

# OTTPA 2015 Diesel Fuel & Water Program

Hard to believe but it has been 10 years since OTTPA was the first association to have a spec fuel for a class. It all started in 2006 along with the box turbo in the Super Farm (SF) class. My goal then was to have more even competition with rules that lead to less cost and multiple winners. This makes for a healthier class that led to more anticipation and now has trickled over into other classes with same results. There were so much bickering over turbo, cheating fuel and water back then and you hear none of that now. The new Limited Pro Stock (LPS) class we started back in 2008 along with the new Light Limited Pro Stock (LLP) class in 2013 was setup with the same rules for fair competition and to keep cost down. The Pro Stock (PS) class also adopted turbo, fuel and water rules to keep these tractors on the track back in 2009. This class is the best as it ever has been in OTTPA because the turbo limit has kept these tractors on the track. These spec turbo rules over the years have saved these different classes over a million dollars in turbo cost and kept the entertainment value up with more vehicles and multiple winners.

The first 3 years we ran Pure Purple Fuel and then we switched to Stern Oil Company for our fuel and water needs. The last two or three years Stern Oil Company has been slow on getting our product out along with testing issues, so it was decided by the board last November to look elsewhere for this service. My first choice was Power Service out of Weatherford, TX as they had done some of our testing in the past. After negotiations and a visit to Power Service I thought they would be our supplier but we couldn't come together on some issues. I want long term commitments on product, testing and sponsorship.

This left us late in the spring with no fuel and water supplier. Thanks to Bill Oberste he set me up with VP Racing Fuels out of Manhattan, KS. I had approached Bill when I first started looking for a fuel and water supplier last fall and they were not interested at the time. I wanted to keep the fuel and water with the same vendor for shipping, purchasing, and testing reasons. After a meeting with Justin Bolt of VP Racing Fuels in Manhattan, KS a deal was done for VP Racing Fuels to make our diesel fuel and the Manhattan facility to make our water.

VP Racing Fuels tested our Stern Oil Company diesel fuel and made our batch about the same. Some have dynoed the new fuel and came up with less horsepower and some have dynoed and came up with the same. After over 300 hooks with the new fuel no one has had pump issues or anything else. It has worked great for OTTPA.

Last week VP Racing Fuels called and after lots of dyno testing of their own they wanted to make a new batch of their VP Racing "TORQ" Diesel Fuel. They did not want to have it match Stern Oil Diesel fuel like I requested, they wanted it to be the best diesel fuel available on the market. They will market this for drag racing and other forms of motorsports besides tractor and truck pulling. It will be the same fuel nationwide.

The new VP Racing "TORQ" Diesel Fuel will make more horsepower and they want to offer an exchange to anyone that has the original VP Racing diesel fuel the made for OTTPA. They will have a truck at the big OTTPA "Thunder in the Valley" event in Rock Valley, IA this weekend and will exchange with whatever fuel you have left. You do not have to exchange diesel fuel if you do not want to. To me this speaks volume about VP Racing Fuels wanting to have the best fuel in the industry and their commitment to OTTPA on testing and sponsorship.

After some meetings with Chris Wall, Chief Marketing Officer with VP Racing Fuels they are the official fuel of Outlaw Truck & Tractor Pulling Association. This is a three year sponsorship deal and starting in 2016 all OTTPA classes will run VP Racing fuels. This includes gas classes (P4x4), to alcohol classes (LLM, 2WD, 4WD, MOD, USS, some of LSS) and all diesel classes (D4x4, LLP, SF, LPS. PS, DSS, PSS, some of the LSS with the new "TORQ" Diesel fuel. One of the good things with VP Racing Fuels research and development and testing ability the fuel will be the same from year to year, so fuel not used the previous year will be good the next year.

Our 26 weeks on NBC Sports that starts every Thursday at 2:00 PM Central Time on July 30<sup>th</sup> cost over \$250,000 and it is sponsors like VP Racing Fuels that help make this possible.

Thanks, Doug