



Fall 2013 CCFC Projects & Activities Update

Current Projects

Alternative Fuel Implementation Team (AFIT) for North Carolina – Biodiesel Charrette

On August 21st, Land of Sky Clean Vehicles Coalition partnered with the NC Solar Center to host the second of four alternative fuel Charrettes as funded by the AFIT Project. Over 35 key stakeholders from across the state representing fleets, regulators and vendors, attended the half-day event.



Advanced Energy's DC Fast Charger Project Opportunity

Advanced Energy and other NC leaders of PEV advancement are teaming up to bring thirty public Direct Current Fast Chargers (DCFCs) for PEVs to NC in order to serve the growing needs of an electrified public. AE is seeking qualified host sites at commercial, retail, municipal and state locations to host DCFC equipment for EV fueling. Host sites can either own the equipment or allow a third-party vendor to own and operate the station.

AFIT Propane Charrette

On Tuesday October 15, CCFC hosted a Propane Charrette as part of the Alternative Fuel Implementation Team (AFIT) for North Carolina. The event was held at Roush-Fenway Racing in Concord and was attended by a wide variety of vendors and fleet users. The charrette focused on barriers and opportunities for the expanded use of propane in NC, and resulted in many innovative ideas.

2013 NC Mobile CARE Awards

The NC Mobile Clean Air Renewable Energy (CARE) awards recognize outstanding individuals and organizational efforts at reducing transportation emissions. This year, Frito-Lay North America has been given the Fleet Award, and the Policy or Organization Award went to AeroGRADE, a successful pilot initiative conceived by the Mecklenburg County Air Quality program. Awardees were congratulated by NCDOT Secretary Tony Tata. Congrats to our own CCFC stakeholders!



Current Projects (continued)

Southeast Diesel Collaborative Annual Partners



CCFC Co-Coordinator Sean Flaherty presented to the SEDC in Atlanta, GA. The aim of the Collaborative is to develop innovative cost-efficient strategies and solutions for reducing emissions from diesel engines. The theme of this year's meeting was "Reconnecting our Past and Present to Fuel our Future." CCFC provided an overview of opportunities to advance clean construction in the greater Charlotte region as part of the CONNECT Our Future Project funded through the HUD-EPA-DOT Sustainable Communities Initiative.

Clean Cities Mentoring Program

CCFC has begun mentoring a new Clean Cities program, the East Tennessee Clean Fuels Coalition. The goal of this relationship is to support improvements to board communication, with a specific emphasis on communication style, practices, and expectations between staff and Board members. We look forward to getting to know another one of our fellow Clean Cities programs!



CCFC Welcomes Katy Dwyer!



Katy Dwyer has joined Centralina Council of Governments as the new Clean Cities Intern, working with CCFC. Katy is originally from Atlanta, GA and recently graduated from Furman University with a B.A. in English. We are looking forward to getting to know her over the next several months!

Piedmont Natural Gas Transportation Workshop

Earlier this month, some of the CCFC staff attended a workshop hosted by PNG that focused on the growing market for use of natural gas in transportation. We heard from fleet users and engine manufacturers, as well as Kathryn Clay, a member of the Drive Natural Gas Initiative in Washington, D.C. We also got to watch a CNG powered refuse truck refuel at the PNG fueling station.



About the Centralina Clean Fuels Coalition

We support and promote the reduction of petroleum dependence, improvements in air quality, and increased alternative fuel usage through education, funding access, and public/private partnerships. We're a local effort of a North Carolina regional planning agency called the Centralina Council of Governments, which involves Anson, Cabarrus, Gaston, Iredell, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Rowan, Stanly, and Union counties.

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