## **AFDC in Action**



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- Housed at the Regional Planning Commission for the New Orleans Metro Area
- Part of the Clean Cities Coalition Network
- Work with Municipal Fleets & Elected Officials including:
  - Jefferson Transit
  - New Orleans EMS
  - City/Parish (County) Fleet Pool Vehicles
  - Refuse Haulers with Contracts with the Municipalities

## **Alternative Fuels Data Center**

- Unbiased Information
- Updated Regularly
- Clear and Easy to Understand
- Resources for more Technical Information

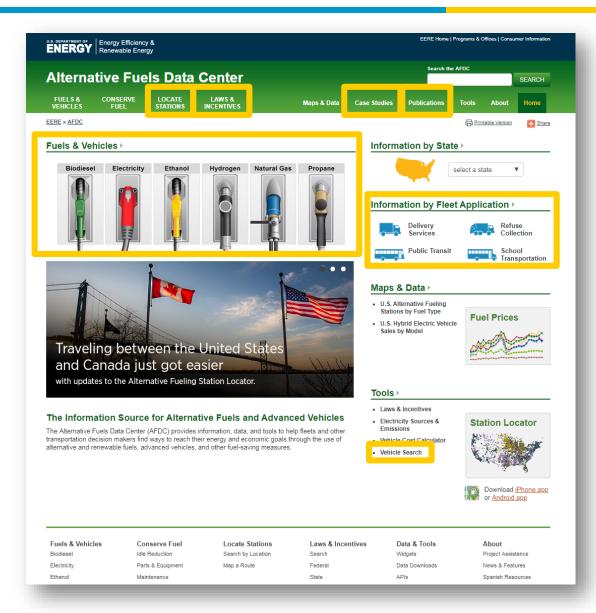
## Goal:

Provide resources
to help make
your project a
success!!

## Useful for:

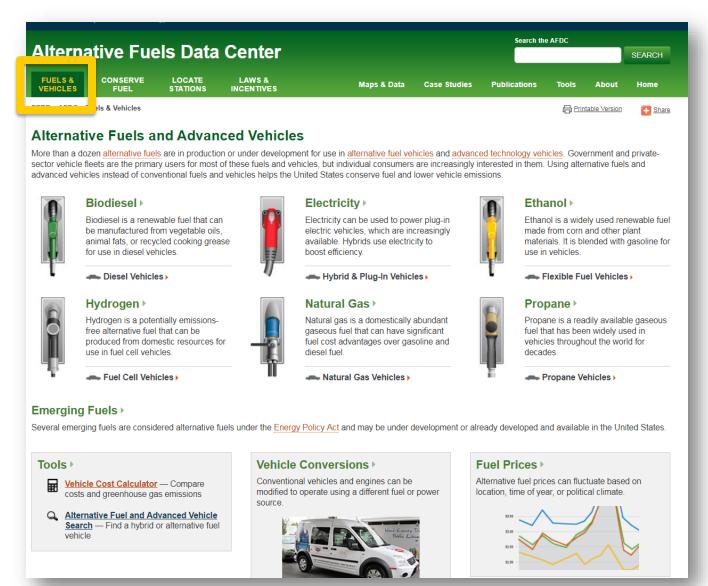
- Planning out a Project
- Resources for getting Everyone on Board

## Pages I Use on a Regular Basis



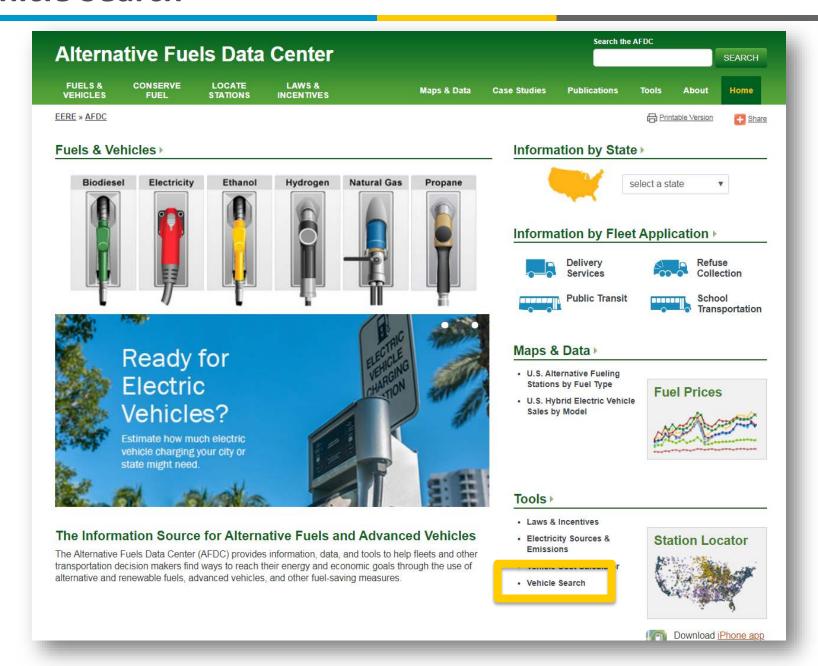
- Fuels & Vehicles
- Vehicle Search
- Information by Fleet Application
- Locate Stations
- Laws & Incentives
- Case Studies
- Publications

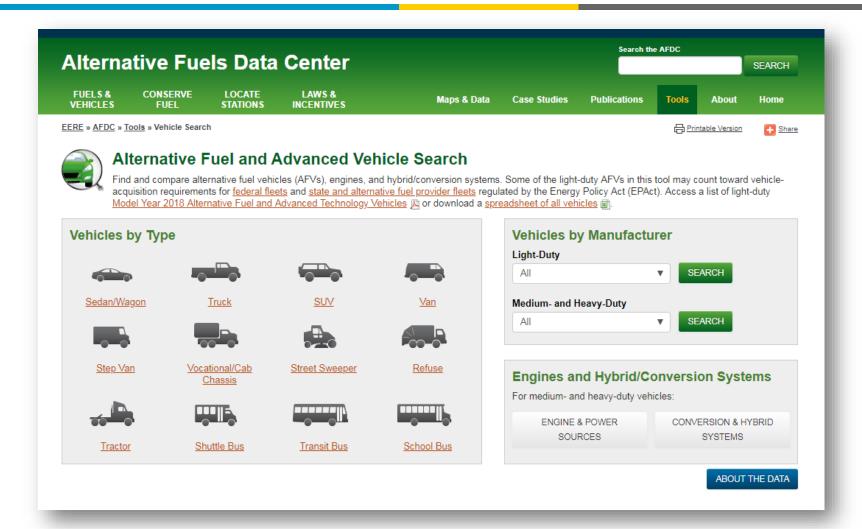
## **Fuels & Vehicles**



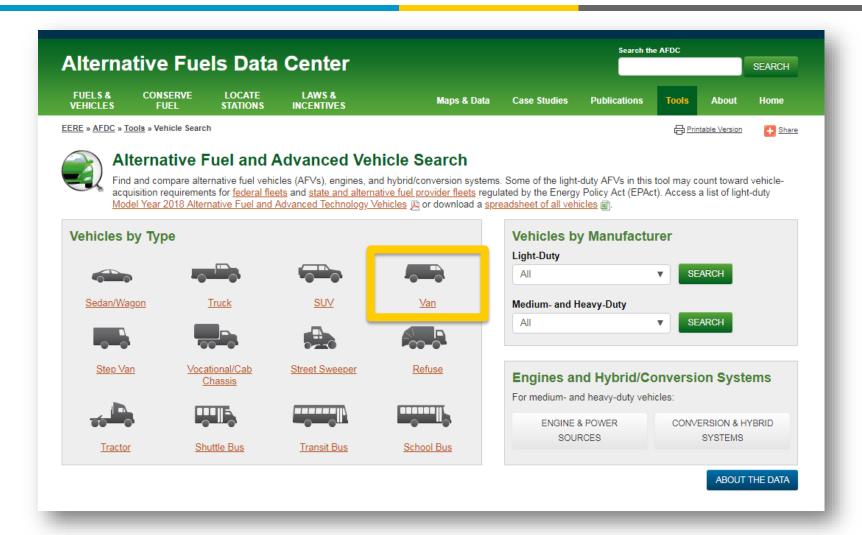
Great starting place for learning about the various fuels!

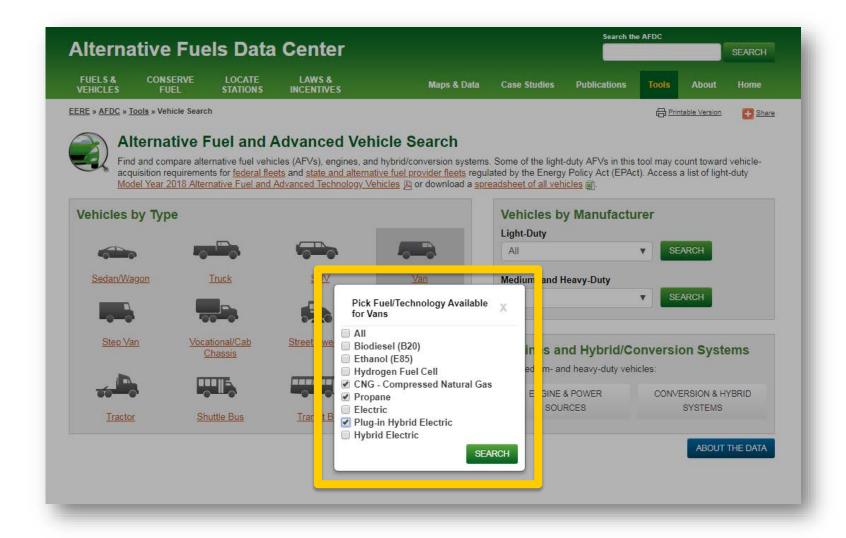
- Basics
- Benefits & Considerations
- Stations
- Vehicles
- Laws & Incentives

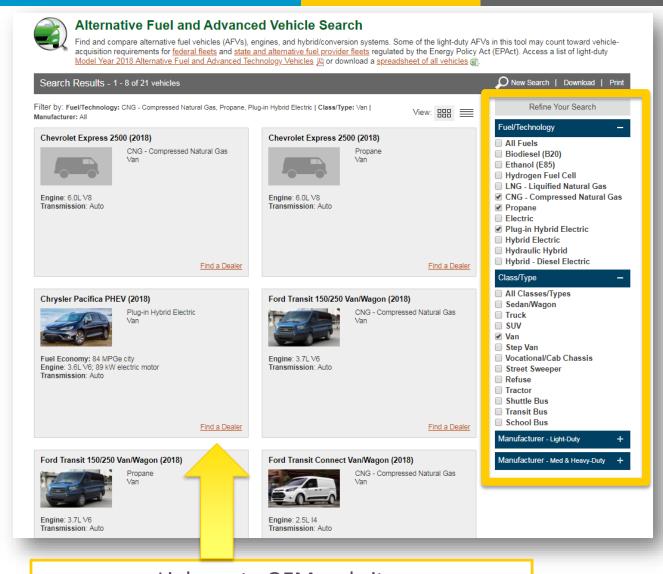




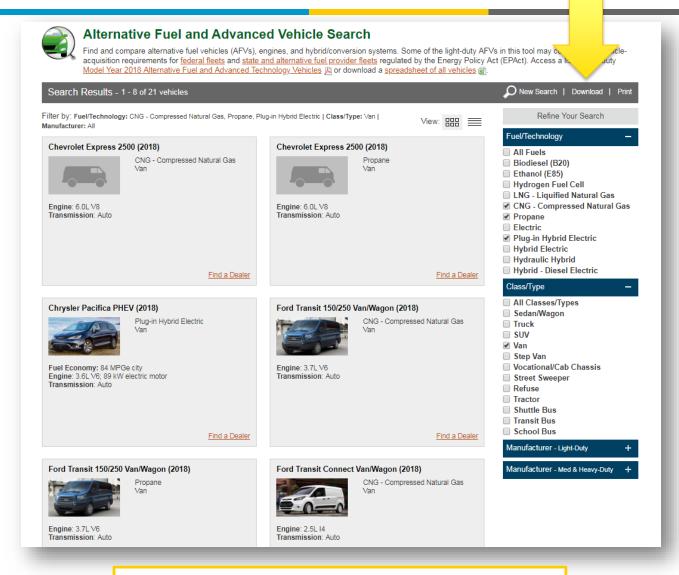
Determine what fuels/ advanced vehicles are available for specific vehicle types.



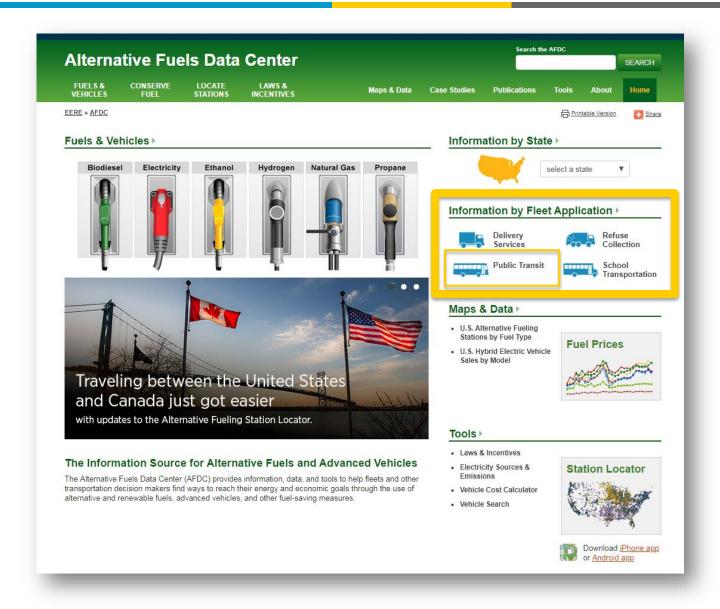


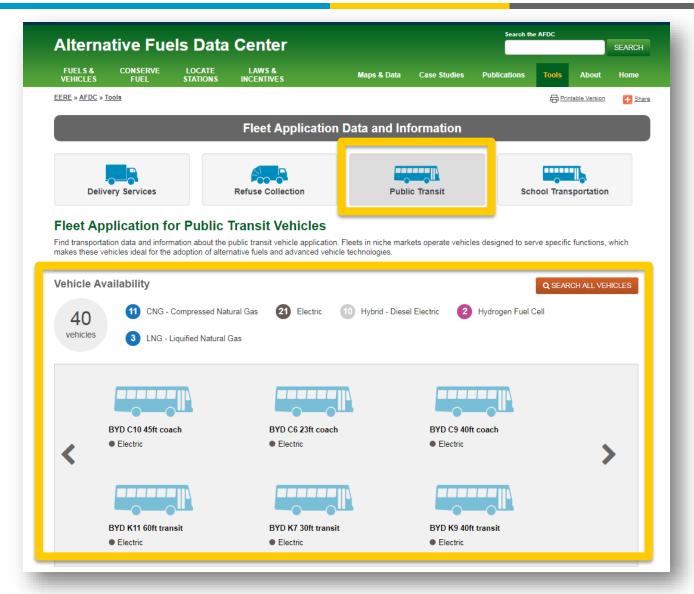


Links go to OEM websites Need to check Vehicle Availability in Your Area

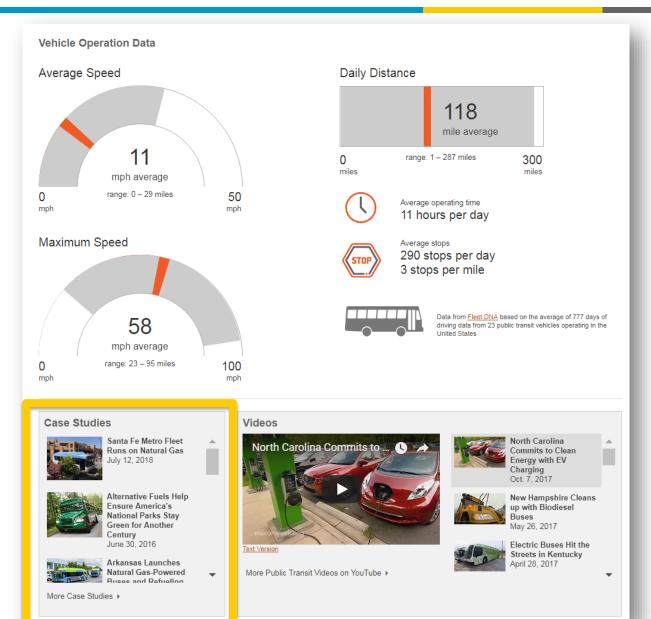


Download Information for Tables, Sorting, Going through Options, etc.





Find Vehicle Types easily!



Learn from Fleets with similar operations

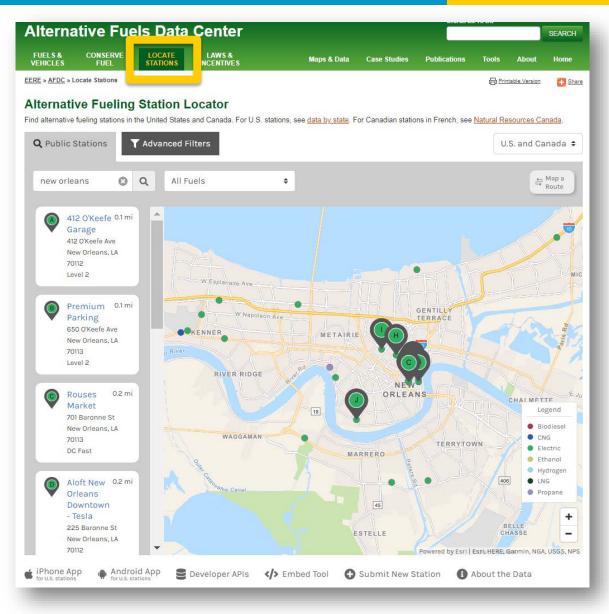
**Tip:** Contact the Clean Cities Coordinator for more information: <a href="https://cleancities.energy.gov/coalitions/contacts/">https://cleancities.energy.gov/coalitions/contacts/</a>



### **Publications:**

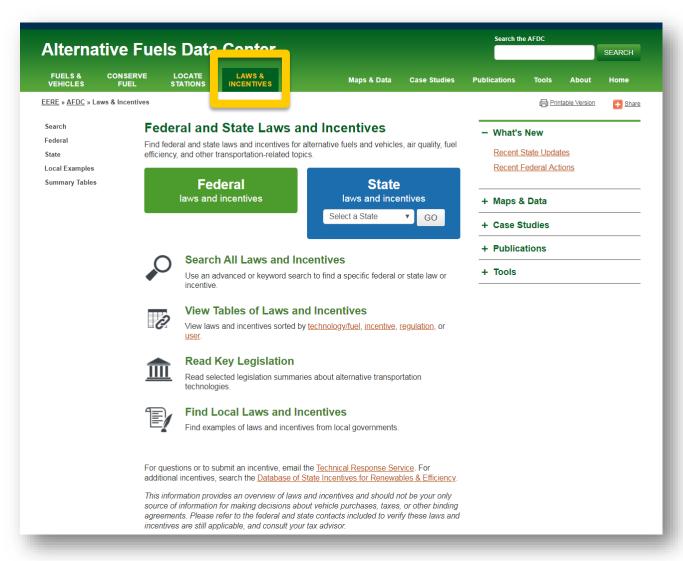
- Reports
- Brochures & Fact Sheets
- Presentations

### **Locate Stations**



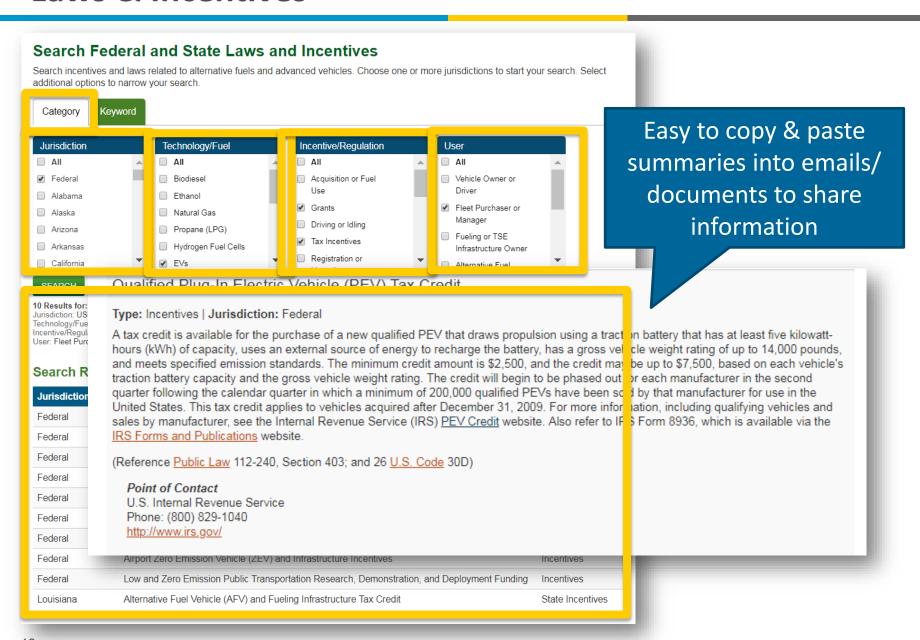
- Check for existing infrastructure around fleet's "home base" as well as in the service area
  - Many fleets don't realize that fueling stations are available
- Identify gaps in fueling infrastructure
  - Determine if a fleet will need their own fueling station

## **Laws & Incentives**

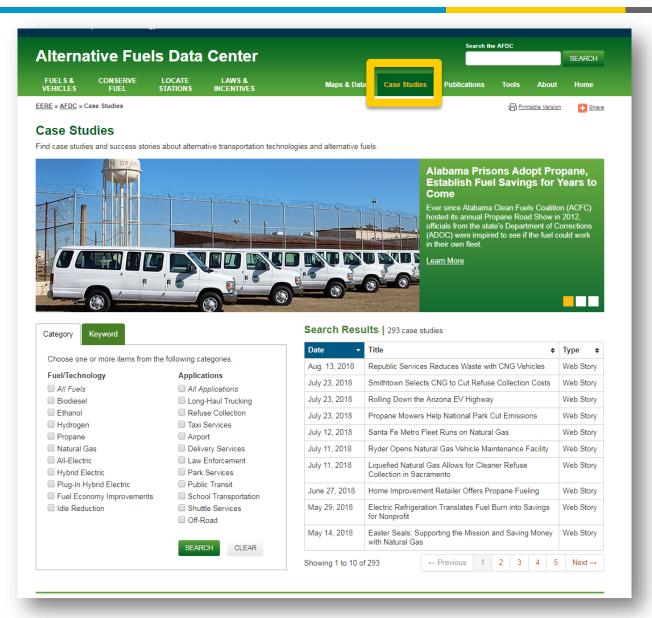


- Check current
   Federal incentives
- Check our State incentives for links to the original legislation to re-read
- Look at other States' laws & incentives to inform our efforts

## **Laws & Incentives**

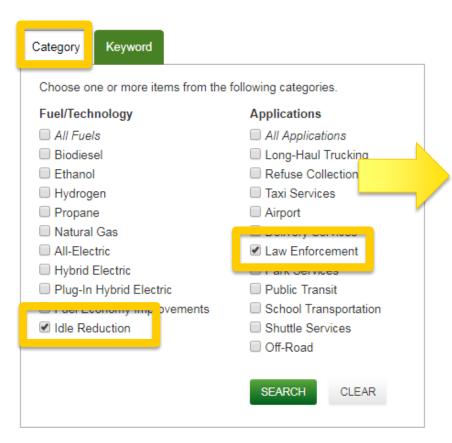


## **Case Studies**



- See how other similar fleets made it work
- Find contacts for projects for additional information on the project
  - Fleet Managers
  - Clean Cities Coordinators

## **Case Studies**



### Search Results | 4 case studies

Date ▼	Title \$	Type ♦
July 1, 2017	Case Study Summary - Idle Reduction Technologies for Emergency Service Vehicles	Document
July 20, 2013	Idaho County Employs FFVs and Idle Reduction	Video
April 7, 2011	County Fleet Goes Big on Idle Reduction, Ethanol Use, Fuel Efficiency	Web Story
Nov. 27, 2009	Dallas Police Department Reduces Vehicle Idling	Video

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## County Fleet Goes Big on Idle Reduction, Ethanol Use, Fuel Efficiency

We're cutting our fuel use, and we're doing it safely-everything runs at peak performance. We're never going to leave our people hanging or compromise their safety.

Mark Tolman; Fleet Manager; Canyon County, Idaho With a population of about 200,000, Canyon County, Idaho, may not be very big. But its recent successes in reducing petroleum use are enormous. About two years ago, Canyon County Fleet Manager Mark Tolman puzzled over a problem shared by countless public officials throughout the country: How would he provide a high level of service to his community in the face of shrinking budgets?

Tolman worked with Treasure Valley Clean Cities to develop a strategy that made better use of his existing fleet resources while also embracing new technologies and fuels. He convened a "utilization team" that input of vehicle drivers in every county department.

also purchased fleet-management software that allowed him to better track and scrutinize fuel use, vehicle utilization, idling time, and employee mileage reimbursements.

Armed with the new data, Tolman trimmed the county's fleet from 325 vehicles to 220. He developed a new replacement schedule that incorporated E85 and hybrid vehicles into the fleet wherever possible. He started filling tires with nitrogen. And the Fleet Department installed two new 12,000-gallon fuel tanks (one for gasoline, one for ethanol) and a blending dispenser that allows workers to specify the level of ethanol in the fuel they use.

Before Tolman's project began, he knew fuel was being wasted in idling patrol cars in the Sheriff's Department, but once he had the hard numbers in front of him, "It was just shocking," he said. Each patrol car was idling for up to five hours per day, using about 1 gallon of fuel per hour of idle time.

Canyon County fleet workers installed idle-reduction equipment on nearly all of the more than 60 patrol cars in the sheriff's department, eliminating 36 "ghost miles" and 100 pounds of carbon dioxide emissions per day for each car. "We're cutting our fuel use, and we're doing it safely-everything runs at peak performance. We're never going to leave our people hanging or compromise their safety." Tolman said.

The Canyon County Fleet Department is eliminating an estimated 1.4 million pounds of carbon dioxide emissions every year and improving its vehicles' fuel economy by 4 mpg to 6 mpg.

"Using technologies that are already widely available, we realized immediate cost savings to Canyon County," he said. "We are maintaining a top-notch fleet, trimming our budget with minimal disruptions to ongoing operations, reducing our dependence on foreign oil, shrinking our environmental footprint, and serving as an example for other fleets."

### Project at a Glance

Fleet Type: County government, law enforcement

Number of Vehicles in Fleet: 220

Vehicles Eliminated via Rightsizing: 105

Infrastructure: E85 blender pump

Motivation: Cost savings, fuel savings, emissions

reductions

### Related Links

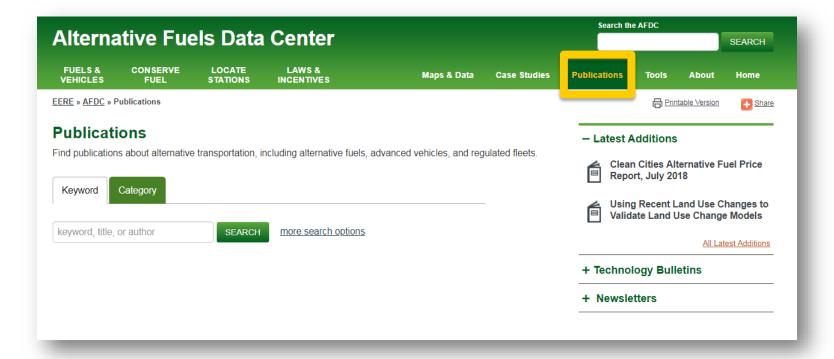
- Idle Reduction Basics
- Rightsizing Your Fleet
- Installing E85 Equipment
- Treasure Valley Clean Cities Coalition
- · Canyon County, Idaho

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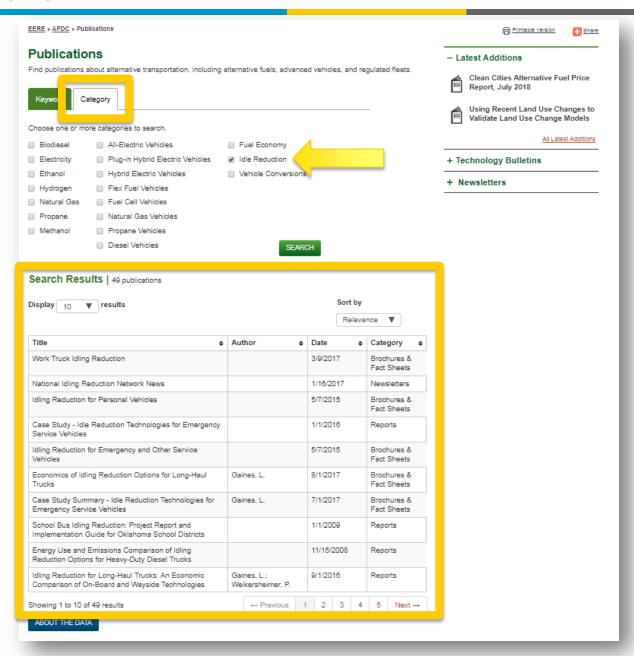
## **Publications**



- Great for meetings to get other parties on board & PressKits for ribbon cuttings
- Don't reinvent the wheel check if USDOE already has a handout/ publication on a topic before creating one



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### **SAE** International

### **Analyzing Vehicle Fuel Saving Opportunities** through Intelligent Driver Feedback

Jeffrey Gonder, Matthew Earleywine and Witt Sparks National Renewable Energy Laboratory

ABSTRACT

While it is well known that "MPG will vary" based on how one drives, little independent research exists on the aggregate fuel savings potential of improving driver efficiency and on the best ways to motivate driver behavior changes. This paper finds that reasonable driving style changes could deliver significant national petroleum savings, but that current feedback approaches may be insufficient to convince many people to adopt efficient driving habits. To quantify the outer bound fuel savings for drive cycle modification, the project examines completely eliminating stop-and-go driving plus unnecessary idling and adjusting acceleration rates and cruising speeds to ideal levels. Even without changing the vehicle powertrain, such extreme adjustments result in dramatic fuel savings of over 30%, but would in reality only be achievable through automated control of vehicles and traffic flow. Considering the effects of real-world driving conditions, efficient driving behaviors could reduce fuel use by 20% on aggressively driven cycles and by 5-10% on more moderately driven trips.

To evaluate potential receptiveness to changing driving habits, the project team conducted a literature survey of driver behavior influences and observed pertinent factors from on-road experiments with different driving styles. This effort highlighted important driver influences such as surrounding vehicle behavior, anxiety over trying to get somewhere quickly, and the power/torque available from the vehicle. Existing feedback approaches often effectively deliver efficiency information and instruction, but do not always do so in an easy way that avoids unintended sequences and helps trump other driving behavior influences. Based on these findings the report details three recommendations for maximizing fuel savings from potential drive cycle improvement: (1) Leverage applications with enhanced incentives, (2) Use an approach that makes it easy

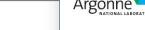
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#### INTRODUCTION

Data show that the reported fuel or can vary by plus or minus 20% ac drivers [1]. Some of this variation temperatures and road conditions driver behavior also accounts for stands to reason that if drivers efficient driving habits, then the results for any given vehicle would U.S. Department of Energy (D' Renewable Energy Laboratory potential fuel saving opportunity feedback techniques and to techniques may deliver the greate This paper summarizes NREL's fin

#### APPROACH

NREL divided the driver feedback separate tasks: (1) quantifying the from drive cycle modification: (2 influence drivers' receptiveness to and (3) assessing various driver fe performed both simulations and exp and leveraged a conventional vehi study for the simulation effort [ similar design and fuel economy Chevrolet Malibu [1]. Note that the on conventional (rather than hyb because of DOE's interest in what d could do for the existing U.S. veh consists of conventional powertrain



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### Case Study - Idling Reduction Technolog for Emergency Service Vehicles

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### Work Truck Idling Reduction

Work trucks are everywhere—delivering packages to our doorsteps, removing refuse, and towing disabled vehicles. Unlike the 18-wheelers that travel over 500 miles per day, work trucks typically travel short distances from home base to work site and are tailored to perform a specific service.

Utility trucks are common work trucks used for installing and repairing electric and telecommunication lines, powering equipment and tools, and supplying heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) for workers in the cab or down

In order for utility trucks to carry out these functions, powe from the vehicle's transmission is diverted to provide power for onboard equipment-such as raising and lowering workers in the bucket on a bucket truck. This process is called power take-off (PTO) and often requires that the vehicle engine runs nonstop, though work may only be performed intermittently. The idling while the vehicle or equipment is not in use wastes fuel, causes engine wear. and generates noise and emissions.

### Solutions

To eliminate unnecessary idling for PTO, auxiliary power sources can be used to more efficiently provide power to on-board equipment. Auxiliary power sources typically include batteries charged from the electrical grid overnight, recharged while the vehicle's engine is running, or through regeneration technology that captures energy lost during braking while the vehicle is in motion. Utility companies can purchase a new hybrid truck or retrofit an existing truck with an auxiliary battery system to power electric or hydraulic equipment and provide climate control for the crew compartment.

### Clean Cities: Idling Reduction



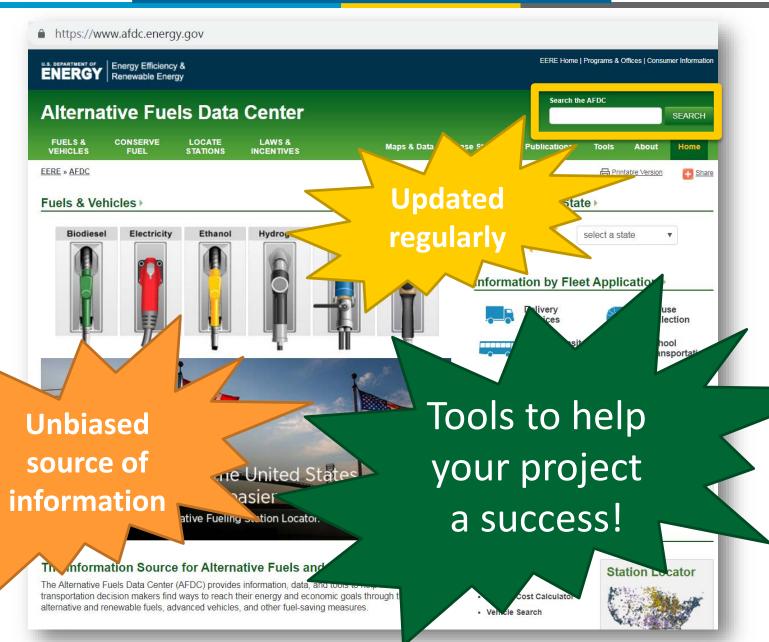
In addition to the reduced costs from fuel and maintenance, hybrid utility trucks have several benefits without direct financial payback. The reduction in idling significantly reduces the mount of noise and emissions produced and creates a safer work environment for the utility crew. The quieter operations also allow crews to work later into the evenings without disrupting the surrounding residents.

Since the main engine is used for fewer hours, a hybrid utility truck will have a longer service life than its conventional counterpart and it provides the ability to run small power tools from the battery. Work is underway to enable hybrid utility trucks to supply emergency power to utility customers during a power outage.

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## **Questions?**

# How would you use the AFDC in your Day-to-Day Work?

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