Environmentally-Friendly Fueling Option Introduced To City First Commercial Biodiesel Pump in Houston Ready for Action

HOUSTON – May 26, 2004 – Trucking fleets, school districts and environmentally-conscience construction equipment fleet owners in the Houston area now have an innovative, convenient and safer local source of biodiesel, a renewable fuel offering significant clean air and performance benefits. Fleet Fuel Management (FFM), an O'Rourke company, has rolled out CleanPower at its card lock fueling station located at 227 McCarty Drive. The CleanPower biodiesel pump serves as the first of its kind for the Houston area.

Biodiesel can be used in all diesel engines without any modifications. The fuel also can be used in its pure form (B100), or blended with diesel at any level, most commonly 20 percent producing B20. The FFM pumps will offer CleanPower as a B20 product, with B100 available for purchase in bulk quantities. Currently, more than 500 major fleets have switched to biodiesel fuel nationwide.

"Biodiesel will be the way of the future as our industry seeks alternative fuels that not only decrease air pollution by reducing harmful emissions, but also reduce greenhouse gasses as well," said Tony Garcia, Specialty Fuels business manager for O'Rourke Petroleum. "As one of the most beneficial fuels available from an environmental standpoint, we see this new offering as a chance for fleets to have the option to meet clean-air regulations in an environmentally-friendly way."

Significantly reducing emissions like carbon monoxide, unburned hydrocarbons and particulate matter, CleanPower serves as a nontoxic, biodegradable fuel, essentially free of sulfur and aromatics. CleanPower offers similar fuel economy, horsepower and torque to petroleum diesel while providing superior lubricity.

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