

Meeting Minutes – University City Green Practices Commission

#### March 10, 2016

| Location:<br>Attendees Present: | Heman Park Community Center<br>Dianne Benjamin, Bob Elgin, Tim Michels, Jeff Mishkin,<br>Steve Kraft (Council Liaison), Jenny Wendt (Staff Liaison)  |
|---------------------------------|--|
| Absent:<br>Guests:              | Richard Juang, Scott Eidson, Lois Sechrist<br>Tom Dunne and Gary Brinkmann, Sebright Industries<br>Kathleen Beebe and Debra Pottinger, Ameren PurePower<br>Bob Henkel, Program Director, St. Louis Earth Day |

- 1. Meeting called to Order, Roll Call at 6:05 p.m.
- 2. Opening Round
  - a) Tim will be attending a meeting April 11 12 in Columbia about Advancing Renewables in the Midwest.
  - b) Bob discussed the email he sent about Ameren's "21st Century Grid Modernization and Security Act" presentation that was held to convey the need to upgrade the grid.
  - c) Jenny announced she was working with Emily Andrews through the US Green Building Council – Missouri Gateway Chapter to hire an intern, who will perform the Greenhouse Gas Inventory to comply with requirements for the Compact of Mayors.
- 3. Approval of Minutes
  - a) February 11, 2016 Meeting Minutes were agreed upon with no amendments. There was no quorum at the March 10 meeting so approval will be tabled until the April 14 meeting.

#### 4. Special Presentations

- a) Ameren Pure Power Kathleen Beebe, Debra Pottinger
  - i. In the EPA Green Power Community program, a city commits to meeting a minimum percentage of their annual electricity use with green power. This can be accomplished with the purchase of Green-e certified Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs), as well as by installing on-site solar power. In St. Louis, the program is partnered with Ameren's Pure Power program and Microgrid Energy.
  - ii. Creve Coeur and Maplewood are the cities in the St. Louis area which have completed the program. Clayton completed the program a few years ago but has not participated lately.
  - iii. See attached for detailed information.
- b) Waste to Energy Tom Dunne and Gary Brinkmann
  - i. Gary Brinkmann represents Sebright Industries, which is a company specializing in waste and recycling equipment. Sebright is partnering with Tom Dunne, former CEO of Fred Weber Inc. to create a waste to energy plant.
  - ii. Gary and Tom are determining if St. Louis is a good market for this plant and are asking for letters of intent from cities.
  - iii. University City could benefit from a 20% reduction in landfill fees. If the City agrees, an agreement to lock in the rate and number of years would be negotiated.

- iv. In late April, Gary would like to schedule a tour of a partially-functional plant in Chicago IL.
- v. See attached for detailed information.
- 5. New Business
  - a) Proposed Solar Installations
    - i. Tim developed a solar installation proposal for several University City buildings including Firehouses 1 and 2, Centennial Commons, Library, and possibly the maintenance yard structure.
    - ii. Tim suggested that the City create a private/public partnership to provide financial assistance as well as possibly using the PACE program.
    - iii. Tim will develop a more detailed proposal of a small project to clearly indicate how funding would work for the City.
  - b) Finalizing Goals and Sub-Committee Designations TABLED
  - c) April Council Meeting and Study Session TABLED
  - d) Parks Foundation:
    - i. Jenny attended a Parks Foundation Meeting to discuss projects that can be coordinated with the GPC.
    - ii. The Majerus Park Master Plan is underway, Fogerty Park Design and Construction is also beginning soon.
    - iii. The Parks Foundation is eager to provide funding and assistance to the parks projects.
    - iv. Persimmon, paw paw and pecan trees are planned for Millar Park.
    - v. Jenny will continue communicating with the Parks Foundation on parks projects.
- 6. Old Business NONE
- 7. Reports NONE
- 8. Closing Round NONE
- 9. Meeting adjourned at 7:36pm

# EPA Green Power Community (GPC) Challenge Overview

University City, Missouri

**Objective**: City commits to pursuing the EPA Green Power Community designation.

**Purpose**: Challenge communities to purchase clean energy in an amount that meets EPA benchmarks, motivate collective action and reward communities that show leadership.



# History of GPC Challenge in Missouri

- 1. 2011: Clayton becomes first EPA GPC in MO
- 2. 2013: Creve Cœur becomes an EPA GPC
- 3. 2014: Webster Groves becomes an EPA GPC
- 4. 2015: **Maplewood** becomes an EPA GPC



Green Power Community street sign presented to the City of Webster Groves by the EPA



#### **Green Power Community Sign**

- Highlights a successful campaign
  - Each Community receives two 24" x 30" aluminum signs
  - Designed for outdoor display
- Other Recognition
  - Artwork for Community Banner
  - Press Release Assistance
  - Listing on EPA website



Oregon's Governor Kulongowski and EPA's Matt Clouse holding a Green Power Community sign



Event Banners: EPA can provide artwork development services to produce banners for announcement events.

# What Counts Towards Target?

- Purchase Renewable Energy Certificates
   (RECs) from Pure Power, or any other REC
   provider (must be Green-e certified RECs).
  - This option is much cheaper currently...
- **2. Install onsite solar power**, from Microgrid Solar or any other solar installer.

Includes all commercial and residential power users.

# Renewable Energy Certificate (REC)

- Proof that one megawatt-hour (MWh) of renewable electricity was generated by an "eligible" renewable energy resource
  - Each REC embodies the renewable energy attributes (environmental and social) associated with the generation of power from that resource
- RECs bolster the renewable energy market





#### **Ameren Pure Power**

- The program allows utility customers to support renewable energy through the purchase of Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs)
  - The program is available to residential and business customers. Business customers range from the small independently owned to large commercial entities like Mercy hospital.
- Pure Power program also qualifies for points under the LEED Green Power Credit



#### **City itself becomes a Green Power Partner**

• University City purchases RECs at Gold Leader level (EPA Green Power Partner level)

Annual Electricity Usage for City Facilities: 5,503,517 kWh

Green Power Partnership Requirement = 10% = 5,504 MWh = 46 Blocks/ month or 552 Blocks (RECs) / year

Original Option: Ameren Missouri Pure Power Only

46 blocks/ month \* \$10 / block = \$460 / month or \$5,520 /year

**New Hybrid Option**: Hybrid of Pure Power and 3Degrees US Green Power RECs

5 blocks of MO Pure Power (\$10 each) = \$50 /month or \$600 / year

41 blocks of US Green Power Recs (\$1.50 each) = \$738 / year

New Hybrid Option cost: \$1,338 / year THIS NEW PLAN IS 75% CHEAPER

 City is already collecting Utility taxes on existing Pure Power enrollments, and the additional enrollments that would be added during the Challenge would likely cover the direct cost for the City to become an EPA Green Power Partner.



- The Hybrid proposal is to buy 5 blocks (RECs) per month from Pure Power to support the local program and receive local recognition
  - Ameren Missouri Pure Power Supports the development of 100%
     Missouri Wind Power, no contract required. The monthly cost is added to existing Ameren account
- The other 41 blocks are 3Degrees US Green Power RECS. These are national RECs for any US located facility, using any type of renewable energy. There is an annual contract and prices can vary annually.

### Commit to and initiate a public EPA GPC Challenge campaign.

- Mayoral Proclamation
- Or Vote by Board of Alderman
- Or Press Release

#### Achieve University City's specific challenge target:

- **3% of total power** consumed City-wide from green power purchases or onsite production.
- Based on current enrollment in Pure Power, University
   City is already well on the way to achieving the goal.
- Total power consumed includes Commercial, Institutional, Industrial & Residential Power Usage



#### Is it Achievable ?

- Annual Usage of University City including Government, Business, Institutional and Residential: 316,757,846 kWh
- 3% Goal= 9,502,736 kWh = 9,503MWh/ 12 months = 792 Blocks (MWh) per month
- Current participation: Ameren Missouri Pure Power = <u>203 Blocks</u> (MWh) per month. With City Participation: 249 Blocks per month

Total needed to qualify = <u>543 MWh.</u>

 This equates to getting approximately <u>254 Households and 67</u> <u>businesses</u> to participate. (Actual mix of households and residents could vary).



## **Environmental Benefits**

With the achievement of a 3% green power purchasing level, the City of University City will reduce the city's carbon footprint by <u>16,342,119 pounds</u> of carbon dioxide, a leading greenhouse gas. This is the same environmental benefit provided by taking <u>1,560 cars off the road</u> each year.



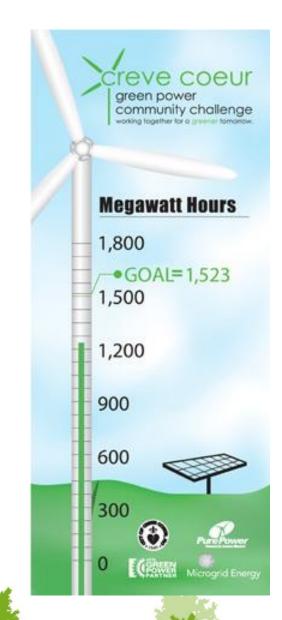
#### 3 Degrees Liason:

Debra Pottinger 3Degrees Inc. Debrap@3degreesinc.com 314.740.4130



#### How 3Degrees will spread the word:

- City communication vehicles (newsletters/website)
- 2 Main Events Kick-Off & Celebration
- Integrate with existing City events
- Media work
- Online presence
- Solicit large power users directly
- Direct mail



### Waste Conversion Systems with Proven Capabilities



## WHERE ARE WE NOW?

# Incineration

- Hard to permit
- Inefficient operation

# Plasma Arc

- Unproven
- High parasitic load

# Pyrolysis

- Low emmisions
- Low parasitic load

# • Waste to fuel

- Easy to permit
- High payback

# WHY HAS PYROLYSIS AND WASTE TO FUEL NOT TAKEN OFF?

- Actually it has
  - Single source material facilities are in operation for both technologies
- Why not for MSW?
  - No efficient way has been developed to prepare the material for processing

### UNTIL NOW Solutions Provided

Sebright Products Inc. will provide a system using proven and tested equipment that solve all of these issues.

- Homogenous and consistent material √
- Consistent moisture content V
- Inert materials removed V

This system also provides:

- Full Systems Integration of components
- Lowest maintenance costs in the industry
- Lowest downtime in the industry
- Lowest operating costs in the industry

#### Patented Sebright Products VSI (Vertical Shaft Impactor) Turns this





#### Into this





#### Patented PAD System dries the feedstock



#### Turning wet materials into dry feedstock



Human Biosolids Sludge Homogenous dried feedstock from the waste can be converted into one of two different energy forms.



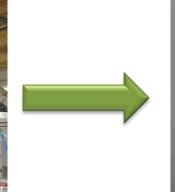
Syngas to electricity





Or diesel fuel production







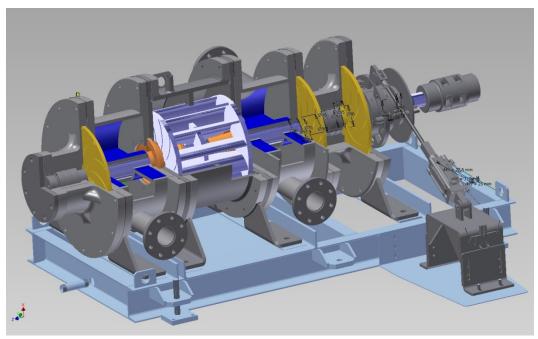
#### Renewable Diesel - Created from Biomass with Advanced Biofuel Technology



### Alphakat Catalytic Depolymerization (KDV) Key Technical Issues

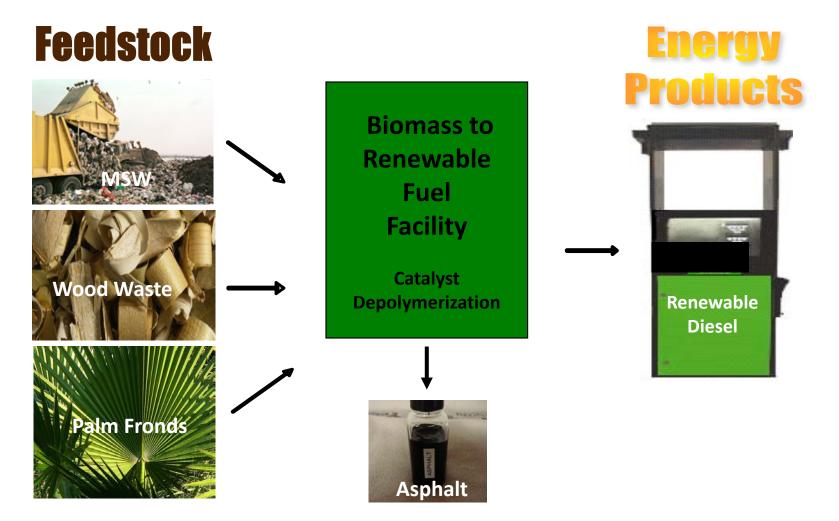
- Siemens in Germany developed unique catalyst 35 years ago
- Alphakat purchased technology from Siemens 10 years ago
- Proprietary, patented, improved catalyst and the conversion system developed by Alphakat has been the key to commercialization
- Conversion occurs in high energy, fluidized reaction chamber (Turbine)
- Catalyst reduces depolymerization temperature to as low as 240° C
- Pressure is near atmospheric (minus 1.5 psi to minus 3 psi)
- No toxic emissions No furans, halogens or dioxins are created only H<sub>2</sub>O & CO<sub>2</sub>

#### **Conversion Occurs Because:**



- Catalyst in fluidized reaction chamber breaks long chain molecules into short chain hydrocarbons at low temperatures and low pressure
- Small size material shredding (1 to 5 mm pieces)
- High agitation fluids in the reaction chamber
- Temperature controlled by friction created in the reaction chamber

# Our Project is an Advanced Biofuel Biomass to Renewable Diesel Facility



# **Poland Biofuel Facility**



### KDV 1000 – Poland Location Our Standard System



Common Feedstock Used to Make Biofuels and Renewable Fuels

Transesterification (Simple Technology)

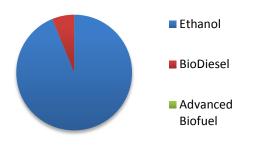
- Fats, Oils, Grease
  - Used cooking oil
  - Animal rendering plants
- Oil bearing crops
  - Rapeseed, Soybeans, Flax
  - Sunflower, Palm oil, Peanut
  - Jatropha
  - Algae

Advanced Biofuel Technologies

- Waste biomass materials
  - Wood waste
  - Green biomass
  - Agriculture waste
- Manure and Biosolids
- MSW

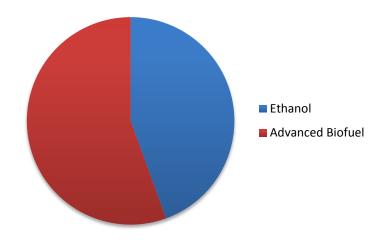
# Biofuel Requirements Advanced Biofuel – Grows Most

- 2012 Biofuel Production
  - 13.3 Billion Gallons Ethanol
  - 1 Billion Gallons BioDiesel



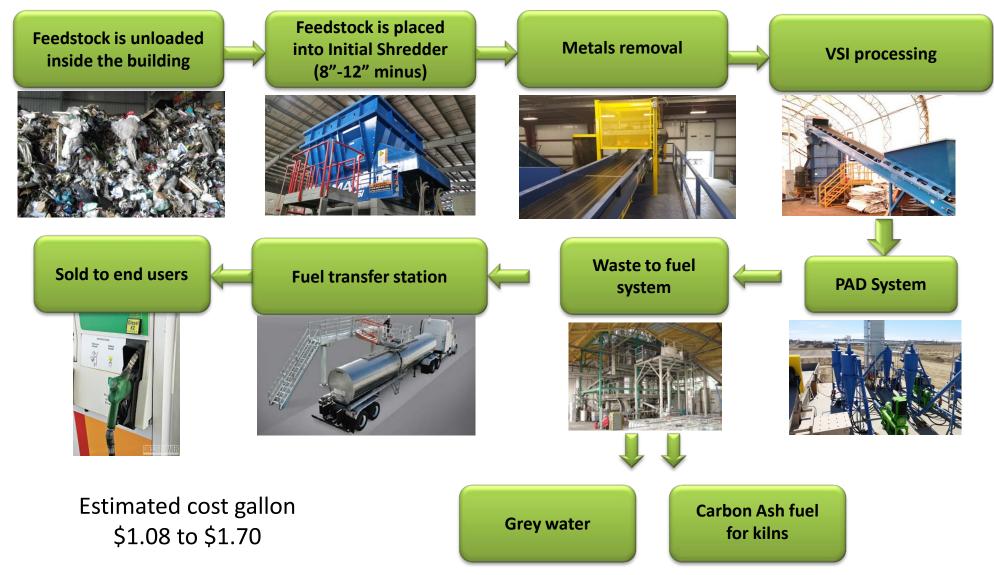
• 14.3 Billion Gallons

- 2022 RFS Biofuel Goals
  - 15 Billion Gallons Ethanol
  - 21 Billion Gallons Advanced Biofuels



36 Billion Gallons

## WASTE TO FUEL



# **KDV** Technology



Zero emission technology (only  $CO_2$  and  $H_2O$ )

Negative pressure system

Electric heaters for carrier oil

Electric mixing turbines

Diesel fuel production from feedstock

Non-condensable hydrocarbons Are converted to  $CO_2$  and  $H_2O$ In an SCR

#### Facility Scaled for Future Expansion

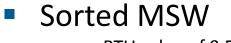


#### Alphakat Catalyst Depolymerization Conversion Rates

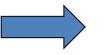
Waste Plastics
 BTU value of 19,000



200 Gallons Petroleum Diesel

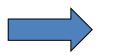


BTU value of 9,500



130 Gallons Renewable Diesel





100 Gallons Renewable Diesel

Conversions are per US Short Ton of waste material listed Conversion numbers are Gross quantities, without any parasitic consumption

#### Above Ground Fuel Tanks

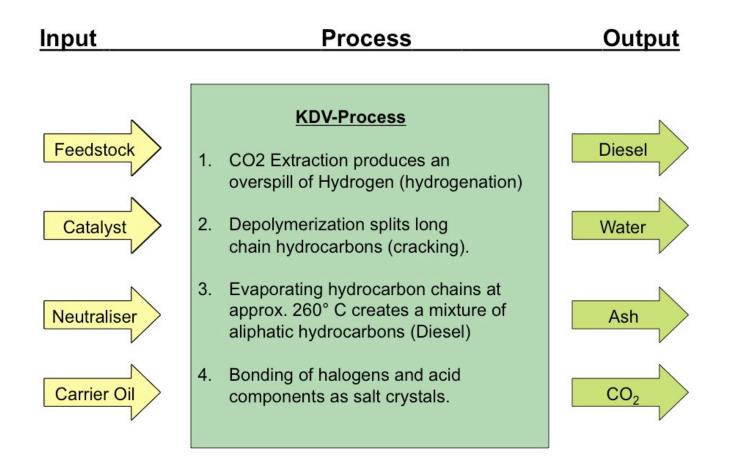
Double Walled Tanks & Monitors – Serve as Dike for Leaks and Fire Protection



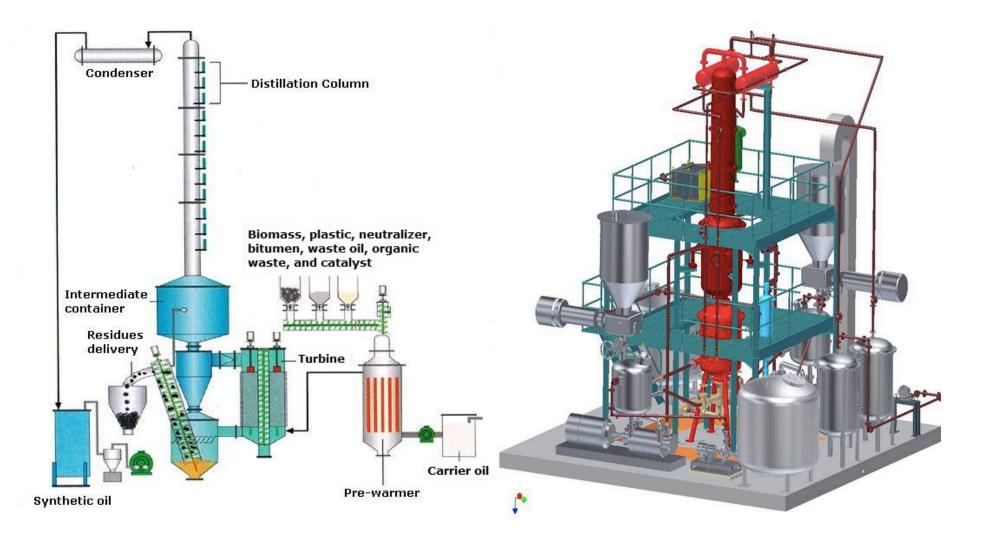
## Fuel Blending and Custody Transfer of Fuel to Trucks



## KDV – Inputs and Outputs



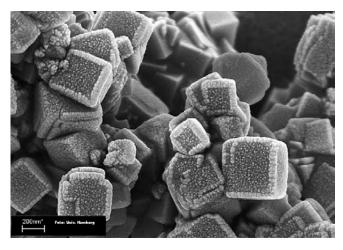
### **KDV System Process Graphic**



## Catalyst

- Patented by Alphakat
- Crystalline shape
- A Zeolite catalyst
- Aluminum Silicate material
- Causes depolymerization with high agitation, no pressure, and hydrocarbons are produced at under 300° C
- Combines with heavy metals on a molecular basis to form salts
- Non-leachable/insoluble ash is formed as the catalyst combines with the heavy metals





## **Fuel Characteristics**

- Meets specification (ASTM D975) for transportation grade #1 or #2 Ultra-Low Sulfur Diesel fuel (No.2-D S15)
- Exceeds characteristics that make it a Premium Diesel
  - Cetane number (40 min required) this fuel typically exceeds 58
  - Higher BTU value
    - Petroleum Diesel is 120,000 to 140,000 BTU/gallon
    - BioDiesel has 110,000 to 130,000 BTU/gallon
    - Alphakat Diesel has tested between 130,000 and 155,000 BTU/gallon
  - Very low aromatics less smoke, and cleaner burning fuel, lower PM-10 and PM-2.5 emissions
  - Lubricity of 255 versus 520 (520 is the max specified value)
  - Ultra low sulfur rating well near 0 PPM

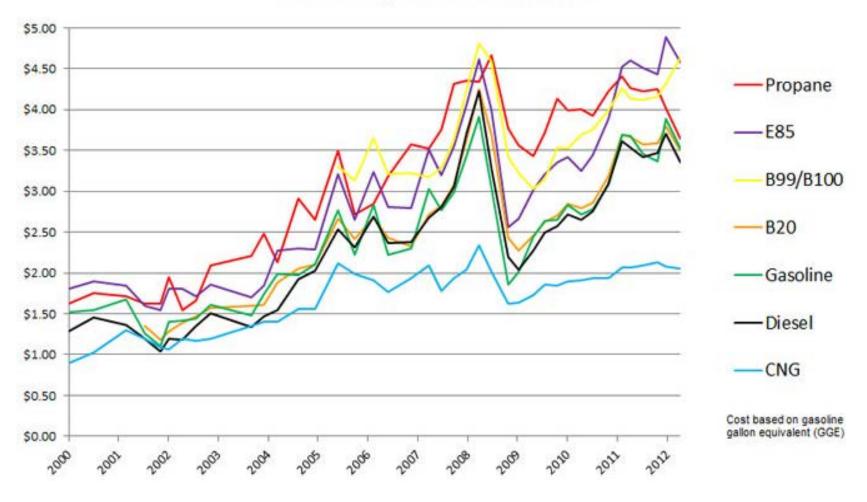
## Fuel Qualities – D975

| Specified<br>Items                                  | Measurement<br>Units   | ASTM D<br>4054<br>New<br>Aviation<br>Turbine<br>Fuels | ASTM D<br>975<br>No. 1-D<br>Diesel fuel | ASTM D<br>975<br>No. 2-D<br>Diesel fuel | Test<br>Results | Die<br>#1 | esel S<br>#2 | pecifications<br>Comments |
|---|--|---|---|---|-----------------|-----------|--------------|---------------------------|
| Cetane  | Minimum  | N/A   | 40                                      | 40                                      | 47.8            |           |              |                           |
| Number  | Number   |   |   |   |                 |           | V            |                           |
| Cetane Index  | Minimum<br>Index   | N/A   | 40                                      | 40                                      | 47.3            | ~         | ~            |                           |
| Aromaticity   | Maximum<br>% Weight  | 25  | 35                                      | 35                                      | 15.4            | ~         | ~            |                           |
| Physical<br>Distillation<br>Temperature             | <sup>O</sup> C @ 90%<br>Volume<br>Recovered                        | Min - 150<br>Max - 262                                | Min - none<br>Max - 288                 | Min - 282<br>Max - 338                  | 280.1           |           | ×            | Increase KDV Temp         |
| Kinematic<br>Viscosity @<br>40 <sup>°</sup> Celsius | $\frac{\text{mm}^2/\text{s}}{(\text{cSt})}$ $@ 40^{\circ}\text{C}$ | Min - N/A<br>Max - 8.0<br>(@-20 <sup>°</sup> C)       | Min - 1.3<br>Max - 2.4                  | Min - 1.9<br>Max - 4.1                  | 2.011           | ~         | ~            |                           |
| Flashpoint  | Minimum<br><sup>o</sup> C  | 38 min<br>68 max                                      | 38                                      | 52                                      | 50.5            | ~         | ×            | Increase KDV Temp         |
| Ramsbottom<br>carbon<br>residue 10%<br>distillation | Maximum %<br>by mass   | N/A   | 0.15                                    | 0.35                                    | 0.14            | -         | ~            |                           |
| Ash   | Maximum %<br>by mass   | N/A   | 0.01                                    | 0.01                                    | 0.001           | ~         | ~            |                           |
| Water &   | Maximum %  | 0.05  | 0.05                                    | 0.05                                    | 0.0231          |           |              |                           |
| Sediment  | by Volume  | 500 PPM   | 500 PPM                                 | 500 PPM                                 | 231 PPM         |           |              |                           |
| Lubricity   | HFRR @60 <sup>0</sup> C<br>Maximum<br>Microns                      | 850   | 520                                     | 520                                     | 264             | ~         | ~            |                           |
| Copper Strip<br>Corrosion                           | Maximum<br>number  | No. 1   | No. 3                                   | No. 3                                   | No. 1a          | ~         | ~            |                           |
| Conductivity  | Minimum<br>Micro-S/m   | 85  | 25                                      | 25                                      | 460             | 🗸         | ~            |                           |

## **Historical Fuel Prices**

### BioDiesel is typically \$1.00 Higher than Petroleum Diesel

**U.S. Average Retail Fuel Prices** 



# How Blended Fuel Makes it's Way into Fuel Tanks

#### Fuel Manufacturers Sell Fuel - Wholesale



Petroleum Refineries



Ethanol, Biodiesel Renewable Biofuel Manufacturers

Distributors pick up Fuel Blend, mark up, and resell Fuel to Retail Stations



Most Distributors are Independents, some Are Big Oil Owned

Retail Fuel Outlets Sell Blended Fuels To Retail Customers



Common Blended Fuels BioDiesel – B5, B20, B100 Ethanol – E10, E15, E85

## Benefits of Alphakat Technology

- Second generation Biofuel technology Also called Advanced Biofuel Technology – Creates Renewable Diesel fuel from renewable feedstock sources – Also called "Drop-In-Diesel" fuel
- Same system will convert all kinds of biomass feedstock, industrial wastes, and other feedstock materials considered wastes
- Zero emissions except for CO<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>O no exhaust smoke stack all electrically heated
- Sulfur or chlorinated materials are harmlessly combined with the neutralizer or catalyst to form non-leachable salts and pulled out with our ash
- Lowest cost to convert feedstock to "Drop-In-Diesel" fuel
- Small, medium and large size conversion systems are available
- Key technologies were developed over the last 35 years and commercialized in Europe
- 30 year system design life
- Excellent profit margins, ROI, and payback for the investor

### BENEFITS

- Waste to Fuel is a Safe, Simple & Efficient waste treatment process that substantially reduces the weighted volume of waste by more than 90%, remainder can be used in other applications.
- Complete Destruction of Waste Pollutants Including PCB's
- Very Low Emissions that exceed the Highest US Air Standards
- Reduces use of Fossil Fuels
- Decreases Methane Emissions
- Extends Life of Local Landfills
- Reduces Risk of Groundwater Contamination from Landfills
- Enhances Existing Recycling Programs
- Reduces Tipping Fees
- Environmentally Responsible

# **CONVERSION TECHNOLOGIES**

#### **Accepted Materials**

#### **Municipal Solid Waste**

 Common household and commercial trash diverted from landfill sites at contracted tipping fees.

#### Automobile fluff.

moisture barrier.

Remains of a shredded car with metals removed

Plastic lined paper ingredient bags or seed bags with

#### Coated papers are non-recyclable

- i.e. sticker back paper
- Wax lined or contaminated cardboard

#### Multi-layer plastics (ie food packaging)

Contamination with food residue is OK

#### Shingles

 Requires additional front end processing equipment

#### Scrap filter papers

#### Animal and or Human Waste

- Lagoon waste from large livestock operations
- Human waste from sewage treatment facilities
- Material must be dried to 30% moisture or less

#### Wood waste



### Out of date crop seed in the bag.

#### Tires

 Requires additional front end processing equipment



## **CONVERSION TECHNOLOGIES**

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