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SSCC Recognized for Diesel Emission Reduction Efforts

On October 11, 2007, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 5 Midwest Clean Diesel Initiative recognized people and organizations in government, non-profit and industry sectors that have taken actions to reduce diesel emissions. The awards were presented at a ceremony in Chicago. Winners included South Shore Clean Cities, Hamilton County Department of Environmental Services, Cincinnati, OH, Marten Transport Ltd., Mondovi, WI, and the Ohio Environmental Council, Columbus, OH. "Each honoree has forged unique and effective partnerships for reducing diesel emissions in the Midwest," said EPA Region 5 Administrator Mary A. Gade.



South Shore Clean Cities was recognized for demonstrating leadership by creating and implementing clean diesel programs in Northern Indiana. SSCC is a non-profit organization that has forged many partnerships. SSCC has organized and contributed to many outreach events, retrofitted school buses and other vehicles and created a website and smart idling print, radio and web campaign that reached thousands of Indiana residents.

Lt. Gov. Becky Skillman Joins U.S. Steel Gary Works for Alternative Energy Announcement



Lieutenant Governor Becky Skillman joined officials of U.S. Steel, a SSCC partner, to announce the company's Gary Works is phasing in the use of biodiesel in their fleet. Nearly 150 pieces of equipment, including loaders, dump trucks, flatbeds and Bobcats, will be fueled by B5 biodiesel. The fleet uses an average of 7,000 gallons of fuel a week.

"Moving to B5 biodiesel is one of the ways U.S. Steel is leading by example to improve the environment and promote alternative energy," said Lt. Governor Becky Skillman. "I encourage other manufacturing companies to join them and take advantage of our Hoosier homegrown energy for their transportation and manufacturing needs."

B5 biodiesel is a blend of five percent soy-based biodiesel and 95 percent traditional diesel fuel. The conversion to B5 began in April 2007 at the

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Gary Works. U.S. Steel has tested B5 biodiesel in plant locomotives with great success. The company plans to transition to B10 biodiesel for this equipment in two to three months. "We are pleased that Gary Works has been able to take a leadership role in Northwest Indiana by implementing biodiesel in our mobile equipment fleet," said Mike William, General Manager of U.S. Steel Gary Works, "Environmental stewardship is a core value at U. S. Steel, and the efficient and cost effective use of a renewable and cleaner fuel like biodiesel in our fleet meets our goal, and is the right thing to do."

U. S. Steel is currently looking to build on the success at Gary Works by using biodiesel throughout the company, beginning with facilities in the United States. The move to B5 biodiesel at the Gary Works came with the assistance of South Shore Clean Cities of Northern Indiana.

"We are very proud to be part of promoting Indiana's homegrown fuels and making our state and country less dependent on foreign oil," said Carl Lisek, Coordinator of South Shores Clean Cities, Inc. "This initiative falls right in line with our founding principle, of working together for common goals to accomplish our nation's objectives."

Comprised of both steelmaking and finishing facilities, Gary Works is one of five integrated steelmaking facilities U.S. Steel operates in the United States. Sheet products, hot strip mill plate products, and tin products are manufactured at Gary Works. Hot rolled, cold rolled, and galvanized sheet products are produced for customers in the automotive, metal building components, home construction and appliance markets. Congratulations US Steel!

POCO Oil Presents Fuel Savings Seminar

SSCC Member POCO Oil presented a fuel savings seminar on September 25, 2007. Over 100 attendees participated in the event. Paulson Oil Company (POCO) is one of the largest marketers of fuels, lubricants and related products in the Chicago Metro and Northwest Indiana areas. Since 1973, POCO has been committed to excellence by offering clients solutions to critical operational challenges and by providing products and technology to address high energy costs.

POCO is recognized as a progressive supplier of bio-based fuels in the Midwest; with a complete education and supply program available to its customers. POCO's subsidiary company, Fuel Performance Solutions (FPS) supplies high performance diesel fuel and biofuel additives to trucking fleets and fuel distributors coast to coast. FPS products are designed to improve fuel economy, reduce harmful emissions and increase the life of critical components of diesel engines. POCO promotes the use of long-life synthetic lubricants and oil reclamation to further reduce the overall consumption and associated waste of petroleum products. Thank you POCO Oil for inviting SSCC to participate in your seminar.

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 and B20 infrastructure. For more information please contact our office at (219) 365-4289.

South Shore Clean Cities

Upcoming Events

Mark Your Calendar....

Watch your e-mail for Upcoming Event Announcements!

December 4, 2007

Biofuels... Moving Indiana
Forward

December 7, 2007

NWI Quality of Life Council
Meeting –Greenhouse Gas
Emission Reduction

December

SSCC Webinar on Indiana
Senate Bill use of E85

SPRING 08

SSCC Annual Meeting

SSCC DIESEL EMISSION
REDUCTION EVENT

FEBRUARY 3-6, 2008
NATIONAL BIODIESEL
CONFERENCE-ORLANDO FL

Flex-fuel Vehicle Conversion Kits

The EPA has approved the first flex-fuel vehicle conversions capable of running on E85. Flex Fuel U.S. ®, a leading pioneer in ethanol conversion systems offers the new Flex-Box Smart Kit™, a first-of-its-kind after-market bolt on fuel conversion system. The system is the first and only E85 conversion unit which has been certified by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for fleet vehicles, and allows fleet operators and drivers to fill up on E85 (a blend of 85 percent ethanol and 15 percent gasoline) E20, E10 or pure gasoline.

The first Flex-Box Smart Kit™ is certified for the most common fleet vehicles: the Ford Crown Victoria, Mercury Grand Marquis and Lincoln Town Car. Because these vehicles are most common in police, taxi and livery fleets, as well as city, state and federal government motor pools, it creates an opportunity for businesses and government agencies to save money and “go green” simultaneously.

The Flex-Box Smart Kit™ continuously monitors engine and emission controls – oxygen sensors, throttle position sensors, engine speed and an alcohol/fuel sensor – and delivers supplementary fuel injection to allow the vehicle to operate at optimal performance no matter what fuel blend is in the tank.

Welcome New SSCC Members

South Shore Clean Cities welcomes:

South Bend Public Transportation Corporation

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

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

Biofuels...Moving Indiana Forward

South Shore Clean Cities is planning to host Biofuels...Moving Indiana Forward on December 4th, 2007. 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. The purpose of this event is to educate key stakeholders on use of Biodiesel!

Features include:

- National experts on quality standards
- State overview of where we are going
- Greening your fleet
- Panel discussions on “Biodiesel Quality” and biodiesel quality regulation efforts past, present & future
- Success Stories of fleets currently using this fuel and much more!
- Learn the latest developments on this exciting alternative fuel!

Contact South Shore Clean Cities for sponsorship opportunities!

Bring your Questions; Get your Answers at this important event!

Underwriters Laboratories Certification Expected to Double E85 Locations

The ethanol industry has received welcome news as Underwriters Laboratories (UL) announced the availability of safety requirements for E85 fuel dispensing equipment. Awaited for just under a year, the UL certification requirements are a major victory for the ethanol industry and efforts to expand availability of E85 and increase demand for this renewable fuel. "Underwriters Laboratories' announcement removes a major barrier to many companies that have been waiting to offer E85 at their fueling stations," says Robert White, director of operations for the Ethanol Information and Promotion Council (EPIC). "Pump equipment manufacturers are standing by at the ready and will submit their dispenser for approval very soon. UL's efforts to complete their evaluations and develop the safety requirements for E85 dispensing equipment in just under a year are tremendous, and this development will move the ethanol industry to the next plateau in helping improve air quality and reduce dependence on foreign fuels," White continues.

Currently there are more than 1,300 E85 fueling stations open across the United States. With UL's announcement, projections are that number will double in the coming year, creating additional demand for ethanol because of more convenient access to E85. In fact, if the 6 million flex-fuel vehicles currently on the road today were to be operated entirely on E85, potential demand for ethanol could increase by 5.1 billion gallons - nearly 75 percent of the industry's current production. Environmentally conscious consumers continue to choose flex fuel vehicles, which will continue demand creation. "It's no secret the ethanol industry has been expanding rapidly," says White. "Developments like this are what the expansion has been based upon, and we'll continue efforts to create both demand for and supply of this clean, homegrown fuel - it's good for engines, for our environment, for our economy and for our energy security."

We love to spotlight our members. Do you have news you would like to share?

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Coordinator's Corner

SSCC is on the move! What a busy summer we had promoting alternative fuels across Northern Indiana. We don't anticipate slowing down any time soon.



Our Biodiesel Biofuels event will be held on December 4, 2007 at the



Radisson in Merrillville, Indiana. SSCC will continue our promotion on smart idling. Watch our website for exciting changes and upcoming events for 2008. We will be...

"Fueling the Future" in 2008!

Thanks for being part of the solution,

Carl Lisek

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Clean Fuels, Clean Air...Clean Cities!