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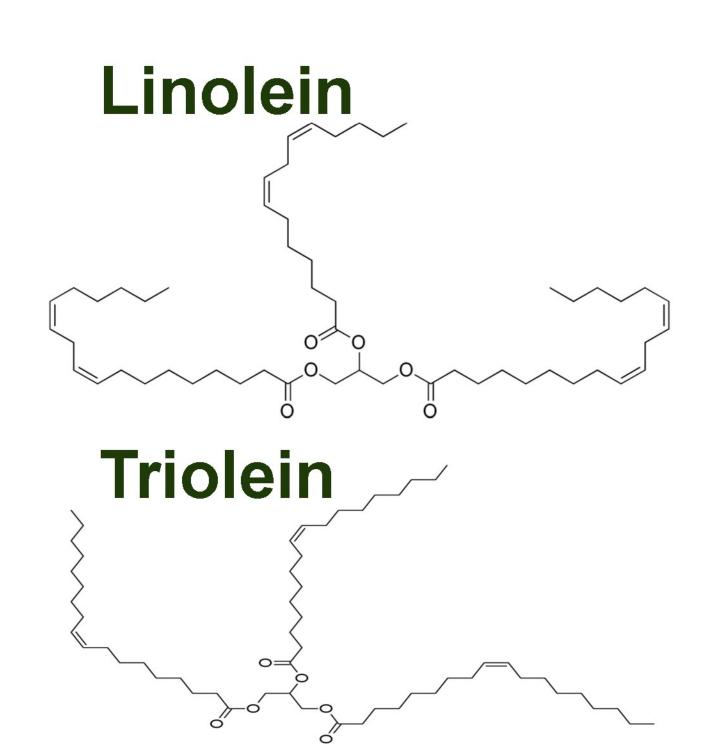
Biofuels Production Facility for Renewable Energy Generation

What?

Biodiesel is an automotive fuel alternative to fossil fuels.



- Produces methyl esters which can be burned in diesel engines.



Why?

Renewable:

Produced from vegetable oils

Sponsor: Testa Produce

Desire to be environmentally friendly

Environment:

Cleaner burning emissions Recycles waste cooking oils

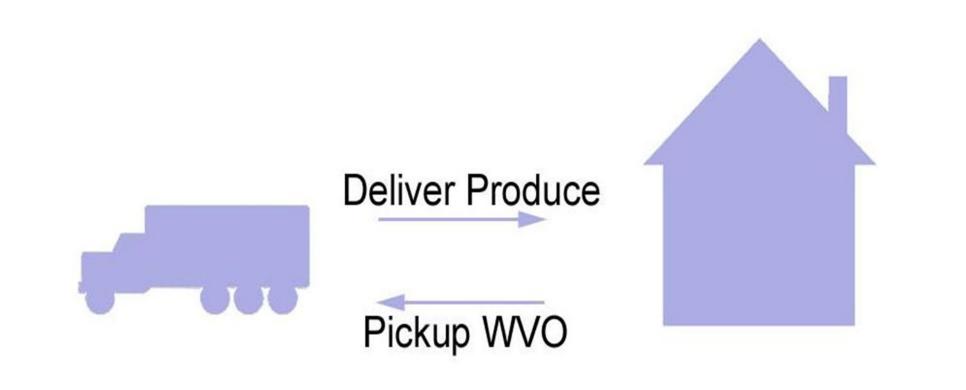
Biodiesel VS. Bioethanol

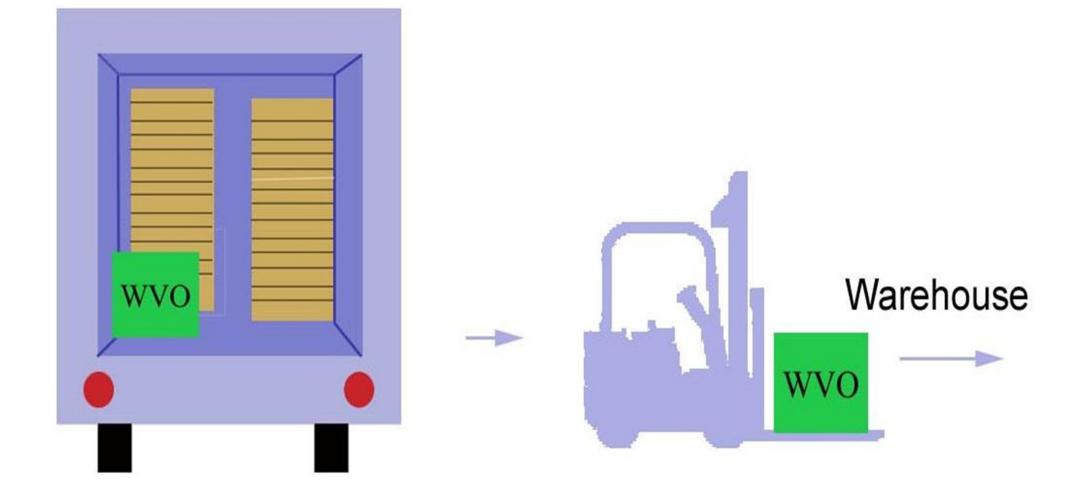
Bioethanol

- Produced by fermentation
- Mainly corn and sugarcane stock
- Requires flex fuel engines

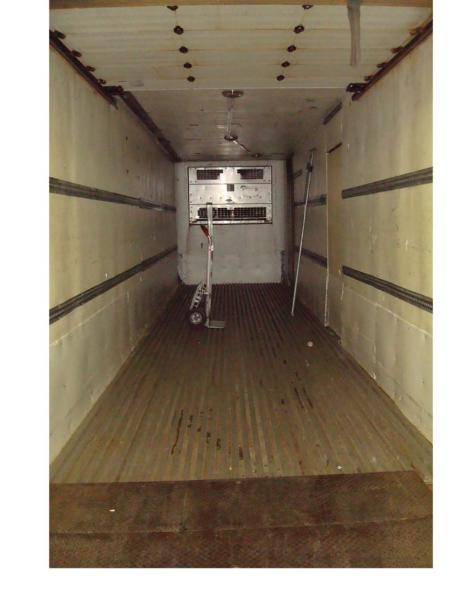
Biodiesel

- Produced by transesterification
- Desired by sponsor
- Large range of feedstock oils.
- Few engine modifications required (diesel)









Oil Container

Inside Truck

Storage

- Store WVO on site in 275 gal "Tote" or IBC (Intermediate **Bulk Container)**
- Store methanol on site in container (in accordance with OSHA)
- Waste glycerol can either be partially purified and sold or taken to a water treatment plant
- Waste water may have to be treated prior to disposal
- Make sure all state and federal permits are obtained for transport, storage and disposal

Transportation

While delivering produce, pick up WVO from hotels, restaurants, etc.

- Cooled oil return to original container (3-5 gal)
- Or pickup (1 3) 55gal drums
- Will only pick up "purest" WVO if necessary
- Keep WVO in separate area of truck to avoid any contamination of fresh produce, line area with plastic

Restaurants use different oils

(3 main: canola, sunflower, soybean)

Hard to keep separate, but can be processed together

Processing

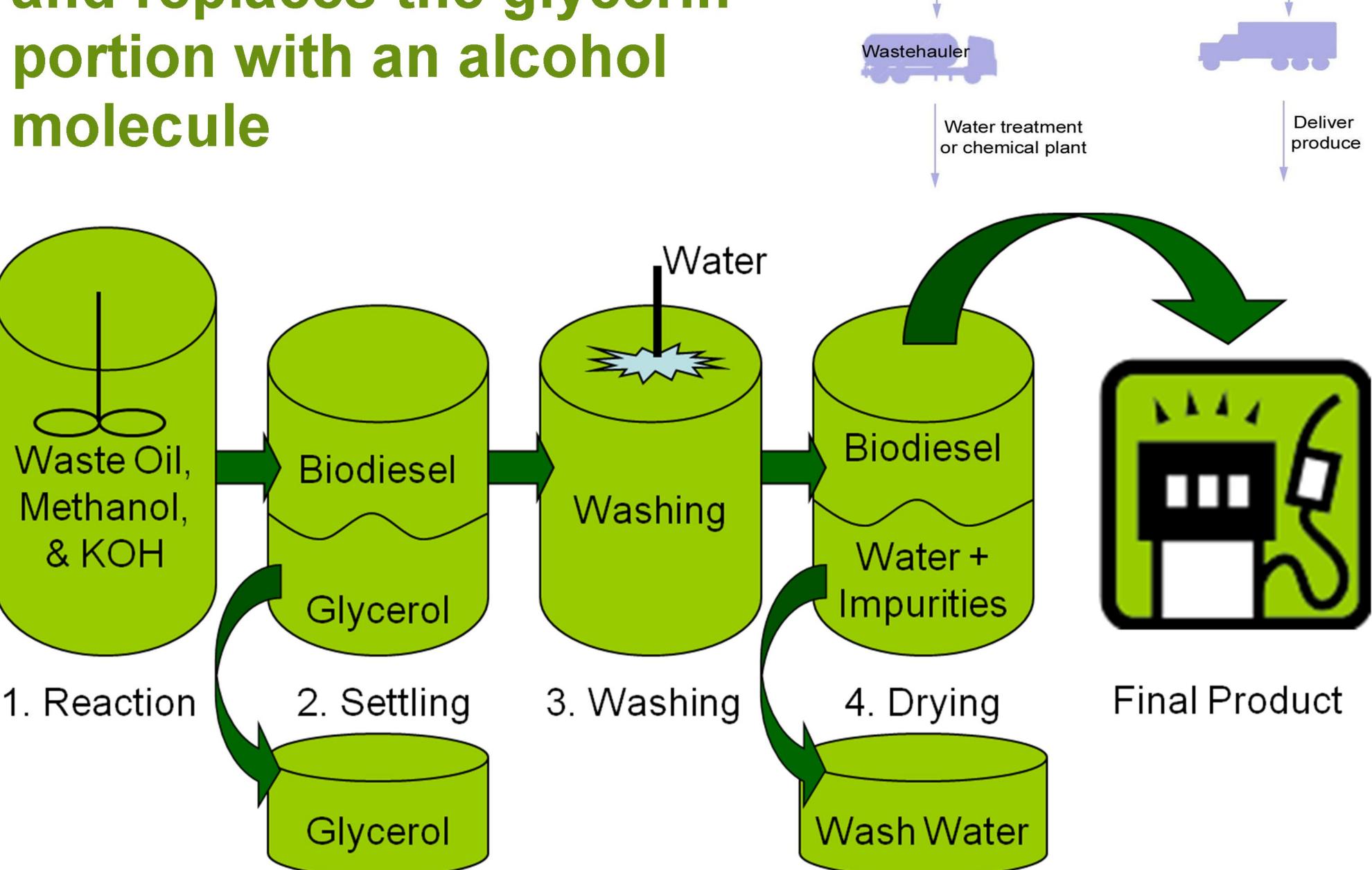
Biodiesel

Glycerol

May have effect on gel point

Production

- Break down oil molecules and replaces the glycerin portion with an alcohol



Production

Reactions:

 $Triglyceride(TG) + Methanol(M) \stackrel{k1,k2}{\longleftrightarrow} Diglyceride(DG) + Methyl Ester(E)$ $Diglyceride + Methanol \leftarrow {}^{k3,k4} \rightarrow Monoglyceride(MG) + Methyl Ester$ $Monoglyceride + Methanol \xleftarrow{k5,k6} \rightarrow Glycerol(GL) + Methyl Ester$ $\frac{d[TG]}{d} = -k_1[TG][M] + k_2[DG][E]$ $\frac{d[DG]}{L} = k_1[TG][M] - k_2[DG][E] - k_3[DG][M] + k_4[MG][E]$ $= k_{3}[DG][M] - k_{4}[MG][E] - k_{5}[MG][M] + k_{6}[GL][E]$ $\frac{d[GL]}{dL} = k_5[MG][M] - k_6[GL][E]$ $\frac{d[E]}{dt} = k_1[TG][M] - k_2[DG][E] + k_3[DG][M] - k_4[MG][E] + k_5[MG][M] - k_6[GL][E]$ $\frac{d[M]}{dt} = -\frac{d[E]}{dt}$

*[] = molar concentration and Methyl Ester is the Biodiesel product

gal/ 1200 week Required Biodiesel Reactants gal/ 1470 week gal/ Methanol 367.5 week KOH (90% Pure) 52 week **Products** gal/ 184 week Glycerol gal/ Biodiesel 1654 week *The biodiesel recipe must be fine-tuned based on available waste oil. For calculations a recipe of 22 vol% Methanol, 78 vol% Waste Oil, and 36grams KOH/gal



Oil was used.

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