## RDE: Requirements for an effective Instrument

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#### **About DUH**

- German non governmental organization for nature protection <u>and</u> consumer protection
- Founded in 1975
- Budget 2015: ca.8 Mio.€
- 12,000 financial sponsors
- 80 staff members
- Offices in Berlin, Radolfzell and Hannover



## **Diesel-Gate: State of play**

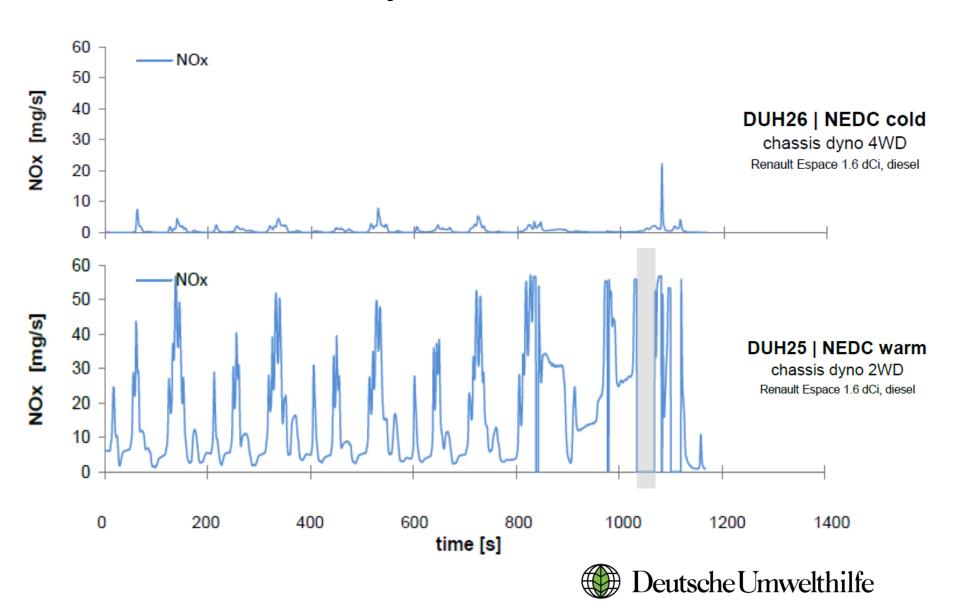
- DUH made public since 9/2007, that most car manufacturers use defeat devices to meet the limits
- German Ministry for Transportation was informed Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011 by DUH about alarming NOx-testing results of an VW Passat Euro 6 (with the E189 scandal engine)
- Real NOx emission of Euro 6 diesel cars are on average 6 to 7 times higher than the Euro 6 limit value (TNO, ICCT)
- DUH-tests on NOx emission and defeat device show alarming results and clear violations by all tested vehicles: Opel Zafira, Renault Espace, BMW 1 series (GDI), Mercedes C-Class, Fiat 500x
- All tested cars exceed NOx limit value up to factor 25 and show clear indicators for defeat devices
- German Kraftfahrtbundesamt (KBA) denies law enforcement of EC 715/2007
- First tests of recall VW-Amarok cars show no NOx Reduction, real emissions like before >1.500 mg/km!
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## **DUH emission testings and legal actions**

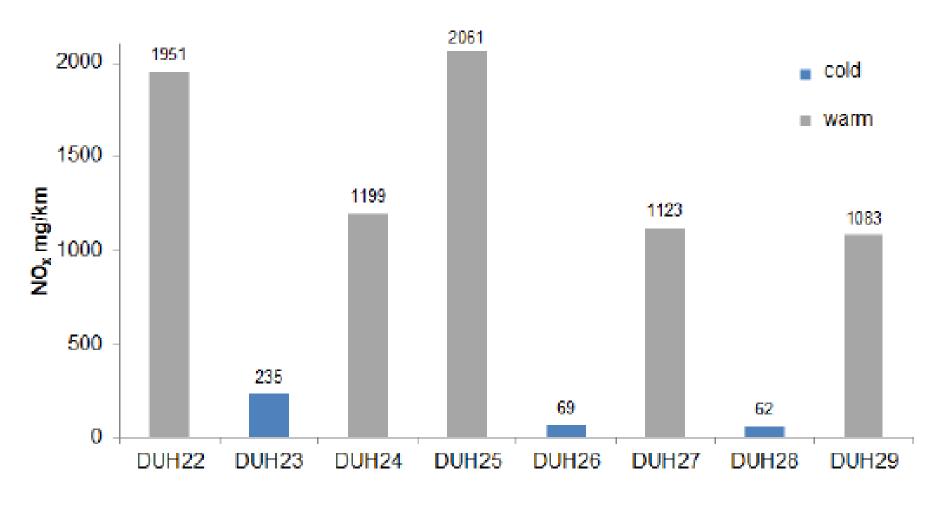
- DUH testing program for Euro 6 cars for CO2 + NOx emissions and investigation of violations against EC 715/2007 ("in normal use" and "defeat device", Art. 5-1 and 5-2) in Switzerland
- Immediate publication of all found NOx emissions and indicators for defeat devices to the public, national authorities and EU Commission
- Consumer right enforcement: Support for selected car owners to enforce their rights in principal legal cases
- Legal activities:
  - Formal claim to withdraw type approval <u>Opel Zafira</u> and <u>Mercedes</u> <u>Benz C-Class</u> (KBA)
  - Legal action against Germany to force KBA to make public all VW recall-obligations on CO2 and NOx
  - Legal cases against German regions and cities failing the NO2-limits (about 20 cases) to enforce compliance with air quality directive (since 2005)
  - Recently 13 legal cases against the most polluted cities and regions pending, up to now all won
  - We expect first court decisions on principal diesel car bans in 2016



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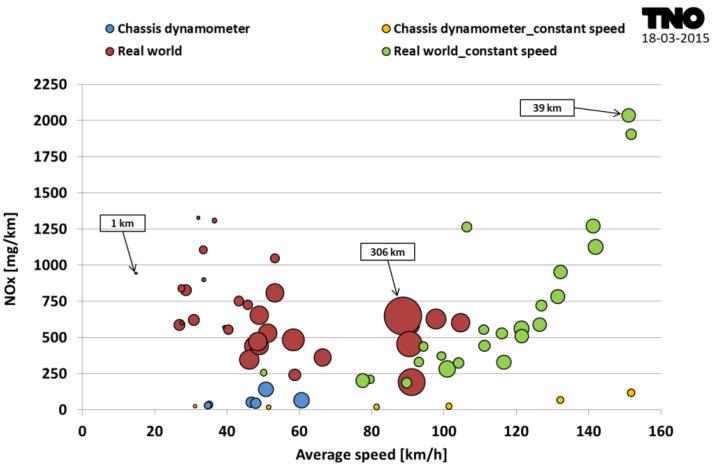


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#### Daimler C 220 D Euro 6



Bubble size depends on trip distance

Figure 22: **Post**-SCR NOx emissions of vehicle M1 of on-road trips and chassis dynamometer tests.



## **DUH critique on RDE-decision**

- Weakening of binding limit values (negative precedent)
- Until 09/2019 unlimited exceedance
- 2019 to 2021 exceedance of limit value by 110%
- 50% exceedance beyond 2021
- Cycle beating and defeat devices not clearly forbidden
- Realistic speed-up and load excluded
- RDE still vulnerable to defeat strategies ("golden cars")
- Finally: Car manufacturer produce clean diesel cars for the US and 4-times dirtier diesel cars for the EU



### **Necessary improvements on RDE**

- Ensure compliance with limit value: CF of 1.0 by 2017
- Temperature range for "in normal use" in Europe (at least between -7 to 35°C)
- Include cold start for urban environment and high load
- Monitor and expand boundaries of RDE test procedure for ongoing improvement
- RDE rather for in-use-testing for compliance and enforcement than for type approval only
- Transparency: immediate publication of all data, together with engine family and model name
- Introduction of a deterrent penalty system
- Periodic inspection of technical services



## What we can learn from US system

- Strong consumer organizations like <u>Consumer</u>
   <u>Watchdog</u>: successful campaign for the financial compensation of false fuel consumption data on more than 900,000 Kia/Hyundai cars
- Independent testing by the EPA (15-20% of all new cars and if there are special indications) in state owned labs
- 5 different lab tests, RDE and since 2015 a surprise testing ("We test on the street but we don't tell how")

## New type approval system needed!

- 1. **Debureaucratisation**: type approval today means 2,000 pages, no chance for authorities to check accurate
- 2. RDE for all categories of vehicles, fuels and all relevant pollutants, including CO<sub>2</sub>.
- 3. Self-certification and consequent law enforcement: Manufacturers assure to comply with all legal requirements in normal use
- 4. Field monitoring and strict control by national environmental authority, not by the type approval authority
- 5. **Deterrent sanction** in case of violation
- 6. Transparency: all data on declaration and control measurements (engine family and model name)
- 7. EU Commission should audit national control authorities Deutsche Umwelthilfe

## Please consider the several hundred thousand victims of criminal air pollution

#### Thank you for your attention

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