

The Internal Combustion Engine as a Low-Cost Soil Vapor Treatment Technology

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Demonstration Sites



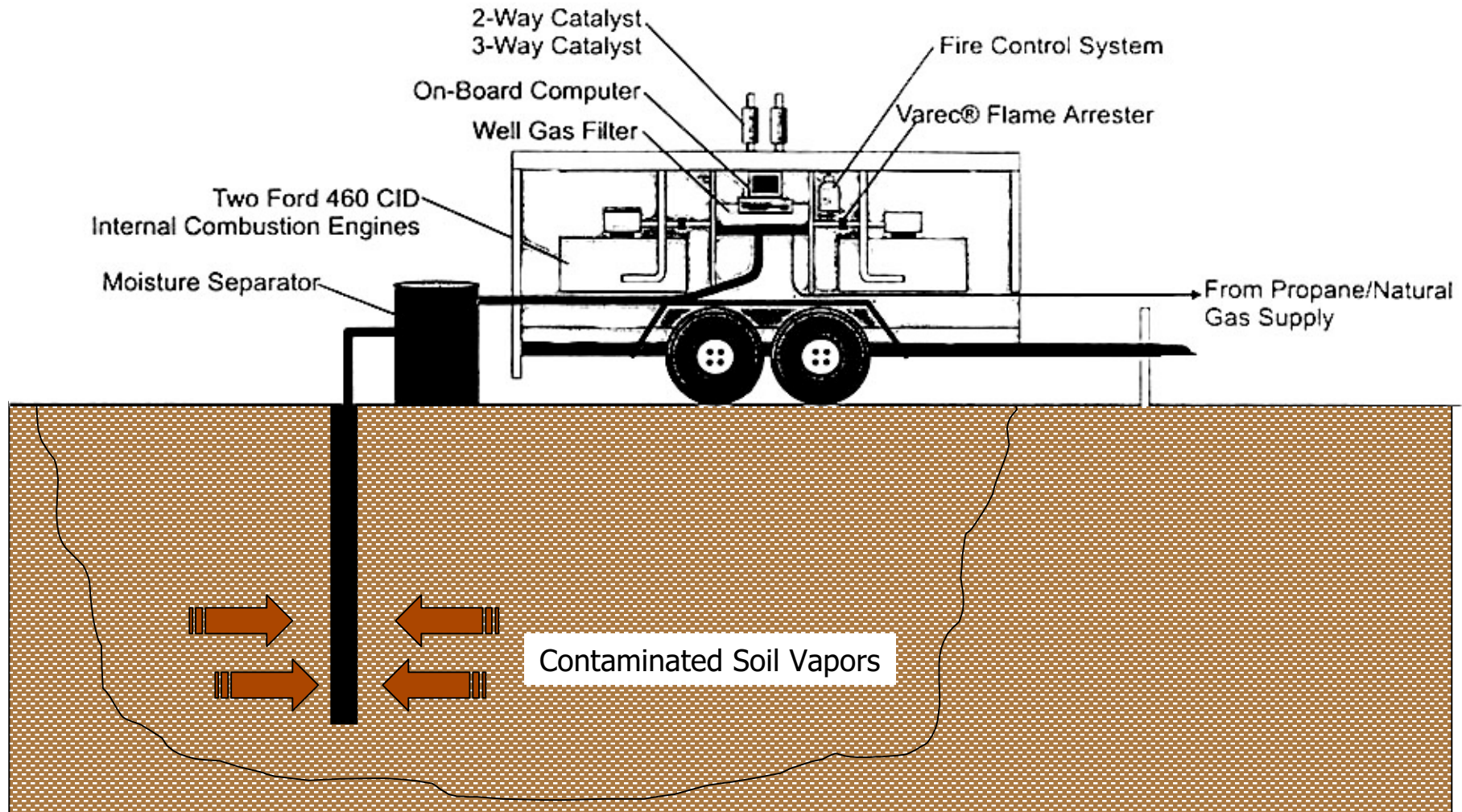
Williams AFB
(February 1997)

Luke AFB
(August 1994)

Davis-Monthan AFB
(September 1995)

Bolling AFB
(November 1994)

Conceptual Model of SVE using ICE



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ICE Technology- Performance Specifications

<i>Feature</i>	<i>V2C</i>	<i>V3</i>	<i>V4</i>
Max. Hydrocarbon Destruction Rate	12 lbs/hr	35 lbs/hr	70 lbs/hr
Destruction Efficiency for TVH / BTEX	>99%	>99%	>99%
Engine Size	140 cid	460 cid	920 cid (2 x 460)
Max. Vapor Flow Rate	25 scfm	70 scfm	140 scfm
Max. Vacuum (Inches of M ercury / Water)	20 / 270	20 / 270	20 / 270
Soil Gas Hydrocarbon Concentration (ppmV as gasoline) required to eliminate supplemental fuel use	30,000	30,000	30,000

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Discharge Requirements

<i>Site</i>	<i>Average Daily TVH Emissions</i>	<i>Discharge Limitations</i>
Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona	0.70 lb/day	2.4 lb VOCs/day
Luke AFB, Arizona	0.22 lb/day	3.0 lb VOCs/day
Bolling AFB, DC	0.84 lb/day	1.0 lb VOCs/day
Williams AFB, Arizona	1.28 lb/day	3.0 lb VOCs/day

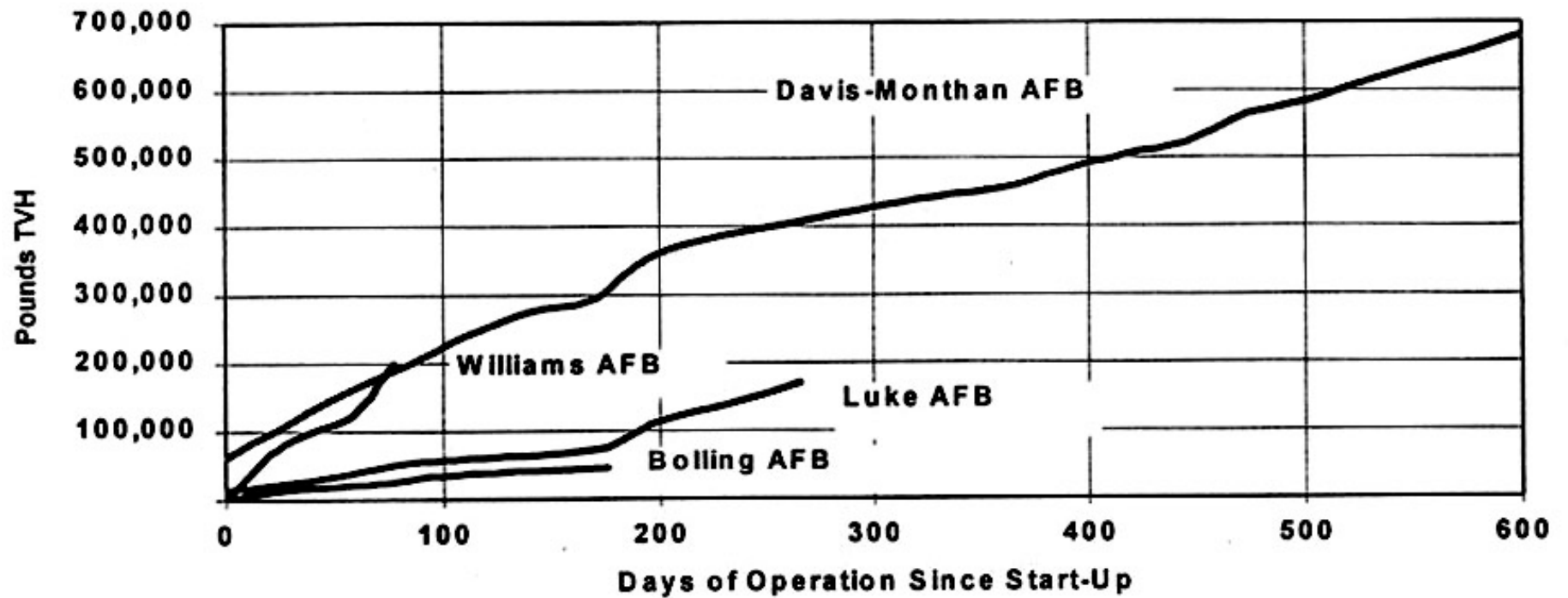
Site Descriptions

<i>Site</i>	<i>Geology</i>	<i>Depth to Groundwater</i>	<i>Maximum Soil TPH Concentration Range</i>	<i>Initial Estimated Contaminated Soil Volume</i>	<i>Initial Influent Vapor TVH Concentration</i>
Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona	Intermixed fine and coarse - grained deposits	300 ft bgs	11,000 mg/kg (TRPH)	220,000 yd ³	43,000 ppmv
Luke AFB, Arizona	Intermixed fine and coarse - grained deposits	320 ft bgs	12,000 mg/kg	9,300 yd ³	38,500 ppmv
Bolling AFB, DC	Intermixed fine and coarse - grained deposits	20 ft bgs	42,000 mg/kg	43,000 yd ³	123,000 ppmv
Williams AFB, Arizona	Fine-grained subunits intermixed with coarse-grained beds	200 ft bgs	35,000 mg/kg	100,000 yd ³	140,000 ppmv

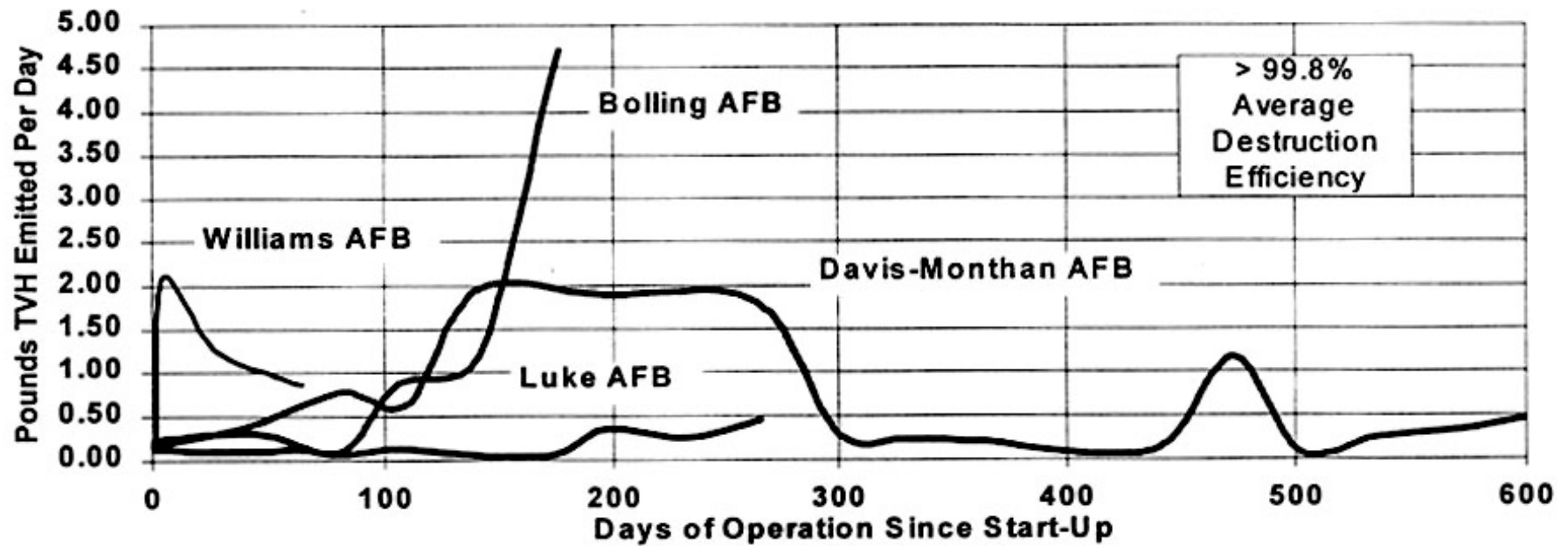
Site Descriptions (cont.)

Site Average Daily TVH Removal Rate Weighted Average Influent TVH Concentrations Davis-Month

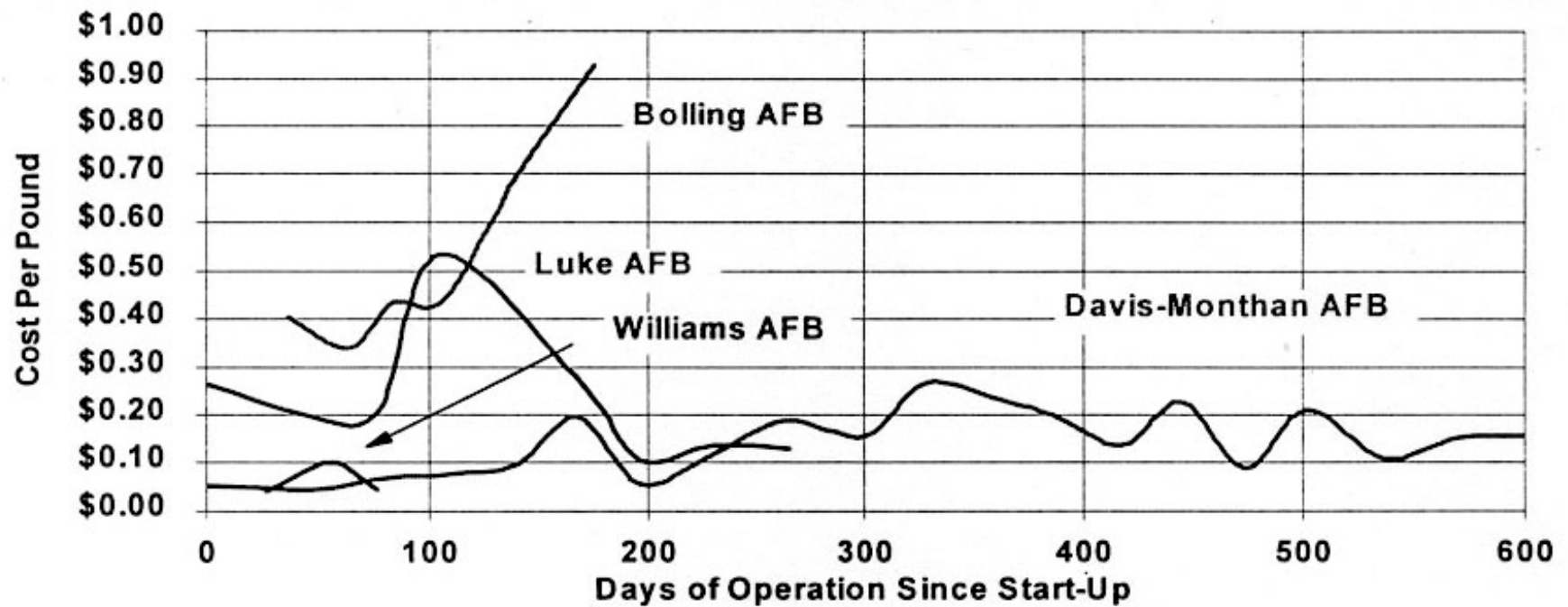
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Air Emissions



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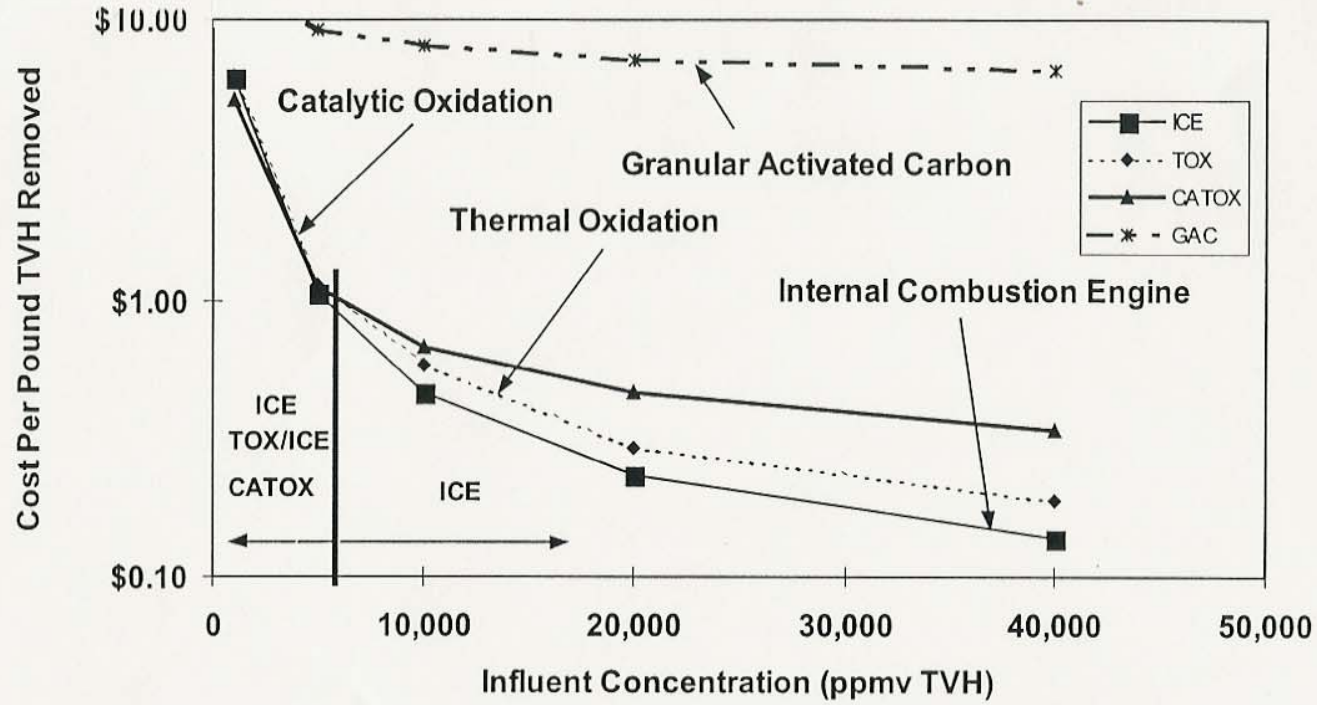
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- Monthly engine service

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- Bimonthly engine service
- Monthly emissions sampling
- Propane delivery



ASSUMPTIONS:

1. See Appendix C.
2. Well gas flow rate approximately 100 cfm.

FIGURE 3.6

**COST COMPARISON AS A
FUNCTION OF INFLUENT
CONCENTRATION**

ICE Demonstration
Comprehensive Technical Report

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AFCEE Final Conclusion

- **"....ICE technology is similar to that of thermal and catalytic oxidation when influent concentrations range between 3,000 to 5,000 ppmv TVH. Above these concentrations, ICE technology becomes more cost-effective."***

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