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(54) Diesel fuel additives containing cerium or manganese and detergents

(57) Provided herein is a diesel fuel additive composition comprising cerium oxide nanoparticles, optionally a manganese compound, a detergent, and a demulsifier. In one embodiment, the demulsifier has relatively low phosphorus concentration to thereby improve the solubility of the components and the thermal stability and clar-

ity of the resulting diesel fuel. Also provided are methods for improving fuel economy, reducing smoke production, inhibiting deposition of sludge, and improving storage stability.



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1. claims: 1-23 (all in part), 24, 27-30, 31 (in part), 35 (in part).

Method of improving diesel fuel stability (improving the solubility of an organometallic package, reducing haze, reducing filter blockage and improving demulsification)
Fuel additive

2. claims: 1-23 (all in part), 25, 26, 31 (in part), 33, 34, 35 (in part)

Method of improving combustion in a diesel engine (reducing smoke, improving an emission control system).
Emission control system.

Fuel additive

3. claim: 32

Method for reducing foam in a diesel fuel.

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