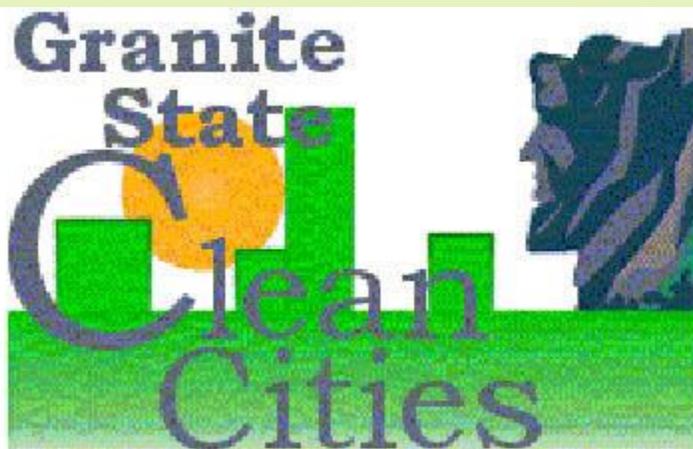


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Upcoming Events:

ARE YOU COMING??

GSCCC Stakeholder Meeting TOMORROW, December 2, 2014 DES Offices, Concord, NH 9:00-11:30 a.m. **Tom Blanchette of New Hampshire Speedway** will discuss the race track's energy saving initiatives and racetrack events that support domestic energy and petroleum reduction, and **Paul Lockwood of DES** will provide a brief overview of **electric vehicle infrastructure deployment in NH.**

Massachusetts Clean Cities Coalition

Stakeholder Meeting, December 18, 2014, Springfield, MA This meeting features a propane update and the real story behind ZERO motorcycles. 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Contact Steve Russell (Stephen.Russell@State.MA.US) for more information.

News of Interest:

Pump up Biodiesel! Use the hash tag, **#PumpUpBiodiesel** and get a buzz going for this easy-to-use, renewable alternative fuel by posting your support on social media. Pick a sign, take a picture, post it on social media, and ask others to do the same! This versatile fuel is made in New Hampshire using local feedstock, providing jobs and enhancing our energy security! **Do it now!**



Biodiesel blends work year-round in diesel vehicles.

New Hampshire Imposes a Road Toll for Gaseous

Fuels. Effective January 1, 2015, Chapter Law 268 imposes the road toll on alternative fuels, such as compressed natural gas, liquefied natural gas, and propane. In addition, it requires alternative fuel dealers to be licensed by the NH Department of Safety – Road Toll Bureau. A copy of Chapter Law 268 can be found at

www.gencourt.state.nh.us/legislation/2014/HB1142.html . The Department of Safety – Road Toll Bureau can be contacted at (603) 271-2311 or is on the web at

www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/administration/roadtoll/.

Electric Vehicle Safety for Emergency Responders Online Course.

The National Alternative Fuels Training Consortium (NAFTC) is offering a limited number of firefighter scholarships to obtain FREE online Electric Drive Vehicle First Responder Safety Training. For more information [click here](#).



A well attended first responder class for gaseous fuel vehicles was held at NH Fire Academy on November 7th. Special thanks to our stakeholders for bringing seven alt fuel vehicles (fueled with CNG, hydrogen and propane).

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES:

PERC Mower Incentive NOW \$2,000! The Propane Education & Research Council (PERC) offers **incentives** for the purchase or conversion of qualified mowers. And now through December 2014, the incentive amounts are **DOUBLED!** Landscapers and municipalities can receive \$2,000 per qualifying new mower purchase or \$1,000 for each mower conversion to propane.

A single company or organization may receive incentive payments for the purchase of up to 25 eligible mowers per year.

PERC recommends applying for participation in the program before making a purchase. For the application and additional information, visit the Propane Mower Incentive Program website (<http://www.propane.com/commercial-landscape/programs-and-incentives/propane-mower-incentive-program/>).

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Question of the Month: *How can I determine whether an alternative fuel conversion system or other aftermarket device claiming to improve fuel economy or reduce emissions has been appropriately certified or verified?*

Answer: To ensure an aftermarket system or device is legitimate, you must first confirm that it has been properly vetted by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and any applicable state authority,

such as the California Air Resources Board (CARB). There are a number of ways to do this, as described below.

Certified Conversion Systems

Always request documentation! Conversion system manufacturers should be more than willing to provide a copy of their EPA-issued Certificate of Conformity (or CARB Executive Order) upon request. For vehicles falling into EPA's "intermediate age" and "outside useful life" categories, the manufacturer should be able to prove the company has satisfied demonstration and notification requirements.

You can consult EPA's Alternative Fuel Conversion website (<http://www.epa.gov/otaq/consumer/fuels/altfuels/altfuels.htm>) for files listing "EPA-Compliant Conversion Systems." All conversion systems listed on this website comply with EPA's conversion regulations (Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 85, Subpart F). Keep in mind that each system is designed for a specific group of vehicles. Since conversion systems are only listed on this page at the request of system manufacturer, there may be other certified systems, so contact the EPA Compliance Information Hotline for more information (734-214-4343; complianceinfo@epa.gov).

California has its own compliance requirements for conversion systems sold within the state. For information about California's requirements, see the CARB Aftermarket, Performance, and Add-On Parts Regulations website (<http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/aftermkt/altfuel/altfuel.htm>), Note that several other states that have adopted the same regulations.

SmartWay and Other Emission Reduction Technologies

Ask manufacturers of other emissions- and fuel-saving devices whether their products have been reviewed by EPA.

EPA evaluates the fuel-saving benefits of devices such as idle reduction devices, aerodynamics technologies, and low rolling resistance tires. The SmartWay Verified Technologies website (<http://epa.gov/smartway/forpartners/technology.htm>) provides more information about specific products and models. EPA verifies and approves diesel retrofit technologies for use in its engine retrofit programs and provides information about emissions reductions. See the Verified Technologies List (<http://epa.gov/cleandiesel/verification/verif-list.htm>). It is important to note that EPA does not endorse these or any other commercial products.

EPA's Gas Saving and Aftermarket Retrofit Device Evaluation Program, also called the "511 Program" (<http://www.epa.gov/oms/consumer/reports.htm>), evaluates aftermarket retrofit devices that claim to improve automobile fuel economy and/or reduce exhaust emissions in cars and light trucks. The most recent test report from this voluntary evaluation program is dated 2005, indicating a lack of recent interest, but the program is still relevant. Check with your state environmental or energy department to confirm whether they have similar programs.

For more information on aftermarket system and device evaluation, see the following websites:

- AFDC Vehicle Conversions (<http://www.afdc.energy.gov/vehicles/conversions.html>)
- Fact Sheet: Devices and Additives to Improve Fuel Economy and Reduce Pollution - Do They Really Work? (<http://www.epa.gov/otaq/consumer/420f11036.pdf>)
- Federal Trade Commission Consumer Information: "Gas-Saving" Products (<http://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0057-gas-saving-products>)

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