

# BIODIESEL TESTIMONIAL

## THE TWO MILLION MILE HAUL

Nearly 750,000 miles have been logged in a two-year study dubbed the "Two Million Mile Haul." The study, which examines the benefits of soy biodiesel at a 20 percent blend or B20, is the first of its kind being performed in tractor-trailers over the road in the U.S.

Don Heck, biofuels program coordinator at Iowa Central, said the study was first launched in October 2006 with studies being performed on a fleet of 20 tractor-trailers. One-half of the trucks burn petroleum diesel with the other 10 trucks burning a B20 blend. Decker and Iowa Central are collaborating with the Iowa Soybean Association, Caterpillar, Inc., USDA and the National Biodiesel Board as sponsors of the study. Thus far, Decker had high praise for the study.

"We decided to do this study because once the petroleum industry switched to ultra low sulfur diesel last fall we knew we needed a lubricity agent so our engines would not wear out as fast." Dale Decker, director of Decker Truck Lines

Caterpillar, Inc., who is a part of the study, agreed to participate by maintaining the trucks including the final analysis of the engines once the study is complete.

Heck said each truck will have about 200,000 miles of service once the study has been completed sometime in 2008.

Heck said, "There has been some cold flow issues in the past that have given biodiesel a bad name, but we have not encountered those problems and we think that is because the fuels are properly blended each time."



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