

FuelQuest ForeSite™



Fuel inventory management with real-time, map-based views of inventory to reduce runout and retain events, and optimize purchasing decisions

KEY BENEFITS

- Reduces runouts and retains
- Enables optimized fuel purchase decisions, weighing inventory position and fuel costs
- Provides greater control over inventory through real-time visibility
- Deploys in one day

BUSINESS CHALLENGE

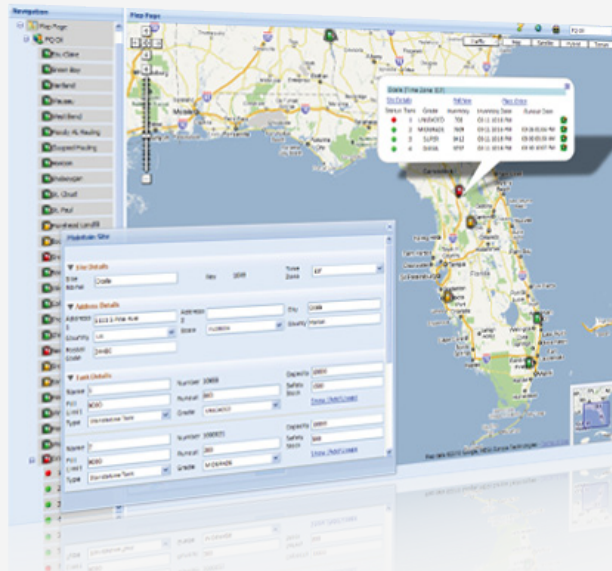
A sputtering economy, fierce competition, and volatile fuel prices have created a perfect storm for thin profit margins for fuel retailers. With gasoline sales comprising the majority of store revenues, it is clear that margin improvement depends on careful planning and control of fuel inventory. But with limited visibility into inventories, planning and control is difficult for organizations struggling with runouts, retains, and non-optimal purchasing decisions.

Fuel managers need a real-time view of inventory and the tools to identify and act on problems and opportunities quickly. Drawing on our industry-leading innovations in fuel management, FuelQuest delivers these capabilities and more in a simple, cost-effective solution that deploys in a single day.

SOLUTION

FuelQuest ForeSite is a simple-to-use decision support tool that enables fuel retailers, as well as the distributors who manage their inventories, to implement a Just-In-Time (JIT) fuel replenishment strategy. ForeSite gives real-time, map-based views into inventory across a fuel network of sites and tanks. With ForeSite, retailers of all sizes finally have the inventory visibility they need to reduce runout and retain events, and take advantage of beneficial purchasing opportunities.

ForeSite uses industry standard mapping technology to show retailer and supplier terminal sites on an interactive, geographic map. Users can determine inventory status at a glance, with drill-down into detailed site, tank, and fuel inventory information. ForeSite's innovative presentation transforms raw data into actionable information, avoiding over- and under-supply conditions, lowering working capital requirements, and freeing cash flow.



KEY FEATURES

- **Inventory Monitoring** – Real-time inventory status with automated data capture
- **Exception Indicators** – Early warning indicators of non-compliant inventory conditions
- **Geographical Mapping** – Map-based view of sites, inventories, and suppliers
- **Intuitive Design** – Immediate utility with minimal training required
- **OnboardNow** – Single-day deployment with minimal effort, infrastructure, or maintenance

REDUCE RUNOUTS AND RETAINS

With up-to-the-minute inventory information and Exception Indicators, ForeSite enables retailers to identify and correct potential runout and retain situations proactively.

- Tracks fuel inventory in real time
- Evaluates inventory levels versus capacity, fill limit, runout, and safety stock thresholds
- Provides configurable red/yellow/green status of inventory volume, date, and projected runout
- Calculates timeline to replenish fuel
- Filters sites with satisfactory status to simplify managing large numbers of sites

OPTIMIZE PURCHASING DECISIONS

ForeSite enables retailers to operate more efficiently with optimized inventory levels, while capitalizing on beneficial purchasing opportunities. Retailers know exactly when and from whom to replenish their fuel inventory.

- Enables a Just-In-Time fuel inventory strategy
- Allows user to weigh fuel prices against replenishment needs
- Facilitates optimized supplier terminal selection via geographic location display
- Tracks detailed site and tank information

GAIN INSIGHT AND CONTROL

ForeSite provides a clear and accurate view of sites, tanks, and inventories. Information is presented in a powerful, map-based interface that highlights exception conditions and allows drill-down to detailed information to assess root cause and take appropriate corrective action.

- Simple, interactive map-based user interface with configurable Exception Indicators
- Inventory updated by automatic and on-demand polling
- Support for all major ATGs and a hosted modem bank for gathering tank data

DEPLOY IN ONE DAY

Completely hosted and designed for simple configuration and operation, ForeSite delivers sophisticated fuel management capabilities in a cost-effective and easily installed solution.

- OnboardNow allows setup with a few simple steps automatically discovering site and tank information
- Software-as-a-Service model enables deployment with minimal effort, infrastructure, or maintenance
- Highly intuitive design allows immediate use without training

ABOUT FUELQUEST

FuelQuest, Inc. provides on-demand, web-based supply chain management and tax automation software and services for fuel suppliers, distributors and buyers in global downstream energy. Our Fuel Management System (FMS) automates all aspects of the fuel management process from procurement, inventory management, demand forecasting, strategic sourcing and financial reconciliation to margin analysis and environmental compliance monitoring. The FMS solution powers the largest fuel management network in North America. Zytax supplies strategic software automation solutions for indirect tax determination and excise motor fuels compliance for the energy industry. Learn more at www.fuelquest.com.