Sticker Shock with Natural Gas

Natural gas vehicles have been generating buzz among fleets. But that quiets down for some of them upon seeing the investment required, which can range up to a few million dollars for a fueling station and to modify maintenance shops and vehicles.

Here’s the cost to upgrade to biodiesel blends or renewable diesel: $0. No vehicle or fuel infrastructure modifications are needed.

The biggest expense with natural gas is building a new fueling station, which most fleets put in themselves because of the lack of retail options. Here are potential equipment costs for a time-fill CNG station for fleets that fuel overnight at a central location. This does not take into account costs like land, engineering, vehicle and shop modifications or ongoing expenses.

* $1.8 million in 2019 dollars when adjusted for inflation

Source: www.nrel.gov/docs/fy14osti/62421.pdf Costs vary depending on many factors. Figures in this graphic are primarily the median equipment cost in the report.

The easy, low-cost transition is only one of the many benefits of biodiesel. To learn more about biodiesel’s financial, performance and environmental advantages, visit regi.com/REG-9000Biodiesel.