



# STAKEHOLDER UPDATE

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## Summary of the Alternative Fuel Provisions of the Tax Extender Act of 2017



On December 20, 2017 Senator Orrin Hatch introduced the S. 2256 Tax Extender Act of 2017. The following is a summary of the provisions pertaining to alternative fuels. All credits are made retroactive to 2017. [\[more\]](#)

## Roanoke Replaces Gas Guzzling cars with Electric Vehicles

## PLATINUM





Roanoke officials are charged up about adding a dozen electric cars to the city's municipal fleet, a move that the city says will reduce emissions and save money.

As the first phase of a pilot program, the city bought low-mileage used Nissan Leafs and made most of them part of a pool of vehicles that will be shared by city employees who in the past each had an assigned vehicle.

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## Join VCC for a Northern Virginia Electric Vehicle Demo Day and EV Charging Workshop

Virginia Clean Cities, the Northern Virginia Regional Commission, Greater Washington Region Clean Cities, and Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments invite you to an informative workshop on electric vehicles and electric vehicle charging stations.

This workshop will provide an overview of the benefits of EVs for fleets. Speakers will discuss the considerations for selecting and installing EV charging equipment.

Join other Northern Virginia fleet managers, business leaders, government officials, for test drives of the newly redesigned, longer range 2018 Nissan LEAF and the 2018 Chevy Bolt.

This event is FREE to attend and refreshments will be provided.

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Please Support VCC's Effort to



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## Replace Aging DC Fast Charger Touchscreens!

EV drivers around Virginia have reported to VCC that several DC Fast Chargers have unreadable touchscreens. VCC is working to improve the driver experience of the DC Fast Chargers in Virginia by replacing these screens with newer screens that are more functional and readable.

You can donate any amount through VCC's Donations [webpage](#) or by clicking the Facebook link below.

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## Six Tips to Plow Through Winter with Biodiesel



### SIX TIPS TO PLOW THROUGH WINTER WITH BIODIESEL

1. Use high-quality fuel that meets the ASTM spec purchased from a reputable supplier.
2. Be sure to discuss fuel options with your supplier to ensure that both the diesel fuel and biodiesel are blended only after meeting their respective specifications.
3. Develop a good fuel management plan, in partnership with your supplier, that includes additization (just like for regular diesel) to improve cold weather operability.
4. Test fuel periodically to verify its cold weather properties.
5. Make sure you understand your fuel's cold flow characteristics and have appropriate fuel handling and storage plans in place.
6. Remain diligent on your tank maintenance program to help ensure fuel cleanliness.



The National Biodiesel Board is funded in part by the United Soybean Board and state soybean board checkoff programs.

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## City of Danville to Receive Four Nissan LEAFs at No Cost

Four electric cars used by Danville under an energy project have now become a permanent part of the city's fleet.

Fermata Energy hopes to donate the four electric vehicles - 2015 or 2016 Nissan Leafs - and chargers to Danville as part of a requirement under a two-year research-and-development grant from the Virginia Tobacco Commission. [{more}](#)

## 2018 Fuel Economy Guide Now Available on Fueleconomy.gov

The screenshot shows the homepage of fueleconomy.gov, which is the official U.S. government source for fuel economy information. The page features a navigation bar with links for 'Find a Car', 'Save Money & Fuel', 'Benefits', 'My MPG', 'Advanced Cars & Fuels', 'About EPA Ratings', and 'More'. Below the navigation bar, there are two main sections: 'Browse by Model' and 'Browse New Cars'. The 'Browse by Model' section includes dropdown menus for 'From' (set to 2018), 'To: (optional)', 'Select Make', and 'Select Model', along with a 'Go' button. The 'Browse New Cars' section displays a grid of car categories: Small Cars, Sedans, Hatchbacks, Coupes, Sporty Cars, and Luxury Cars. A 'Power Search' button is also visible.

The U.S. Department of Energy and the Environmental Protection Agency have just released the 2018 Fuel Economy Guide, available online at [fueleconomy.gov](http://fueleconomy.gov). [{more}](#)

## EVgo Opens Its 1000th DC Fast Charger

EVgo, the nation's largest network of public electric vehicle (EV) fast charging stations, today announced it has officially opened its 1,000th DC Fast charger in the U.S., in partnership with Nissan North America. The 1,000th station is centrally-located near Washington,

D.C., in one of Falls Church, Va.'s newest apartment communities, The Loren, developed and managed by The Bozzuto Group. [{more}](#)

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## Blacksburg Transit Expands its Clean Diesel Fleet with an order from New Flyer

New Flyer of America Inc. ("New Flyer"), the U.S. subsidiary of New Flyer Industries Inc. ("NFI Group"), the largest transit bus and motor coach manufacturer and parts distributor in North America, today announced that Blacksburg Transit ("BT"), through the Commonwealth of Virginia, has exercised an option with New Flyer for four Xcelior® clean diesel, sixty-foot heavy-duty transit buses. [{more}](#)

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## Donate Your Vehicle to VCC and Earn a Tax Deduction!



Virginia Clean Cities is a certified motor vehicle charity consigner! If you have a vehicle rusting away in your parking lot that you need to be rid of, and want a tax-deduction for it, we'd love to take it off your hands! [{more}](#)

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## Support VCC with a Monthly Contribution of \$10, \$25 or \$50

You can now support Virginia Clean Cities with a recurring monthly donation of as little as \$10. Your generous support helps VCC deploy EV charging stations, propane schools buses, and CNG transit vehicles. [{more}](#)

## Upcoming Events

**February 6, 2018:** Northern Virginia Electric Vehicle Demo Day and EV Charging Workshop - Fairfax, VA. [Register here](#)

**February 11, 2018:** Energy Independence Summit - Washington, DC [Register here](#)

**April 5, 2018:** Rally at Main Street Station - Richmond, VA [Register here](#)

For a full list of upcoming events, please visit  
<http://www.vacleancities.org/events>

## New and Renewing Stakeholders



**City of Richmond DPU**



**Werres Corporation**



## **Excel Truck Group**



## **Cummins Atlantic**



## AAA Mid-Atlantic

Thank you for your support of our organization, and we hope you enjoy this newsletter!

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