Is the glass half full or half empty?..

- The optimist says the glass is half full.
- The pessimist says the glass is half empty.
- The project manager says the glass is twice as big as it needs to be.
- The first engineer says the glass is over-designed for the quantity of water.
- The second engineer says he's glad he put the other half in a redundant glass.
- The consultant says let's examine the question, prepare a strategy for an answer, and all for a daily rate of...
- The realist says the glass contains half the required amount of liquid for it to overflow.
- And the cynic... wonders who drank the other half.
- The teacher says it's not about whether the glass is half empty or half full, it's whether there is something in the glass at all.

Anyway... Attitude is not about whether the glass is half full or half empty, it's about who is paying for the next round.







Working with Local Agencies to Develop Local Power Collaboration

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Assistance with statewide project development, financing, and long-term management of energy infrastructure

- Diesel powerhouses
- Heat Recovery
- Bulk Fuel
- Power Cost Equalization
- Renewable (wind, bio, hydro, solar)
- End-use efficiency
- Railbelt assets





Quinhagak, AK

Technical Assistance – Maintaining Infrastructure

Rural Utility Assistance

- Circuit Rider
- Electrical emergency response
- Business administration

Training

- AVTEC Partnership
- Denali Commission funding
- Bulk Fuel Operator
- Power Plant Operator
- Biomass Operator
- Utility Clerk







Diesel Rules: primary power in 90% of rural Alaska





Statewide Installed Generation Capacity in Alaska

Excluding Railbelt and Southeast





AEA Heat Recovery Program: Mission & Strategy

Mission

- Utilize recovered heat from power plants and other heat sources to reduce the cost of energy in Alaska
- Feasibility studies for potential heating projects
- Provide technical support
- Conduct educational and outreach events

Strategy

- Include Heat Recovery in all possible Generator upgrades
- Develop partnerships
 - Share technology
 - Secure grants
 - Heat sales agreements



AEA Heat Recovery Program: Funding & Prioritization

• Funding

- AEA with Washington State University and the US Department of Energy
- ANTHC conducts many separate feasibility studies
- Historically the Renewable Energy Fund has funded several Heat Recovery Projects
- Eligible for Power Project Loan fund

Prioritization

- State-wide planning experts and AEA RPSU evaluate generation systems
- Existing systems, Renewable energy potentials, other projects
- Requests from Communities



Accomplishments

- 7 Prefeasibility Studies
- **16** Projects in Design or Construction phase
- Over **75** Heat Recovery systems operational across the state
- Additional projects in conceptual phase





What is Heat Recovery?

- Find a process that gives off heat.
 - Diesel Generators
 - Manufacturing
- Capture excess heat, use it to heat buildings or other processes.
 - Full utilization of fuel's energy content





What is a Heat Recovery System?





Heat Recovery System Basics

- Capture and use heat that would otherwise be wasted
- Purpose is to reduce heating fuel consumption
- NOT to be the primary heat source (End user buildings need to maintain a working heating system)
- Basic configuration is fairly standard
- Reliability is highest when system is kept simple



Heat Recovery System performance

- 30 to 35% of fuel energy used in diesel powerhouse is converted to electricity
- The remainder ends up as heat via radiator, charge air, exhaust and radiant
- 15-20% of heat can be captured (dependent on engine type and system configuration
- Typically 60% of heat available can actually be used (losses, seasonal need, etc)
- 10 to 15% net heat utilized.



Gallon of Fuel Allocation for Diesel Generation by the Old Rule of Thumb







Gallon of Fuel Allocation for New Technology Diesel Generation







Basic Components of Heat Recovery System





Plate & Frame Heat Exchanger



Brazed Plate Heat Exchanger









Power Plant Equipment



End User Bldg Equipment









Normal Desired Operating Temperatures







Do You Call an Electrician or Plumber?



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Capturing Heat for Alternative Energy Sources





Electric Boilers with Heat Recovery

- Both wind and hydro systems use electric heat for frequency control, put it to use
- High wind power can exceed grid load and can be dumped into electric heat
- Run of river hydro power use or lose (water spills over impoundment)
- Diesel heat recovery available decreases when electric power is offset with alternative energy



Biomass Boilers with Heat Recovery

- Use biomass to supplement diesel heat recovery
- Can offset day/night and season variations in recovered heat from diesel



Heat Recovery with Alternative Heat Source




















What do you do when you walking down the road and encounter this sign?









Potential Operating Temperatures





Benefits of Integrating Alternative Energy with Heat Recovery

- Increased fuel savings
- Higher heat delivery temperature
- Reduced pumping energy needed
- Smaller pumps and piping



Potential Limitations to Consider

• Higher temperatures may not work with PEX (plastic) arctic pipe systems



Typical PEX Arctic Pipe















Optimize Utilization of Alternative Energy Heat Sources

- Large connected heat loads
- Sequence loads if possible, low temp systems down stream of high temp
- Large fluid volume, thermal storage
- Coordinate controls with feed back, reduce heat output as load drops



Plan for Successful Project

- Locate source close to heat loads
- Electric boilers can be installed far from alternative energy source
- Model system, available diesel heat and heat from alternative source
- Design a coordinated system to maximize utilization of available energy
- Use proven concepts and equipment
- Make as simple as possible























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Heat Sales Agreements

- Summary and intent of the agreement
- Definitions & acronyms
- Length of time of agreement
- Exit clauses
- Description of system including sketches
- Operations and maintenance system, provider typically covers
- Payments
- Amount, typically 50 to 75% of the purchaser's avoided cost of diesel fuel
- BTU meter required and it location in system important to understand
- Gallon of fuel equivalency to number of BTU's











Heat Sales Agreement Sample



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CAT 3456 Typical Exhaust Manifold





CAT 3456 Marinized Manifold





Optimized Diesel Engine Heat Recovery

- Standard CAT 3456 = 17,300 gallon/yr of potential heating fuel savings
- Marine Conversion 3456 = 29,300 gallon/ yr of potential heating fuel savings
- Fuel Savings = 12,000 gallons/yr
- Fuel at \$4.50/gallon = \$54,000/yr













"Man, I got the Only-A-Half-Hour-For-Lunch-And-The-Salmon-Ain't-Jumping Blues."



Why Do Transformers Hum?

Because they Don't Know the Words!






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