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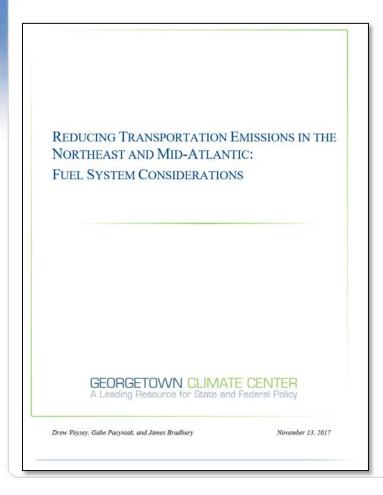
Fuel System Considerations in the TCI Region

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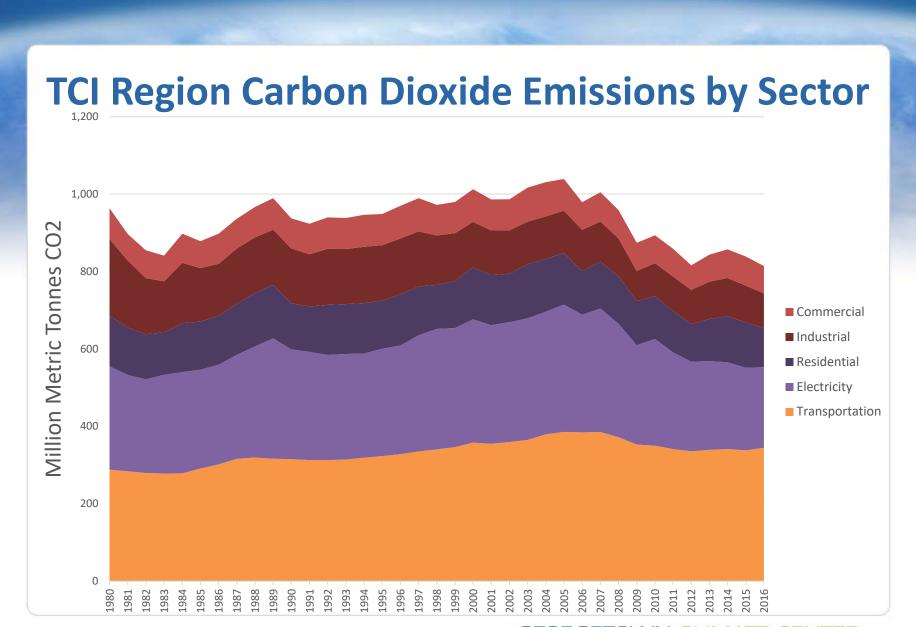
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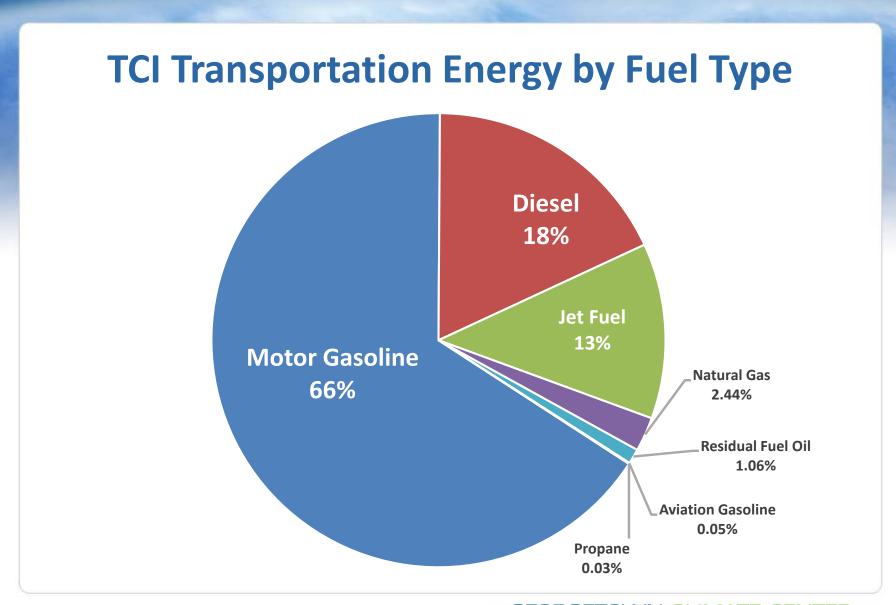
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Georgetown's Analysis Focused on How a Cap-and-Invest Program for Transportation Might Work



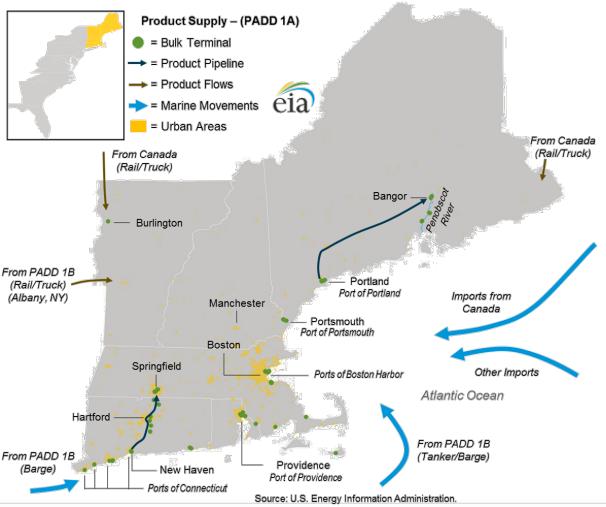
- Which fuels would be included?
- Which entities would have a compliance obligation?



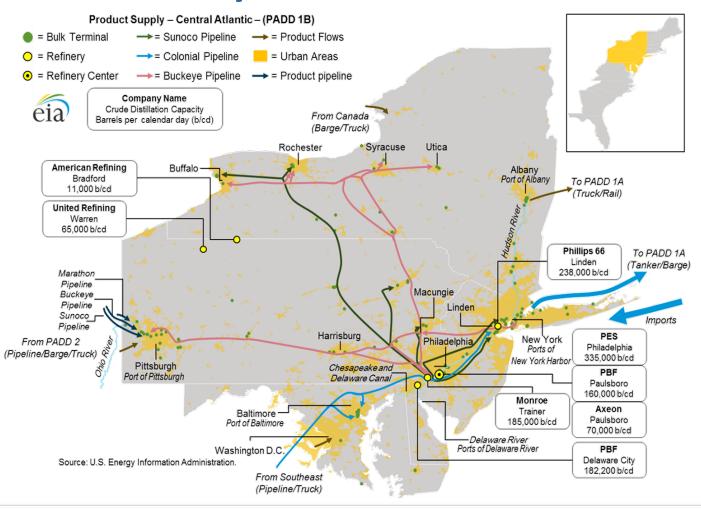


Petroleum Fuel Supply Chain SHORT REFINE **PRODUCE** TERM STORAGE BLEND ETHANOL/ADDITIVES POINT **TERMINAL** OF SALE

TCI Fuel System: New England



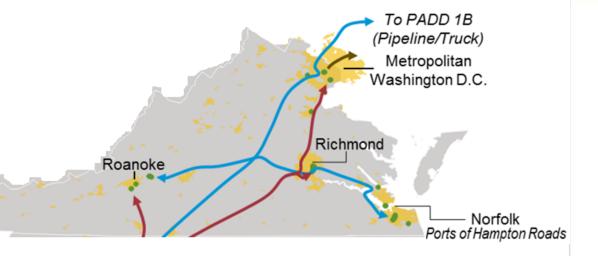
TCI Fuel System: Central Atlantic



TCI Fuel System: Virginia

Product Supply Southeast – (PADD 1C)

- = Bulk Terminal
- = Refinery
- → = Product Pipeline
- → = Colonial Pipeline
- → = Plantation Pipeline
- → = Product Flows
- = Marine Movements
- = Urban Areas



Recommended Fuel Coverage

Finished Motor Gasoline and On-Road Diesel

Why?

- Largest portions of transportation GHGs (>82%)
- Can readily limit the scope to transportation only (e.g., fuels for other sectors like natural gas or home heating oil are not covered)
- Using default emissions factors, simple to estimate combustion emissions based on volumes of fuel sold
- Availability of tracking data, plus existing regulatory programs
- Jet fuel and others could be added later, if desired

Determining the point of regulation for a cap and invest program for transportation emissions

Important Considerations for a Point of Regulation

- 1. Technical feasibility
- 2. Higher upstream means covering a fewer number of larger sources
- 3. Targeted coverage, minimize misreporting and miscounting
- 4. Avoid regulating activities outside state boundaries
- Build on existing programs, reporting requirements and industry practices
- 6. Consistent approaches simplify compliance for companies that operate in multiple jurisdictions
- 7. Manageable program administration workload

Options That Can Be Dismissed Easily

- Crude oil at point of extraction
 - Not much in the region
 - Exceedingly difficult to determine its end use
- Retail fuel stations
 - 10,000s of entities
- Individual vehicles at point of combustion
 - Millions of entities







Narrows it down to Three Options

A. Refiners and Importers

B. State Fuel Taxation Entities

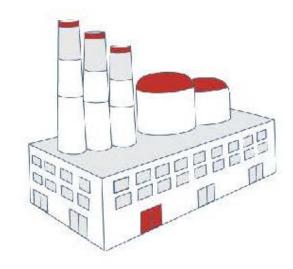
C. EIA Prime Suppliers

Option A: Refiners and Importers

Oil refineries, and entities importing fuels into the TCI region through pipeline, barge, railcar, and truck

Characteristics:

- Not one single database
- Most fuel consumed in the region is produced outside the region
- Oil refineries operate in global market for petroleum products
- Large entities



Seven refineries in the region:

Delaware (DE); Bayway, Paulsboro(NJ); Bradford, Philadelphia, Trainer, Warren (PA)

Option B: State Fuel taxation entities

Characteristics:

- The federal fuel excise tax is usually assessed at the bulk terminal rack
- Each of the 13 TCI jurisdictions have a motor fuel excise tax
- Entities subject to state fuel excise taxes vary widely
 - Some small: local distributor
 - Some large: like federal tax
- Could build on existing reporting, regulatory, and tracking mechanisms
 - But, mostly confidential business information

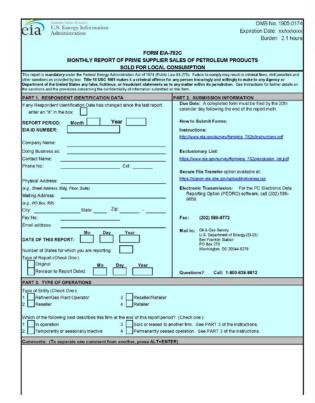


Option C: EIA Prime Suppliers

Defined as: "A firm that produces, imports, or transports selected petroleum products across State boundaries and local marketing areas, and sells the product to local distributors, local retailers, or end users."

Characteristics:

- Report volumes of fuel on a monthly basis to EIA (Form EIA-782C)
- Only 195 Prime Suppliers in the United States, and about 100 that report for any of the 13 TCI jurisdictions
- Reporting is mandatory
- Most Prime Suppliers are large companies that supply fuel to multiple states



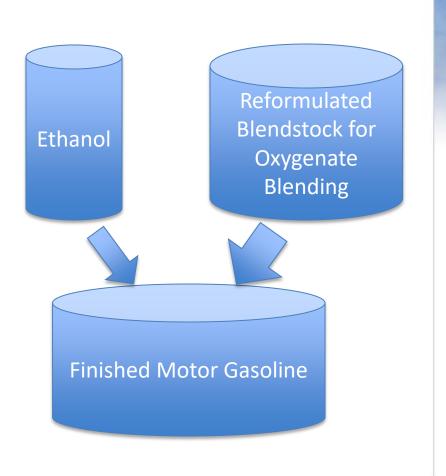
Advantages of using Prime Suppliers as the point of regulation

- 1. State-based definition
- 2. Entities exist in every state
- 3. Consistent across states
- 4. Higher in the supply chain than many state points of taxation
- 5. Typically larger companies than those assessed by state taxes
- 6. Based on reporting requirement designed to avoid double counting
- 7. More adaptable:
 - Relatively easy to expand coverage to more fuel types
 - States could join (or leave) with less disruption to the program

Building on the EIA Prime Supplier report

Reporting requirements to add:

- Fuel components:
 blendstock, ethanol,
 biodiesel, etc
- 2. Measures to reduce underreporting and misreporting



Data sources to bolster the information in the Prime Supplier report

- EPA Greenhouse Gas Reporting Program information on refineries as well as importers/distributors
- EPA fuel sulfur program information on where custody of a batch of fuel is transferred
- EPA Renewable Fuels program information about where final motor gasoline is created by blending
- EIA-821 Annual Fuel Oil and Kerosene Sales Report
- State taxation records
- 3rd party market information brokers

Summary

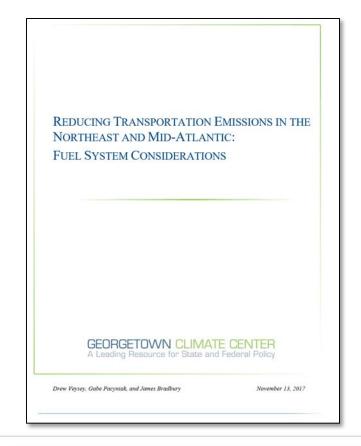
Recommendations:

- Cover finished motor gasoline and on-road diesel
- Use Prime Suppliers as the point of regulation, with some additional information used to strengthen reporting

Next steps:

The TCI Technical Analysis
 Workgroup is exploring details
 (final decisions have not been
 made)

More details in Georgetown paper \rightarrow



Thank you!

For more information, please find the paper here:

https://www.georgetownclimate.org/reports/reducing-transportation-emissions-in-the-northeast-and-mid-atlantic-fuel-system-considerations.html

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