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I-75 Green Corridor Project Nears Completion – Longest Biofuels Corridor in the World

Columbus, OH - Thanks to a huge, six-state partnership, Ohio drivers now have greater access to the biofuels E85 ethanol and biodiesel in a B20 blend. Over 106 stations biofuel stations can be found in Ohio, a number of which are a part of the larger I-75 Green Corridor Project – the world's longest biofuels corridor.

The week of June 9-13, 2014 marks the celebration of this project that is five years in the making. In 2009, an ambitious, multi-state project started in Knoxville, Tennessee. Through a grant funded by the [Department of Energy Clean Cities Program](#), the **I-75 Green Corridor Project** began with the goal of allowing any American driver to traverse any portion of I-75 and be able to make the entire trip running on either biofuel. The project has significantly increased the availability of the biofuels E85 and B20 along the entire length of Interstate 75, which runs from Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan at the Canadian border to Miami, Florida. Biofuel stations were added with the intent of filling in gaps in biofuels access along the corridor while also adding more stations in metropolitan areas, such that a station of each type could be found no greater than 200 miles apart along the entire length of the interstate.

This week we will be celebrating the near completion of the project, with many partners from all six states and beyond helping spread the word about the project through web presence, social media discussions and picture sharing, press releases, and videos.

Since the project's inception, over 3.3 million gallons of biofuels have been sold from stations associated with the project, and 2.6 million gallons of petroleum have been displaced. This equates to:

- ✓ 25,222 tons of CO₂ emissions avoided, or
- ✓ Eliminating the annual CO₂ emissions from 4,817 U.S. passenger vehicles
- ✓ The amount of carbon sequestered by 18,946 acres of U.S. forests in one year
- ✓ Switching 604,604 incandescent lamps to compact fluorescent lamps
- ✓ The energy used by 2,109 homes for one year

Thus far along the entire corridor, E85 has been installed at 26 fuel stations, and B20 has been installed at 9. These numbers are expected to increase in the coming months with another 6 stations coming online this summer. The project is now in its final year and has resulted in the 1,786-mile interstate becoming **the planet's longest biofuels corridor**.

The significance of this project lies not only in the extensive length of American interstates involved or the six-state, multi-partner coordination that has taken place. American drivers now have a greater number of fueling options, as well as alt-fuel vehicles. There are nearly 100 flex fuel vehicle (or "FFV") models on the market today. With an estimated 10 million flex fuel vehicles driving on the road today, there is a strong need for more stations to offer E85.

Almost all diesel vehicles can run on biodiesel with few if any modifications to the vehicle. Even in the B20 marketplace, there are a growing number of B20-capable vehicles, from passenger to larger utility vehicles. With exciting developments like the B20 approved Chevrolet Cruze, more consumer-oriented, biodiesel-capable vehicles will surely come to market. More and more OEMs are responding to consumer demand for diesel vehicles, and some of those vehicles are approved for B20 use, such as the diesel 2014 Jeep Grand Cherokee and 2014 Ram 1500 EcoDiesel.

More information on the I-75 Green Corridor Project can be found by visiting www.CleanFuelsCorridor.com.

Look for the I-75 Green Corridor Project on social media, including

- Twitter: @CleanFuelsOhio and the hashtags #I75, #Green
- Facebook: CleanFuelsOH
- Flickr: Project photos - <http://bit.ly/i75-green-corridor-pics>
- More ideas here: <http://cleanfuelscorridor.com/social.html>