

**Press Release  
City of Conover  
Tuesday June 27, 2006**



**Conover, NC** Mayor Bruce Eckard is pleased to announce the use of Biodiesel in all diesel powered vehicles and implements for the City of Conover effective immediately. Biodiesel is a renewable diesel fuel that is made from soybean oil or other domestic fats and vegetable oils. It can be used in any diesel engine with few or no modifications, and can be blended with petroleum at any level.

Councilman Johnny Brown made the official announcement at the Unifour Air Quality Committee (UAQC) in Hickory NC, Tuesday morning; citing Conover's desire to help improve air quality, lessen our nation's dependency on foreign, oil, and aid the American farmer. The use of alternative fuels is a part of the city's Air Quality Awareness Program Action Plan, adopted in 2005.

Ron Brown, Fleet Manager for the City of Conover stated; as of Friday June 23, the city's 23 on road and 31 off road implements are now using biodiesel. A mixture of 20% biodiesel and 80% regular diesel has been implemented, also known as B20. Conover is one of 600 major fleets to use biodiesel nation wide. In an effort to encourage the use of Biodiesel all diesel powered vehicles will be equipped with a sticker "Powered by Biodiesel." Additionally, Mayor Eckard encourages all local governments and commercial fleets to begin using biodiesel to help reduce harmful emissions, promote energy independence, and boost the economy.

For more information about biodiesel contact the National Biodiesel Board at [www.biodiesel.org](http://www.biodiesel.org) or contact the City of Conover City Manager's office at (828) 464-1191.