

# **Fleet Fueling News**

# Question Answer

Q: What do you mean by "aggregate fuel cost?"

A: Aggregate fuel cost is the total cost related to the fueling process and subsequent management of information.

Q: What types of things are considered "costs?"

A: There are many items that should be factored into your fuel cost. For example, wasted time waiting in line, slippage (better known as theft or abuse), management time auditing and posting receipts, checking for driver abuses, and any other activity your fleet manager is doing that could be automated by a well thought out fueling program.

Q: Does River City Petroleum assist in conducting an aggregate fuel cost analysis for our company?

A: Yes! A fleet consultant will go through the analysis with you step by step. Just give us a call.

Contact us today to learn how we can lower your aggregate fuel cost!



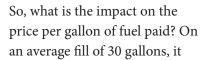
#### **Aggregate Fuel Cost on the Rise**

LAS VEGAS, NV – Fleet Managers nationwide are realizing the cost of fueling a vehicle goes far beyond the price per gallon. It has long been considered the best policy to pursue the lowest priced fuel, but are you really saving any money?

Fleet managers surveyed have a clear and concise answer: "Not really," particularly if the driver spends more than a few minutes fueling. The reason is that labor must be a factor when analyzing a fleet's aggregate cost of fuel.

For example: assume a driver is paid \$20.00 per hour loaded (including benefits), and they waste only 15 minutes during the fueling process on such

things as waiting in retail lines, browsing a C-Store/Truck Stop, or chatting with clerks. This represents an aggregate fuel cost increase of \$5.00 at that filling attributed to lost productivity. Most fleet managers agree this is not far fetched.





increases the price per gallon by almost .17 cents. ( $\$5.00 \div 30$  gallons = \$.167) The aggregate fuel cost increase is even higher if you are paying your drivers overtime, or have two employees to a vehicle.

So how does a fleet manager lower the aggregate fuel cost related to the fueling process itself? The best way is to select and implement a fuel management system that offers strictly commercial fueling locations. Also known as unattended fueling, these locations are free from congestion and distractions common in retail type fueling environments.

Not only are there fewer distractions that can consume the driver's time, commercial fueling facilities are more conveniently located in commercial related locations and on the Interstate highway system. Drivers spend less time searching for their next fuel stop. Once on site, the drivers are most often provided with high-speed dispensers which helps get the driver back on the road and productive more quickly.

Bottom line, the lowest price of fuel may not always be the best deal. Watch your aggregate fuel cost more closely and you will find significant savings in places you never imagined.

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## **Total Fuel Management**

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#### **Feature** Benefit Total transaction security, including Personal Identification Secure Transactions Number, helps eliminate abuse and slippage. Ensures driver purchases only authorized products for the Purchase Controls & Limits assigned vehicle, further reducing abuse and slippage. New Feature! Ensures driver access to fuel only when actively Time & Date Restrictions working for employer. New Feature! Primary controls for ensuring drivers are unable Daily Volume Limits to purchase more fuel in a single day than a given vehicle can consume. All locations guarantee accurate level 3 data including odometer, Level 3 Data gallons, price per gallon, tax breakout, time, date, and much more! Reduces time spent auditing driver activity by quickly identifying Exception Reporting abnormal fueling activity and bringing it to the fuel manager's attention. Provides consolidated management information through a single Management Reports source, saving fleet manager hours per month in auditing processes related to adding up and verifying driver receipts. Provides drivers with the most consistent network of fueling National Fueling Network locations nationwide, eliminating wasted time searching for diesel. All locations offer the very best in access and high-speed fueling.



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