

## Final Reminder for NGV Workshop

The NJCCC, in collaboration with the Greater Philadelphia Clean Cities Coalition, the Clean Vehicle Education Foundation and others, is proud to be co-hosting **"The Compelling Case for Natural Gas Vehicles (NGV), A Public and Private Fleet Workshop"** to be held on Wednesday, November 11, at the Plymouth Country Club, Plymouth Meeting, PA (suburban Philadelphia). Fee covers course materials, continental breakfast, lunch, and refreshment break. Please register today at <http://www.cleanvehicle.org/workshop/phila.shtml>

## NJCCC Expands Board of Trustees, Welcomes New Trustees

Reflecting the continued growth and the diverse activities of the NJCCC, our Board of Trustees recently revised its by-laws and added two new positions. New Board members Valerie Montecalvo and Paul Heitmann join founding members Ray Willer, Chelsea Albucher and Chuck Feinberg. Brief bios of the Board members can be found on the NJCCC website.

## Grant/Contract Funding Updates

**Compressed Natural Gas (CNG)** - On August 24, 2009, DOE Secretary Dr. Steven Chu announced the selection of the NJ Clean Cities Coalition for a grant for the deployment of 277 CNG-fueled heavy duty garbage trucks and shuttle buses, and the installation of four CNG fueling stations. This \$15 million of federal funds will leverage an additional investment of \$40 million of funds from other sources. The NJCCC and the DOE have been working very closely to finalize this process and now expect the contracts to be signed in early December. Sub-recipients and cost-share partners under this program include: the Atlantic County Utilities Authority (ACUA); the City of Newark, Waste Management of Camden, Central Jersey Waste & Recycling, Atlantic City Jitney Association and Clean Energy Fuels.

**Electric Vehicles** - In an effort to advance the deployment of electric vehicle plug-in infrastructure in New Jersey, the NJ Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) has been working with the NJCCC. With the evolving market for electric vehicles quickly coming to the mainstream, it is critical that NJ create the conditions that send the signal to EV manufacturers that NJ will be “market-ready” and should be considered for early introduction of electric passenger vehicles.

## Revamped “Success” Page of NJCCC Website

One of the goals of the NJCCC is to help promote the “successes” of our members when it comes to developing or deploying new alternative fuel fleets, advanced technology vehicles and the related infrastructure. A new way in which we do so is by posting this information on our website. Take a look at <http://www.njcleancities.org/successes.html> to see the latest stories. If you have success stories that are not yet posted, please send them along to us. Promotion of these activities takes us one step closer to “mainstreaming” alternative fuels and gaining public acceptance.

## NJCCC in the News

In a recent article in NJ BIZ News, entitled “Builders Lay Wires to Tires as Driving Landscape Shifts”, NJCCC Chairman Chuck Feinberg discusses the development of electric vehicle infrastructure in New Jersey. Despite many hurdles, which the NJCCC is working to overcome, the article cites the small but growing number of real estate developers and others in New Jersey that are plugging into the idea of installing electric car-charging stations at their properties. The full article can be viewed at [www.njbiz.com](http://www.njbiz.com), or at [www.njcleancities.org](http://www.njcleancities.org).

## Legislative Update

As a 501(c)3 tax-exempt non-profit entity, the NJCCC is prohibited from performing lobbying activities, however there are a few pending bills in Congress that we want you to be aware of.

We encourage you to contact your representatives to express your opinion:

- The Streamline Alternative Fuel Vehicle Conversions Act (S1809/HR3431). The legislation would simplify and streamline EPA's emissions certification process for aftermarket fuel conversion systems. It is a bill "to amend the Clean Air Act to promote the certification of aftermarket conversion systems and thereby encourage the increased use of alternative fueled vehicles." During the bill's introduction, Sen. Inhofe noted that the bill "makes critical changes so that vehicle conversions can become a commonplace option for all Americans. By simplifying this compliance process, we will not only incentivize conversion manufacturers to offer more systems for additional vehicle makes and models, but will eventually reduce the costs of these conversion systems for interested car owners".
- The "New Alternative Transportation to Give Americans Solutions Act of 2009" (S1408/HR1835). Also known as the NAT GAS Act, the goal of these bills is to accelerate the production and use of more natural gas vehicles while quickly reducing our dependence on foreign oil and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.
- The Clean Cities Program Authorization Act (HR3488). The US DOE established the Clean Cities program as a requirement of the Energy Policy Act of 1992, however, the program has never been formally authorized by Congress. The national structure of the Clean Cities program has empowered a network of local public/private partnerships, such as the NJCCC, to become leaders of a national network for change by enabling the establishment of alternative fuel infrastructure and deployment of advanced technology vehicles.

## **One-stop Shop for Alt Fuels & Advanced Vehicle Info**

Want to find a great selection of tools to help make choices about advanced vehicles and alternative fuels? The Clean Cities Program and the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) have gathered their complete collection of tools, database searches, cost calculators and interactive maps from the Alternative Fuels and Advanced Vehicles Data Center onto one convenient, easy-to-use Web page. The new Web page, <http://www.afdc.energy.gov/afdc/applications.html> helps users quickly find the 23 tools, maps, and searches developed by the

Alternative Fuels and Advanced Vehicles Data Center. Find tool such as:

- [Alternative fueling station finder](#);
- [Light duty vehicle research tool](#);
- [Flexible fuel cost calculator](#);
- [Truck stop electrification locator](#);
- [Vehicle fuel economy rating chart](#);
- [Fuel properties identifier](#);
- [State incentives and law listings](#).

Thanks for your ongoing support. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Chuck Feinberg at [chuck.feinberg@gmail.com](mailto:chuck.feinberg@gmail.com).

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