# OIL: *Transporting* our Climate One Vehicle at a Time

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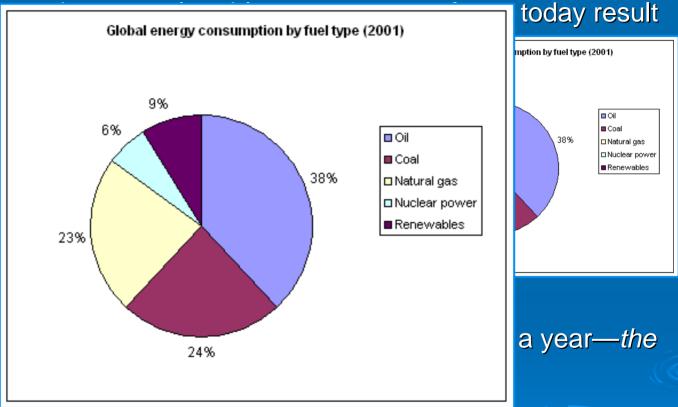
# Overview

- Introduce interesting and insightful facts about fossil fuels
- Explain why these facts are important
- Prove that burning fuel is effecting the climate
- > Present a cleaner alternative
- Compare and contrast the old alternatives with the new
- Offer ways to get involved and make a difference

# Opening Facts

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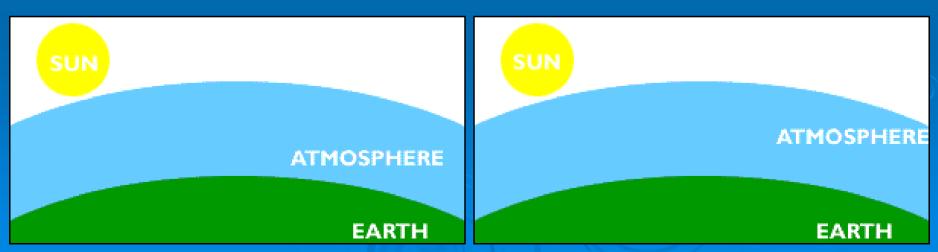
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> 70% of the nation's goods are transported in diesel-powered vehicles, helping to make it America's primary commercial fuel.

# Proof that oil effects our climate

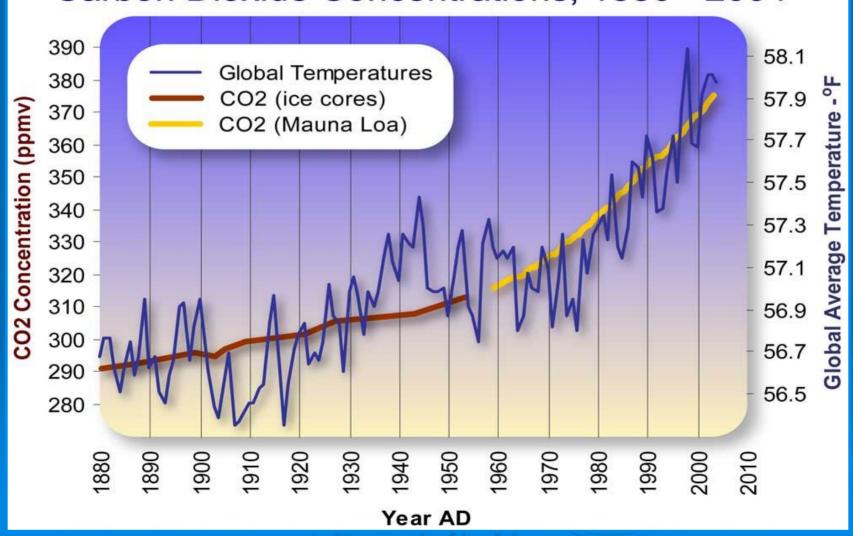
- The burning of fossil fuels by humans is the largest source of emissions of carbon dioxide.
- In the United States, more than 90% of greenhouse gas emissions come from the combustion of fossil fuels.



The steady increase of greenhouse gases are contributing factor to the earth's warming climate.

### Coincidence or Science





# A Greener Alternative What is Biodiesel?

- > Renewable fuel
- Completely natural (contains no petroleum)—can be 100% <u>vegetable oil</u> based
- Reduces carcinogenic emissions as well as gases that enhance global warming
- Can be used in any diesel engine
   —in either pure form or blended
   with petroleum diesel



Location: Carl's Corner, Hillsboro, Texas

Capacity: 8,000 gallons per day - over 2 million gallons per year: designed for initial expansion to double

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> Target date for full production: end of August

Distribution: Carl's Corner Truck Stop

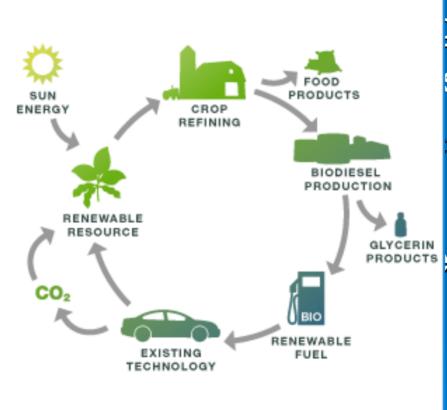






# How Does it Work? in comparison to petroleum

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# Why Biodiesel?

#### > Power

 Can be used in existing engines without negative impacts to operating performance.

#### Efficiency

- Virtually the same MPG rating as regular dies
- Extends the life of the engine

#### Storage/Combustibility/Safety

 Because its non-toxic, biodegradable, and non-flammable, handling and storage are safer than conventional petroleum diesel fuel.

#### Production/Refining

Zero emissions from production facilities



# **Environmental Impact**

- Only renewable alternative diesel fuel that actually reduces major greenhouse gas components in the atmosphere.
- In September 2006, in a report from the national laboratory of the U.S. Department of Energy, the National Renewable Energy Laboratory identified the advantages of using a **B20 biodiesel blend**:
  - Reduces life-cycle petroleum consumption by 19%
  - Reduces life-cycle CO2 emissions by 16%
  - Further reduces hydrocarbon emissions by 20%
  - Significantly reduces toxic emissions
  - Reduces PM emissions
  - No impact on NOx



# How Can You Help?

- Be educated:
  - "Diesels really make sense only if you care about carbon dioxide emissions and global warming, and like most Americans, I don't. I even think warming up Canada a bit might be a good idea." –Flint
  - Diesel passenger vehicles in the US has increased by 80% from year 2000-2005 (301,000-550,000)
- Spread the word
  - Tell a friend
  - Bumper Stickers
- Support local efforts
  - http://www.austinbiofuels.com/



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