



# Clean Cities News

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## National AFV Day Odyssey-October 12, 2006

We are pleased to announce that South Shore Clean Cities has partnered with Ivy Tech College to present National AFV Day Odyssey. This one-day, multiple-location, national celebration of advanced technology and alternative fuel vehicles will send an unmistakable message to the nation's transportation consumers that Alternative Fuel and Alternative Fuel Vehicles are a positive choice for transportation.

**National AFV Day Odyssey is planned for October 12, 2006.**  
**Our local event will be held at:**

**Westfield Shopping Town, Southlake  
2109 Southlake Mall  
Merrillville, IN 46410**

Various displays and booths will be located throughout the mall. These will be open to the public from **10:00 am until 8:00 pm**. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to show your support of a cleaner environment to our community. In conjunction with this event we will have an Opening Ceremony at 9:00 am. Booth space is still available, call today to reserve your space.

## EPACT



You may have seen some recent articles/information concerning an EPACT Notice of Proposed Rule Making. In March 2006, the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California vacated the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) January 2004 decision not to implement an alternative fuel vehicle mandate for private and local government fleets. The Court directed DOE to issue a draft rule on the replacement fuel goal and complete draft and final determinations on the Private and Local Government Fleet Rule in compliance with the Court Order. As the first part of the compliance action, DOE issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

(NOPR) that modifies the EPAct 1992 Replacement Fuel Goal to make it more achievable. If you are interested in reading the NOPR or to find out more information, please go to the following link:  
[http://www.eere.energy.gov/vehiclesandfuels/epact/plg\\_docket.html](http://www.eere.energy.gov/vehiclesandfuels/epact/plg_docket.html)

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## - IRS Update

### Alternative Fuel Tax

The IRS has reported that the guidance on the fuel tax credits will be released by October 1.

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## Department of Energy Office Consolidation



As most of you know, Clean Cities is part of the DOE Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy under the FreedomCAR and Vehicle Technologies Program

Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL) has been designated as the project management center for Clean Cities/FCVT activities nationwide. Many of the

activities that were coordinated through our former regional offices will now be coordinated through NETL. Our new point of contact will now be by Mr. Mike Scarpino out of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

## Proposed Legislation to Aid "Green" Auto Technologies (Legislation)

A proposal being drafted in Congress would give automakers up to \$20 billion in federal loan guarantees to develop "green technologies" such as plant retooling and the research and development of alternative fuel vehicles. The legislation, expected to be released next week by U.S. Rep. Mike Rogers, R-Brighton, would help domestic automakers more easily borrow funds to develop the technologies while speeding up the introduction of energy-efficient vehicles into the marketplace. (Source: Reuters, Sept. 20,'06)

## GM to Build Fuel-Cell Vehicles

General Motors has announced it will build 100 hydrogen fuel-cell-powered Chevrolet Equinox SUVs for U.S. distribution in 2007. The vehicles will be built at the company's Regional Engineering Centre in Canada. The fuel-cell power plant comprises a fuel-cell stack, where the electro-chemical conversion of hydrogen and oxygen to electric power takes place, an electronic control unit, and an electric motor. This integrated unit replaces the conventional engine and transmission to drive the front wheels. Peak power from the fuel cell is rated at 93 kW (124 hp) and the nickel-metal-hydride battery pack, located beneath the rear seat footwell, can provide up to 35 kW (47 hp). This is similar to the output from the conventional Equinox's four-cylinder gasoline engine. The initial fleet of 100 will go to customers, including government officials and business leaders in New York, Washington, D.C., and Los Angeles. (Source: GM)

## CNG Vehicles reach over 4,600,000 (International)

According to the International Association for Natural Gas Vehicles, there are currently over 4.6 million CNG-vehicles in operation worldwide, with 1.5 million vehicles in Argentina; 1.0 million in Brazil; 700,000 in Pakistan; 400,000 in Italy; 230,000 in India; 130,000 in the United States; 100,000 in China; 65,000 in Egypt; and 30,000 in Germany. (Source: Prime [Zone.com](http://Zone.com), Sept.26,'06)

## South Shore Clean Cities

### Upcoming Events

#### Mark Your Calendar....

October 5, 2006

SSCC Board of Directors  
Meeting at NIRPC 7:30 am

October 12, 2006

National AFV Odyssey Day  
Westfield Mall – Southlake  
9:00 Opening Ceremony  
10:00 am – 8:00 pm Displays

#### Holiday Gathering

Watch your e-mail for this  
event to be held in December.

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## "Kicking the Idling Habit"

SSCC received a grant from IDEM to promote idle reduction in Lake and Porter Counties. Reducing emissions from diesel engines is one of the most important air quality challenges facing our country. SSCC is joining the effort to reduce diesel pollution and protect human health and the environment. SSCC is distributing information to truck drivers at local truck stops to educate them about idling. Watch for details on a new website [www.smartidle.com](http://www.smartidle.com) that is specifically designed to encourage drivers to **"Kick the Idling Habit!"**

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## Welcome New South Shore Clean Cities Member

Martin's Super Markets, Inc. of South Bend, Indiana is the newest member of our South Shore Clean Cities Coalition. Mr. Don Loutzenhiser is the Store Operations Specialist. Watch for E85 to be pumping at one of their locations in the near future.

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## Coordinator's Corner

### Hot Off the Press

Indiana Lt. Governor Becky Skillman announced today that Indiana is receiving a \$1.3 million dollar grant from the US Department of Energy to fund E85 fueling stations. These funds were made available through the Clean Cities Program. South Shore Clean Cities and its members were instrumental in the success of this grant application. SSCC partnered with Central Indiana Clean Cities and coalitions in Kentucky, Tennessee and Alabama as well as our state energy office to make this a success. In January 2005, Indiana had no public E85 pumps. Today the 41<sup>st</sup> pump was opened surpassing the 2006 goal of forty. This grant funding will add an additional eighteen E85 pumps and one biodiesel pump. "The state has become a leader in the production of biofuels, and now developing the infrastructure to allow all Hoosiers more options at the pump," said Brandon Seitz, Manager for OED. Stations in Northern Indiana are located in: Demotte, Gary, Hobart, Lake County (Biodiesel), Merrillville, Michigan City, Porter, Remington & Rensselaer.

What an exciting time to be involved with Clean Cities! While our coalition is fuel neutral, it is very exciting to see E85 starting to make a difference in the alternative fuel arena. Our Odyssey Day on the 12<sup>th</sup> should prove very successful as consumers are looking for alternatives to gas prices. (If you are available to help please contact our office. There are still display tables available.) Our "Kicking the Idling Habit" Program is another way that we are educating the public on ways to cut emissions and save money. All of these programs will support our mission of Clean Fuels, Clean Air...CLEAN CITIES!

Thanks for being part of the solution,

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