

Proposal

We want to ask our local school system,
Bardstown Independent, to make our schools
greener by reducing their emissions.

Ways to reduce school bus emissions

- Regular maintenance
- Idling Reduction
- Retrofitting
- Biodiesel



Regular Maintenance

- Buses have reduced emissions with regular maintenance.
- Use a check-list to regularly service your buses:
 - -School Bus Maintenance Checklist



Reduce Idling

- Why?
 - -Idling diesel engines release PM (particulate matter).
- What does PM do?
 - Contributes to allergy symptoms including irritation of airways.
 - Aggravates bronchitis, pneumonia, and asthma attacks.
 - Linked to cancer, increased heart attack risk, and death.

Idling Policy

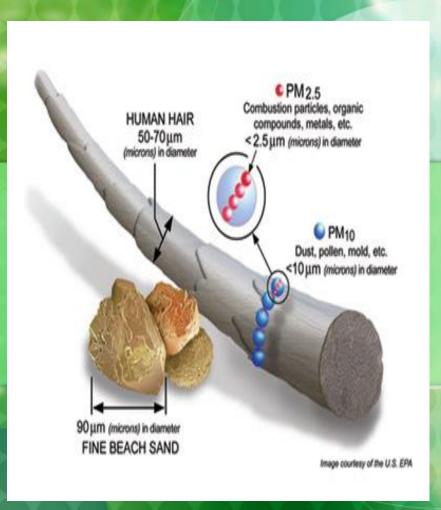
- Approximately 4-5 min. to build up air pressure when starting route.
- Approximately 1-2 min. to cool down the turbo at the end of the route.

Why is an idling policy necessary?

- Unnecessary idling releases greater concentrations of PM into the atmosphere.
- While the bus is idling the PM is consistently released into one area, thus increasing the concentration of the PM in that particular area.

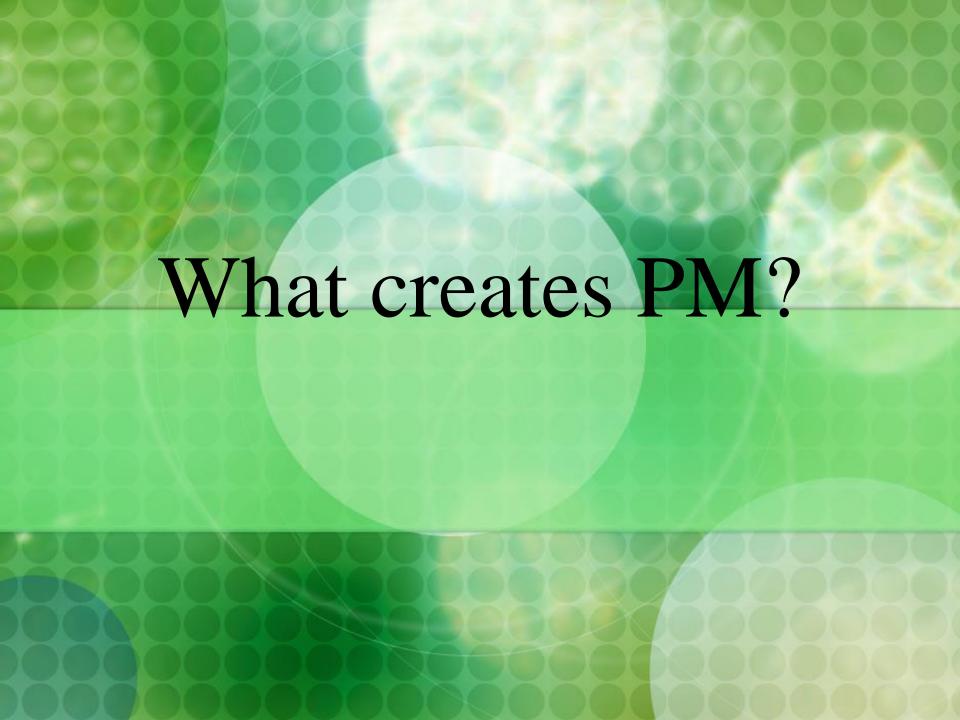
- As concentrations in the air increase, the ability for the emissions to dissipate (spread out) decreases.

How big is PM?



- Comparison:
 - -Human Hair: 10 μm
 - -Beach Sand: 90 µm
 - -Particulate Matter: 2.5 μm

 $1 \mu m$ (1 micrometer) = one-millionth of a meter.



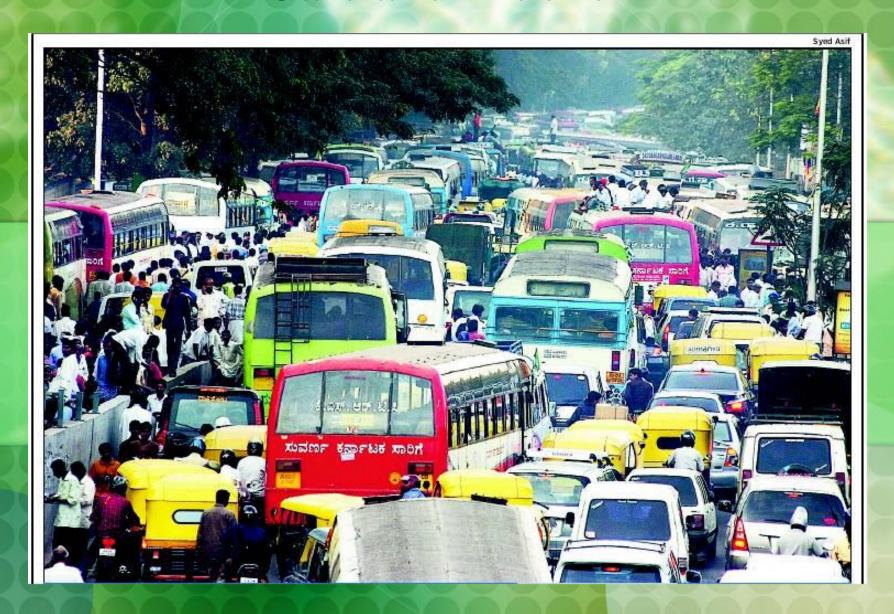
Large Diesel Trucks



Buses



Cars and Trucks



Industrial Factories



Forest Fires



Diesel Powered Off Road Vehicles and Equipment



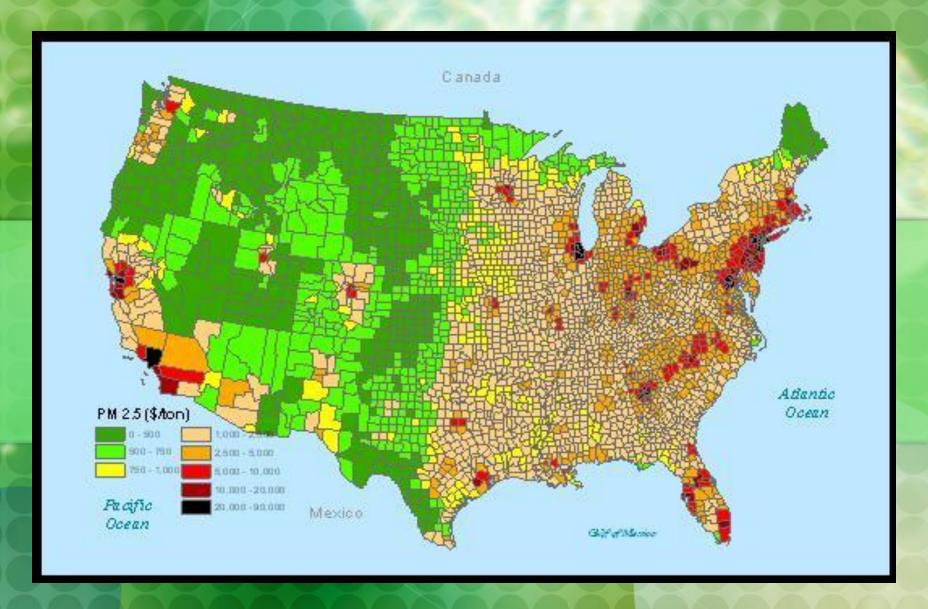
Power Plants



Wood Burning Stoves



Nationwide PM 2.5 Emissions





Retrofitting

- What is retrofitting?
 - The outfitting of diesel powered vehicles with after-treatment pollution control devices.

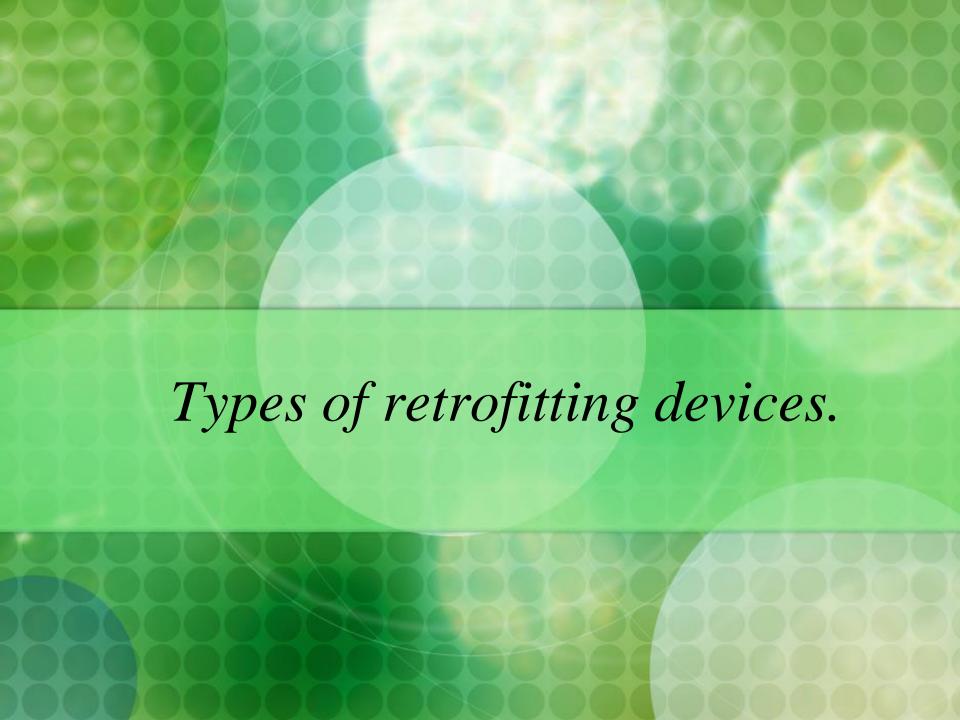
- Types of retrofitting devices:
 - DPF
 - DOC
 - SCR

Fact: In 2007 Louisville Metro Schools decided to retrofit 500 buses to decrease their emissions.

Why is retrofitting necessary?

- Air quality is decreasing, therefore becoming hazardous to those with respiratory illnesses.
- Current emissions are:
 - -causing climate changes
 - -Increasing green house gas emissions
 - -Increasing the intensity of the suns gamma rays

Fact: United States alone emits about 21% of the entire World's PM 2.5.



Diesel Particulate Filter (DPF)

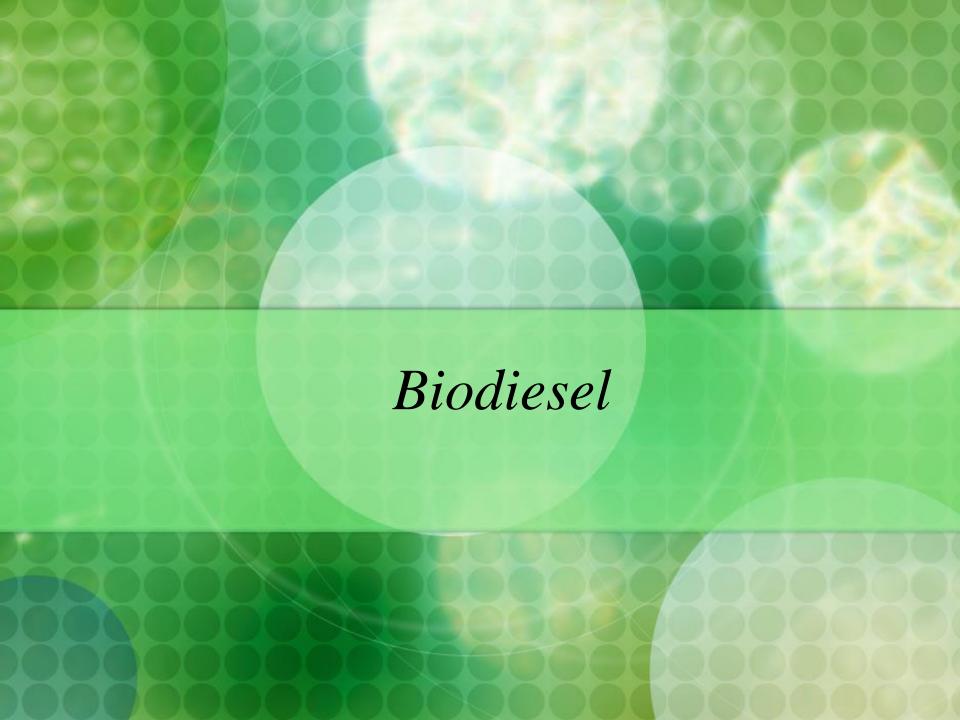


Diesel Oxidation Catalyst (DOC)



Selective Catalytic Reduction (SCR)





Biodiesel

- Biodiesel can be manufactured from filtered natural oils.
- It can be blended with any concentration of conventional diesel.
- Can be used in any compressed-ignition diesel engine.
- 100% Biodiesel is:
 - -Non-toxic
 - -Biodegradable
 - -Free of Sulphur

How much can it save?

- Current Diesel prices are \$2.58 a gallon (average)
- Comparably, you can make Biodiesel for about \$0.70 per gallon.
- You can save \$1.88 per gallon.
- A Biodiesel Processor (for producing large amounts of Biodiesel) costs \$ 3,495.00.
- A processor will pay for itself in less than 1861 gallons.

How much can it save? (cont.)

- With a B25 mix (for 40 gallon tank)
 - -30 gallons of diesel (\$ 54.41)
 - -10 gallons of Biodiesel (\$ 7.00)
 - -\$ 61.41 for a full tank
 - -\$ 103.20 all diesel (\$ 2.58/gallon)
 - -Saves \$ 41.79 per fill up
 - -Will save \$ 2,173.08 a year with one fill up per week.
 - -Biodiesel Comparison Spreadsheet

Environmentally Friendly

- B25 can reduce emissions of:
 - -CO (Carbon Monoxide) up to 58.9%
 - -CO₂ (Carbon Dioxide) up to 86%
 - NO (Nitrogen Monoxide) up to 37.5%
 - -SO₂ (Sulphur Dioxide) up to 57.7%
 - NO₂ (Nitrogen Dioxide) up to 81%

Transportation emissions

Fact: The United States emits 26% of the World's CO₂

Carbon Dioxide Emissions Chart

What it can do for the community

- Application of non-idling policies, pollution control devices, and the usage of Biodiesel can:
 - Reduce air pollution and carbon emissions
 - -Improve air quality
 - -Lower allergens in the air
 - -Reduce risk of asthma attacks
 - -Reduces possibilities bronchitis and pneumonia

Business Ties

- Pollution Control Devices:
 - —Could bring business to auto part stores or to independent sellers.
 - -Could also start a garage to put parts on vehicles.
- Biodiesel distribution:
 - -A student organized club could create the Biodiesel and sell it back to the school.
 - Could also sell Biodiesel to others who wish to purchase our proposed product.

Why does it matter?



Conclusion

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