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The Regional Planning Commission's Southeast Louisiana Clean Fuel Partnership Recognizes Clean Fleet Leaders, Celebrates Reducing Traditional Fuel Consumption by over 2.7 Million GGEs

On June 14, 2016, the Regional Planning Commission's (RPC's) Southeast Louisiana Clean Fuel Partnership, a US Department of Energy Clean Cities Coalition, recognized fleets and organizations in Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. John the Baptist, St. Tammany and Tangipahoa Parishes that incorporated alternative fuels, fuel saving technologies, and innovative transportation programs in 2015. Their combined efforts reduced traditional fuel consumption by **over 2.7 million gasoline gallons equivalent (GGEs)** and saved **over 18,000 tons of greenhouse gas emissions**, reducing our dependence on foreign oil and improving our overall air quality. Paul Miller, Director of Louisiana Department of Natural Resources' Technology Assessment Division, provided opening remarks and assisted with the award presentation. Fleets that were recognized include:

Fleet Name	Fuel/Technology/Program
1,000,000 + GGEs Reduced	
RTA	Electric Streetcars, Biodiesel, Hybrid Electric Buses, Fuel Economy Improvements: Tire Inflation Program
100,000 + GGEs Reduced	
New Orleans Public Belt Railroad	Idle Reduction Technology
Metro Disposal	Natural Gas
UPS	Biodiesel, Natural Gas, & Propane
Regional Planning Commission & the City of New Orleans	Bike Lane Program/ Reduction in Vehicle Miles Travelled
Progressive Waste	Natural Gas
10,000 - 100,000 GGEs Reduced	
Airport Shuttle	Propane
Doctor Pipe	Natural Gas
Limousine Livery	Propane & Electric
CSX Transportation	Idle Reduction Technology
1,000 - 10,000 GGEs Reduced	
Park 'n Fly	Natural Gas
Jefferson Parish Transit	Biodiesel
Nissan North America	Electric
Entergy	Natural Gas, Electric, Hybrid-Electric, Telematics/ Reduction in Vehicle Miles Travelled
Atmos Energy	Natural Gas
Solar Alternatives	Electric & Hybrid Electric
Up to 1,000 GGEs Reduced	
Jefferson Parish	Hybrid Electric
Port of New Orleans	Propane & Electric



About the Regional Planning Commission

The [Regional Planning Commission](#) (RPC) serves Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, St. John the Baptist and St. Charles Parishes. The Commission includes local elected officials, transportation agency representatives and citizen members appointed to represent their communities on regional issues. The Commission is supported by a staff of professionals with broad experience, and doctorates or masters degrees, in a variety of areas including urban and regional planning, community development, economics, engineering, government, history, law, landscape architecture, political science, sustainable development, transportation, geography and other disciplines.

RPC's Southeast Louisiana Clean Fuel Partnership is the U.S. Department of Energy-designated [Clean Cities Coalition](#) for the New Orleans metropolitan area supported by the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources. The Clean Fuel Partnership facilitates efforts to incorporate alternative fuels and advanced transportation technologies in fleet operations.

About US Department of Energy's Clean Cities Coalitions

Clean Cities Mission: The U.S. Department of Energy's Clean Cities initiative advances the nation's economic, environmental and energy security by supporting local actions to cut petroleum use in transportation. A national network of nearly 100 Clean Cities Coalitions brings together stakeholders in the public and private sectors to deploy:

- Alternative and renewable fuels (biodiesel, electricity, ethanol, hydrogen, natural gas, propane)
- Idle-reduction measures
- Fuel economy improvements
- Emerging transportation technologies

The Clean Cities model consists of **local coalitions taking action in their communities, with the help of federal resources and expertise**. At the national level, Clean Cities provides a vast array of information resources, financial assistance, technical expertise, online tools, and networking opportunities. At the local level, Clean Cities coordinators tailor projects and activities to meet the unique needs of communities and their stakeholders. Clean Cities coalitions serve as forums for local stakeholders to connect and collaborate.

The key to Clean Cities' success is **its proven ability to build relationships**. Successful deployment of alternative fuels and advanced vehicles depends on collaboration by many parties in the public and private sectors: fleets, fuel providers, vehicle manufacturers and dealers, technicians, first responders, businesses, permitting agencies, local and regional government agencies, and others. Clean Cities coordinators help stakeholders make the necessary connections. Through coalitions, stakeholders learn from one another's experiences, replicate one another's successes, and collaborate on projects and events. By collaborating on alternative fuel deployment projects, stakeholders can create economies of scale and tipping points of demand that help transform local markets.

For more information on the US Dept. of Energy's Clean Cities initiative, visit: www.cleancities.energy.gov

For further information about RPC's Clean Fuel Partnership, visit: www.cleanfuelpartnership.org

For information on Louisiana Dept. of Natural Resources Technology Assessment Division, visit: <http://dnr.louisiana.gov/index.cfm?md=pagebuilder&tmp=home&pid=35&ngid=2>

For additional information about the Regional Planning Commission, visit: www.norpc.org



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2015 Clean Fleet Awards Group Photo from L to R:

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