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## **Protec Adds 17 Biofuel Stations as Partner in Creation of Planet's Longest Biofuels Corridor The I-75 Green Corridor Project Fuels Greener from MI to Miami**

BOCA RATON, FL – Want the great American summer road trip without the guilt of using so much gas? American drivers can now make it from Michigan to Miami on alternative, renewable fuels. Protec has helped by being the lead partner on 17 of the project's stations that span the Chattanooga, Tenn., area all the way to southwestern Florida.



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, Tenn. 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 driver to traverse any portion of I-75 and be able to make their entire trip running on either biofuel – ethanol as E85, or biodiesel in a B20 blend. The project has significantly increased the availability of the biofuels along the entire length of Interstate 75, which runs 1,786 miles from Canada to the Caribbean. Biofuels stations were added with the intent of filling in gaps in biofuels access along the corridor and adding more stations in metropolitan areas. A station of each type can be found no greater than 200 miles apart along the entire interstate.

This week, project coordinators celebrate nearing completion of the project, and many partners from all six states and beyond will help spread the word about the project through web presence, social media discussions and picture sharing, press releases, and videos. Visit the project Website at [www.CleanFuelsCorridor.com](http://www.CleanFuelsCorridor.com).

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. The project has now displaced over 61,000 barrels of oil, or alternatively, the U.S. has now produced over 61,000 additional barrels of renewable, American fuel. This also 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 nine. These numbers are expected to increase in the coming months with another six 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.**



*Protec and station partner Mid-State Energy along with representatives from the project, celebrate the grand opening of one of the Florida E85 and B20 stations.*

Jonathan Overly, Executive Director of the lead organization for the project, the East Tennessee Clean Fuels Coalition, said "We could not have had the development of this many stations or otherwise success we have had in the project without Protec as a partner. Steve (Walk, of Protec) was great to work with and helped us achieve the project goals."

Protec is a turnkey E85 company specializing in station conversions and fuel distribution. “We are honored to be a major partner, fuel station installer and fuel provider for this important project,” said Steve Walk, an executive director of Protec Fuel. “This project can prove biofuels are accessible, and hopefully turn new users onto renewable fuels,” he said.

The significance of this project lies not only in the extensive length of American interstate involved, but also the six-state, multi-partner coordination that has taken place. There is also significance in the fact that American drivers now have a greater number of fueling options, as well as alt-fuel vehicles. There are nearly 100 flex-fuel vehicle (FFV) models on the market today than can run on E85. Coupled with the fact that, by conservative estimates, there are over 10 million FFVs on the road, there is strong need for more stations offering E85.

Conveniently, 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. Exciting developments like the B20-approved Chevrolet Cruze show that 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. The Corridor Project believes now is the time to put these fuels into action, and this endeavor diversifies America’s fuel portfolio one gallon at a time.

Here is a list of the stations Protec Fuel helped to add:

Mapco Express #3524	444 Georgia 299, Wildwood, GA 30757	E85
Mapco Express #3521	399 Cloud Springs Rd, Ft. Oglethorpe, GA 30742	E85
Mapco Express #3638	3668 Battlefield Pkwy, Ringgold, GA 30736	E85
Mapco Express #3635	6850 Battlefield Pkwy, Ringgold, GA 30736	E85
Mapco Express #3634	6966 Alabama Hwy, Ringgold, GA 30736	E85
Mapco Express #3519	2210 Chattanooga Rd, Rocky Face, GA 30720	E85
Mapco Express #3507	1406 Cleveland Hwy, Dalton, GA 30720	B20
Mapco Express #3511	200 Carbondale Rd., Dalton, GA 30720	B20
Mapco Express #3509	1430 Kellogg Creek Rd, Acworth, GA 30101	B20
Dabies Shell	1892 Howell Mill Road NW, Atlanta, GA 30318	E85
Chevron Northside	548 Northside Drive, Atlanta, GA 30318	E85
7 Eleven/Chevron	4640 West Eau Gallie Blvd, Melbourne, FL 32934	E85
Citgo Easy Stop Conv. Store	4235 Clark Road, Sarasota, FL 34233	E85+B20
Citgo	10001 Tamiami Trail, Punta Gorda, FL 33950	E85
Ozturk Marathon	4030 Boatways Rd, Fort Myers, FL 33905	B20
Citgo	19201 San Carlos Blvd, Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931	E85
7 Eleven/Marathon	12931 Bonita Beach Rd, Bonita Springs, FL 34135	E85

Just a few of the remaining stations in Florida are not completed, but are expected to be finished in June and July. The 17 stations Protec installed are almost half of the total that were installed along the entire corridor.

Besides E85 selling at a competitive price to conventional gasoline at these locations, it is better for the environment and supports our U.S. and local economies. The goals of this project are to support American fuels and jobs, keep Americans' money in America, reduce oil dependence, support alternative fuels and renewable fuels' continued production and use in the U.S., reduce emissions including greenhouse gases, and build partnerships that put America first. Visit [www.ethanolretailer.com/flex-fuel-station-finder](http://www.ethanolretailer.com/flex-fuel-station-finder) if you're unsure if your vehicle can run on E85.

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**More on the I-75 Green Corridor Project:** The project was funded by the DOE Clean Cities Program in 2009. Visit the Clean Cities Website – [www1.eere.energy.gov/cleancities/](http://www1.eere.energy.gov/cleancities/). Learn more about the project by visiting the project Website – [www.CleanFuelsCorridor.com](http://www.CleanFuelsCorridor.com).

**More on East Tennessee Clean Fuel Coalition:** The mission of ETCleanFuels is to increase the use of cleaner, American fuels and vehicles and energy-saving transportation technologies to improve air quality and health, curb dependence on imported petroleum, and support the U.S. economy. Please visit [www.ETCleanFuels.org](http://www.ETCleanFuels.org).

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