

# ALTERNATIVE FUELS COALITION OF CONNECTICUT

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### Governor's Council on Climate Change (GC3) Meeting October 19, 2016 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Gina McCarthy Auditorium 5th Floor 79 Elm Street Hartford, Connecticut

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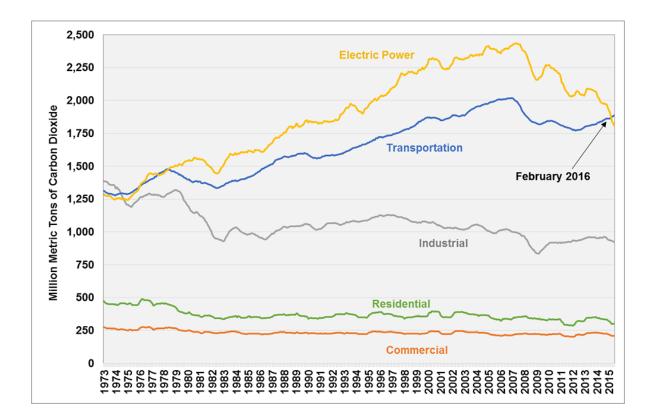
Dear Council Members:

Thank you for providing me with the opportunity to speak to you last week. I would like to use time to communicate my thoughts to you in writing.

During the last meeting, a member of your Council, Don Strait, suggested that more time be committed to studying the transportation sector and I could not agree more. We all know, 40% of all GHG emmissions are caused by the transportation sector and making improvements here would give us all a "Bigger Bang for our Buck"! Ironically, almost concurrent with your meeting, the US Department of Energy published the following fact on their website;

# FACT #948: OCTOBER 24, 2016 CARBON DIOXIDE EMISSIONS FROM TRANSPORTATION EXCEEDED THOSE FROM THE ELECTRIC POWER SECTOR FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 38 YEARS

# SOURCE OF DATA HERE



The Transportation Sector and its related "Wedges" remain a real problem. We have again entered into a period of cheaper petroleum prices and as one would expect, the trend above is now getting worse. Don Strait is correct; your membership needs to provide more focus on the Transportation area to achieve immediate and interim emission targets.

## LPGAS MAGAZINE Feature Article "What a Ride" (Addendum)

In this feature article of one of our major trade magazines, the article studies how the school bus market has become one of the industry's greatest success stories. I was extremely proud to point out that the State of Connecticut harbors the fourth largest fleet of propane buses in the nation with the City of Waterbury's recent adoption of 149 propane powered school buses.

# PROPANE NOW THE US' SECOND LARGEST PETROLEUM PRODUCT EXPORT (Addendum)

Although this may be great news if you are a company who exports propane, it is disconcerting if you are a domestic marketer of propane. At the moment, we have more propane than we know what to do with so the excess is now being exported when it could be used to displace gasoline and diesel fuel with an environmental benefit to our nation. Keeping propane at home will create jobs and domestic prosperity if we can expands its use in the transportation sector.

# PRIDE STATION – JENNINGS ROAD – HARTFORD CT

It was a pleasure to introduce Jim Channing, Chief Counsel for Pride Stores of Springfield MA. The new station they are building is unique and we believe a first of its kind on the entire Eastern Seaboard. What makes this project special is its commitment to alternative fuels. The alternative fuels available at this station will be;

- Hydrogen offered by a joint venture of Toyota and Air Liquide
- Propane offered by Hocon Gas
- EV Charging Stations
- A reserve island(s) for natural gas

We are proud to be part of this project and we hope that state, municipal and private fleets will appreciate the conveniences of these alternative fuels under one roof and support it in the future.

Sincerely,

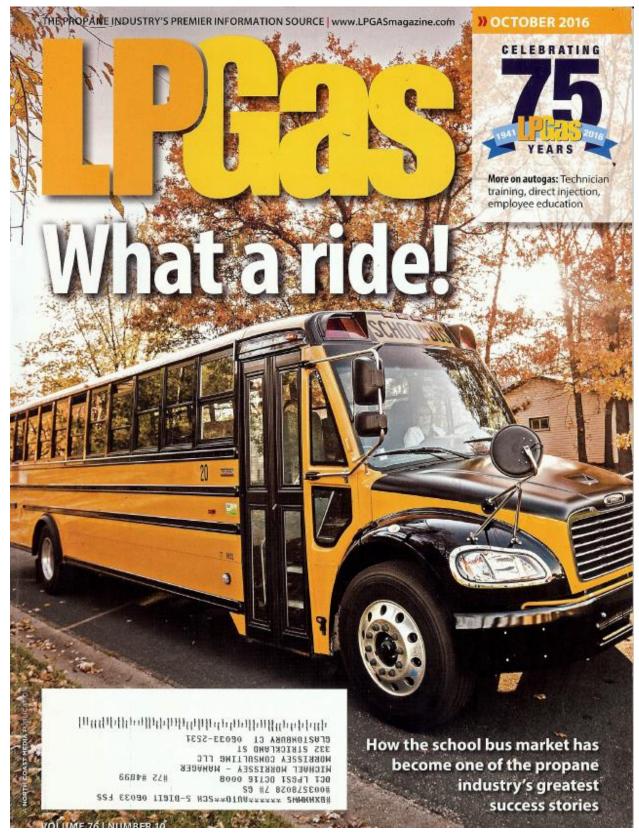
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# \*\* PROPANE ~ THE CLEANEST FOSSIL FUEL KNOWED TO MANKIND \*\*

# Why Propane Makes Sense Now

- It is a clean fuel containing no harmful methane molecules and its related infrastructure allows no tolerance for leaks.
- It is the third leading transportation fuel in the world with over 25 million vehicles operating on it today.
- It is abundant and almost 100% of it is produced in our nation. Almost 75% of it is harvested from the same underground natural gas reserves. Unlike natural gas which requires an infrastructure of pipelines, it is economically available to everyone everywhere due to its portability nature.
- It is non-toxic and insoluble in water & presents no hazards to soil or groundwater.
- It is a premium transportation fuel offering an octane rating of 105 allowing better engine performance and long term engine durability.
- It is flexible and can be used for both on road and off road applications.

# **ADDENDUM**



# Top propane school bus accounts

A number of school districts across the United States favor propane as a fueling option. To provide a sampling of these market successes across multiple states, *LP Gas* selected the school districts that have shown a strong commitment to propane autogas.

#### ALABAMA

Mobile County Public School District Location: Mobile Number of propane buses: 80 Bus type: Blue Bird Vision Fuel system: Roush CleanTech

### ARIZONA

Kyrene School District Location: Tempe Number of propane buses: 110 Bus type: Blue Bird Vision Fuel system: Roush CleanTech

### CALIFORNIA

Los Angeles Unified School District Location: Los Angeles Number of propane buses: 425 Bus type: Blue Bird Vision, Thomas Saf-T-Liner, Collins Nexbus Fuel system: CleanFuel USA, Roush CleanTech Contractor: Student Transportation of America, First Student, National Express/ Durham School Services

### COLORADO

Mesa County Valley School District Location: Grand Junction Number of propane buses: 92 Bus type: Blue Bird Vision Fuel system: Roush CleanTech

#### CONNECTICUT

Waterbury Public Schools Location: Waterbury Number of propane buses: 149 Bus type: IC Bus CE Series Fuel system: Power Solutions International Contractor: National Express/Durham School Services

### FLORIDA

Broward County Public Schools Location: Fort Lauderdale Number of propane buses: 135 Bus type: Blue Bird Vision Fuel system: Roush CleanTech

#### GEORGIA

Bibb County School District Location: Macon Number of propane buses: 58 Bus type: Blue Bird Vision Fuel system: Roush CleanTech

### INDIANA

Indianapolis Public Schools Location: Indianapolis Number of propane buses: 100 Bus type: IC Bus CE Series Fuel system: Power Solutions International

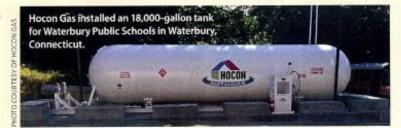
### MASSACHUSETTS

Boston Public Schools Location: Boston Number of propane buses: 142 Bus type: Blue Bird Vision Fuel system: Roush CleanTech

### MINNESOTA

St. Francis School District Location: St. Francis Number of propane buses: 46 Bus type: Thomas Built Saf-T-Liner C2, Blue Bird Vision Fuel system: CleanFuel USA, Roush CleanTech

NEBRASKA Metropolitan Omaha Education Consortium Location: Omaha



SCHOOL BUS MARKET

Number of propane buses: 461 Bus type: Blue Bird Vision Fuel system: Roush CleanTech Contractor: Student Transportation of America

#### NEVADA

Washoe County School District Location: Reno Number of propane buses: 47 Bus type: Blue Bird Vision, Micro Bird Fuel system: Roush CleanTech

#### OHIO

Cleveland Metropolitan School District Location: Cleveland Number of propane buses: 49 Bus type: Blue Bird Vision Fuel system: Roush CleanTech

### OREGON

Tigard-Tualatin School District Location: Tigard Number of propane buses: 78 Bus type: Blue Bird Vision, Micro Bird Fuel system: Roush CleanTech Contractor: Student Transportation of America

### PENNSYLVANIA

Gateway School District Location: Monroeville Number of propane buses: 59 Bus type: Blue Bird Vision Fuel system: Roush CleanTech Contractor: Student Transportation of America

### TEXAS

Dallas County Schools Location: Dallas Number of propane buses: 397 Bus type: Blue Bird, Thomas Built Fuel system: CleanFuel USA

Northside Independent School District Location: Leon Valley Number of propane buses: 396 Bus type: Blue Bird Vision Fuel system: Roush CleanTech, CleanFuel USA

### WISCONSIN

Milwaukee Public Schools Location: Milwaukee Number of propane buses: 59 Bus type: Blue Bird Vision Fuel system: Roush CleanTech Contractor: Lamer Bus Lines

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# Propane now US' second-largest petroleum product export

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The Galena Park Marine Terminal is one of only two commercial propane export facilities in the U.S. Gulf Coast, according to Targa Resources. Targa Resources, a provider of midstream natural gas and NGL services, is being recognized in the Chronicle 100 special section.

Propane is now the second-largest U.S. petroleum product export, surpassing motor gasoline, the Energy Information Administration reported Wednesday.

U.S. propane exports increased from 562,000 barrels per day in the first half of 2015 to 793,000 bpd in the first half 2016. Exports to Asia and Oceania accounted for 94 percent of this growth. Japan imported the most U.S. propane at 159,000 bpd in the first half of 2016, an increase of 111,000 bpd from 48,000 bpd in the first half 2015. Exports to Panama, however, fell from 41,000 bpd in the first half 2015 to 7,000 bpd in the first half 2016, according to the report.

The EIA said the large increases in exports to Japan and the significant drop to Panama might be explained by reduced ship-to-ship transfer activity.

"Transfers on the Atlantic Ocean side of the Panama Canal likely involve moving cargo from a ship too large to transit the canal onto a slightly smaller ship that can make the passage," according to an EIA report released in April. "Once through the canal, the smaller ship will either continue on to Asia or transfer the cargo back to a larger ship to complete the journey."

As a result, some data represent delivery to the transfer site — such as Panama, Aruba and the Dominican Republic — and not the final destination, which can skew the actual final destination numbers. A Panama Canal construction project to accommodate larger vessels recently was finished, and there have been fewer propane transfers.

Demand for propane in Asia is driven largely by an expanding petrochemical industry that uses propane as a feedstock, as well as other industrial and consumer heating and cooking demand, according to the April report.

Wednesday's report also said Mexico (775,000 bpd), Canada (579,000 bpd) and the Netherlands (271,000 bpd) received the significant volumes of U.S. petroleum products in the first half of 2016.

Gasoline exports increased 138,000 bpd in the first half of 2016 compared with the first half of 2015. Mexico represents the largest single recipient of U.S. gasoline exports at 363,000 bpd, up from 283,000 bpd in the first half of 2015, the EIA said.

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