



Denver Clean Cities

April News



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Announcements

HIRING - Southern Colorado Clean Cities Coordinator

The American Lung Association in Colorado is hiring a full-time coordinator to run the Southern Colorado Clean Cities program. For full details and job description, click on this [Dropbox link](#).

Government Plans to Increase Purchasing of Zero-Emission Vehicles Following Signed Executive Order

President Obama signed an executive order on March 19th that would require 50 percent of the nation's federal fleet to be powered by hybrid electric or hydrogen fuel by 2025. The president has set a 30% reduction goal for greenhouse gas emissions from the federal fleet, which includes about 655,000 vehicles across the U.S. In addition to these reduction goals, the government is trying to find the next vehicle and fuel type they plan to use for the next generation of USPS delivery vehicles.

Apply for the SAFE Energy Security Prize!

Securing America's Future Energy (SAFE) is accepting applications for the second Energy Security Prize, which would award hopeful oil-reduction technologies a total of \$175,000. Applications for the Energy Security Prize can be found at secureenergy.org/prize, and applications are due by Friday, April 10th.

Annual Petroleum Displacement Report

Thank you to everyone who participated in the 2014 Annual Petroleum Displacement Report by submitting your fleet data. The data is in the process of being analyzed by the Department of Energy for accuracy and consistency, but initial figures suggest we displaced over 6 million gallons of petroleum in 2014! This is an increase from the 2013 report, and it shows that our continued efforts to use alternative fuels and fuel-reduction technologies are paying off. Thanks to all businesses and groups who participated in the report, and look for this report to be published and shared with the media whenever it is officially vetted and approved.



Upcoming Events

ACT Expo

May 5-7th
Dallas, TX
Clean Cities Members receive a discount, contact TSvitak@lungs.org

RMFMA Colorado Chapter Spring Meeting & Expo

May 13th
Adams County
Fairgrounds, Brighton, CO

Government Fleet Expo & Conference

June 8-11th, 2015
Colorado Convention Center, Denver, CO

Natural Gas Vehicles

Colorado Stories

Aurora Expanding PEV and CNG Fleet - [NGT News](#)

UPS Expanding CNG Fleet Nationally, and in Colorado - [Globe News Wire](#)

First Alternative Fuel Technician Program in Colorado - [Refuel Colorado](#)

Colorado Corn Applauds Senator Bennet for his Renewable Fuel Standard Support - [Colorado Corn](#)

National Highlights

Shell and TA working to open more LNG lanes - [Green Fleet Magazine](#)

New platform could boost the Toyota Prius MPG to 58 - [AutoBlog](#)

Toshiba participating in a 4-year Hydrogen Research Project - [Green Fleet Magazine](#)

Indiana Gas Station Chain Installs DC Fast Chargers - [Charged EVs](#)

Infrastructure USA

June 18-19th, 2015

Grand Hyatt, Atlanta, GA

Gasoline Use Falls to Lowest Level in 30 Years - [Automotive-fleet](#)

New Study Shows Ethanol Could Cut Carbon Emissions More than Many Think - [Technology18](#)



Case Study

H&S Bakery Propane Vehicles

H&S Bakery, located in Maryland, has partnered with the local Clean Cities coalition to fund a new fleet of renewable fuel-using vehicles. The bakery is using Denver Clean Cities' member ROUSH CleanTech Ford F-59 trucks, which offer :

- **Cost Savings** – The incremental cost of the propane buses and refueling infrastructure can be recouped in 3-8 years.
- **Filling Considerations** – H&S has installed a private propane refueling station. This 18,000-gallon underground tank is located near the H&S Distribution Center.
- **Energy & Environmental Impact** – The ROUSH CleanTech vehicles received by the bakery will each displace about 117,000 pounds of carbon dioxide emissions.
- **Future Plans** - The bakery states that they would like to have 10% of their vehicle fleet using the renewable propane fuel within the next two years.

Upcoming Webinars

Workplace Charging Management Policy Webinar

Develop policies and procedures for a positive charging experience

Thursday, April 23rd 2:00-3:00 EST

Register for the webinar [here](#).

Join or Renew Membership

State Incentive Summary

Charge Ahead Colorado:

This grant program will fund 80% of the incremental cost, up to \$8,260/vehicle, of a plug-in electric vehicle for entities located within the seven-county Denver Metro area that are ineligible for the state tax credit. The grant will also cover 80% of project costs associated with charging stations, up to \$6,260, for entities located throughout the state. The grant is jointly administered by the Colorado Energy Office and Regional Air Quality Council. Full details and information can be found at their [website](#).

- **Application window has closed**

ALT Fuels Colorado

This grant program will fund 80% of the equipment cost associated with compressed natural gas (CNG) fueling stations, up to \$500,000. The grant will also fund propane and DC fast charging stations, up to \$50,000, if they are co-located at an awarded CNG station. This portion of the grant is being administered by the Colorado Energy Office. The application and full details can be found at their [website](#).

- **Application is closed - two applications a year**
- **Next application expected this summer**

ALT Fuels Colorado will also fund up to 80% of the incremental cost for natural gas, propane, or plug-in electric vehicle over 6,000 lbs. . and a conventionally fueled vehicle. Vehicles must operate within Colorado's federally-designated ozone non-attainment or carbon monoxide maintenance areas at least 60% of the time ([program area map](#)). Funding caps are set according to vehicle weight classes, and differ among public or private organizations. This portion of the grant is being administered by the Regional Air Quality Council. The application and full details can be found at their [website](#).

- **Application is closed**
- **There will be three funding cycles per year through the end of 2017**

Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) Alternative Fuels Funding Program

In partnership with the Colorado Energy Office and Regional Air Quality Council, DOLA's Energy and Mineral Impact Assistance Program Tier II application cycle will fund alternative fuel vehicles (AFVs), alternative fuel infrastructure, and maintenance facility upgrades that support AFVs. Only public entities (local governments and [special districts](#)) qualify. Infrastructure projects require a 25% minimum match. For vehicles, 100% of the incremental cost between an AFV and it's conventional equivalent would be funded. Full details and applications can be found at their [website](#).

- **Application has closed - next is due August 1**
- **Applications due three times a year: April 1, August 1, December 1**

Colorado State Tax Credits

Colorado offers a substantial tax credit for alternative fuel vehicles that are purchased new or converted, as well as idle reduction equipment, aerodynamic technologies, and clean fuel refrigerated trailers. Tax credits are categorized according to the fuel or technology type and vehicle weight class, and each category has a credit cap ranging anywhere from \$6,000-\$20,000. Details can be located on the [Refuel Colorado website](#) or by reviewing the Department of Revenue's guidance document, [FY Income 67](#). For assistance, don't hesitate to contact Clean Cities at tsvitak@lungs.org.

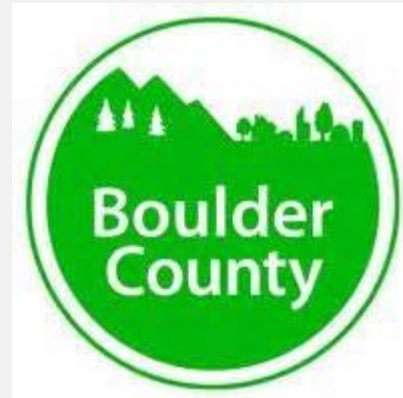
Question of the Month:

What are the key terms and considerations I should remember when discussing emissions?

[ANSWER](#)

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