Future of Fuels

A vision of commercial road freight fueled by low-carbon sustainable technology

Introduction

Commercial freight transportation is at the cusp of a transition. Energy supply is changing with new fuels entering the market, increased cost volatility, and questions about the impacts of fuel. Yet low-carbon energy for commercial freight is in short supply and technological barriers to their adoption are daunting. Furthermore, mixed and competing claims obscure clarity on the sustainability of fuel choices. Credible, fuel-neutral analysis and solutions are needed to drive transition sustainably.

Our Accomplishments

- We created a Case Study Library, allowing companies to share data and feedback on low-emission fuel technologies in a standardized format.
- We developed the Sustainable Fuel Buyers’ Principles, uniting buyers and shippers around requirements to accelerate the transition.
- We developed a fuel sustainability tool (Fuel Tool) for fleet owners to identify sustainable, low-carbon fuels.
- We published a comprehensive study on “The Sustainability Impacts of Fuel” and “Fuel Sustainability Briefs” (2015).

How We Work

- Development and use of Fuel Sustainability Tool
- Development of Case Studies
- Support for Sustainable Fuel Buyers’ Principles
- Three in-person meetings per year
- Quarterly member calls

40% of global greenhouse gas emissions are associated with transportation fuel.

Why Join?

We are a business-to-business initiative working with our member companies to increase the adoption of low-carbon fuels. Our members:

1. Network and engage with peers to share best practices and address common challenges
2. Collaborate with value chain partners to increase availability, and facilitate uptake of sustainable fuels
3. Empower corporate teams to identify and evaluate viable alternative fuel options

Our Insights

CASE STUDY LIBRARY
Our Case Study Library covers a cross-section of clean fuels and technologies to facilitate information sharing, decrease barriers to entry, and accelerate adoption of alternatives. Read more ➜

SUSTAINABLE FUEL BUYERS’ PRINCIPLES
The Sustainable Fuel Buyers’ Principles allow buyers and shippers to publicly support and outline requirements for sustainable fuels. Read more ➜

FUEL TOOL
Our Fuel Sustainability Tool simplifies sustainability for fleet owners and provides credible, comparable data for fleet planning and fuel purchasing. Visit our website to read more and download the tool. Read more ➜

REPORTS
Future of Fuels Sustainability Briefs
BSR’s Future of Fuels helps companies understand the impacts of commercial transportation fuel and how they can work together to create a system that is sustainable, resilient, and affordable. Read more ➜

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