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CLEAN-BURNING AND RENEWABLE BIODIESEL FLOODS EAST TENNESSEE

Knoxville, TN - Biodiesel formulations are powering more and more public and private fleets in East Tennessee. The following list cites developments that have occurred over the past few months, resulting in a further increase in the region's reliance on this cleaner-burning, renewable fuel.

- ▶ A B20 station has opened in Knox County near the Forks of the River Industrial Park. **Regal Fuels** opened a preblended B20 pump at its Trebor Lane cardlock (open 24/7; takes MC/Visa) in April and is already serving area industrial customers and school bus drivers.
- ▶ The **Washington Farmers Co-op** in Jonesborough, TN has made another switch. In August 2005, they began blending 5% biodiesel into all the on-road diesel that is offered at their public and keylock stations. Then, April 2006, they increased that blend to B20. "We've heard only positive responses from our customers on the B5 and received numerous requests to increase the blend, so we did," says Co-op manager Tom Bible. "In the last 2 months its only been more positive comments, like them seeing better fuel economy and the engine feeling liking it's running smoother."
- ▶ **Calloway Oil** in Blount County is poised to open two new B20 pumps, one in Alcoa and the other in Maryville. The two pumps are respectively positioned on Old Knoxville Highway (state route 33) and U.S. 321 on the west and east sides of the Alcoa/Maryville area. Including the new Regal Fuels pump listed above, this will bring the total number of B20 refueling stations in East Tennessee to 21.
- ▶ **Blalock Construction**, one of the largest road-building companies in Tennessee, will soon begin introducing biodiesel to a portion of its 400 heavy-duty on- and off-road pieces of equipment. Once the company settles on a supplier, it will begin fueling its 75 dump trucks with B2. The company is also exploring use of biodiesel in the diesel-powered boilers that run its asphalt plant.
- ▶ **Frerichs Sawmill** in Monroe County now fuels its nine off-road, heavy-duty vehicles with B90 (90% biodiesel blended with 10% diesel) and plans eventually to transition to B100. The company's diesel-powered sawmill also currently runs on B90.
- ▶ **Anderson County** is completing the installation of new tanks and pumps in Oak Ridge and will soon begin using B20 in its public-works and EMS vehicles.
- ▶ **Johnson City's** entire diesel fleet—including mass transit vehicles and school buses—refuels at the same city service complex, which will soon be stocked exclusively with B5. According to Fleet Director Tim Henley, the city will work to transition to B20 during the fall.
- ▶ According to Billy Pickle of the **Loudon County Highway Department**, the county's fleet began using B20 in first week of May.
- ▶ The **Sullivan County Highway Department** is discussing the use of biodiesel and may soon introduce B20 to its fleet.
- ▶ **Carter County** has received a state grant to purchase new refueling equipment and will begin using B20 in its school buses this fall.