

## What's New at the Alternative Fuels Data Center NOVEMBER 2001

Listed below are new publications and other information made available in November through the U.S. Department of Energy's Alternative Fuels Data Center (AFDC), managed by the National Renewable Energy Laboratory. For more information, with questions, or to subscribe to this monthly update, contact Wendy Dafoe at [wendy\\_dafoe@nrel.gov](mailto:wendy_dafoe@nrel.gov), or call 303-275-4470.

The Clean Cities Conference postcard has been mailed! It's not too early to make your hotel reservations. See the conference Web site at <http://www.ccities.doe.gov/okconference.shtml> for links to hotel information.

The Clean Cities [www.ccities.doe.gov](http://www.ccities.doe.gov) and AFDC ( [www.afdc.doe.gov](http://www.afdc.doe.gov)) Web sites have a new look. All your old bookmarks will still work. The pages have been optimized to increase "find-ability" by users of Internet search engines such as Google and AltaVista.

Alternative Fuel News (Vol. 5, No. 3) is on the Web at [http://www.afdc.doe.gov/pdfs/AFN5\\_3.pdf](http://www.afdc.doe.gov/pdfs/AFN5_3.pdf) or [http://www.afdc.doe.gov/documents/altfuelnews/5\\_3contents.html](http://www.afdc.doe.gov/documents/altfuelnews/5_3contents.html).

This issue of AFN has also been optimized for search engine success. Included are a cover story on alternative fuel school buses; a feature on biodiesel fuel and its progress in the marketplace; and a story on National AFV Day, a nationwide celebration of alternative fuel vehicles set for April 2002.

Biofuels News (Vol. 4 No. 3) is on the Web at <http://www.afdc.doe.gov/pdfs/6052.pdf>.

Interested in how light- and heavy-duty alternative-fuel and advanced-technology vehicle programs will impact the future of our country? The U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Transportation Technology (OTT) has just released its **2002 Quality Metric Report**. The report discusses the potential emissions benefits, petroleum reductions, and economic impacts that 41 OTT-funded programs will have on the United States from 2001 until 2030. On the Web at [http://www.afdc.doe.gov/pdfs/quality\\_metrics\\_02.pdf](http://www.afdc.doe.gov/pdfs/quality_metrics_02.pdf)

The **Mid-Atlantic Regional CNG Refueling and Maintenance Directory 2001-2002** edition is available in pdf format at <http://www.ccities.doe.gov/pdfs/5561.pdf>. Hard copies continue to be available through the Hotline.

General Motors announced it will be producing an ethanol flex fuel Chevrolet Silverado and GMC Sierra pickup trucks for model year 2002. Call your regional GM representative for more information.

Hydrogen Fuel Cell Bus Evaluation report is available on the Web at [http://www.ott.doe.gov/otu/field\\_ops/pdfs/h2\\_fuel\\_cell\\_bus\\_eval2.pdf](http://www.ott.doe.gov/otu/field_ops/pdfs/h2_fuel_cell_bus_eval2.pdf). Discusses test and evaluation protocols needed to advanced implementation of this technology. Also, evaluates maintenance and operations infrastructure changes that transit agencies will need to make when adopting this technology.

EPA requires certain testing be done as part of the fuel registration process. The report **Tier 2 Testing of Biodiesel Exhaust Emissions: Final Report** is available on the Web at



[http://www.afdc.doe.gov/pdfs/tier2\\_health.pdf](http://www.afdc.doe.gov/pdfs/tier2_health.pdf). The report covers a 13-week inhalation study in rats on the effects of potential toxicity of biodiesel exhaust emissions.

