EPA Regulations Impacting Rural Diesel Powerhouses

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RICE NESHAP Rules

- RICE: Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engines
- NESHAP: Nat’l Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants
- In March 2010 the EPA excluded all existing diesel engines in “rural” Alaska from most RICE NESHAP requirements, including the use of ULSD fuel.
- “Rural” is defined as “not accessible by the Federal Aid Highway System (FAHS)
Ongoing Issues

- Lubricity: some fuel suppliers are not adding lubricants to ULSD before delivery, expecting it will be added after barge delivery. Lubricants such as xylene may bring serious hazmat issues to rural Alaska. AK is one of 20 states that do not require that fuels meet ASTM D-675 standards, which would address this problem.
- Definition of “Reconstruct” for stationary diesel engines is not clear
- Used oil blending may not be allowed
“Stay tuned...”

Contact me if you would like to get on a distribution list regarding new EPA regulations that affect stationary diesel engines in rural Alaska.

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