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### CountryMark Gets a New Look!

On June 14, 2007, CountryMark announced an Indiana statewide campaign to help communicate and reinforce the company's status as an American oil company and a leader in biofuel distribution. "We are renewing our commitment to fueling Indiana with high quality energy products that help support our country's energy independence now and into the future," said Charlie Smith, CountryMark chief executive officer. "Our new logo better reflects who we are today as a company" added CountryMark Sales Manager of Energy Products and South Shore Clean Cities Board member Steve Thomas. Customers will notice the change in the CountryMark look as petroleum tank wagon delivery trucks and all 90 *EnergyPlus 24* locations are rebranded with the new look throughout 2007. Please visit the CountryMark website for additional information <http://www.countrymark.com/biofuels>.



### Patten Power Systems & Caterpillar, Inc. Work to Clean the Air at Port of Burns Harbor

Patten Power Systems and Caterpillar, Inc. are demonstrating the effectiveness of retrofit technology by equipping land-based equipment at the Port of Burns Harbor, Indiana with emission-reducing Cat catalyzed converter mufflers. Port operator Federal Marine Terminals owns the lift trucks retrofitted under this effort. "The emissions benefits of today's clean diesel engines are well known, but there is a huge opportunity to retrofit existing diesel engines so our customers can continue to use their equipment to make progress possible while also improving our environment," said Adam Tschetter of Patten Power Systems. "This project is a perfect example of what is happening around the country," said Ken Katch of Caterpillar Emissions Solutions. "By retrofitting these diesel engines at this port, 6.25 tons of emissions will be reduced." South Shore Clean Cities is proud to recognize Patten Power Systems and Caterpillar, Inc. as new members of our coalition.

### SSCC Receives General Motors Reward

South Shore Clean Cities was the recipient of a \$1,000 General Motors Reward. These funds were awarded to Clean Cities coalitions across the country to support the development of E-85 infrastructure. Thanks General Motors for your continued support of South Shore Clean Cities!

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## Clean Cities Golf Outing and Electric Vehicle Seminar

**Mark Your Calendars!** South Shore Clean Cities is teaming up with the Chicago Area Clean Cities and Wisconsin Clean Cities to present an annual golf outing and seminar. The seminar will highlight many on and off road electric vehicles! Vehicles will be on display and available for test drives! Golf will be played in a scramble format and prizes will be awarded! Breakfast, lunch & dinner included! Join us for a day of fun, food and education!

**Place: Maple Meadows Golf Course  
272 Addison Road, Wood Dale, Illinois**

**Date: Thursday, September 6, 2007**

**Time: 7:30 am Registration & Continental Breakfast  
8:30 am - Noon Seminar, Lunch & Ride-and-Drive  
Noon – Golfing Begins  
5:00 pm – Reception & Dinner**

**Sponsorship opportunities are available and play an important role in making this event a success! Watch our website for further details or call our office at (219)365-4289.**

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## Biofuel Grants Announced

Applications are now available for biofuel grants. Grant amounts are available up to a maximum award of \$5,000 for E-85 infrastructure. For more information please contact our office at (219) 365-4289.

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## Welcome New and Renewing SSCC Members

Thank you for making a difference in Northern Indiana! *Clean Fuels, Clean Air...Clean Cities!*

### **New Members April – June, 2007**

Engine Control Systems  
Caterpillar Emissions Solutions  
Patten Power Systems  
P.E.C. Biofuels IN, Inc.

### **Renewing Members**

Rick Gosser, Gosser Corporate Sales  
Marge Hefner, Hefner Farms  
City of Gary

For membership information visit our website at [www.southshorecleancities.org](http://www.southshorecleancities.org) or contact us at (219) 365-4289.

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## Idle Less, \$ave More Conference a SUCCESS!

On May 10, 2007, the Lake Michigan Consortium of South Shore Clean Cities, Chicago Area Clean Cities and Wisconsin Clean Cities presented an idle reduction conference held in Willowbrook, IL. This educational event was attended by over 100 conference participants. To view presentations from this event visit our website at [www.smartidle.com](http://www.smartidle.com). If you have any questions, please contact our office.

## South Shore Clean Cities

### Upcoming Events

#### Mark Your Calendar....

**July 24, 2007 @ 2:30 p.m.**  
**US Steel – Gary Works**  
**Press Conference with**  
**Lt. Governor Becky Skillman**

**Grand-Opening (date TBD)**  
**P.E.C. Biofuels IN, Inc.- Elkhart**

**July 19 – 28, 2007**  
**Porter County Fair**

**August 3 - 12, 2007**  
**Lake County Fair**

**August 8 – 19, 2007**  
**Indiana State Fair**

**August 11, 2007**  
**Midwest Alternative Fuel Vehicle**  
**Expo –Oregon, IL**

**September 6, 2007**  
**SSCC Golf Outing & Electric**  
**Vehicle Seminar**  
**Maple Meadows Golf Course**

**October 18, 2007**  
**Biofuels Moving Indiana Forward**  
**Bio-Fuels Conference**  
**Radisson-Merrillville, Indiana**

*Watch your e-mail for*  
*Upcoming Event*  
*Announcements!*

## Energy Policy Act Update

The Department of Energy (DOE) published a final rule to implement section 514 of the Energy Policy Act of 1992, as amended by section 703 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, which allows States and alternative fuel providers to petition for a waiver of the alternative fueled vehicle (AFV) acquisition requirements. Today's final rule requires that for a State or alternative fuel provider to be granted a waiver, the State entity or alternative fuel provider must request a waiver to demonstrate that in lieu of complying with the applicable AFV acquisition requirement for a model year, it will take other actions to reduce its annual petroleum motor fuel consumption by an amount equal to 100 percent alternative fuel use in all of the fleet's AFVs, including AFVs that the State entity or alternative fuel provider would have been required to acquire if there was no waiver. The final rule was effective April 19, 2007.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Linda Bluestein, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, FreedomCAR and Vehicle Technologies Program, Mailstop EE-2G, Room 5F-034, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585-0121; (202) 586- 6116 or [linda.bluestein@ee.doe.gov](mailto:linda.bluestein@ee.doe.gov), or Mr. Chris Calamita, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of General Counsel, GC- 72, Room 6B-256, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585- 0121; (202) 586-9507 or [Christopher.calamita@hq.doe.gov](mailto:Christopher.calamita@hq.doe.gov).

## Senate Energy Bill Approves Stricter Fuel Economy Standards

On June 21st, the Senate passed the energy bill (H.R. 6) including a compromise to CAFE legislation that raises fuel-economy requirements for new light-duty vehicles fleetwide, demanding that they get 35 miles per gallon by 2020. "This is a victory for the American public," said Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-CA), "it closes the S.U.V. loophole," alluding to the current standards which are less stringent for sport utility vehicles and pickup trucks than for cars. The standards, which have not yet been approved by the House, had been challenged by the auto industry, which is now required to meet a standard of 27.5 miles per gallon for cars and 24 mpg for light-trucks. The concession that made the agreement possible was the removal of a requirement that automakers meet an additional 4 percent annual increase in fuel economy for the decade after 2020. Automakers had been especially opposed to that provision as well as the decision to combine the car and light-duty vehicles/SUV fleets into one standard.

Highlights of the new "Ten-in-Ten" Act (10 mpg increase in fuel economy in 10 years) include:

- Increases fleetwide average fuel economy for all cars, SUVs, and trucks up to 10,000 lbs in weight by 10 miles per gallon from model years 2011 to 2020—from 25 to 35 miles per gallon by model year 2020.
- Each class of vehicles—as determined by NHTSA—will be required to meet the new fuel economy standard for that particular class to achieve the fleetwide average of 35 miles per gallon by 2020.
- Establishes a credit system and trading program for automakers run by NHTSA.
- Automakers that sell less than 0.4 percent of the cars sold in the United States would have their fuel economy standard set by NHTSA at the maximum feasible level outside of the regular car standard. (Currently 0.4 percent of the cars sold in the US each year equals to approximately 60,000 cars).

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- Directs NHTSA to develop a structure to evaluate and establish fuel efficiency standards for commercial trucks. Requires improvement in the fuel economy of medium and heavy duty trucks over a 20 year period and removes work trucks weighing up to 10,000 pounds from the fuel efficiency standards for cars and light trucks.
- From 2011 to 2019, NHTSA must set fuel economy standards that are the maximum feasible, and ratchet these standards up to meet the 2020 target of 35 miles per gallon, unless NHTSA determines that the achievement of the 35 miles per gallon standard would not be cost-effective for the nation. From 2021 to 2030, NHTSA must set fuel economy standards that are the maximum feasible, and ratchet these standards up at a reasonable rate.
- Creates a consumer labeling program that also includes greenhouse gas emissions.
- Requires the federal government to purchase the most fuel-efficient cars practicable.
- Uses money raised by fuel economy penalties to fund research into fuel-saving technologies and to expand the availability of alternative fuels. Calls for an advanced battery initiative and standards for biodiesel.
- Requires NHTSA to issue a final rule by 2018 to create safety standards.

The final version also removes the earlier provision that mandated that 50 percent of cars be flex-fuel in 2012, increasing to 80 percent in 2015. Instead, the compromise language calls for ensuring that 50 percent of vehicles sold in the US are alternative fuel vehicles by 2015—including but not limited to flex-fuel vehicles, hybrids, electric vehicles, fuel cells and others. Source: EESI – Clean Motion

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## Coordinator's Corner

WOW! Summer is in full swing and South Shore Clean Cities is on the move! What an exciting time for our coalition. These past few months have been filled with many events including Earth Day Events, Press Conferences with Gov. Mitch Daniels, the Partners for Clean Air Asthma Awareness Night and our Idle Less, \$ave More Conference. We also were featured speakers for local groups and appeared with Charlie Cate on the Michigan City Cable Network.

We have some exciting events coming up! Watch your e-mail or visit our website so you don't miss out. Plan on attending our golf outing to be held on September 6<sup>th</sup>. Let's have a great showing from our Indiana Coalition! When you receive the information, be sure to pass it on! Also, mark your calendar for our October 18<sup>th</sup> event "Biofuels...Moving Indiana Forward". This event will be held at the Radisson in Merrillville, Indiana. Our partners on this event include the Indiana Office of Energy and Defense Development, Indiana Department of Agriculture, Indiana Soybean Alliance and the Lake County Convention & Visitors Bureau. We are looking for more partners to make this event a success! Call our office for more information!

Thanks for being part of the solution,

*Carl Lisek*

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