



Clean Cities Quarterly Update

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General News & Announcements

Caterpillar Engines: Caterpillar has announced that it will not provide 2010 certified engines.

DTNA Plans: DTNA has announced that it will sell Cummins EGR equipped engines alongside their own SCR-equipped technologies to meet the 2010 standards.

Emerging Tech.: The EPA has listed two SCR systems and one marine engine retrofit on its emerging technologies list.

Ethanol Waiver Denied: The EPA rejected a petition by Texas Gov. Rick Perry to halve the renewable fuel standards requirements for ethanol.

Cummins Plans: Cummins announced that it will use SCR to meet the 2010 EPA emission standards and to help boost fuel economy.

Biodiesel Sustainability: The National Biodiesel Board has launched a new forum to solicit input on the issue of biodiesel sustainability.

Citizen's Bulletin Board

GHG Regulations: The EPA is soliciting comments on how to draft a proposed rule for the regulation of greenhouse gases under the federal Clean Air Act. Comments are due by **November 28, 2008**.

Diesel Engine Rule (33 TexReg 4895): TCEQ has finalized the repeal of CARB standards adopted for heavy-duty diesel engines in Texas, and has instead adopted the 2007 federal standards.

DFW SIP: The EPA has proposed to conditionally approve the SIP for the DFW area for the 1998 8-hour ozone standard.

El Paso Attains: The EPA has approved the reclassification of El Paso to attainment for CO and the Maintenance Plan that is designed to keep them in attainment.

Business Opportunities

Clean Air Awards: The EPA is soliciting candidates for this year's Clean Air Excellence Awards. Nominations are due by **September 19, 2008**.

EPA Grant: EPA is soliciting proposals to demonstrate devices listed on their emerging technologies list. Applications are due **September 21, 2008**.

School Bus Grants: Texas Clean School Bus is accepting applications thru **November 14, 2008**, for school bus retrofit projects.

DOE Loans: The DOE is soliciting applications for their loan guarantee program, which can be used to fund emerging technologies such as alternative fuel vehicles. Proposals are due **December 31, 2008**.

School Bus Incentives: Members of the National School Transportation Association will be eligible for incentives from Blue Bird Financial Services to help retrofit and replace older engines.

PTA Bus Funds: TCEQ has established a new agreement with the TX PTA to fund school bus retrofits and replacements with SEP funds.

GLO Grants Expand: The Texas General Land Office is expanding the eligibility for its natural gas grant program to private fleets.

Clean Air Product News

APU DPF Verified: CARB has certified the ThermoKing eDPF for use with TriPac APUs as a Class 3 retrofit.

E85 Conversions: The EPA has certified the FlexFuel E85 conversion kit for certain 2006 Chrysler and Dodge models.

Electric F650: Ford and Smith Electric Vehicles have teamed up to produce an electric-powered Ford F650 model that will go into production later this year.

Filter Verified: CARB has verified the Proventia Flow-Through Filter as a Class 2 retrofit for certain 1985-2002 model refrigeration trucks.

Fuel Conservation Tool: Discrete Wireless & Link It Software are offering a web-based fuel conservation software tool designed to reduce fuel consumption by 15%.

Sterling Truck Info.: Sterling has posted a new on-line brochure regarding their Set-Back 113 natural gas-powered truck.

Plug-Ins: Coulomb Technologies is now selling smart charging stations and subscription services for the plug-in electric vehicle market.

New APU Retrofit: Navistar is offering a new aftermarket APU designed to retrofit any Class 8 truck.

Fuel Efficient Tire: Continental has introduced a new on-road long haul tire designed to maximize fuel economy.

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Events & Conferences

Env. Accounting: The ATA will discuss environmental accounting at their Executive Education Forum in Indianapolis, IN on **September 7-9, 2008**.

Biofuels Course: OPIS is offering a course on Ethanol and Biodiesel Management in Houston, TX on **September 8-9, 2008**.

Ethanol Fundamentals: Energy Management Institute is offering a course on Ethanol Fundamentals in Chicago, IL on **September 9-10, 2008**.

Li Batteries: Argonne National Lab. will be holding a conference on advanced lithium batteries in Argonne, IL on **September 15-17, 2008**.

Natural Gas Webinar: The AFVi is hosting a free webinar on fueling your fleet with natural gas on **September 16, 2008**.

Biofuels Conference: The 3rd annual Texas Biofuels Conference & Expo will be held on **September 17-18, 2008** in Austin, TX.

Hydrogen Power: The National Hydrogen Association is hosting a "Hydrogen from Renewables" conference on **September 22-24, 2008** in Golden, CO.

Biofuel Fundamentals: Energy Management Institute is offering a course on Biofuel Fundamentals in San Francisco, CA on **September 25-26, 2008**.

Alternative Car Expo: An alternative fuel & vehicle technology expo will be held **September 26-27, 2008** in Santa Monica, CA.

Renewables Fair: TREIA's 9th annual Renewable Energy & Green Living Fair will be held in Fredricksburg, TX on **September 26-28, 2008**.

Biofuels Show: A biofuels workshop & trade show will be held in Minneapolis, MN on **September 28-30, 2008**.

State Fleet Conference: The NCFSA is holding their annual conference in Long Beach, CA on **September 28-October 3, 2008**. The theme is "Go Green in the Golden State"

Odyssey Day: Gulf Hydrocarbon is hosting an Odyssey Day event for Houston on **October 3rd, 2008**.

NGV Conference: NGV America will hold its national conference & summit in San Diego, CA on **October 4-5, 2008**.

NGV Fundamentals: Energy Management Institute is offering a course on Natural Gas Fundamentals in Houston, TX on **October 8, 2008**.

Cellulosic Fuels: Platts is hosting a conference on cellulosic ethanol and biofuels in Chicago, IL on **October 9-10, 2008**.

CA Clean Vehicle Expo: The 2008 Southern California Clean Vehicle Expo will be held in Ontario, CA on **October 13-15, 2008**.

Events & Conferences, Continued

Hybrids: The Hybrid Truck Users Forum will hold their national conference in South Bend, IN on **October 14-16, 2008**.

NGV Fundamentals: Energy Management Institute is offering a course on Natural Gas Fundamentals in Houston, TX on **October 15, 2008**.

Plug-In Conference: A Plug-In Hybrid Vehicle Conference will be held in Austin, TX on **October 17-18, 2008**.

Choosing AFVs: The Alternative Fuel & Vehicle Institute is offering a course on how to select the right AFVs for your fleet. It will be held in Irving, TX on **November 4-5, 2008**.

Biofuel Fundamentals: Energy Management Institute is offering a course on Biofuel Fundamentals in Houston, TX on **November 12-13, 2008**.

EDTA Conference: The Electric Drive Transportation Association Conference will be held **December 2-4, 2008** in Washington D.C.

Fleet Manager's Toolbox

Biodiesel Standards: ASTM has approved new biodiesel fuel quality standards for B5, B20, and B100.

New Blog: Fuel Cells 2000 has launched a new blog entitled "Fuel Cells Insider", designed "not only to inform, but to engage and ultimately to contribute to the global debate on energy policy for this century and the next."

Kensworth Site: Kensworth has introduced a new webpage dedicated to its environmental products and information.

Idling Cab Card: The American Transportation Research Institute has updated their cab card to include the latest information on idling restrictions and regulations.

Volvo Site: Volvo has introduced a new webpage dedicated to its environmental products and information.

SmartWay Campaign: EPA's SmartWay program has launched a new portal website and "New Leaf Campaign" outreach effort

Tip Sheets: Transplace has compiled a 2-page tip sheet on fuel conservation for drivers and carriers.

SCR Questions?: Mack has launched a new Q&A forum on SCR technology, with marketing manager Dave McKenna.

CNG Inspection: CSA America has revised their standards for CNG fuel system inspection certification.

Fuel Conservation Site: The Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers has launched a new website to encourage fuel conservation and greenhouse gas reductions.

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Spotlight of Excellence

This quarter, we salute:

[Brookside Equipment](#), for receiving a grant from the Clean Vehicles program to replace one diesel engine with a new 2007-compliant diesel engine.

[Coca-Cola](#), for adding nine diesel-electric hybrid trucks to its Houston-based fleet.

[Ikea](#), for giving parking privileges to fuel-saving hybrid vehicles.

[Magnolia ISD](#), for receiving a grant from the Clean School Bus program to retrofit seven diesel engines with crankcase filters.

[Ronald Ramos Inc.](#), for receiving a grant from the Clean Vehicles program to replace one diesel engine with a new 2007-compliant diesel engine.

[Sprintwaste](#), for receiving a grant from the Clean Vehicles program to replace seven diesel engines with new 2007-compliant engines.

H-GAC Program Highlights

The month of August is [Commute Solutions](#) Month! During this time, H-GAC is highlighting all the commuting alternatives available to employees and employers within our region, and challenging them to try one out. [Make a commute solutions pledge](#) before August 31st, and you will receive Jamba Juice coupons and discounted Houston Dynamo tickets. You will also be placed into a drawing for a \$1000 gasoline gift card.

As part of this month's focus, employers designated as [Best Workplaces for Commuters](#) partners were recognized at the Best In Motion luncheon held downtown at the Four Seasons Hotel on August 14th. Awardees included the Texas Medical District, BP, and Schlumberger. Air Quality Leadership Awards were also given to Fort Bend County, Klein ISD, Silver Eagle Distributors, and W.M. Dewey & Son for their distinguished support for H-GAC's Clean Vehicles and Clean School Bus programs.

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