

# Green Fuels America Dealer becomes Clean Cities Coordinator

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Atha Comiskey, C & E Biodiesel, was hired last June as the Coordinator for Clean Cities of Middle Tennessee. She was asked to lead the Middle Tennessee Coalition because of her experience in the biodiesel industry through the FuelMeister family.

One of the first questions asked, was if she could think outside of the “Biodiesel Box”. Atha had no choice but to broaden her horizons since the Clean Cities Coalition’s main objective is to implement all types of alternative fuels and alternative fuel vehicles. To that end, meetings have already been held for Fleet Managers which offered them information on fuel blends, heavy-truck idle reduction applications and alternative fuels. Other meetings have included introduction to the new Nissan Electric Vehicle, The Leaf and a Ride & Drive for the new Ford F-350 Propane-powered pickup truck.

Clean Cities is a non-profit organization sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Vehicle Technologies program. There are nearly 90 local coalitions covering areas where 229 million U.S. citizens live – approximately 78% of the country’s total population.

Clean Cities' mission is to reduce petroleum consumption in the transportation sector and since its inception in 1993, Clean Cities and its more than 6,500 stakeholders, have displaced more than 2 billion gallons of petroleum. Their next goal is to displace 2.5 billion gallons of petroleum per year by 2020. That is the equivalent of the annual gasoline consumption of 5 million cars or taking one supertanker off the high seas every eight days.

Partnerships of Clean Cities occur at the state and local levels through coalitions composed of fleets, state and local officials, industry representatives, and community organizations. Partnerships also take place at the national level through working relationships with other agencies and programs, original equipment manufacturers, fuel providers, and national associations. Cooperative efforts across agencies, initiatives, and programs may include joint education and outreach, technical assistance, research and analysis, market development, and project co-funding. Clean Cities intends to serve as the catalyst to regularly collaborate on ways to best advance common goals.

Joining a Clean Cities Coalition would be a valuable asset for your business. The quarterly Stakeholder meetings, as well as the many other networking opportunities would provide a wonderful avenue in getting the GreenFuels products and information to the public. Please consider joining the Clean Cities organization in your area. For more information go to <http://www1.eere.energy.gov/cleancities/>.