

# **Biodiesel and Renewable Diesel Workgroup**

## **California Biodiesel Multimedia Revised Tier II Report**

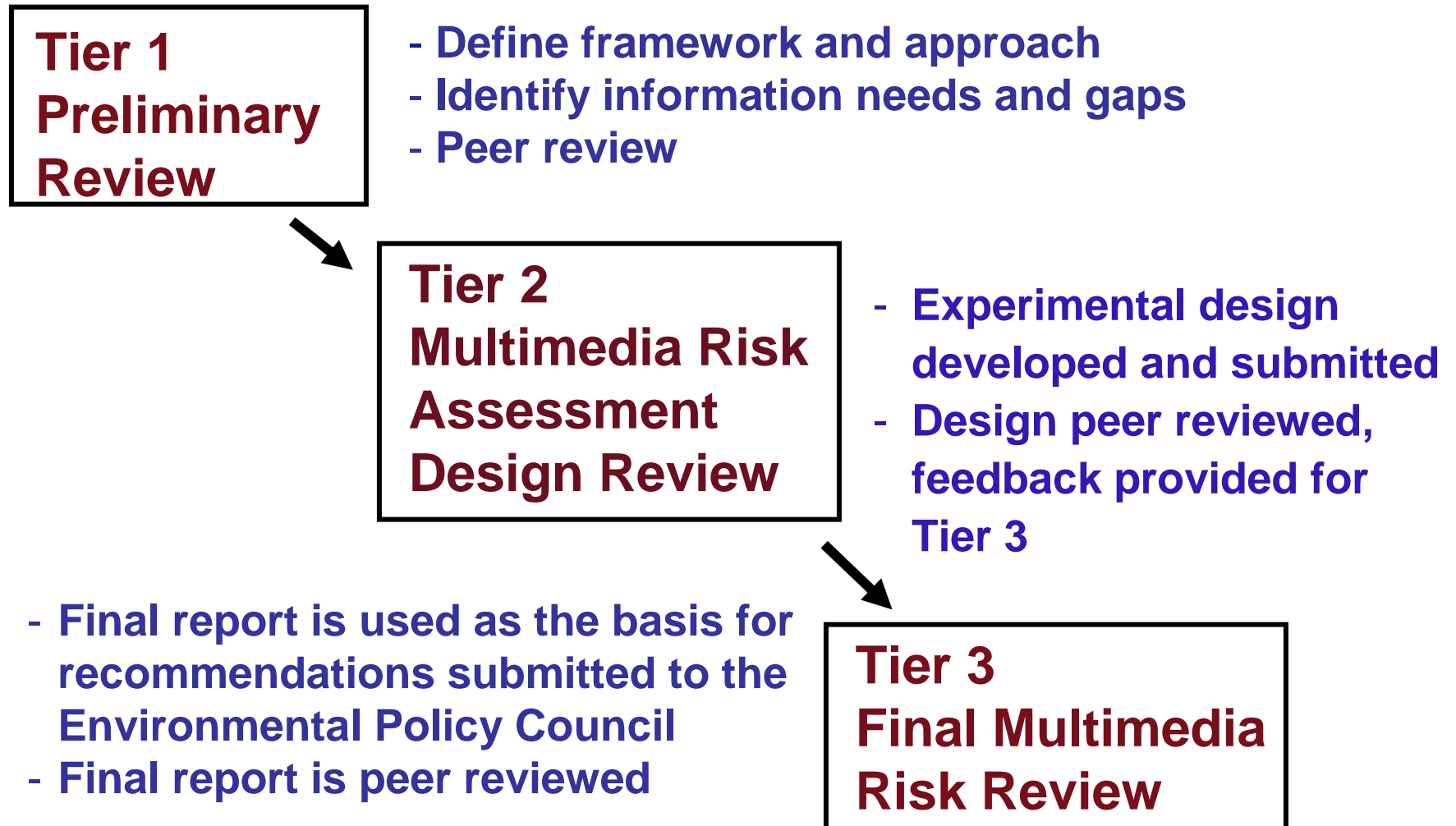
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# Tiered Approach Refresher







# Conclusions About Key Information Gaps

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- **Additives** composition, use, and impact
  - How **biocides and anti-oxidants** impact biodegradation
  - How priority additive impact human and ecosystem health
  - How cold flow property controllers impact multiphase transport, etc.
  - *toxicity*
- **Subsurface fate and transport** properties
- Releases - **Material Compatibility**
- **Biodegradation** of all biodiesel components in soils and aquifers
- More information on **air emissions**
- Missing **toxicological** data



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- **biocides and anti-oxidants**
    - cold flow, cetane booster, NOx reducer...
  - **Subsurface fate and transport**
  - **Material Compatibility**
  - **Biodegradation**
  - Air emissions
  - **Toxicological**



# Overview of the Biodiesel Tier II Plan

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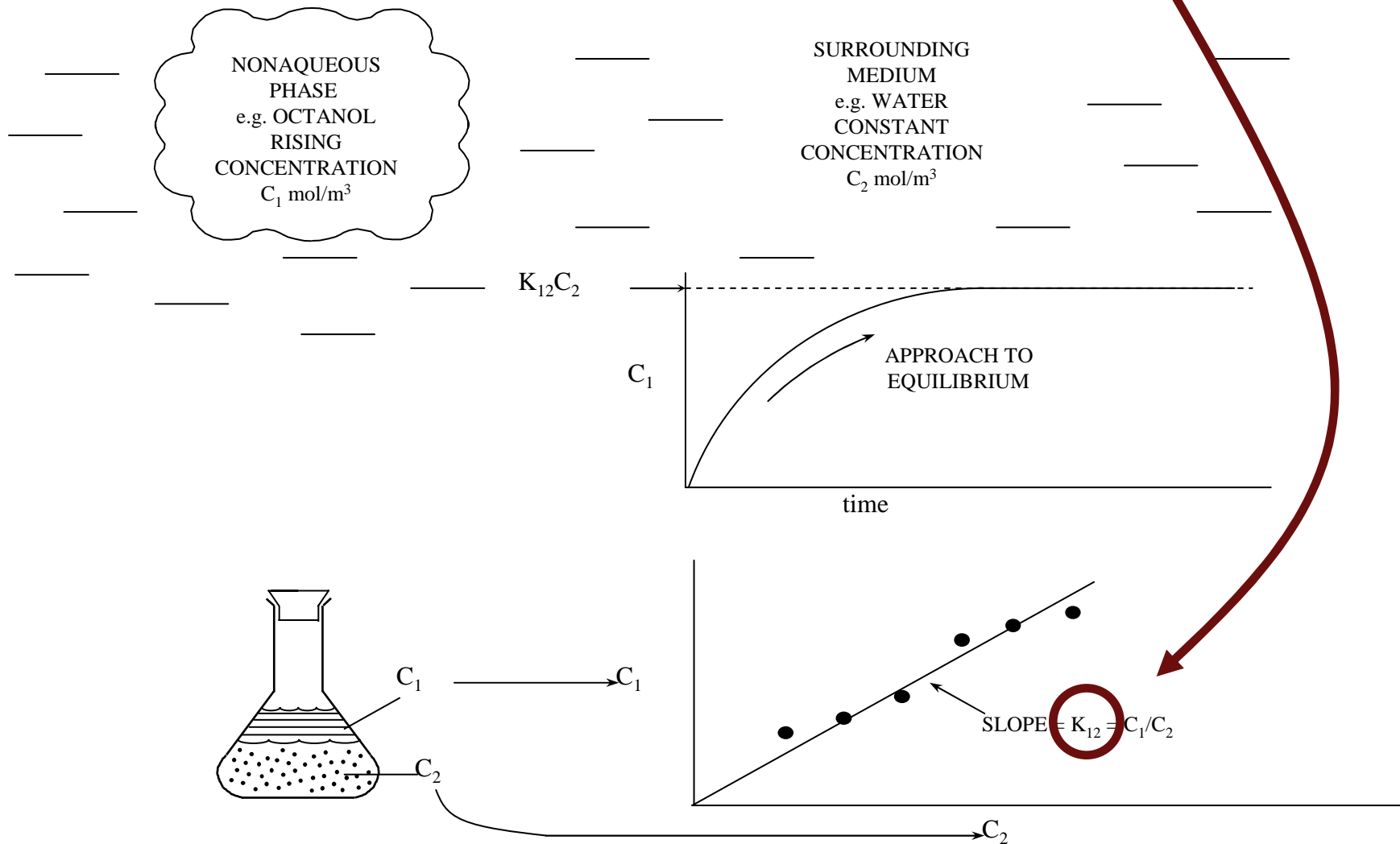
- **>Solubility of components<**
- **biocides and anti-oxidants**
  - cold flow, cetane booster, NOx reducer... >solubility<
- **Subsurface fate and transport**
- **Material Compatibility**
- **Biodegradation**
- Air emissions
- **Toxicological**

**Relative to ULSD**



# Experimental Determination (coming)

## Calculation of Partition Coefficients





# Solubility Calculations

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- **Assumptions:**
  - **Raoult's law**
    - Solubility proportional to mole fractions in biodiesel
  - **Assume activities =1**
    - (conservatively assumed based on knowing that the greatest partitioning of oil into the water phase will be achieved through this assumption).
  - **FAMES and additives partition according to Raoult's Law**
  - **Raoult's law implies the absence of cosolvency effects.**
    - (This may not be a conservative assumption when additives are involved, some of which are completely soluble in water and may affect solubility of other components of biodiesel)



# Solubility Calculations

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Biodiesel-water Partition Coefficient,  $K_o$  for kth component from Raoult's law

$$K_o = \frac{\omega_k \sum_{j=1}^N \frac{c_{oj}}{\omega_{oj}}}{S_k \gamma_k}$$

Where, per kth component:

- $\omega_o$  = the molecular weight (g/mol)
- $c_o$  = component concentration in biodiesel (g/L)
- $S$  = the solubility of the component in water (g/L)
- $\gamma$  = the activity coefficient of the component (assumed to be 1)
- component = FAME or additive compound.

...Will Compare with GC-MS



# Experimental Plan Summaries

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## Subsurface Fate & Transport

**Ant Farm**

## Material Compatibility

**Immersion batch**

## Biodegradation

**Multi-batch respirometry**

## Aquatic Toxicity

**6 species marine & freshwater**



# Subsurface Fate & Transport

## Approach:

**Ant Farm**

**2D infiltration vadose zone**

**Visual observation, dyes**

**Lens formation**

## Permutations:

**Two soils**

**Medium sand**

**Silty-sand-loam**

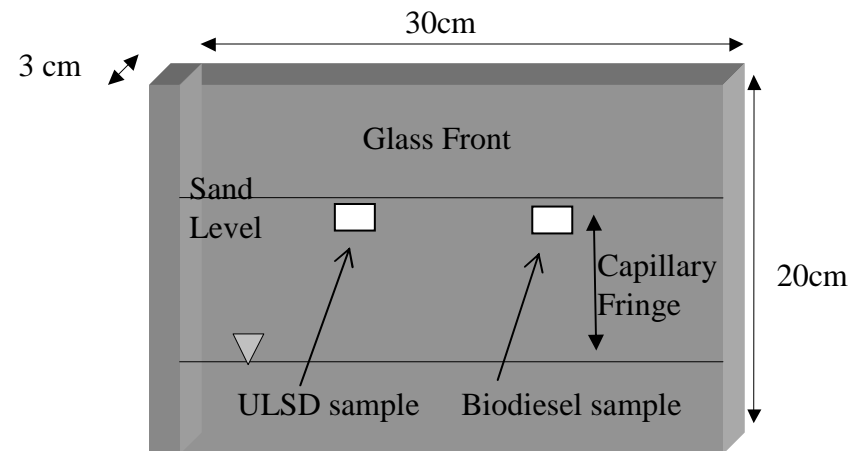
**B100 (Soy and animalfat)**

**antioxidant+biocide**

**B20 (Soy and animalfat)**

**antioxidant+biocide**

**ULSD**



# Subsurface Fate & Transport

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## Experimental Matrix

	ULSD	Animalfat B100	Animalfat B20	Soy B100	Soy B20
Reference	50-200 mL				
biocide and antioxidant		50-200 ml two soils	50-200 ml	50-200 ml two soils	50-200 ml
Totals	50-200mL	200-800 ml	100-400 ml	200-800ml	100-400ml



# Subsurface Fate & Transport

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# Material Compatibility

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## Approach:

**Prelude to anticipated UL testing**

Broad indicators

**Batch exposures**

1-4 months

Aerobic immersions

## Permutations:

**B100, B20, B5 x Animalfat, Soy**

With/without low salinity water

All with antioxidant additive

## Materials

Bimetal copper-steel coupons

Fiberglass

elastomers



# Material Compatibility

## Experimental Matrix

Low-salinity water

Material	ULSDx2	Animalfat			Soy		
		B100	B20x2	B5	B100	B20x2	B5
Copper-steel	.2 L	.2 L	.2 L	.2 L	.2 L	.2 L	.2 L
Fiberglass 1	.2 L	.2 L	.2 L	.2 L	.2 L	.2 L	.2 L
Fiberglass 2	.1 L	.1 L	.1 L	-	.1 L	.1 L	-
Elastomer 1	.2 L	.2 L	.2 L	.2 L	.2 L	.2 L	.2 L
Elastomer 2	.1 L	.1 L	.1 L	.1 L	.1 L	.1 L	.1 L
Elastomer 3	.1 L	.1 L	.1 L	-	.1 L	.1 L	-
Elastomer 4	.1 L	.1 L	.1 L	-	.1 L	.1 L	-
Totals	2 L	1 L	2 L	1 L	1 L	2 L	1 L





# Biodegradation

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## Approach:

**OECD (2004) recommended testing**

**Batch respirometry (CO<sub>2</sub>)**

Mineral medium,

inoculum activated sludge

Tested substrate (same slow stir method as aquatic tox)

## Permutations:

**B100 (Soy and animalfat)**

Antioxidant, antioxidant+biocide

**B20 (Soy and animalfat)**

Antioxidant, antioxidant+biocide

**ULSD**



# Biodegradation

## Experimental Matrix

	ULSD	Animalfat B100	Animalfat B20	Soy B100	Soy B20
Reference	.2 L				
antioxidant		.2 L	.2 L	.2 L	.2 L
antioxidant and biocide		.2 L	.2 L	.2 L	.2 L
subTotals	.2 L	.4 L	.4 L	.4 L	.4 L
Replication factor	3	3	3	3	3
Totals	.6 L	1.2 L	1.2 L	1.2 L	1.2 L



# Biodegradation

## Experimental Matrix And submatrix

	ULSD	Animalfat B100	Animalfat B20	Soy B100	Soy B20
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antioxidant		.2 L	.2 L	.2 L	.2 L
antioxidant and biocide		.2 L	.2 L	.2 L	.2 L
subTotals	.2 L	.4 L	.4 L	.4 L	.4 L
Replication factor	3	3	3	3	3
Totals	.6 L	1.2 L	1.2 L	1.2 L	1.2 L

Description	Content				# of Rep.	# of Microcosm
	Substrate	Inoculum	Mineral	Reference		
Test suspension	X	X	X		3	3x9 = 27
Inoculum blank		X	X		3	3
Procedure control		X	X	X	1	1
Abiotic + Adsorption control	X Sterilized	X Sterilized	X Sterilized		1	1x9 = 9
<b>TOTAL Microcosms:</b>						50



# Aquatic Toxicity

## Approach: 6 Species

### EPA methods for Chronic Toxicity

- W Coast Marine EPA 600/R-95-136, 1995
- Marine and Estuarine, EPA 821-R-02-014, 2002
- Freshwater EPA 821-R-02-013, 2002.

### Slow-stir aqu. prep (Schluep et al. 2001)

- 10:1 aqu:biodiesel, 24hrs, 2 hrs, decant
- GC-MS for solubility, stability
- 100%, 50%, 25%, 10%, 5%, 1%, 0% dilutions

### Multiple chronic and Acute endpoints

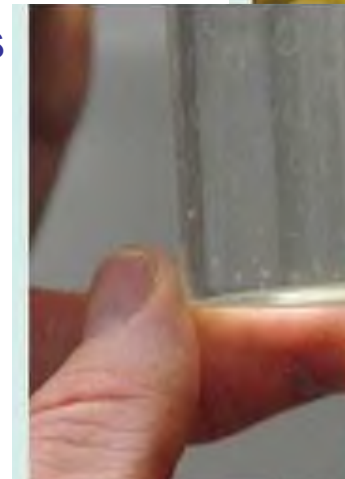
## Permutations:

**B20 Soy, B20 Animalfat**

Antioxidant and biocide

**B100/no biocide as feasible**

**ULSD**



Green Algae  
Ceriodaphnia  
Dubia

# Aquatic Toxicity

## Experimental Matrix

Test Species	Test Type	Test chemical				
		ULSD	B20S A	B20S A+B <sup>a</sup>	B20A A	B20A A+B
Green algae ( <i>Selenastrum capricornutum</i> )	96-hr chronic cell growth	1L	1L	1L	1L	1L
Water flea ( <i>Ceriodaphnia dubia</i> )	7-day chronic (survival and reproduction)	1L	1L	1L	1L	1L
Fathead minnow ( <i>Pimephales promelas</i> )	7-day chronic (survival and growth)	1L	1L	1L	1L	1L
Red Abalone ( <i>Haliotis rufescens</i> )	48-hr chronic (shell development)	1L	1L	1L	1L	1L
Mysid ( <i>Mysidopsis bahia</i> )	7-day chronic (survival and growth)	1L	1L	1L	1L	1L
Topsmelt ( <i>Atherinops affinis</i> )	7-day chronic (survival and growth)	1L	1L	1L	1L	1L
Totals		6L	6L	6L	6L	6L



# Summary

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## Relative to ULSD

**Broad Scope - Limited depth (time, \$)**

**Conservative design**

**Potential risk = potential impact x potential frequency of use**

## Present

**Soy, animalfat feedstocks**

**B100 storage, B20 storage & use, B5 use**

**Biocide, antioxidant**

## Absent

**Other feedstocks (yellowgrease, canola, etc.)**

**Other additives (coldflow, cetane booster, NOx reducer)**

**Anaerobic biodegradation, NAPL biodegradation**

**Coupled processes (SRB in UST)**

