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Executive Summary

The M/V OSKI, a passenger only 12 knot ferry operated by Blue & Gold Fleet on San Francisco Bay, California, was tested for diesel engine emissions from August, 2001 until April, 2002 to determine the levels of engine emissions using normal off road diesel, 0.05% sulfur diesel, 20% and 100% soybean based biofuel. The tests were conducted on the starboard main engine underway, with and without water injection into the air inlet stream. At the conclusion of the waterborne tests a dynamometer test was conducted on the starboard engine, which had been recently removed and replaced with a low NOx engine.

The following results were observed for engine operation at nearly full power. Partial RPMs produced similar results at a rate proportional to the percent of RPM except that CO was inversely proportional.

Assuming off road diesel as a basis counted in grams per hour:

NOx increased 24 % with 100% biofuel.

NOx increased 11% with 20% biofuel blend.

NOx decreased 26% with water injection.

Water injection decreased 100% biofuel N0x by 12%.

Fuel rates changed so slightly between fuels as to be indistinguishable.

Sulfur production was a function of the sulfur in the fuel. Biofuel is reported to contain a very small amount. The diesel had less than half a hundredth of a %.

CO emissions were very low.

 $CO₂$ emissions did not change with fuel change.

Biofuel produces oxygen during plant growth production via photosynthesis.

Biofuel reduces particulates by about one half.

The engine did show signs of light rust from water injection originally but did not show obvious signs of distress at the end of the test when viewed through the air ports. Some cylinder deposit cleaning was expected. A longer test run and more thorough teardown inspection would be required to determine the full effects.

Lube oil sample analysis showed deterioration of TBN and increased wear metals.

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I. Introduction

Internal combustion engines operating on a diesel cycle and using diesel fuel are in use throughout the world primarily for land and sea transportation, major power production, and small-scale power generation. The diesel cycle offers advantages over the gasoline engine cycle (Otto cycle) in terms of power production and efficiency. However, due to the nature of combustion in a diesel cycle and properties of the diesel fuel itself, these engines are prone to produce high levels of pollutants in their exhaust.

The species of pollutants of greatest environmental concern are CO , NO_x and SO_x , which are regulated as criteria pollutants, and particles which are also regulated as criteria pollutants in the PM_{10} and $PM_{2.5}$ standards. Due to the nature of the combustion process, hydrocarbons (HCs) are not a major source of pollution from diesel engines. Diesel engines produce significantly higher NO_x emissions than Otto-cycle engines. The refining process to produce gasoline for Otto-cycle engines removes nearly all sulfur from the fuel, but this is not the case with diesel fuel and thus the remaining sulfur in the fuel is converted to SO_2 in the exhaust stream. And due to the nature of the combustion process, high levels of particulate matter (usually in the form of soot, but also in the form of soluble organic compounds, ultrafine oil particles, or sulfate particles from condensing $SO₂$ emissions) are released from diesel engines.

A testing project is presented below which investigates the effect on the four primary pollutants discussed above of replacing standard off-road diesel fuel (an EPA low-sulfur formulation) with blended bio-diesel/diesel fuel or 100% bio-diesel fuel, in a diesel engine aboard a Blue & Gold Fleet ferry vessel operating in the San Francisco Bay. The bio-diesel fuel consists primarily of processed and refined vegetable oils such as soybean oil. This fuel type is attracting attention in that it is a renewable fuel, and this testing will investigate what effects this fuel has on the emissions characterization of the diesel engine tested aboard the Blue & Gold Fleet vessel. Chemical analyses of both the standard off-road diesel fuel and the bio-diesel fuel used are provided in Appendices B $\&$ C. Additionally, a water injection system is tested with all fuel types, and at high and low pressure injection with 100% diesel fuel. Water injection is a technology aimed at reducing emissions of NOx from engines by injection of finely atomized water droplets

into the air intake of a diesel engine, thereby reducing the overall combustion temperature. The water injection system was designed to operate at an RPM of 1200 or greater. The water injection system consists of a pressure pump, accumulator, filter, water softener, pressure regulator, and a discharge line connected to solenoids and then to fine sprayers or the bilge drain. A switch on the engine throttle activates the "spray on" valve at a predetermined throttle setting. Water is sprayed at either 60 psi (low pressure injection) or 85 psi (high pressure injection) into the air inlet to the blower and mixed with intake air. When the throttle is lowered to the set switch point, the spray valve is closed and the drain dump valve is opened to spill the water remaining in the spray line so as to avoid water and hydraulic damage to the engine internals at shutdown.

After testing, oil sample analysis showed increased wear metals and oil TBN degradation. Both engines were not deemed suitable for rebuild. These engines were over normal maintenance rebuild hours prior to these tests. The generator engines ran on the same fuels but without water injection. Generator oil samples were normal. See Appendix E for an attached lube oil analysis.

The report below summarizes diesel engine gas emissions tests conducted on August 3, 2001, September 4, 2001, October 31, 2001, December 6, 2001 and March 7, 2002 aboard the Blue $&$ Gold Fleet vessel Oski, operating in the San Francisco Bay, as well as four emissions tests conducted on April 26, 2002 on the Oski engine mounted on a water-brake dynamometer. The aim of this testing was to provide a baseline from which to compare the effects of bio-diesel blends and pure bio-diesel fuel, as well as to begin to explore the potential emissions impact of the water injection system. The following report provides an overview of the methodology and instrumentation used, as well as presenting results, analysis, and conclusions from all tests conducted. Figure 1 shows a diagram of the system and the testing inputs and outputs.

II. Methodology

Seven emissions tests were conducted on board the Blue & Gold Fleet vessel Oski, and four additional emissions tests were conducted on the Oski engine operating on a water-brake dynamometer. The vessel was equipped with two identical Detroit Diesel engines at port and starboard. Specifications of the engines are summarized below in Table 1. Both engines were equipped with a 7.9in diameter exhaust duct which vented on the outer hull of the vessel at the waterline. All tests aboard the vessel Oski were conducted by probing the exhaust duct at a point along the duct approximately 6ft. from the starboard engine. The duct was tapped in a direction perpendicular to the exhaust gas flow direction. The tap was a simple tee with a machined radius on the interior side of the duct, in order to prevent disturbance of the exhaust gas flow. All measurement devices were inserted perpendicular to the flow direction through the tap. For testing conducted on the water-brake dynamometer, gas emissions measurements were conducted at a point in the ducting approximately 3ft from the engine, and similarly all measurement devices were inserted perpendicular to the flow direction.

ENGINE SPECIFICATIONS	
Detroit Diesel 12V-71NA-7122-7000	
Number of Cylinders	12
Bore $&$ Stroke – in	4.25×5.00
Displacement $-$ in ³	852
Compression Ratio	18.7:1
Combustion System	Direct Injection
Aspiration	Natural
Power Output – bhp	360 (at 1800r/min)
$BMEP - lb/in2$	93.1

Table 1. Specifications of the Detroit Diesel engine model 12V-71NA-7122-7000

Instrumentation

Exhaust gas composition was measured by using the Enerac \otimes Model 3000 portable emissions analyzer manufactured by Energy Efficiency Systems of Westbury, NY. The emissions analyzer was equipped with a hand-held probe. The probe was comprised of a 12in long, 0.38in diameter heated sampling tube. The tip of the tube ended in a 1in long, 0.315in diameter sintered metal filter, designed to remove particulate matter from the gas stream. The probe body contained a small sample pump to draw sample gas through the probe tip and to deliver the sample gas at a prescribed flow rate to the sensors. The probe body also contained a silica-crystal drying chamber to remove water vapor from the gas sample. The emissions analyzer was equipped with four sensors: an O_2 sensor; an electrochemical NO/NO₂ sensor; an electrochemical CO sensor; and an electrochemical SO_2 sensor. The concentration of CO_2 and total hydrocarbons (THC) was calculated by the emissions analyzer. Data acquisition from the emissions analyzer was conducted by a laptop computer, using an RS-232 serial instrument connection, and running the LabView $\mathcal D$ data acquisition software.

Exhaust gas velocity in the exhaust duct was measured by use of a pitot tube. The pitot tube was an S-type Dwyer Instruments pitot tube with a high pressure and a low pressure inlet. The tubing material was 316 stainless steel, with a tubing diameter of 5/16in. The high pressure and low pressure outlets from the pitot tube were connected by hosing to a combination incline-vertical manometer. The manometer used a red oil of specific gravity 0.856, capable of measuring a pressure range of $0 - 6.00$ in H₂O, in gradations of 0.05 in H₂O. The manometer was affixed to the interior wall of the vessel to maintain horizontal alignment during testing.

Exhaust gas temperature was measured by use of a thermocouple probe. The probe was a 1/4in diameter 316 stainless steel tube sheathing a glass-fiber braid reinforced standard type-K thermocouple. The thermocouple bead was located inside the tubing approximately 1/2in from the end of the tube, in order to shield the thermocouple from thermal radiation effects. The thermocouple signal was measured by a hand-held digital thermocouple reader. A schematic of the gas emissions testing instrumentation is shown in Figure 2.

Testing Protocol

A total of eleven tests were conducted using the standard off-road diesel fuel, using a blend of 20%/80% bio-diesel fuel and standard diesel fuel by mass, using 100% bio-diesel fuel, using 100% bio-diesel fuel with a water injection system installed on the engine, and using standard off-road diesel fuel with the water injection at high and low pressures. For each fuel type, the testing consisted of varying the RPM of the engine from a minimum of approximately 600RPM to a maximum of approximately 1700RPM. This RPM range spanned the minimum-to-maximum engine speeds encountered in typical usage. In all cases, no passengers were aboard the vessel other than basic crew and testing personnel, thus it was not possible to simulate the load condition of a full passenger complement. The expected load conditions of the vessel were used to determine load settings on the dynamometer for the final emissions tests conducted. Before measurements were taken for each test, the system was allowed to reach a steady state. Steady-state conditions were determined by thermocouple and manometer measurements, and were typically several minutes at each RPM. In all test cases an insulation blanket was used to seal the tap around the probe, minimizing exhaust gas leakage through the sampling tap.

Velocity measurements were made for each RPM at steady-state conditions. The pitot tube probe was inserted with the high-pressure inlet facing the flow direction, and the low-pressure inlet facing opposite the flow direction. It was observed that once steady-state conditions were reached, minimal fluctuation in manometer pressure occurred, and no time-varying change in manometer pressure occurred. This is consistent with a hydrodynamically fully developed flow, which was expected at a large distance along the exhaust duct from the engine. The velocity probe traversed the diameter of the exhaust duct, and measurements were taken at six radial positions evenly spaced 1.2in apart along the centerline of the exhaust duct.

Temperature measurements were taken at the centerpoint of the exhaust duct for each test. A traverse across the exhaust duct diameter for each test determined that there was minimal temperature variation in the radial direction. This is consistent with a thermally fully developed flow.

Emissions measurements were taken at the centerpoint of the exhaust duct for each test with the standard diesel fuel, and at three evenly spaced radial positions 2.63" apart with the blended fuel. The traverse across the exhaust duct diameter during the

testing with blended fuel resulted in a variation of species concentrations in the radial direction that was less than 1% of the centerpoint reading. This is consistent with a wellmixed flow, and an error well below the instrument error of the Enerac. In all tests, emissions data were acquired over a minimum 2-minute period, to account for any turbulent fluctuation in the species concentrations. All species were measured simultaneously by the emissions analyzer.

Particulate emissions levels were measured by making use of a flow-aligned particulate probe inserted into the probe tap. The probe consisted of a 3in length 1/4in diameter stainless steel probe placed in the centerline of the exhaust duct. The particulate probe was connected in-line with a quartz particulate filter and a vacuum pump drawing the sample through a stainless steel ball rotameter. The rotameter valve was kept fully open, thus the rotameter acted strictly as a flow-measuring device without providing flow control. Flow rate was set by the vacuum pump and any pressure drop across the system. The rotameter was used as a means of monitoring the actual flow rate across the filter, which provides a means of correcting data at varying RPM and fuel type so that comparison can be made. The filter was allowed to accumulate particulate matter for a given period of time, typically 15min. Particulate mass measurements are made by comparing the filter weight before and after insertion into the exhaust stream. This method is not capable of distinguishing particle size distribution, but will give an indication of total particulate mass production rates in the exhaust stream, allowing for comparison of the particulate production for each of the fuel types tested and the water injection system. A schematic of the particle measurement system is shown in Figure 3.

As shown in Figure 3, the exhaust was drawn across the filter by use of a 1/3 horsepower vacuum pump. The dual sealed chamber design of the pump prevented any contamination of the exhaust stream with pump oil or other residue. A shut-off valve provided a means for regulating flow times.

III. Analysis and Results

Emission results are presented in three methods. For ease of comparison between various fuel types and the water injection system, gas-phase emissions data needs only to be in concentration form, since differences in mass flow rates between various fuel types are not significant. Secondly, to analyze the impact of these gas-phase emissions, results must also be presented for emissions production rates on a gram per hour basis. This second method makes use of pitot tube and thermocouple measurements to calculate a mass flow rate and thereby calculate the mass production rate of pollutants. Finally the third method reports the particle measurements on a mass production rate basis.

Concentration Format Results

Results are presented below for concentrations of pollutants in the exhaust stream as a function of the engine RPM. It should be noted that pollutant concentrations are, in

reality presented as a function of RPM, since load and RPM cannot be varied independently (except in dynamometer testing, however these tests only simulated load and RPM conditions of tests conducted aboard the vessel). Figures 4, 5, 6, and 7 present results for NO_x , CO , CO_2 and SO_2 emissions respectively, for all fuel types tested as well as 100% bio-diesel with water injection and standard off-road diesel with water injection. Data presented for standard off-road diesel is an estimation based on dynamometer tests conducted. Emissions measurements are sensitive to load conditions, and some variation in load conditions was encountered during the baseline standard off-road diesel fuel tests, adversely affecting this data set. At this time, the original Oski engine was not available for testing on the vessel while underway. Thus the dynamometer tests were used to provide data for the baseline case. The estimated data is marked in Figure 4 by dashed lines. Figures 8 and 9 focus on NOx and CO emissions respectively from tests with and without water injection using standard off-road diesel.

All concentration results are shown with a standard error of 2% of reading. This is derived from measured instrument error of the Enerac once factory calibration has been performed. Calibration was performed on the instrument prior to all testing. The standard deviation of the time-dependent measurements was taken as an additional error for concentration measurements. However, in all cases the standard deviation of the measurements was substantially less than the instrument error of 2% of reading.

The results for NOx concentrations clearly show an increase in NOx concentration with increasing engine RPM, most likely as a result of increased cylinder temperature driving thermal NOx formation. The 100% bio-diesel case shows higher NOx formation at higher RPM than comparable standard off-road diesel cases. This is consistent with research findings that bio-diesel combustion in direct injection engines produces higher NOx levels than standard diesel fuel. The results show little difference between the 20% bio-diesel blend and the 100% bio-diesel blend. Finally the effect of the water injection system is to reduce NOx concentrations at the higher RPMs at which it is activated. The reduction in NOx using standard off-road diesel is approximately 20% at the 1200 RPM operating point, and approximately 25% at peak RPM.

An examination of the CO emissions results shows that CO concentrations decrease with increasing engine RPM for all fuel types and systems tested. This is consistent with expected behavior since at higher engine RPM cylinder temperature is increased, and there is considerable excess air in the diesel exhaust. A comparison between the 100% diesel fuel and the 20% bio-diesel blend shows very similar CO traces, with increased CO emissions in the case of the blended fuel at a middle RPM. With 100% bio-diesel fuel, the peak CO concentration at the lowest RPM tested is significantly greater than the comparable peaks for either the 100% diesel or blended fuel cases. With water injection, the peak CO concentration at lowest RPM is reduced in comparison to the 100% bio-diesel fuel without water injection. However, the effect of water injection is to spread the CO emissions over a greater RPM range, with non-zero values at all RPM settings tested. This is also true for standard off-road diesel with water injection – peak CO concentration at lowest RPM is reduced by water injection but CO production is spread over a wider RPM range.

 $CO₂$ emissions are consistent over a wide range of RPMs for all fuels tested. $CO₂$ emissions are a proxy for measuring the completeness of reaction of the fuel and air, and indicate that all of the bio-diesel fuels (including 100% bio-diesel with water injection) as well as the standard off-road diesel demonstrate similar completeness of reaction. $CO₂$ emissions may be expected to vary between the bio-diesel test cases and the standard offroad diesel, due to the varying carbon content by mass of the two fuels. However, with the high dilution factor in a lean-burning direct injection engine, this effect is expected to be below measurability.

Finally, examination of SO_2 emissions shows that they are smaller than any other pollutant. Sulfur has as its only source impurities in the fuel. Most sulfur in the fuel is likely to be emitted directly from the exhaust duct as SO_2 . Thus sulfur can be analyzed through a simple mass balance on the fuel sulfur content. Chemical assay of the biodiesel fuel used indicates an expected sulfur content of 0.0024% by mass, and with the considerable dilution of diesel exhaust would lead to sulfur content below the measurability of this testing methodology. The standard off-road diesel used was a low sulfur variety, with similarly low sulfur content. See the appendix for an analysis of the standard off-road diesel fuel as well as the bio-diesel fuel. Any variance from the expected sulfur content is observed as direct SO_2 emissions as shown in Figure 7.

Mass Production Rate of Pollutants

Results and subsequent analysis are presented for emissions measurements on a gram per hour basis and for flow rate measurements. Pitot tube pressure measurements were averaged for all 6 points across the tube diameter to obtain an average pitot tube pressure. This pressure was then correlated to an exhaust gas velocity using calibration charts provided by Dwyer Instruments. The calibration corrected for exhaust gas temperature, barometric pressure and relative humidity. The velocity then allowed for the calculation of the mass flow rate of exhaust gas for each test, according to the formula:

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\dot{m}_{\textit{exhaust}} = \rho_{\textit{exhaust}} v_{\textit{exhaust}} \pi \big(\hspace{-0.5mm} D^2_{\textit{duct}} \hspace{0.5mm} / \hspace{0.5mm} 4 \big)
$$

where ρ is exhaust density, v is exhaust velocity and D is the duct diameter. The exhaust gas density is calculated from the known species compositions, gas temperature and pressure using an ideal gas analysis. The mass flow rate of the exhaust gas is then used to calculate the production of NO_x , CO and $SO₂$ species on a gram-per-hour basis according to the formula:

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\dot{m}_{species} = C_{species} \left(\frac{MM_{species}}{MM_{exhaust}} \right) \dot{m}_{exhaust}
$$

where C is the species concentration in ppm, and MM is the species and exhaust molecular mass.

In addition to mass production rates on a gram per hour basis, emissions measurement results are calculated on a gram per brake horsepower per hour basis. This is done by dividing the mass production rates by the brake horsepower, for each operating point. Brake horsepower was obtained by direct measurement from the dynamometer testing, and operating points not tested on the dynamometer were then interpolated through a least-squares fit to the curve of power versus engine RPM. Brake horsepower could also be measured through a carbon balance on the exhaust emissions to determine fuel flow rate, through the propeller curve supplied by the engine manufacturer, or through engine rack position. These alternative methods were either unavailable or prone to producing a greater error than direct measurement by the dynamometer.

Table 2. Time-averaged emissions measurements for the baseline testing, using 100% standard offroad diesel fuel

 Results of the time-averaged emissions measurements for all relevant species are presented below in Table 2 for the baseline emissions testing, for the blended fuel emissions testing, for the pure bio-diesel emissions testing, for the bio-diesel fuel with water injection emissions testing, for the standard off-road diesel fuel with low-pressure water injection emissions testing, and for the standard off-road diesel fuel with highpressure water injection emissions testing. Results in Table 2 are presented both in the format of mass production rates (g/hr) and mass production rates per brake horsepower of the engine (g/bhp-hr). These results are the average of a 5-minute measurement period for each test condition at the centerpoint of the exhaust duct.

In all test cases considered, it is observed that NOx production on a gram per hour basis is increased with increasing engine RPM under the given load conditions. This would point strongly to thermal NOx as the major NOx production mechanism, consistent with research findings on NOx production in diesel engines. It is also observed in all test cases that CO production on a gram per hour basis decreases with increasing engine RPM, potentially due to the increased engine temperature allowing for more complete combustion. With the bio-diesel fuel blends and pure bio-diesel, some $SO₂$ production is observed. The $SO₂$ production is always greatest at low RPM, since at higher rpm the percent concentration of the $SO₂$ in the exhaust stream drops below the lower detection threshold of the portable emissions analyzer.

A comparison between the baseline test cases and the fuel blend and pure biodiesel test cases shows that CO emissions are generally reduced for the bio-diesel fuel test cases relative to the baseline test cases. The peak CO production rate, which occurs at lowest RPM, is higher in the baseline case (at 175 g/hr) than the blended fuel case (at approximately 154 g/hr).

An assessment of the NOx production rates on a gram per hour basis in both the bio-diesel fuel test cases and the baseline test cases shows that at low RPMs no significant difference is seen between NOx emissions in the two test cases. At mid-range RPMs and high RPMs the bio-diesel and blended cases show greater NOx production than the standard off-road diesel, becoming significantly larger at peak RPM. At high RPMs, for all fuel types, water injection has a significant impact on NOx production rates. A comparison of NOx production using standard off-road diesel with and without water injection shows that water injection reduces peak RPM NO_x production by 25%. No significant difference is seen between high and low pressure water injection for the standard off-road diesel. A comparison for the bio-diesel cases with and without water injection shows a small reduction of only 9.7% with water injection. It is believed that at the time of testing the bio-diesel cases with water injection, better modulation of the water injection system could have benefited NOx emissions. Better modulation was achieved in later tests.

The comparison between the pure bio-diesel case and the bio-diesel with water injection indicates that a greater CO production is spread over a wider range of RPM. This is consistent with the reduction in peak combustion temperature caused by the water injection. However, the effect on NOx is a clear reduction in NOx production in the water injection case, versus the pure bio-diesel without water injection. This indicates that the water injection is effective at reducing cylinder temperatures sufficiently to impact NOx production.

An assessment of the CO production rates on a gram per brake horsepower per hour basis shows again that for all tests CO production rates decrease with increasing engine RPM. A similar comparison between pure diesel test cases and bio-diesel test cases can be made on a gram per brake horsepower per hour basis as for a gram per hour basis.

An assessment of the NOx production rates on a gram per brake horsepower per hour basis shows that the peak NOx production on this basis typically occurs at the midrange RPM operating point of approximately 800-900 RPM. This point combines the highest NOx production rate with lowest brake horsepower of the engine. All results show that NOx production per brake horsepower per hour decreases from the peak value with increasing engine RPM. This indicates that horsepower is increasing more rapidly than NOx production with increasing engine RPM. In all bio-diesel test cases, NOx production is greater at every operating point than pure diesel test cases on a gram per brake horsepower per hour basis, with an average increase of 11% for bio-diesel test cases than for pure diesel test cases. For pure diesel test cases, the effect of water injection is to reduce average NOx production per brake horsepower per hour by approximately 23%. For bio-diesel test cases, this average reduction is smaller at approximately 20%. Figure 10 shows NOx production rate on a gram per brake horsepower per hour basis with increasing engine RPM. Figures 11 and 12 show this same comparison for CO and $SO₂$ emissions.

Particle Measurement Results

Results are presented for particle mass production rate measurements. Tests have been conducted only with standard off road diesel, and 100% bio-diesel fuel, with and without water injection for both fuels.

In order to calculate particle mass production rates in the sample line system, the total mass of accumulated particulate matter on the filter is divided by the time of filter exposure to the exhaust stream. This sample line particle production rate is then multiplied by a scaling factor which is the ratio of the total engine exhaust mass flow rate to the sample line mass flow rate. This calculation is summarized in the following expression:

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\dot{m}_{PM} = \left(\frac{\Delta m_{\text{filter}}}{\Delta t}\right) \frac{\dot{m}_{\text{exhaust, total}}}{\dot{m}_{\text{sampleline}}}
$$

where ∆m_{filter} is the mass of particulate matter accumulated on the filter, ∆t is the duration of filter exposure, $\dot{m}_{\text{exhaust,total}}$ and $\dot{m}_{\text{sampleline}}$ are the exhaust and sample line mass flow rates respectively. The sample line rotameter is used to meter sample line mass flow rate, and the pitot tube exhaust gas velocity measurements are used to calculate exhaust mass flow rate, as described above. This method does not speciate the types of particulate matter accumulated on the filter, but the nature of the particulate matter is expected to be similar to that from a standard heavy-duty diesel engine – namely, solid carbon particles (soot); soluble organic fraction (SOF); sulfates due to the presence of any sulfur in the fuel; and engine oil particles. Furthermore, this method does not give an indication of particle size distribution, which would require a measurement methodology beyond the scope of this study.

Table 3 shows a summary of the results. Similarly to the gas emissions results, the data is presented on both a gram per hour basis and a gram per brake horsepower per hour basis. Results show that mass production rates of particulate matter on a gram per hour basis increase with increasing engine RPM for all test cases. This increase is driven largely by the increase in mass flow rate of exhaust with increasing engine RPM. At the highest RPM operating point, mass production rates are significantly higher than at all previous RPM operating points. This inconsistency in the data is attributed to water damage of the quartz filter, as seen in visual images of the filters shown below. However, no attempts were made to remove water from the sample prior to exposing the sample to the filter. Any drying would influence the composition of the particulate matter in the sample line, and therefore further influence the total mass of particulate matter measured on the filter. It is concluded that the particulate matter measurement methodology used here will not be effective for exhaust samples containing high water vapor content. On a gram per brake horsepower per hour basis, particulate matter production rates are seen to decrease with increasing engine RPM, with the exception of the highest RPM operating point. As noted above, the high filter weight caused by water contamination, influences the particulate matter production rate at this operating point.

Table 3. Particulate matter mass production rates on a gram per hour and gram per brake horsepower per hour basis

Figure 13 shows a graphical representation of the particle emissions measurement results. It can be observed in a comparison between the standard off-road diesel and the 100% bio-diesel fuels that the bio-diesel case shows significant reduction in particulate matter production rates. This is consistent with ongoing research findings that show significantly reduced particulate matter emissions from combustion of bio-diesel fuel in direct injection engines. The reduction in particulate matter mass production rates between standard off-road diesel and 100% bio-diesel is approximately 54% as an average of all operating points. A similar reduction of approximately 60% is seen in a comparison between the standard off-road diesel and 100% bio-diesel cases with water injection. The overall effect of water injection is to raise the particulate mass production rate slightly. This is an indication that the lower cylinder temperatures expected with water injection may increase the unburned hydrocarbon loading, which may subsequently serve as a precursor in soot formation.

Figure 14 shows digital images of the quartz filters after exposure to the exhaust stream. As can be seen, the lowest RPM for each of the two testing configurations displays the darkest filter. This is a strong indication that at this RPM, particle concentrations in the exhaust stream are highest.

IV Conclusions

A testing methodology has been proposed and demonstrated for determining emissions from a marine diesel engine aboard the Blue & Gold Fleet vessel Oski. Tests were conducted to determine emissions of NOx, CO , $SO₂$, and particulate matter on a concentration and mass production basis. The effects of varying the fuel from the standard off-road diesel fuel to a processed vegetable-based bio-diesel fuel, and of the addition of a water injection system with both fuel types, are explored.

Results show that the effect on emissions of switching to a bio-diesel fuel is to increase NOx production, particularly at peak engine RPM. This result is shown in both the concentration format data and the mass production rate data. The bio-diesel fuel displays improved peak CO emissions over the standard off-road diesel fuel, but spreads CO emissions over a wider RPM range than the standard off-road diesel. However, for both fuels the overall CO production is small compared to NOx production levels. The most pronounced effect on emissions of bio-diesel combustion is the reduction in particulate matter production. Particle mass production rates with bio-diesel fuel are only 50 – 60% of those measured with standard off-road diesel fuel.

A water injection system has been tested with all fuel types. The effect of the water injection is to reduce NOx emissions at engine operating conditions of 1200 RPMs or higher, at which point the water injection system is activated. The reduction in NOx at these high RPM operating conditions varies from approximately 10% to 25%. Higher percent reductions are seen with standard off-road diesel fuel than with the bio-diesel fuel. No significant adverse effect is seen on the CO production or particulate matter production with the water injection system. The reductions in NOx production from the water injection system are significant, and could potentially be substantially increased by a better control scheme for the water injection. Further testing would be required to determine optimal operating conditions for the water injection system. It should be noted that hydrocarbon measurements – expected to be insignificant for diesel engines using both fuel systems tested – become more significant as water injection is increased. Any future testing of an optimized water injection system would require a hydrocarbon emissions measurement system. This may also apply to colder after-cooler circuits in the future.

The results presented here show the impact of both the fuel system and water injection system on emissions from a marine diesel source. These results are intended for use in determining the impact of these modifications on emissions, and to aid in planning for emissions reduction in future engine systems.

V. Appendices

Appendix A

The figures below are images from testing conducted aboard the Blue & Gold Fleet vessel Oski, showing the instrumentation used as well as images of the setup in the exhaust duct.

Test Equipment and Logger

Particulate Trap and Filter/Dryer

Engineer Amnon in a tight place

Engineer w/ Stopwatch collecting samples

Filling Hydrocarbon test bag for lab test

Particulate samples, new and collected

Water Injection Controls

Water spray nozzles in intake

Water supply conditioner

Appendix B

Copy of fuel analysis conducted on the standard off-road diesel fuel used in this testing

G.P. Resources, Inc. Fuel Specifications

Marketing and Supply
 Fuel Specifications

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Marketing and Supply Technical Support and Development

Attachment A

Appendix C

Chemical assay and specifications for bio-diesel fuel used. Reproduced from report published for the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) by the National Renewable Energy Laboratory, DOE/GO-102001-1449, revised September 2001.

Appendix D

Engine performance curve for Detroit Diesel 12V-71 marine engine, reproduced from Detroit Diesel Corp. publication.

Appendix E

A lube oil analysis performed on the main engines after engine testing was completed is included.

Appendix F

A lube oil analysis performed on the auxiliary engines after engine testing was completed is included.

