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## CLEVELAND BIODIESEL WORKSHOP TO SERVE SOUTHEAST TENNESSEE AREA

### Coalition is Working to Connect with Several SE Counties about Biodiesel

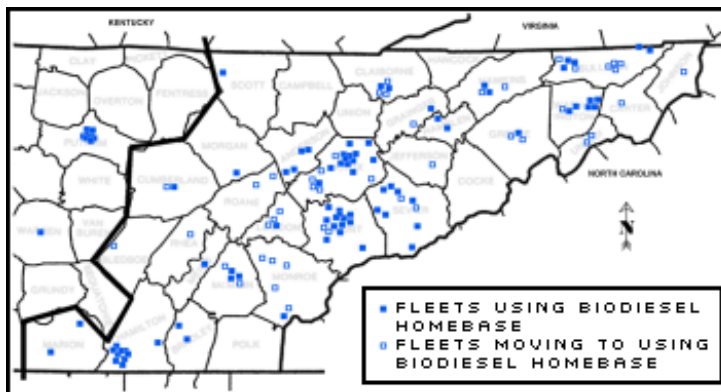
Cleveland, TN - As the leading regional organization that is working to get alternative fuels in use in the area, the East Tennessee Clean Fuels Coalition is holding a half-day biodiesel workshop in Cleveland on September 28, 2006 from 9am until 1pm at the Holiday Inn Cleveland-Mountain View. There is no cost to attend and lunch is included.

"The main purpose for holding this workshop is to provide accurate information to companies and citizens in the Polk, Bradley, Meigs and McMinn Counties area on this rapidly growing alternative fuel," says coalition Executive Director Jonathan Overly. "Using biodiesel is just one easy way we can work to keep more of our fuel dollars in this country, increase national security and improve air quality at the same time."

The workshop will include presentations from the coalition, the Tennessee Soybean Promotion Board, Benton Oil of Chattanooga, and several current, regional users of biodiesel. 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 history of biodiesel use in East Tennessee and what fleets are using it, fuel providers are supplying it and producers are making it; and many of the more technical aspects of the fuel and its use in today's diesel engines.

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).

"Working for a small nonprofit, I *can* tell you how important partnerships are to achieving the kind of change that we are seeking for this region: it is the dominant single criteria for success," says Overly. "We are thrilled to have great partners all over East Tennessee, like Benton Oil, who are helping us get biodiesel used here."



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.

Over 70 fleets in East Tennessee now use 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](http://www.ETCleanFuels.org)>.

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