

# Fuel Management After A Hurricane

The big storm is over. What do you do next about your fuel? Use this handy guide from Bell Performance to find out.

**Q. Did you have problems with your stored fuel during the hurricane?**

*Yes*

What problems did you have?

Backup generators and equipment wouldn't start

Generators shut down/ wouldn't hold full load

Filters plugged

*Solutions*

**Starting Problems** are usually due to a combination of microbes, sludge or fuel instability. Use **biocide and sludge dispersant**.

**Problems Maintaining Load** can be due to degraded cetane value of the stored fuel, if not microbial infestation. Use **cetane improver and biocide**.

**Filter Plugging** can be due to microbial biomass plugging fuel filters. You need **tank cleaning and fuel filtration**.

*No*

Outstanding! Now is the time to assess the state of your fuel and tanks to head off any future problems

*Best Practice*

**Check for water in fuel storage tanks**, especially after a hurricane. Water ingress can be responsible for multiple future headaches.

*Best Practice*

**Check for microbes in storage tanks.** If you have fuel microbes and they didn't cause problems, you dodged a bullet. You may not be so lucky the next time.

*Best Practice*

**Assess your fuel PM program.** It's the best way to keep your mission critical stored fuel viable and ready to meet the next challenge.

Not sure what you need to be doing for fuel PM? Talk to us.

*The Bottom Line*



If the hurricane has opened your eyes to the need for fuel management, we can help. Ask us about our Tank Testing Special.

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