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FOCUS OF JOHNSON CITY BIODIESEL WORKSHOP TO EDUCATE AND SPARK LOCAL INTEREST

This Cleaner-burning Fuel is an Easy Way to Move to More American Fuels

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The ETCFC is housed within the Institute for a Secure and Sustainable Environment at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville.

Johnson City, TN - The East Tennessee Clean Fuels Coalition is hosting a half day biodiesel workshop on Wednesday, September 19. It will be held in the Johnson City Public Library's Jones Meeting Center from 9am until 1pm. There is not cost to attend and lunch is included.

The main purpose for this workshop is to provide accurate information to those in the Tri-Cities area—focusing on fleets and regional fuel providers—about the growing use of biodiesel in Eastern Tennessee and the country. The presentations will include talks from current, local biodiesel blend users who will discuss how they have made the transition and why. The use of biodiesel not only helps lower oil dependence, including that sourced from foreign and not friendly countries, but also improves air quality, increases national security and helps keep our dollars in the USA.

The workshop will include presentations from the ETCFC, a regional biodiesel producer (Nu-Energie, LLC), a regional biofuel supplier, and several current, regional users of biodiesel (including for example Eastman and Nuclear Fuel Services out of Erwin). The topics will include a brief history of biodiesel and how it is produced; the benefits of using biodiesel and the precautions that need to be taken with its use; the recent growth in biodiesel's use in East Tennessee and what fleets are currently using it (now estimated to be on the order of 100); and many of the more technical aspects of the fuel and its use in today's diesel engines.



45 people attended out recent Crossville Biodiesel Workshop.

There is no conversion process necessary to use biodiesel—it is a “fill-n-go” alternative fuel. It is commonly blended with diesel and used in blends like B5 or B20 (the number with the “B” is the percent of biodiesel in the biodiesel/diesel blend).

To sign-up for the workshop, just call or email Tasha Boeckmann at 865-974-1880 or natashab.cleanfuels@gmail.com and give her your name, business name and the number that are coming.

Biodiesel is a cleaner-burning, renewable, American-made fuel that can be used in any diesel-using vehicle or equipment and is made from vegetable oils or animal fats; it is not vegetable oil mixed with diesel. Its expanded use by public and private vehicle fleets and individuals is improving air quality in East Tennessee and reducing our nation's dependence on petroleum, including that sourced from foreign countries.

The ETCFC now estimates that over 100 fleets in East Tennessee are using biodiesel blends like B20, and that number is growing. To see all the stations that offer biodiesel in the region, and to see a list of the fleets in East Tennessee that use biodiesel, visit <www.ETCleanFuels.org>.

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