

Helping GFV Fleets with Safety and Best Practices

An Overview of TTP's Technology & Development Committee



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Agenda

- I. Technology & Development Committee Introduction
- II. New TTP RPs
- III. TTP's Continuing Commitment to the GFV Industry

- Fleet professionals are faced with many difficult decisions when considering the many alternative fuel options that exist today.
- The Transport Project perceives natural gas is the most proven, costeffective, and ready-now solution for decarbonizing transportation today.
- Furthermore, when considering renewable sources of natural gas (i.e. RNG) there is no better solution available today for the transportation industry to meet their goals for sustainability and reduce their carbon footprint.



TTP's Technology & Development Committee

An Introduction...



Promoting Safety, Technology, Codes & Standards, and Best Practices





Technology & Development Committee Purpose

Safety

- Training and Accreditation
- Codes and Standards
- Testing/certification
- Incident Investigations & Root Cause Analysis
- GFV Fuel System
 Inspection Intervals
- GFV Maintenance Facility Modifications

Sustainability

- Emissions & Environmental Messaging
- Methane Leakage
 Abatement Strategies
- H₂ as Indirect GHG

- Total Lifecycle Analysis of Fuels (well-to-wheel)
 - Gas Quality Impacts of H₂ & CH₄ Blends

Industry Advancement

- Research & Development
- Innovation through USDOE
 Funding Appropriations
- Refueling Infrastructure
- Virtual Pipeline
- LNG
- Marine & Rail
- H₂ICE & Fuel Cells



Tackling Critical Technology Topics while Focusing on Safety





New Industry Guidelines for NGV Fleets

Best Practices and Safety Recommendations for CNG Refuse Truck Fleets to Achieve the Greatest Efficiency and Operational Success with the Lowest Risk



Your Go To Resource for CNG Refuse Truck Recommended Practices

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Recommended Practices for CNG Powered Refuse Trucks and the Supporting Facilities for Refueling and Maintenance

FREE DOWNLOAD from TTP's Resource Center:

https://transportproject.org/resource-center/

Your Go To Resource for CNG Refuse Truck Recommended Practices

- 100 pages of industry best practices and safety recommendations
- Comprehensive guidelines to ensure a successful transition and to support operational efficiency for your CNG powered fleet
- 10 sections covering the following topics:
 - Training
 - Inspections
 - Emergency response procedures
 - Defueling
 - Vehicle decals/labels
 - Hot work
 - Facility upgrades
 - Fire prevention and detection
 - End of life



Training is Critical to Ensure Success

		NGV Personnel Responsibility Type									
		Vehicle Drivers and Fuelers	Routine Vehicle Maintenance Technicians	CNG Fuel System Maintenance Technicians	CNG Fuel System Repair Technicians	CNG Fuel System Inspectors	Technicians that Service All Aspects of HD Trucks Except CNG Fuel Systems	Fleet and Dealership Maintenance Support Teams	CNG Refueling Station Maintenance Teams	Designated Emergency Contact for the Fleet and/or Site	Firefighters / First Responders / Fire Marshals / Code Officials
Recommended Training Course	NGV Driver and Fueler Training	\checkmark								\checkmark	
	Fundamental NGV Technician Safety Training		\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark		\checkmark	\checkmark		\checkmark	
	CNG Fuel System Inspector Training			\checkmark	\checkmark		\checkmark				
	CNG Fuel System Inspector Certification				\checkmark						
	HD Truck NGV Maintenance and Diagnostics Training				\checkmark		\checkmark				
	HD NGV Fuel System Repair and Diagnostics Training				\checkmark						
	Defueling, Decommissioning, or Disposal of CNG Fuel Tanks			\checkmark	\checkmark		\checkmark			\checkmark	
	CNG Refueling Station Operation & Maintenance Training								\checkmark	\checkmark	
	Firefighter/First-responder Training									\checkmark	\checkmark
	Fire Marshal/Code-official Training										\checkmark

Code & Standard References

EXAMPLE EXCERPT FROM MAINTENANCE FACILITY CONSIDERATIONS

Modification Category	Code References				
Ventilation	NFPA 30A (2024) 7.5, 7.8.7, 7.8.11.2, 7.8.12, 8.3;				
	NFPA 88A (2023) 5.5.6, 5.6, 6.3, 6.6.2, 9.2.3;				
	IBC (2024) 406.8.1;				
	IFC (2024) 2311.7.1, 2311.4.3, 2311.8.4.2, 2311.8.5, 2311.8.8, 2311.8.10;				
	IMC (2024) Section 403				
Ventilation in Pits	IFC (2024) 2311.4;				
	NFPA 30A (2024) 7.4.4.4, 7.8.9				
Gas Detection	IBC (2024) 406.8.2, 916;				
	IFC (2024) 2311.8.9;				
	NFPA 30A (2024) 7.4.6, 7.8.11				
Sources of Ignition	IFC (2024) 2311.3;				
	NFPA 30A (2024) 7.6.6, 7.8.13, 9.2.5.1, 11.5				
Electrical Classification	IFC (2024) 2311.8.10;				
	NFPA 30A (2024) 8.2, 8.3;				
	NFPA 70 (2023) Article 511				
Preparation of Vehicles for	IFC (2024) 2311.8.1;				
maintenance	NFPA 30A (2024) 7.8.14				
Maintenance and Decommissioning of Tanks	NFPA 52 (2023) 15.4.3.1.5, 16.3.5				



The Transport Project | Inspection Recommendations

CNG Fuel System Inspections

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR WHAT TO INSPECT, HOW OFTEN, AND INSPECTOR QUALIFICATIONS

Inspection Level	Inspector	Recommended Inspection Interval			
Pre-Service Visual Inspection	Fuel System Installer, Dealer, or Truck Body Builder	Once before the vehicle is put in service			
Daily Visual Inspection	Vehicle Driver or Operator	Daily Pre-Trip and Post-Trip			
General Visual Inspection	Trained PM or vehicle Technician	At every scheduled preventative maintenance vehicle event. Some examples are listed below:			
		PMA - 200 hours			
		PMB - 400 hours			
		PMD - 800 hours/1200 hours			
Detailed Visual Inspection	Qualified or Certified CNG Fuel System Inspector	At least once per year for heavy-duty trucks			



CNG Decals for Improved First Responder Awareness and Safety





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Future T&D Committee Work Products

More Valuable GFV Industry Resources Coming Soon...



More TTP Resources In Development

FREE AND PUBLICLY AVAILABLE INDUSTRY RESOURCES TO ENHANCE SAFETY, ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH RELEVANT STANDARDS, AND PROMOTE BEST PRACTICES ACROSS ALL ASPECTS OF GFV FLEET OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT

- Fact Sheet to help laypersons and regulatory authorities to understand the impacts of increasing percentages of hydrogen in fuel for NGVs
- Facility modification guidelines for NGV service, maintenance, or repair (update to 2017 version in process)
- Safety bulletin to promote awareness of CNG dispenser nozzle adapters to fill portable cylinders and ANG cylinders



Coming Soon to a Theater Near You...

Publication of the Best Practices and Safety Recommendations for CNG Refuse Truck Fleets to Achieve the Greatest Efficiency and Operational Success with the Lowest Risk, will be announced publicly at a special Theater performance in the ACT Expo Hall: Wednesday, April 30, at 12:40 PM





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NFPA 52 Code Adoption



Vehicular Natural Gas Fuel Systems Code

Enforced Code Edition: of all the editions of this document incorporated in the jurisdiction, this is the most recent edition.



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IFC Code Adoption

MAP KEY

Edition of code currently in effect by state:



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