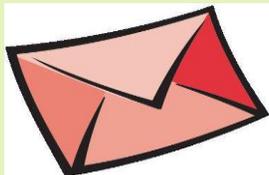




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**The New Year is a great time to review your fleet's petroleum reduction practices!**

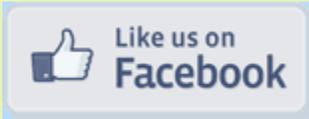


***Upcoming Events:***

**National Biodiesel Conference & Expo, January 25-28, 2016, Tampa, FL.**

Dedicated to the biodiesel industry, this annual event is a *must attend!* Event is coordinated by the National Biodiesel Board (NBB). For more information and to register, visit:

<http://biodieselconference.org/2016/>.



**Energy Independence Summit 2016, February 7-9, 2016, Washington, DC.**

Be part of the nation's "premier clean transportation policy summit," hosted by Transportation Energy Partners. For more information, visit: [www.transportationenergypartners.org/](http://www.transportationenergypartners.org/).

**SAVE THE DATE - All Day Fleet Sustainability**

**Workshop, March 24, 2016, Keene, NH.** More information will follow.

**The Work Truck Show/GreenTruck Summit, March 1-4, 2016, Indianapolis, IN.**

Free passes are available to GSCCC stakeholders. To get your FREE PASS to the show [click here](#).

**The Green Transportation Summit and Expo, April 5-7, 2016, Tacoma Washington.**

To register, visit [gtsummitexpo.com](http://gtsummitexpo.com).

**Green Your Fleet! 2016, June 3, 2016, Manchester Community College, Manchester, NH.**

Plan to attend New Hampshire's largest fleet manager workshop. More information to follow. *Want to be a sponsor at this event? Contact Dolores Rebolledo (603.271.6751 or [dolores.rebolledo@des.nh.gov](mailto:dolores.rebolledo@des.nh.gov)).*

**The Survey is here!**

By now you should have received a short questionnaire about your fleet's petroleum reduction in calendar year 2015.

Once submitted, you will receive a statement of "gallons of petroleum reduced" as well as "tons of greenhouse gases reduced" by your efforts.

If you haven't received the questionnaire, you can access it online by [clicking here](#).



**Fuel Check: How many gallons (and dollars, and tons of GHGs) did you save this year?**

### ***Funding Opportunities:***

#### **New Hampshire Clean Diesel Program.**

The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services has funds available through the Environmental Protection Agency's Diesel Emissions Reduction Act program (DERA) for diesel fueled equipment owners in New Hampshire. The program seeks to reduce diesel emissions through a variety of activities including engine modifications and vehicle and engine replacements. Projects can receive 25-100% of the project cost. Click [here](#) for the pre-application.

#### **Electric Vehicle Charging Equipment Rebates.**

The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) and Granite State Clean Cities Coalition announce the return of rebates to support the installation of new electric vehicle charging stations (aka electric vehicle supply equipment, or *EVSE*) in New Hampshire.

The rebate program is designed to support development of charging stations throughout New Hampshire and connect to charging corridors in neighboring states. Areas of deployment include the I-89 and I-93 corridors, with "DC fast chargers" being a priority. Applications for "Level 2" chargers and chargers located on other major arterials will also be considered.

The rebate program will be available for "Level 2" charging equipment (maximum paid out: \$5,000) and "DC fast charging" (maximum paid out: \$25,000). NHDES will reimburse up to 75% of eligible project costs. Charging stations must be publicly accessible at all times. Project must be completed and the station in service by June 15, 2016. All rebates must be pre-approved and are subject to

certain eligibility criteria.

[Click here](#) for program guidance and a pre-approval application form.

Funding for the rebate program is through the New Hampshire Office of Energy and Planning using US Department of Energy funds. A total of \$25,000 is available for fiscal year 2016.

### ***News of Interest:***

Last month, President Obama signed the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2016 ([H.R. 2029](#)). Division Q, the *Protecting Americans from Tax Hikes Act (PATH Act)*. Several provisions in the Act benefit alternative fuels.

- **[Alternative Fuel Infrastructure Tax Credit](#)**. Section 182 extends the tax credit for alternative fuel infrastructure through December 31, 2016. Fueling equipment for natural gas, propane, liquefied hydrogen, electricity, E85, and biodiesel are eligible for a tax credit of 30%, up to \$30,000. Residential fueling equipment may receive a tax credit up to \$1,000.
- **[Alternative Fuel Excise Tax Credit](#)**. Section 192 extends the \$0.50 per gallon tax credit for alternative fuels, including liquefied hydrogen, through December 31, 2016.
- **[Alternative Fuel Mixture Excise Tax Credit](#)**. Section 192 also extends the \$0.50 per gallon tax credit for alternative fuel used to produce a mixture containing at least 0.1% gasoline, diesel, or kerosene through December 31, 2016. Alternative fuel blenders must be registered with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).
- **[Qualified Two-wheeled Plug-In Electric Drive Motor Vehicle Tax Credit](#)**. Section 183 extends the two-wheeled plug-in electric drive motor vehicle tax credit through December 31, 2017. Qualified vehicles are eligible of a tax credit for 10% of the cost of the vehicle, up to \$2,500.
- **[Fuel Cell Motor Vehicle Tax Credit](#)**. Section 193 extends the \$4,000 tax credit for the purchase of qualified light-duty fuel cell vehicles through December 31, 2016.
- **[Biodiesel Income Tax Credit](#)**. Section 185 extends the biodiesel income tax credit through December 31, 2016. A taxpayer that delivers unblended biodiesel (B100) into the tank of a vehicle may be eligible for a \$1.00 per gallon of biodiesel, agri-biodiesel, or renewable diesel tax credit.
- **[Biodiesel Mixture Excise Tax Credit](#)**. Section 185 also extends the

\$0.50 per gallon tax credit for biodiesel, agri-biodiesel, or renewable diesel used to produce a mixture containing at least 0.1% gasoline, diesel, or kerosene through December 31, 2016. Alternative fuel blenders must be registered with the IRS.

- **[Second Generation Biofuel Production Property Depreciation Allowance](#)**. Section 189 extends the 50% special depreciation allowance for second generation biofuel production plants through January 1, 2017.
- **[Second Generation Producer Tax Credit](#)**. Section 184 extends the tax credit for second generation biofuel producers through December 31, 2016. Second generation biofuel producers registered with the IRS may be eligible for a \$1.01 per gallon of biodiesel tax credit.

To view the full text of the PATH Act, visit <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-114hr2029enr/pdf/BILLS-114hr2029enr.pdf>. See the Alternative Fuels Data Center [Federal Laws and Incentives](#) page for descriptions of each incentive.

***Question of the Month: I heard the Clean Cities website was recently revamped. What changed?***

**Answer:** As the work of Clean Cities continues to grow, the Clean Cities team is committed to ongoing communication about the program's resources and accomplishments. Last month, Clean Cities launched a new and improved version of its website (<https://cleancities.energy.gov/>), which aims to highlight the program and assist the public and stakeholders.

The redesigned Clean Cities website has a fresh new look, is easy to navigate, includes many features to help users learn about and connect with the program.

**Reorganized Resources:** Some resources have moved with the new design. Most notably, funding information (<https://cleancities.energy.gov/funding-opportunities/>) and publications (<https://cleancities.energy.gov/publications/>) are now located in the About section, which can be accessed from the top website banner. As before, funding opportunities are separated into current and related categories, and the easily searchable publications are listed by popularity and publish date. Information about Clean Cities partnerships, such as the National Clean Fleets Partnership and the National Parks Initiative, is now conveniently accessed from the Partnerships & Projects section, which can also be accessed from the top website banner (<https://cleancities.energy.gov/partnerships/>).

**Selective Communication Options:** It's easier than ever to stay up to date on Clean Cities. You can now subscribe to the newsletters and updates that you want – and choose to skip those you don't! You can sign up to receive the Clean

Cities Monthly Update, the *Clean Cities Now* Newsletter, or Webinar Alerts (<https://cleancities.energy.gov/subscribe/>). The "What's Happening?" bar on the bottom of the homepage is another easy way to catch up on the latest news.

**Searchable Clean Cities Projects:** Under the Partnership & Projects section, which is accessed from the top website banner, users may now view and search Clean Cities funded transportation projects (<https://cleancities.energy.gov/partnerships/search>). You can search by keyword or filter by the initiative or award, such as projects under the National Parks Initiative, Electric Vehicle Community Readiness, or American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Project Awards. Project descriptions include basic information, states impacted, partners involved, the Clean Cities award amount, and the amount of local matching funds.

**Audience-Tailored Content:** The new website design clearly separates information for different audiences. While the old website combined resources for the public and resources for Clean Cities coordinators, the new design restricts public access to the Coordinator Toolbox (located in the upper right corner of the header). The new arrangement allows coordinators to find tools and resources specific to their coalition in one place using one password, as well as ensures that all other website content is useful for and tailored to the general public.

**Clean Cities On-the-Go:** Lastly, the new design has an updated, clean aesthetic. From the newly organized coalition pages (<https://cleancities.energy.gov/coalitions/>) to the streamlined Technical Assistance page (<https://cleancities.energy.gov/technical-assistance/>), the website is intuitive and easy to read. As an added bonus, the new website is mobile-friendly and responsive, so you can access Clean Cities information wherever you go.

Visit the updated Clean Cities website to see all of these features and more!

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