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There are a couple different issues here. The first is the OP's question of the rigs running on natural gas. This is pretty much a logistics problem. You have to have a supply of natural gas that can be piped to the rig. For infield drilling where pipeline quality well gas is available that's not an issue. If we are not close to that then running a long pipeline to a temporary drilling rig is an issue, although one that we are preparing to do soon. My vehicle is a bi fuel pickup truck. Runs on CNG and gasoline. I have 3 public fueling stations between Pgh and Washington, PA. There is 1 in State College that I used on Wednesday. The 2, 10 gal tanks take up almost half of my 8' pickup bed. With the high pressure filling stations it takes about 5 - 10 mins to fill up. Low pressure home units would need to be hooked up overnight.
Not perfect yet but the vehicle is simple to fill and runs great on CNG. no problems.
I understand that Sheetz, Giant Eagle are looking into placing a CNG system at their stations.
This all takes time, money and a commitment. The current negative attitude to drilling by the anti's and the over regulation by both DEP and now the EPA does put some doubt/concern in the minds of the folks that will need to front the costs of setting up a massive distribution system.