Converting Vehicle Fleets to Alternative Fuels: Federal Policies Key for Reducing U.S. Dependence on Foreign Oil

Tuesday, April 1, 2014
8:30 AM – 10:00 AM
Capitol Visitor Center Auditorium
Light breakfast will be available in the Atrium 8:15 AM – 8:30 AM
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The Environmental and Energy Study Institute (EESI) invites you to a briefing, hosted in coordination with Transportation Energy Partners (TEP) and NAFA Fleet Management Association, about the strides public and private sector vehicle fleet managers in nearly every state are making in converting to alternative fuels (e.g., biofuels, electricity, natural gas, propane). This is a chance to learn first-hand about why they are converting their fleets, the challenges they face, and the importance of federal and state incentives in overcoming these challenges.

Speakers for this forum are:

- Richard Battersby, Executive Director, East Bay Clean Cities Coalition, CA and Board Member of Transportation Energy Partners
- Claude T. Masters, Manager of Acquisition and Fuel, Florida Power & Light, and President of NAFA Fleet Management Association
- Jeffery L. Jeter, Fleet Manager, Chesterfield County, Virginia
- Steven W. Saltzgiver, Vice President of Fleet Management, Republic Services Inc.

The United States has reduced its oil imports, but still spends $1 billion per day on imported oil. Transportation is responsible for more than 70 percent of all U.S. oil use and over 30 percent of the nation’s greenhouse gas emissions. The number of alternative fuel vehicles in the United States has grown to 1.2 million, but this is less than one-half of one percent of the nation’s fleet. Through the application of innovative technology, American industry has demonstrated that the United States has the opportunity to become a world leader in alternative fuels and related industries, with appropriate Federal policies.

TEP is an independent, non-profit, organization that works closely with nearly 100 Clean Cities coalitions in 46 states, which are part of the Department of Energy’s Clean Cities program. These coalitions have played a leading role over the past 20 years in implementing local projects and programs to deploy cleaner vehicles and clean-fuel infrastructure. NAFA Fleet Management Association is the leading association for managers of fleets of sedans, public safety vehicles, trucks, and buses of all types and sizes, including a wide range of military and off-road equipment for organizations across the globe.

This event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Paul Haven at phaven@eesi.org or (202) 662-1895.