State & Alternative Fuel Provider Program

Newsletter

## What's New: Spring 2001 Update

### **New Program Manager for S&FP**

Linda Bluestein has just taken over as the new Program Manager for the State & Alternative Fuel Provider (S&FP) Program. Please address all future correspondence to:

#### Linda Bluestein

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If you are requesting an "official" response from DOE regarding an inquiry about EPAct programs, you must submit your inquiry in an "official" format. The letter must be written on letterhead and signed by the author. Prior to sending an official inquiry, call or e-mail the Regulatory Information Line at (202) 586-9171, regulatory\_info@afdc.nrel.gov to ensure you're headed in the right direction.

# New Database Allows Fleets to Submit Reports Via the Internet

If you are a covered state or alternative fuel provider fleet under the Energy Policy Act of 1992, you can submit your annual report on vehicle acquisition through the Department of Energy's (DOE) updated and improved EPAct Web site at www.ott.doe.gov/epact. The new system offers covered S&FP fleets the opportunity to access the reporting system directly from the Web site, which serves as the primary point of information for the program. Changes in the database make it easier for fleets to check their current compliance status and history. Click on the State & Alternative Fuel Provider Fleets Regulation link, then click File/Edit a Report to get to the reporting section. For faster access next time, bookmark this page.

Each fleet entered into the database has identified their point of contact (POC), who has been issued a user name and password to gain access to that fleet's

#### **Facts & Figures**

### **S&FP Vehicle Acquisitions Grow**

The S&FP Program's AFV acquisitions for model year (MY) 2000 reached more than 11,000–a more than 30% increase over the number of AFVs acquired in MY 1999. The increase is due to the higher percentage of acquisition requirements in MY 2000 for state and fuel provider fleets, at 50% and 90%, respectively.

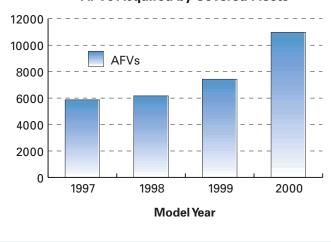
A total of 318 S&FP fleets are registered and reporting annually to DOE. Of those, 128 are state fleets and state agencies, while 190 are fuel providers. Since reporting began in MY 1997, AFVs reported to DOE total nearly 50,000. The configurations are:

· Compressed natural gas (CNG): 20,000,

E85 flexible fuel: 14,300,

Propane: 9,000, andElectric: 1,900.

#### **AFVs Acquired by Covered Fleets**



annual report forms and data. Fleets in the database were recently sent letters that summarized their

compliance status and informed POCs of their user names and passwords. POCs previously registered for access to the old online database already have user names and passwords that are valid for access to the new online database. If you need assistance accessing or reporting your fleet information online, e-mail Jaycor at afv\_credit\_acct@va.jaycor.com, or call (800) 959-5780.

The new site allows fleets to:

- Submit, edit, review or print an annual report,
- Register as a fleet point of contact and

#### **Fleet Activity**

# New York State Recognized for EPAct, AFV-Related Activities

The DOE Clean Cities Program presented a National Partner Award to the New York State Clean Fuel Vehicle Council at the National Clean Cities Conference May 13-15 in Philadelphia. The council was honored for its role in developing a statewide alternative fuel infrastructure to support New York's 1,300 AFVs and the growing number of dedicated AFVs being added to its fleets.

Under the leadership of Joe Boardman of the Commission of the Department of Transportation, the Clean Fuel Vehicle Council during the last 10 months built 30 low-volume, fast-fill CNG stations for state vehicles at Department of Transportation facilities throughout New York. The council has chosen a contractor to build 16 refueling sites on state property, which will be open to the public.

The council reimburses state agencies for the incremental costs of acquiring alternative fuel vehicles and funds the development of supporting infrastructure. So far, the state has committed roughly \$8 million to these projects, and the state's Clean Water/Clean Air Bond Act of 1996 made about \$12 million available for these purposes.

John Spano, Deputy Commissioner of Support Services of the Office of General Services, and Joe Darling, Director of Equipment at the New York Department of Transportation, received the award on behalf of the council. enter a fleet into the database,

- Edit fleet demographic data, and
- Edit the fleet POC information.

### **Bulletin Board Facilitates Credit Trading**

To help fleets buy or sell EPAct credits, DOE has added a new bulletin board hosted on the S&FP program Web site. To find the bulletin board, select Trade Credits on the State & Fuel Provider Fleets page, then click on the bulletin board at the bottom. A form appears that allows you to submit a posting that others can read when they view the bulletin board.

### **Reporting Reminder**

Covered fleets must submit annual compliance reports to DOE even if they don't acquire AFVs during a particular model year. Failure to submit a report by December 31 of the calendar year for the model year for which a fleet is reporting is a violation of EPAct's reporting requirements. Reporting zero vehicles is easy. Just go to www.ott.doe.gov/epact/state\_fleets.html, select File/Edit a Report and choose the option that applies to you.

#### What is EPAct?

The Energy Policy Act of 1992, or EPAct, was passed by Congress to reduce the nation's dependence on imported petroleum. Provisions of EPAct require certain fleets to purchase alternative fuel vehicles. DOE administers the regulations through its State & Fuel Provider Program, Federal Fleet Program, Private & Local Government Program, and Fuel Petition Program. EPAct also includes voluntary programs, such as Clean Cities, which help accelerate the use of alternative fuels in transportation.

For more information, visit http://www.ott.doe.gov/epact, or call the Regulatory Information Line at (202) 586-9171.

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