



Denver Clean Cities Headlines

May News



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Announcements

Membership Renewal

Clean Cities members are the life of a successful coalition. Membership dues help to sustain our programs and provide the valuable network that we rely on for expertise, experience, feedback, and growth. In return, we provide value to our members by consistently serving as a neutral resource and consult, while forging the networks and business relationships necessary to seeing successful projects and petroleum displacement. We would like to sincerely thank the many organizations that makeup our dues-paying membership, and we ask for your continued support in our upcoming fiscal year.

Statewide members have already received notification from Northern Colorado Clean Cities about renewal, but for local members and partners that haven't yet, please watch for a letter from us thanking you for your membership and asking for your renewal. Membership with us runs from July 1st-June 30th, so any organizations that sign up or renew in May will receive membership benefits through June 30th of 2016. Membership renewal is **due by June 20th**.

You may find a detailed description of membership benefits and dues on our website. You can also pay via credit card there, or you can pay by check. The green membership button below will take you directly to our membership payment page. Thank you again, and we look forward to another successful year assisting our members!

New Southern Colorado Clean Cities Coordinator

The American Lung Association in Colorado has hired Kyle Lisek as the new Southern Colorado Clean Cities Coordinator. Kyle will be a second generation Clean Cities Coordinator, as his parents manage the South Shore and Wisconsin Clean Cities, two very successful coalitions with impressive accomplishments. Kyle graduated from Purdue University in 2014, where he received his bachelor's in History and a minor in Organizational and Leadership Skills, and he went through the Clean Cities University Workforce Development Program last year in preparation for taking over SC4. Kyle can be reached at KLisek@Lungs.org, or 303-847-0271.

\$13.5 Million in DERA Funding Announced

The Environmental Protection Agency announced \$13.5 million in funding for their Diesel Emissions Reduction Act program. They are now accepting proposals for the Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program. The grant aims to fund projects with the following qualifications:

- Diesel emission reductions from engines involved in goods movement, including freight and/or ports;
- Diesel emission reductions in areas of poor air quality;
- Project outcomes that benefit the community; and
- Community engagement and partnerships in the development and implementation of this project

The application can be found [here](#). There is also a [webinar](#) to learn more about the program on May 21st at noon, MST.

[Join or Renew Membership](#)



Upcoming Events

[Government Fleet Expo & Conference](#)

June 8-11th, 2015
Colorado Convention

Colorado Stories

[Two Colorado Cities Rank Among Top 10 in Nation for EV Costs - Huffington Post](#)

[Grand Junction's RNG Fleet Voted 27th of 1900 Best Fleets in America - GJ Sentinel](#)

Center, Denver, CO

**Transportation Summit
2015**

June 15th, 7:30am-
2:00pm

**Senator Gardner -
Keynote**

Island Grove Regional
Park, Greeley, CO
[RSVP](#)

**Natural Gas Vehicles
Infrastructure USA**

June 18-19th, 2015
Grand Hyatt, Atlanta, GA

**Green Transportation
Summit and Expo**

August 19th and 20th
Crown Plaza Hotel
Denver, CO

Denver Biz Journal Blown Away by BMW i3 and Tesla Model S - [Denver Biz](#)

Colorado State Fleet Analysis Conclusions - [Government Fleet](#)

Mesa County, CO Expanding CNG Bus Fleet - [NGT News](#)

ConocoPhillips Deploying 300 Propane Pickups, Many in SW Colorado - [Green Fleet Magazine](#)

Colorado EV Tax Credit Applies to Used Vehicles, too - [Green Car Reports](#)

Steamboat Springs to Add EV Charging - [Steamboat Today](#)

National Highlights

2016 F-150 to Have Gaseous Prep CNG/LPG Option - [Automotive Fleet](#)

UPS to Start Using Renewable Natural Gas (RNG) - [Green Fleet Magazine](#)

2016 Volt to Start at \$1,200 Less than 2015 - [Automotive Fleet](#)

2016 BMW 3-Series to get Plug-in Hybrid Option - [Automotive Fleet](#)

Cummins Announces 6.7L Natural Gas Engine - [NGV America](#)

Case Study

National Clean Fleet Partner Updates

Several large organizations have made a commitment with Clean Cities and the U.S. Department of Energy to reduce their fuel usage. These fleets make up the National Clean Fleets Partnership, and they have had some amazing accomplishments utilizing alternative fuels. Below is a summary of each fleet and their recent accomplishments:



Ryder – the company's fleet of liquefied natural gas and compressed natural gas vehicles surpassed the 30-million mile service mark in January 2015. The company has displaced approximately 4.6 million gallons of diesel fuel since 2011. [Ryder Press Release](#)

UPS - announced plans in April 2015 to build 15 new compressed natural gas (CNG) fueling stations to support the purchase and deployment of 1,400 new CNG vehicles over the next year [UPS Press Release](#). In addition, UPS announced in May 2015 that it will be using renewable natural gas to help fuel its delivery trucks [UPS Press Release](#).

Coca-Cola – converted 39 GM Express vans to hybrid electric operation using the XL3 system from XL Hybrids bringing their total number of XL-fitted vans to 211. [Fleets and Fuels Article](#)

Waste Management – opened a new publicly-accessible compressed natural gas fueling station in Chino, California in March 2015. The company currently operates 24 CNG trucks in Chino and plans to replace their remaining few diesel trucks servicing the City of Chino this year. [City of Chino Press Release](#)

ampCNG – the company's fleet of 42 Class 8 CNG trucks surpassed the 30-million mile service mark in May 2015. The company estimates that since deploying its CNG trucks in 2011, they have displaced about 4.6 million gallons of diesel and as a result eliminated approximately 7,100 tons of carbon dioxide. [ampCNG Press Release](#)

Upcoming Webinars

2015 Biodiesel OEM & Technical Update
Learn about biodiesel impacts on new diesel models

Thursday, May 21st 11:00-11:45 Mountain
[Register here](#)

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 Level 2 and \$16,000 for Level 3 chargers, 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 opens July 7th, closes August 4th**

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 opens early June 2015**
- **Application rounds every 6 months**

ALT Fuels Colorado will also fund up to 80% of the incremental cost for natural gas, propane, or plug-in electric vehicles over 6,000 lbs. 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 will open in late June 2015**
- **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 its 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**

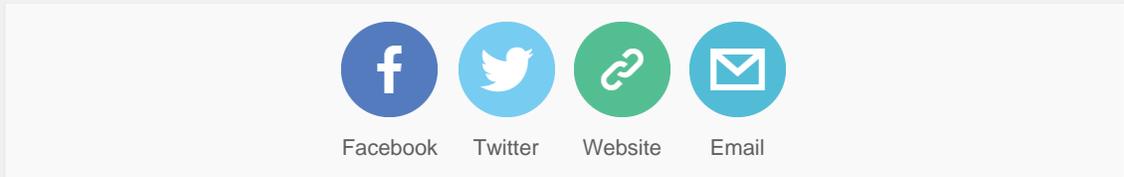
Colorado State Tax Credits

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 weight limits for heavy-duty vehicles on interstate highways?
What weight limit exemptions exist for vehicles equipped with idle reduction technology?**

[Answer](#)



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