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## **Texas biodiesel workshops to showcase new blending opportunities for fuel distributors and fleets**

Clean Cities coalitions partner with industry to educate potential biodiesel blenders and users

**Jan. 11, 2012** (Arlington, Texas) – Biodiesel is making a comeback in Texas and the Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Coalition, along with the North Central Texas Council of Governments, is inviting area petroleum distributors and fleets to learn more at a workshop Monday, Jan. 16, from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Transportation Council Room of the NCTCOG in Arlington.

Clean Cities is partnering with Texas biodiesel producer, Renewable Energy Group, and wholesale biodiesel distributor Bosselman Energy, to discuss industry updates and business opportunities as well as highlight the area's biodiesel blending terminal locations. The workshops follow a December 2011 announcement by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) which removes the requirement to use additional additives with biodiesel blends.

"For fuel retailers, petroleum distributors or large public or private fleets, the time is right to take a look at biodiesel. We want to do these workshops early in the year so our members and partners can get all their biodiesel questions answered," said DFW Clean Cities Coalition coordinator Pamela Burns. "By working with a biodiesel producer and a terminal operator we are offering an entire supply chain solution that this area has not been able to take advantage of in the past. This is a great time to integrate biodiesel into any fleet."

Biodiesel blends operate in diesel engines, from light to heavy-duty, just like petroleum diesel. B20 works in any diesel engine with few or no modifications to the engine or the fuel system and provides similar horsepower, torque and mileage as diesel.

"We encourage fleet fuel managers to bring their current diesel suppliers with them to this educational workshop in order to quickly take advantage of biodiesel blending economics," Burns said.

Events will be held the following dates/locations and are open to any petroleum distributor, fuel retailer, Texas Petroleum Marketers & Convenience Store Association member, or public or private fleet manager.

Monday, January 16, 2012 in Dallas  
Tuesday, January 17, 2012 in Austin  
Wednesday, January 18, 2012 in San Antonio  
Thursday, January 19, 2012 in Houston

To see a full agenda and register for any of the four Texas biodiesel workshops, visit <http://www.regi.com/rsvp/texas>

Biodiesel is a renewable fuel made from agricultural byproducts and co-products such as soybean oil, and other fats and oils. It is the only domestically produced, commercially available product to meet the Environmental Protection Agency's definition of an advanced biofuel in the U.S. and supports 39,000 American jobs.

Renewable Energy Group, the nation's largest biodiesel producer, has a 35 million gallon per year facility in the Houston suburb of Seabrook, Texas, and is sponsoring the event.

**About the North Central Texas Council of Governments:**

NCTCOG is a voluntary association of local governments established in 1966 to assist local governments in planning for common needs, cooperating for mutual benefit and coordinating for sound regional development. NCTCOG's purpose is to strengthen both the individual and collective power of local governments and to help them recognize regional opportunities, eliminate unnecessary duplication and make joint decisions.

NCTCOG serves a 16-county region of North Central Texas, which is centered on the two urban centers of Dallas and Fort Worth. Currently, NCTCOG has 240 member governments including 16 counties, 170 cities, 24 school districts and 30 special districts.

**About Clean Cities:**

In 1995, the Dallas-Fort Worth (DFW) Clean Cities became one of the first Clean Cities under the Energy Policy Act's provision for an organization that promotes the use of alternative fuels to lessen America's dependence on foreign sources of petroleum. The DFW Clean Cities Coalition is a locally based, private and public partnership group that works to advance the economic, environmental and energy security goals of the United States by supporting local decisions to adopt practices that contribute to the reduction of petroleum consumption in the transportation sector.

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