



STAKEHOLDER UPDATE

APRIL 2019

Department of Energy Announces the FY 2019 Funding Opportunity for Advanced Vehicle Research



The U.S. Department of Energy has released some funding opportunities for several areas: Alternative Fuel Proof of Concept in New Communities; Innovative Alternative Fuel or Efficiency Approaches; Electric Vehicle Data Collection; and Alternative Fuel Vehicles and Infrastructure for Resiliency and Emergency Preparedness. If you have ideas - send them to aharned@vacleancities.org.

Concept papers are due May 1, 2019. VCC is looking for grant partners. [{more}](#)

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VCC and Stakeholders Celebrate the Sixth Annual Rally at Main Street Station



Clean fuel and advanced technology stakeholders from across Virginia gathered on April 4th at Richmond's Main Street Station for VCC's Annual Rally. This event was the coalition's annual clean fuel vehicle and technology vendor expo and awards ceremony. Sheetz was recognized with Biofuel Station Partner Award, EVgo received EV Innovator award, Roanoke City received ZEV City of the Year, Frito-Lay was recognized as Natural Gas Anchor Leader of the Year, DEQ was recognized as the Clean Air Innovation Driver award, and the Clean County Schools award was extended to Isle of Wight County. [{more}](#)

Biodiesel Drives the Work Truck Industry

As the future of the transportation industry continues to evolve, one thing remains the same - work still needs to get done, and multiple studies show that fleets across the country are increasingly relying on the power and performance of biodiesel to get the job done in their existing and new diesel vehicles. For the third time in four years, surveyed fleets named biodiesel as their top alternative fuel choice both for current use and future interest. [{more}](#)



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Alliance Autogas Busy With Propane

Technologies



Alliance Autogas, the large U.S. Network providing a complete propane autogas solution to fleets interested in converting to alternative fuels, released a record number of new technologies in 2018. A showcase of these technologies was displayed at the NTEA Work Truck Show in March 2019. [{more}](#)

Department of Transportation announces \$85 Million Available for Advanced Buses



On March 19th, The U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Transit Administration (FTA) today announced the opportunity for eligible applicants to apply for up to \$85 million in competitive grant funds through FTA's Low or No Emission (Low-No) Bus Program. The Low-No Program helps project sponsors purchase or lease low or no emission vehicles that use advanced technologies for



transit revenue operations, including related equipment or facilities. [{more}](#)

Nissan VA Rebate on the 2019 LEAF Available at \$3,500



Nissan North America and Virginia Clean Cities have announced a rebate of \$3,500 for the 2019 Nissan Leaf, the world's best selling electric car. This \$3,500 discount, combined with the \$7,500 Federal tax credit can save \$11,000 for Virginia residents. Nissan also offers a \$2,500 rebate on the 226-mile range 2019 Nissan LEAF E-Plus [{more}](#)

The Diesel Emissions Reduction Act Continues to Receive Bipartisan Support in Congress



National Clean Diesel Campaign

On March 14th, U.S. Representatives Doris Matsui (D-CA), Alan Lowenthal (D-CA), Billy Long (R-MO), and Virginia's Rob Wittman (R-VA) introduced the Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA) of 2019 to reauthorize DERA, a program where emissions-reducing strategies are deployed to promote clean air, ensure healthier communities, and protect the environment. Emissions from older, dirtier diesel engines, which can operate for 30 years, have serious impacts on public health and the environment. This bill would enable upgrades to the millions of diesel engines on our waterways, rails, and

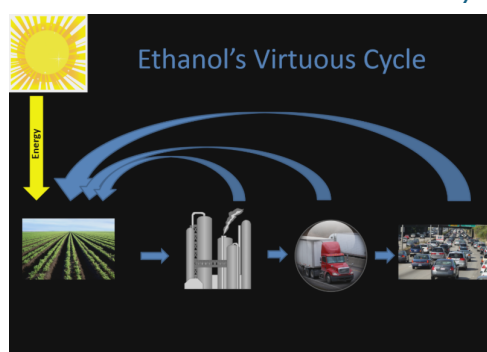
roadways - improving air quality and living conditions for our communities. [{more}](#) **THANK YOU ROB! -A**

VCC Announces a Revised Government Fleet Vehicle Incentive for Public Fleets in CMAQ Areas



On April 4th, VCC announced that the long-delayed CMAQ Government Fleet Incentive Program is now active. There are new restrictions on the type of vehicle and equipment this program is allowed to fund. Specifically, the vehicle or equipment must be 100% Buy America compliant for steel. The vendor of the vehicle or equipment must complete and sign a certification form in order to qualify for this incentive. For more information, please visit the CMAQ program website. [{more}](#)

Study Reveals that the Renewable Fuel Standard Reduced Emissions by 600 Million Tons since 2007



A new study finds that the expanded Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS2) has been a tremendous success in reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, with nearly 600 million metric tons of GHG reduction since 2007. Actual GHG reductions under the RFS2 have far surpassed the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) original expectations of 422 million metric tons, according to the study. The analysis was conducted by Life Cycle Associates, a California-based scientific consulting firm,

and commissioned by the Renewable Fuels Foundation (RFF). [{more}](#)

Argonne National Laboratory Launches New Online Tool to Aid Alternative Fuel Decision Making



Argonne National Laboratory's AFLEET Tool (Alternative Fuel Life-Cycle Environmental and Economic Transportation) is now available in an online version. The resource is a free, publicly available, spreadsheet-based tool that calculates and compares the costs and environmental benefits of a broad range of alternative fuels and vehicle technologies. It also accommodates all vehicle types, from passenger cars and pickup trucks to buses and freight trucks. [{more}](#)

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}](#)

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}](#)

New and Returning Stakeholders



Upcoming Events

April 17-18, 2019: Virginia Conference on Energy & Infrastructure - Roanoke, VA

April 23-26, 2019: ACT Expo - Long Beach, CA

April 27, 2019: Party for the Planet and 5k Race Without a Trace - Richmond, VA

May 20, 2019: Biodiesel Regional Seminar - Hershey, PA

June 16, 2019: Virginia Pupil Transportation Conference - Richmond, VA

June 17, 2019: GFX Government Fleet Expo - New Orleans, LA

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

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