

# A 3-Part Fuel Mixture is the “Solution”

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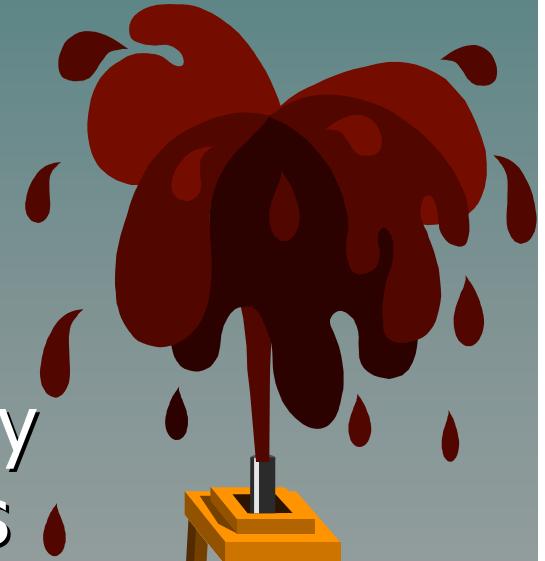
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# Why Are We So Tied to Crude?

- Crude Oil Is a Mixture of Many Hydrocarbons (HC)
- Some Refined HC's Have High Energy Densities & Easily Stored on Vehicles
- Gasoline Fuels for Spark Ignition (SI) Engines Have Been Low in Cost
- Harmful Emissions Have Been Reduced, but Not Eliminated





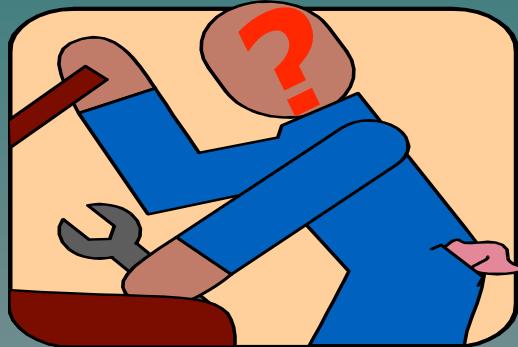
## Current Emissions



- Emission Control Types/Examples
  - Exhaust gas/three-way catalytic converters (TWC)
  - Evaporation/activated carbon canisters
  - Spills or leaks/double wall tanks
- **But, Some Exhaust Gas Emission Controls Decrease Fuel Economy**
  - Increasing fuel cost
  - Increasing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions



# So, What's the Problem for Ammonia Fuels?



- Technical Development & Cost Reductions are Needed, but **BIGGEST** Problems are Societal!
  - Turf wars, e.g., auto vs. fuel industry, greens vs. economic growth, and 1st vs. 3rd world nations
  - Who pays for huge vehicle and fueling infrastructure changes that are needed?
  - Uncertain public acceptance of strong odors, pressurized fuel tank safety, need to address global warming, costs, etc.



# THE 3 PART “SOLUTION”

- Take Small HC to NH<sub>3</sub> Transitional Steps, and for Each Step:
  - 1) Minimize Societal Impacts
  - 2) Make It Cost Effective
  - 3) Increase Performance and Reduce Emissions
  - 4) Make Future Steps Easier



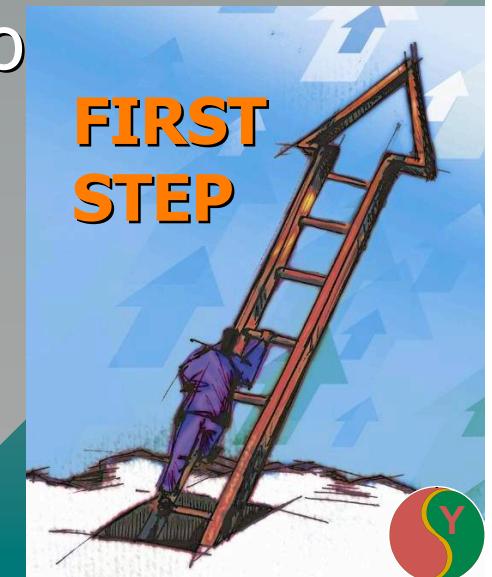
EASY STEPPING STONES

TO A NEW FUEL



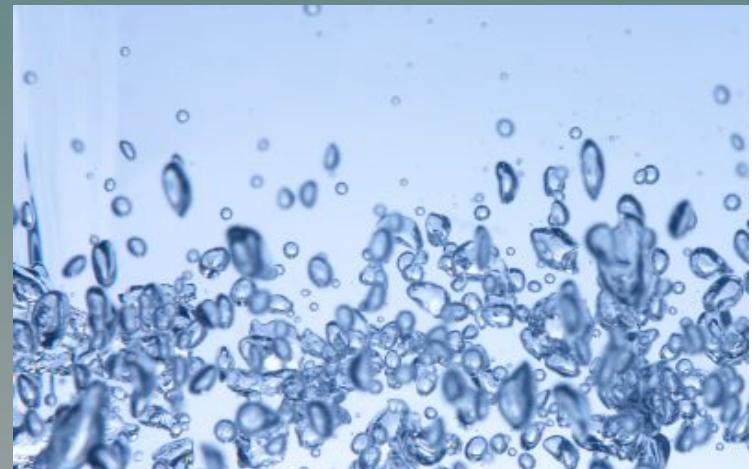
# Initial “Solution”

- Dissolve ~0.1 to 0.4%  $\text{NH}_3$  in 90-10 Gasohol Mixtures for **Existing & New SI Vehicles**
- Add Selective Catalytic Reduction (SCR) System to New SI Vehicles that:
  - **Strips**  $\text{NH}_3$ -enhanced vapor stream from the 3-part mixture and injects stream portion into SCR system
  - **Adjusts** to leaner air/fuel ratio (A/F)
  - **Combusts** other stream portion



# Dissolving Ammonia in Gasohol

- Can Be as Simple as Bubbling  $\text{NH}_3$  Through Ethanol or 90-10 Gasohol Mixtures
- Accomplished at Terminals Similar to Current Ethanol Additions
- SY-Will Has Proprietary Ammonia Solubility and Mixing Data with Gasoline and Ethanol



# Selective Catalytic Reduction of Combustion Exhaust Gas NOx

- Long History of Use on Stationary Engines
  - Using NH<sub>3</sub> or ammonia precursor, e.g., urea
  - $4\text{NH}_3 + 4\text{NO} + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow 4\text{N}_2 + 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$
  - $2\text{NH}_3 + \text{NO} + \text{NO}_2 \rightarrow 2\text{N}_2 + 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$
  - More efficient combustion
- Used on Diesel Vehicles with Separate Urea Tanks
- Has Been Used on SI Vehicles, but
  - 3-way catalyst (TWC) is now standard
  - Added NH<sub>3</sub>/reductant tanks create societal problems



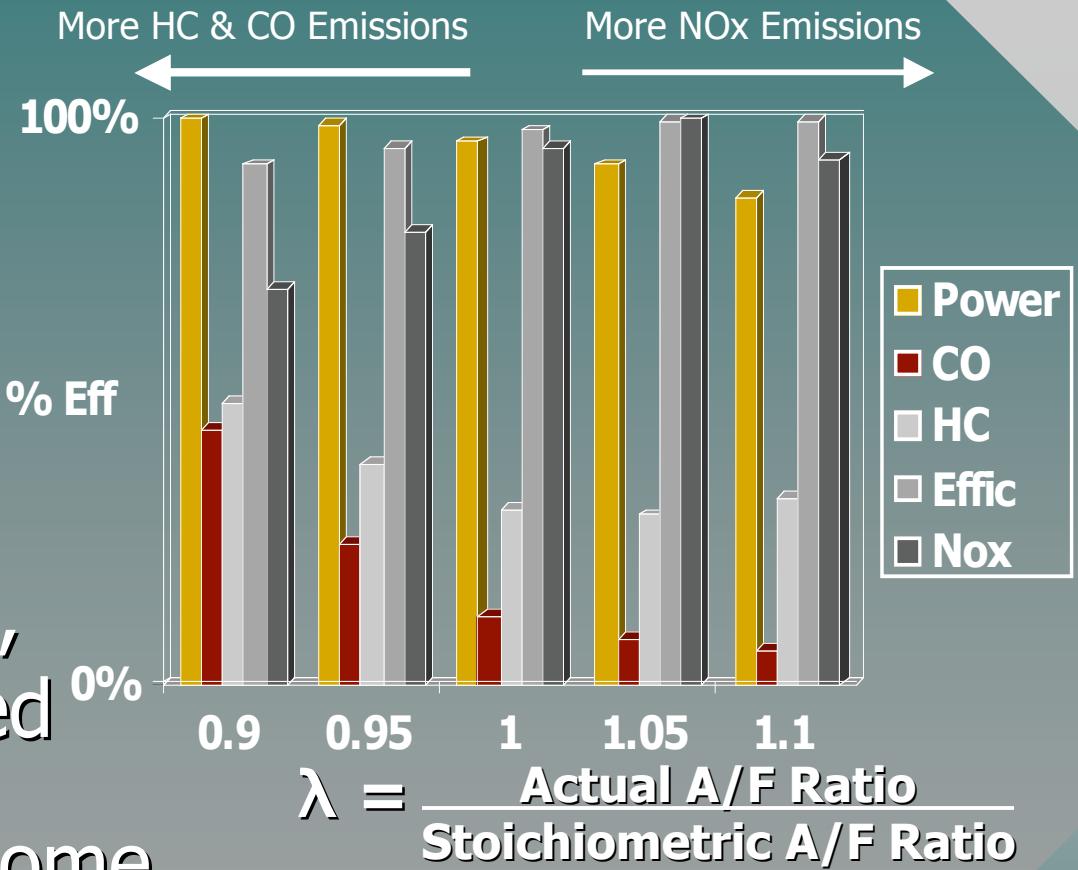
# Stripping Reductant Process

- Can Be as Simple as Withdrawing Vapors from Fuel Tank
  - Ammonia, Ethanol, and light HCs Are concentrated in mixture vapor space
  - Can increase withdrawn  $\text{NH}_3\%$  if needed
  - Vacuum vapor transfer minimizes odor & spill risks
- Stripping Reductants from HC Fuels: Demonstrated
- Injecting Reductant Vapor Stream into SCR: More Efficient Than Injecting Liquid Urea Mixture



# Higher A/F Ratio

- Better Fuel Economy, but More NOx Emitted
- TWC Still Removes Some NOx if Only a Small A/F Increase
- Reductant Vapor Stream & Combined TWC-SCR System Makes Up for Lower NOx Removal by TWC



# Initial Step Advantages

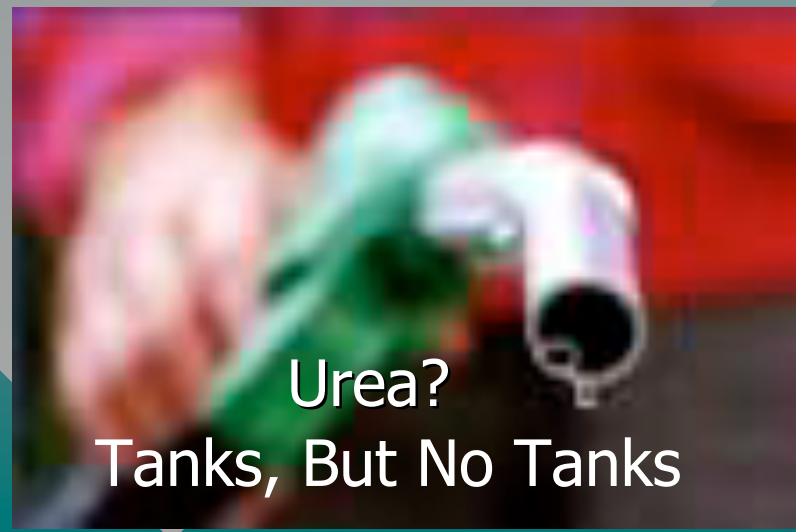
- **Avoids Many Social Problems**
  - Uses existing fuel system for existing **and** new cars
  - No disabling engine if no reductant
- Initial 3-Part Mixture is **Safer** than  $\text{NH}_3$  or Gasoline
  - $\text{NH}_3$  is **soluble** in ethanol, avoiding pressurized tanks
  - Strong **odor gives early warning** of small leaks/spills & ammonia vapors are **difficult to ignite**
  - Similar gasoline additive is **already in use**



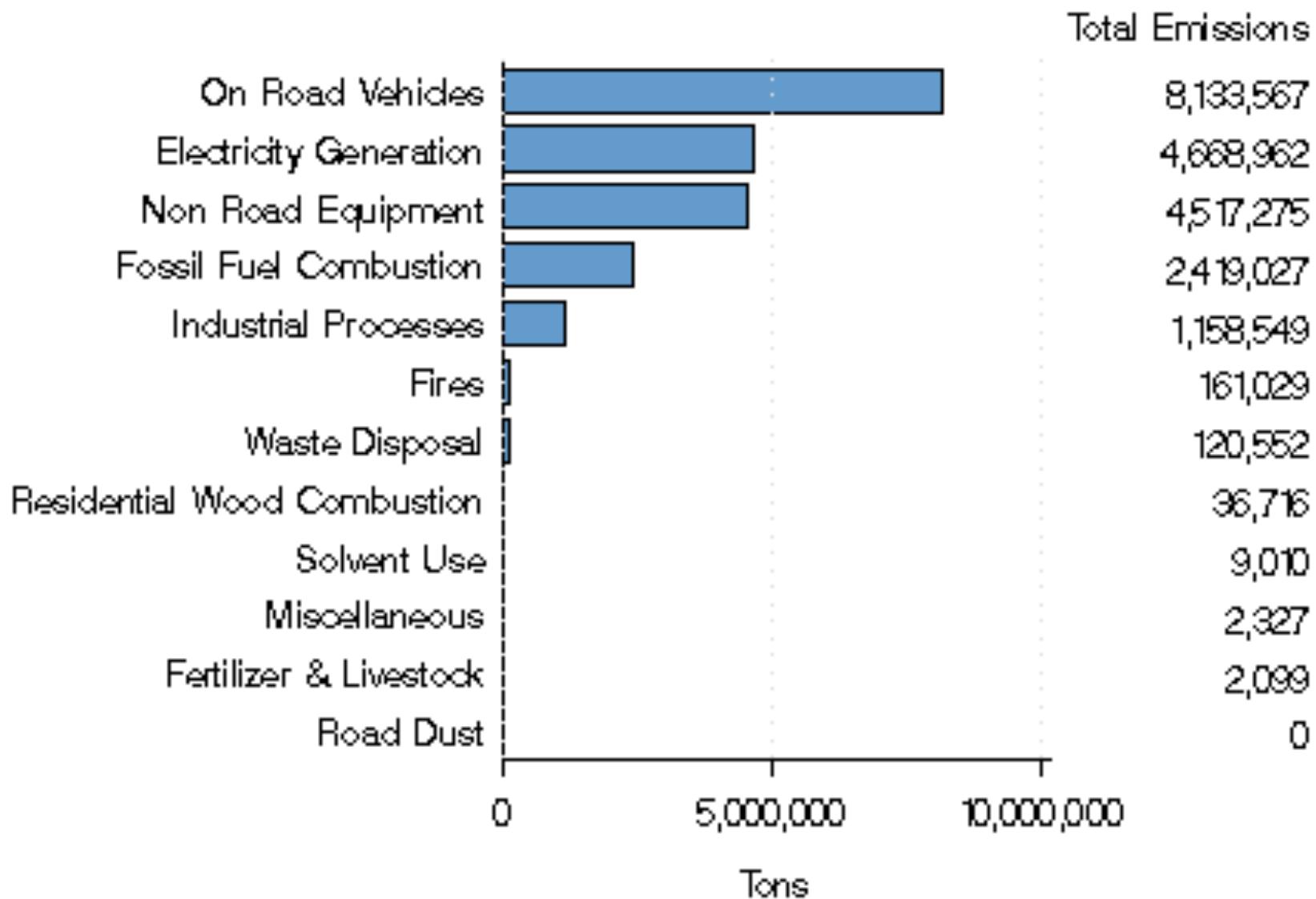


## More Advantages of Initial Steps

- **Increased Fuel Economy/Reduced Fuel Costs**
  - Increased A/F ratio avoids incomplete combustion of fuel & raises combustion temperature & pressure
  - $\text{NH}_3$  lowers \$/BTU and may replace detergent additive
- **Reduced Capital and Other Operating Costs**
  - Avoids separate urea dispensing facilities & vehicle tanks
  - May avoid added SCR catalyst
  - Avoids separate urea purchases
  - Avoids urea/water vaporization, draining, & heating costs



## National Nitrogen Oxides Emissions by Source Sector in 2002



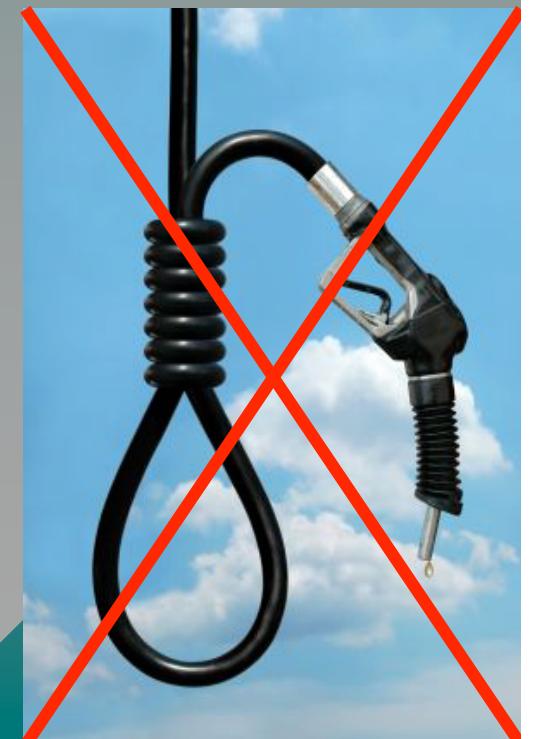
# More Advantages of Initial Steps

- **TWC-SCR & Reductant Reduces NOx Emissions**
  - If A/F ratio is enriched for heavy loads, reductant stream can be combusted or used to further reduce NOx
- **Evaporative Emissions Controlled**
  - Reductant stream mostly vacuum transferred
  - Carbon canisters also control NH<sub>3</sub> emissions
- **Reduces Other Major Emissions**
  - Combusting at lean A/F ratios reduces engine-out CO & HC



# Advantages with Ammonia

- Even **Better Fuel Economy & Performance**
  - Leaner A/F Ratio
  - Higher compression ratios with lower cost, high octane fuel
- Even **Lower Costs** with more ammonia used as fuel
  - Replace alternators with  $\text{NH}_3$  fuel cells & efficient hybrids, e.g., with  $\text{NH}_3$  batteries
  - Lower  $\text{NH}_3$  \$/BTU than gasoline or ethanol
  - Less foreign oil plus energy security
  - May avoid need for TWC



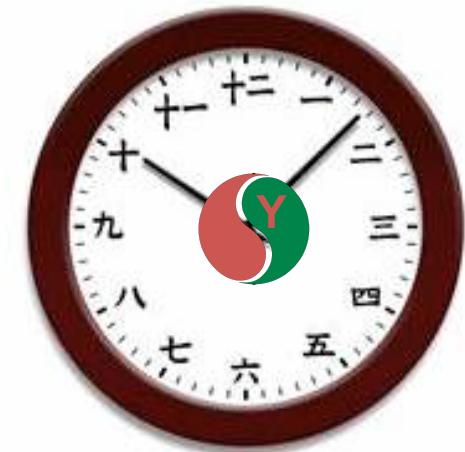
# More Advantages with Ammonia

- **More Emission Reduction**
  - Leaner A/F ratio further reduces CO & HC
  - More  $\text{NH}_3$  combustion → less  $\text{CO}_2$
  - Less NOx emissions & pressurized tanks reduce evaporative emissions
- **Stimulate Green Sources of Ammonia**
  - Nuclear or renewable power for  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  electrolysis
  - Biogas, sewage, agricultural & animal waste



# Minimal Disadvantages

- **Very Low Initial Costs**
  - Amount of ammonia similar to detergent additive
  - Little or no added cost for similar SCR diesel vehicles
- **Very Low Initial Infrastructure Impacts**
  - Use with existing fuel dispensers & vehicles
- **Step Increased NH<sub>3</sub> Content**
  - Allows time for renewable sources
  - Allows time for incremental auto/oil industry impacts



**TIME TO STEP-UP?**

# What Do We Do NOW?



We Have a Winner!

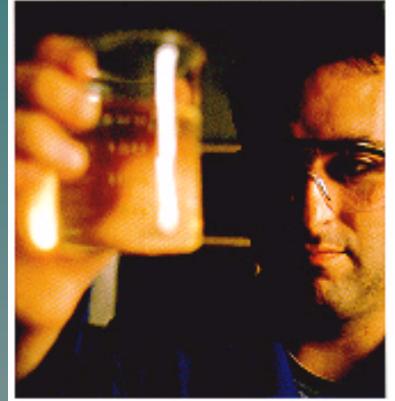
- **Sell Cost-Effectiveness of Initial Steps, i.e., Make'em an Offer They Can't Refuse
  - Improves fuel economy & better economies on the way
  - No urea-water purchases & lower BTU/lb cost
  - Lower cost higher octane fuels
  - May eliminate separate detergent additives
  - No dramatic increases in demand for ammonia as fuel, unlike ethanol fuel derived from corn**



# What Do We Do NOW?

- **Sell Safety of  $\text{NH}_3$**

- Odorant, similar to natural gas mercaptans
- Lighter than air & difficult to ignite



Does Dis-Solve  
Fuel Problems?

- **Sell Ammonia as Renewable Energy**

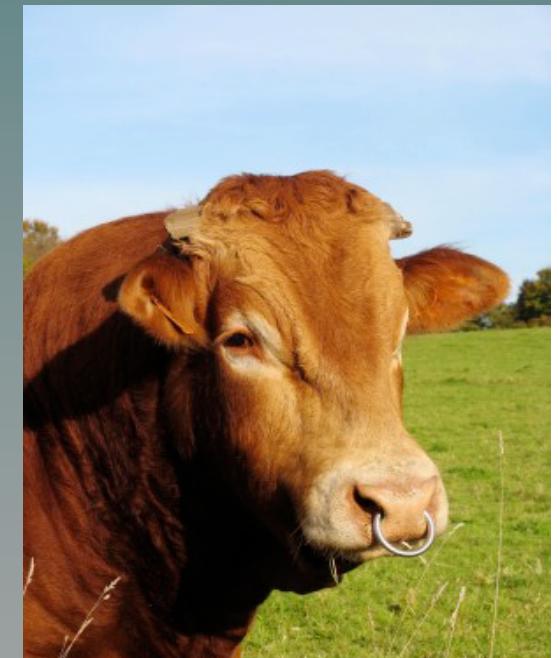
- For example, Vemork hydroelectric production of  $\text{NH}_3$
- “Cellulosic ammonia [e.g., from corn stalks] may be more viable than cellulosic ethanol.”
- From animal and human waste - the original source of agricultural ammonia as a fertilizer



# What Do We Do NOW?

- Sell as Organic, e.g., per US Dept. of Health & Human Services:

- NH<sub>3</sub> is “**throughout the environment** in air, water, soil, animals, and plants.”
- NH<sub>3</sub> is “taken up by plants, bacteria, and animals . . . [and] does not build up in the food chain, but serves as a **nutrient for plants and bacteria.**”
- “**No health effects** have been found in humans exposed to typical environmental concentrations . . . There is **no evidence that ammonia causes cancer.**”



**That Ain't No BS!**



# What Do We Do Now?

- **Sell Gasoline Hazards**

- Toxic exhaust & evaporative gases
- Greenhouse gases
- 1 of every 4 fires involve a motor vehicle & causes 7X more deaths than non-residential structural fires

- **Sell Ammonia is Already in Your Car Exhaust**

- A typical car with a catalytic converter emits 0.28 ounces of ammonia/100 miles

Is our ammonia slip showing?



# What Do We Do Now?

- Sell Green

- Less carbon monoxide, NOx, & hydrocarbons in exhaust gases
- Less evaporation, spills, & leaks
- Less carbon dioxide
- Less gasoline additive combustion products
- More H<sub>2</sub>O emissions
- Oxygen consumed in engine combustion is replaced by electrolysis of water into hydrogen and oxygen

And  
That's  
Not  
Hot  
Air!



# When Opportunity NOx, Will You Take the First Step?

Thanks for your attention  
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