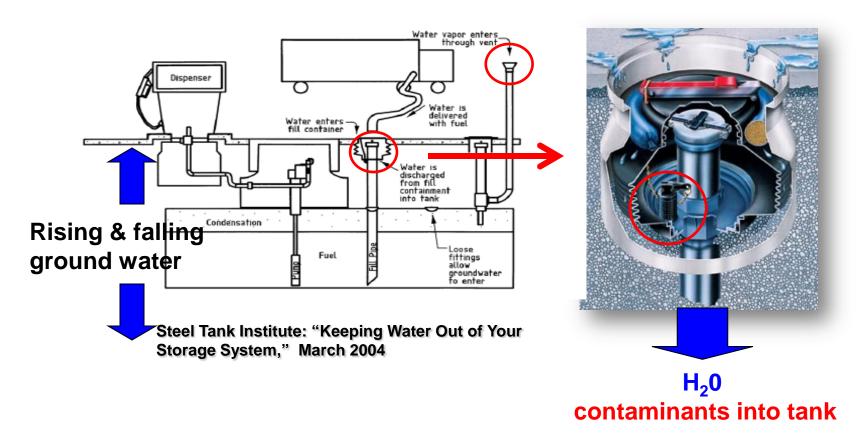
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## EPA Stage 1 Vapor Recovery System



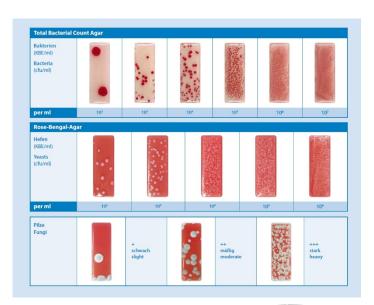
## Potential Sources of Microbial Contamination

#### **Water and Microbial Contamination**



#### **Nutrient Growth Media**

- Nutrient Growth Media Kits
- Dip slide effective only with water samples
- Injectable kit effective with fuel and water
- Incubate in a range of 1-4 days for bacteria and fungi.
- Semi-Quantitative results







### Bioluminescence Assay

- Merck HY-LiTE® 2
- Quantitative detection of total ATP in fuel, fuel/water mixture and water.
- Test time < 10 minutes
- ATP <u>only</u> from metabolically active microbes produces photons.
- Spores not metabolically active.
- ASTM D7463-16 with a precision statement



Courtesy: IATA - Guidance Material on Microbiological Contamination in Aircraft Fuel Tanks, **Edition** 5<sup>th</sup>, Effective 1 Dec 2015 Contact: Michel Baljet, Phone: (514)874-0202, Email: BaljetM@iata.org.

#### Remediation

Product	Solubility	Dose Rate	Contact Time
FQS 1.5 Microbicide®	Primarily Water Soluble	100 ppm	<12-24hrs
Hammonds Biobor JF <sup>1</sup>	Fuel Soluble Only	270 ppm	36-72hrs
Power Services Bio Kleen <sup>2</sup>	Primarily Fuel Soluble Partitions to Water Phase to Kill Microbes	400 ppm	36-168hrs
Gold Eagle Stabil Diesel Biocide <sup>2</sup>	Primarily Fuel Soluble Partitions to Water Phase to Kill Microbes	400 ppm	36-168hrs
FPPF Killem	Primarily Fuel Soluble Partitions to Water Phase to Kill Microbes	195 ppm	Unk.

<sup>1.</sup> Rapid hydrolysis in the presence of water to boric acid and glycols., *Ref: EPA RED 738-R-93-004, June 1993*.

<sup>2.</sup> These products can crystallize at  $10^{\circ}$ C ( $50^{\circ}$ F). Avoid temperatures above  $35^{\circ}$ C ( $95^{\circ}$ F). Potentially violent decomposition can occur above  $100^{\circ}$ C ( $212^{\circ}$ F). Ref: Product Safety Assessment *BIOBAN*<sup>TM</sup> *P-1487 Antimicrobial Agent FUELSAVER*<sup>TM</sup> *Antimicrobial Agent* Select a, 2009.

#### **Biocide Overview**

Product Named	Active EPA Reg	On Road Application	Off Road Application
FQS 1.5 Microbicide®	Isothiazolinone 65597-1-66596	Yes¹, G&D	Yes², G&D
Hammonds Biobor JF	Dioxiboranes 65217-1-AA	No	Yes², G&D
Power Services Bio Kleen	Nitromorpholines 464-659-AA- 35559	Yes³, G&D	Yes², G&D
Gold Eagle Diesel Biocide	404-039-AA- 33339	Not Listed <sup>4</sup>	Yes², G&D
FPPF Killem	MBT / TCMBT <sup>1</sup> 1448-171-AA-55737	Yes³, D	Yes², G&D

#### Notes:

- 1. Registration As a Fuel Additive Not Required .
- 2. Fuel Additive Registration not required for Non Road Application.
- 3. Registered as On Road Additive, List Current as of December 1, 2016. (G-Gas / D-Diesel)
- 4. Product not registered with EPA Office Transportation and Air Quality (OTAQ) "List of Registered Diesel Additives", as of December 1, 2016.

#### Conclusion

- Current situation, environmental policy and regulation are at the cross roads with transportation fuel needs.
- Root cause potentially due to cross contamination of ULSD with E10 gasoline and contaminants from biodiesel.
- Perform detection with a system that provides fast and reliable results.
- Remediate fuel systems with a biocide that is cost effective and in line federal and state requirements.



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