



Press Release

Tanknology, Fuels Institute Team for Nationwide Fuel Study

Austin, TX - Tanknology Inc., the world's largest provider of environmental compliance testing and inspection services, has announced a partnership with the Diesel Fuel Quality Council, part of the Virginia-based Fuels Institute, to collect diesel samples as part of a nationwide fuel quality study.

Tanknology was chosen to partner with the Fuels Institute for their nationwide reach, highly-trained technician base and previous field study experience. In 2016, Tanknology worked with Battelle, under the direction of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), to collect fuel samples for a study on Severe Corrosion of Metal Components in Underground Storage Tanks (USTs) Storing Diesel Fuel.

Tanknology's scope of work for the Fuel Quality study is a customized process that utilizes their existing technician base to extract fuel samples. Tanknology technicians will use ASTM procedures to collect the samples from nearly 200 geographically diverse fueling sites.

Nozzle samples will be tested for non-microbial physical and chemical properties and tank samples will be tested for microbial contamination and water. In-tank samples will be drawn from the tank bottom and the middle of the tank.

The study has two goals: First, to understand the quality of diesel fuel coming out of the nozzle by evaluating fuel properties that affect engine operations; and second, to understand the quality of fuel sitting in storage tanks by evaluating properties that contribute to corrosion and product contamination. Sample collection will begin in April and continue throughout May.

"We are honored to partner with the Fuels Institute on this important effort," said Allen Porter, Tanknology CEO and President. "Our strengths, and that of the Fuels Institute are highly

complementary, and we feel that this study could help the industry better understand the fuel quality issues that are plaguing the industry today.”

“We chose to partner with Tanknology due to their breadth of experience with national sampling studies, the diversity and size of their current customer base, and their reputation for quality and excellence,” said Amanda Appelbaum, Director of Research for the Fuels Institute.

“We are hopeful this project will provide the Council a snapshot of diesel fuel quality in the U.S. such that we may begin to understand exactly what in the fuel may be causing increased engine issues and what (if anything) we are able to do about it.”

About Tanknology

Tanknology Inc., the world's largest provider of environmental compliance testing and inspection services, provides environmental compliance testing and inspection services at more than 50,000 petroleum fueling and storage facilities per year. Tanknology offers more than 30 compliance-related service offerings and holds 22 patents for leak detection and tank monitoring technology. Internationally, Tanknology licensees span more than 20 countries, providing services to the largest petroleum operators in the world.

About the Fuels Institute

Founded by NACS in 2013, the Fuels Institute is a nonprofit tax-exempt social welfare organization dedicated to evaluating issues affecting the vehicles and fuels markets. We commission comprehensive, fact-based research projects that are designed to answer questions, not advocate a specific outcome. Our reports address the interests of industry stakeholders – from business owners making long-term investment decisions to policymakers considering legislation and regulations that affect these markets. By bringing together diverse stakeholders, we facilitate industry collaboration and identify opportunities and challenges associated with new technologies. Our partners are dedicated to promoting facts and providing decision makers with the most credible information possible so the market can deliver the best vehicle and fuel options to consumers.