

# South Shore Clean Cities Newsletter

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## June Events

- June 5th NW IN Quality of Life Meeting
- June 9th GM Product Review
- June 10th County Mark North Central Co-op Tech Training, Plymouth, IN
- June 11th County Mark North Central Co-op Tech Training, Shipshewana, IN
- June 12th Clean Air Indiana Event-Gary Rail Cats-Gary
- June 13th Clean Air Indiana-Elkhart Enviro Fest, Elkhart
- June 20th Clean Air Indiana-South Bend Eco Fest, Elkhart
- June 22nd Clean Air Indiana-South Shore Commuter Service: Chesterton Station
- June 23rd June 25th

## Earth Day Everyday!



Carl and Lorrie Lisek with the E85 Ethanol Car.

## Earth Day 2009

This year SSCC celebrated Earth Day with the Porter County Earth Day Event.

## Clean Air Indiana

### Joining forces for a cleaner Indiana

As we look forward to warmer and brighter days, the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) wants to help preserve cleaner and healthier air in 2009. IDEM's goal is to reduce ground-level ozone. This pollutant forms when emissions--volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and nitrogen oxides (NOx)--from manufacturing, transportation and other common activities combine in hot, sunny weather. It's unhealthy for anyone to breathe, especially for children, the elderly and individuals with lung or heart disease. Areas with clean air enjoy good quality of life and the opportunity for healthy business growth and a thriving economy. Hoosier businesses have been working hard to improve air quality in all regions of Indiana. Because today's federal air health standard is more protective than ever before, we cannot stop now. It's especially important that we take action from June 15 through June 30, when all regions of the state experience long sunlight hours and, historically, higher ozone levels. IDEM provides an online business toolkit to help you get started, and staff members are available to provide additional technical assistance. Please contact Jennifer Schick at (800) 988-7901 or [jschick@idem.IN.gov](mailto:jschick@idem.IN.gov) or Amy Bukarica at [abukarica@idem.IN.gov](mailto:abukarica@idem.IN.gov) or (800) 451-6027.



## Clean Diesel In The Midwest

June 22nd-June 25th  
 Clean Cities Peer  
 Exchange-  
 Pittsburgh, PA  
 June 24th Clean Air Indiana-  
 South Bend  
 Tranpo Transit Station  
 Clean,  
 South Bend  
 June 30th Advancing Hoosier  
 Women  
 Seminar-Ivy Tech,  
 Valparaiso



**Cleaner Diesel with Midwest Initiative**

In Indiana, folks are hard at work reducing diesel emissions. The Indiana Clean Diesel Coalition is utilizing EPA grant funds to implement retrofit, idle reduction, and other clean diesel actions across the state. Additionally, the Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District is managing an engine repower project at the ArcelorMittal Indiana Harbor facility using EPA funds. The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) is currently in the process of selecting qualified applicants for approximately \$1.7 million in ARRA state allocation funds. IDEM is expected to receive an additional state allocation later this year through FY09 DERA funding. Keep an eye on the DieselWise Indiana web site (see below) for more information about future funding opportunities in Indiana.

Visit the DieselWise Indiana web site at:  
<http://www.in.gov/idem/5255.htm>.

For more information about the Midwest Clean Diesel Initiative, please visit: <http://www.epa.gov/midwestcleandiesel/>.

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**Interesting Intern Information**



Madalin Murovic

This summer I will be working with Legacy Environmental Services and South Shore Clean Cities. I am a senior at Purdue Calumet and am majoring in Advertising. I have a passion for Graphic Arts and am planning on putting my creative talent to good use. I will be in charge of creating the newsletter, among other things. If you would like to submit an article to SSCC or have any questions please contact me at [southscc@comcast.net](mailto:southscc@comcast.net)

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**2009 Clean Diesel Is In Its Prime**

**Stimulating EPA Facts**

2009 is an exciting year for clean diesel activities in the Midwest and across the nation as momentum and funding opportunities continue to grow. On February 17, President Obama signed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), which allocated \$300 million to EPA. Approximately \$88 million (about \$1.7 million per state) was allocated to all 50 states plus the District of Columbia, to be spent on clean diesel activities within each state. On April 28, EPA's ARRA Request For Applications for \$156 million in national competitive funds closed, and EPA received over \$1.7 billion in applications. EPA is currently reviewing those applications and will soon select and award qualified applicants. In EPA Region 5, approximately \$26 million in ARRA clean diesel projects are expected to be funded this spring. Selected applicants will have until September, 2010 to complete their work, which helps realize EPA's goals for ARRA: creating or saving jobs across the U.S. while reducing diesel emissions. This fall, EPA expects to hold another Request For Applications for 'regularly scheduled' Diesel Emission Reduction Act (DERA) funding, which has been increased nationally from \$50 million in FY08 to \$60 million for FY09.



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