



**ALTERNATIVE FUELS COALITION OF CONNECTICUT**

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***Alternative Fuels Coalition of Connecticut***

**Governor's Council on Climate Change (GC3) Meeting**  
**November 14, 2016**  
**3:00 PM - 5:00 PM**  
**Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection**  
**Gina McCarthy Auditorium**  
**5th Floor 79 Elm Street Hartford, Connecticut**

November 15, 2016

Re: Relevancy of VW Settlement & Pupil Transportation update since last GC3 meeting  
October 19, 2016 (See Addendum)

Dear Council Members:

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

I trust most here are aware of the imminent Volkswagen settlement. Although this settlement targets measures to combat Criteria Pollutants caused by the VW emissions cheating and not the Non-Criteria Pollutants this Counsel is focused on, what is interesting to note is the important role propane may play in the final court settlement. You should know;

- Propane is a component of the draft settlement.
- Transportation Energy Partners (TEP)<sup>1</sup>, the entity responsible for securing government funding for our Nations Clean Cities Program, over the summer made recommendations to the court as it pertained to final settlement. In their August letter they emphasized the important role of propane and natural gas in securing emission reductions.
- Lastly, the National Propane Gas Association (NPGA)<sup>2</sup> a couple of weeks ago has also weighed in on this settlement and the opportunities it could mean to its valued membership.
- Most importantly, propane can assist in reducing both forms of vehicle emissions. Propane must be a planning component in achieving your interim targets when it comes to non-criteria pollutants.

Not mentioned yesterday, propane powered School Buses continue to grow in our nation. An update may be found in my addendum. Thank you again for your time.

Sincerely,

T. Michael Morrissey  
 Director of Government Affairs and Business Development

**\*\* PROPANE ~ THE CLEANEST FOSSIL FUEL KNOWN 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.***

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<sup>1</sup> See TEP August 5, 2016 Attachment

<sup>2</sup> See NPGA Attachment

## ADDENDUM

Since the last GC3 meeting on October 19<sup>th</sup>, the following has happened in our nation regarding Pupil Transportation

1. *Market Intelligence* School Transportation News (Blog),  
**Orland School District Adds 79 Propane-Fueled School Buses  
for the School Year** 11-01-16  
Orland School District 135 partnered with Cook-Illinois Corporation to add 79 Blue Bird Vision Propane buses that will help lower the district's carbon footprint while reducing transportation costs.  
Related Coverage:  
[Chicago Area School District Adds 79 Propane-Fueled School Buses](#), [Butane-Propane News](#)  
[Full Story](#)

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2. *Top Story* Baton Rouge Advocate (LA),  
**EPA Grant Means East Baton Rouge Schools Will Replace 30 Diesel  
Buses with Propane-Fueled Ones** 11-03-16  
The EPA is giving the East Baton Rouge Parish school system \$773,000 to replace 30 of its diesel school buses over the next two years with more eco-friendly propane-powered buses.  
[Full Story](#)

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3. *Top Story, Market Intelligence* YouTube: MotorWeek, 11-07-  
**VIDEO: Clean Cities Success Stories: Tuscaloosa City Schools  
Propane Buses** 16  
Our success story this week takes us to Tuscaloosa, Alabama, where the tide is turning towards a cleaner fuel: almost half of Tuscaloosa city school buses are now powered by propane.  
[Full Story](#)

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4. *Market Intelligence* Madisonville Messenger (KY), 11-08-16  
**Propane Buses Coming to County**  
The board of education approved Monday to bring in four propane-powered school buses into the fleet for the upcoming year.  
[Full Story](#)

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