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GM's In-Use Emission Performance, Past, Present, Future

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ABSTRACT:

EPA and GM test programs have quantified the in-use emission performance of the GM closed-loop emission control systems. In-use exhaust emission levels, adjusted to the 50,000 mile point, show averages under the standards for the 1986 model year cars. In-use evaporative emission levels are under the standard, on average, for the 1985 and 1986 model year cars. Fuel injection systems have inherent evaporative emission performance advantages over carburetor systems. Average exhaust emission levels for the national fleet will continue to decrease as the closed-loop fleet replaces the older models. Predictions of future inventories are lower if the GM data reflecting the 1981+ emission improvements are used instead of the estimates currently in the MOBILE3 model.