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## Upcoming Events

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### March 18 - Oregon Trucking Association - Trucking Day at the Capitol

Join OTA in taking our message straight to lawmakers during the 2025 Trucking Day at the Capitol from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. This is the chance to show our strength in numbers and put a spotlight on the concerns we have on a number of issues. The day will include a legislative briefing, meetings with legislators, guest speakers and a reception. Share your story and take part in shaping Oregon trucking's next chapter! We will meet at the Salem Convention Center and shuttle to the Capitol for legislative meetings. To register, [click here](#).



### Understanding recent developments with Oregon's Clean Fuels Program (CFP) and Washington State's Clean Fuels Standard (CFS) Webinar

Wednesday, March 19, at 10:00 AM Pacific.

Abbey Brown from Washington State's Department of Ecology and Bill Peters from Oregon's Department of Environmental Quality will educate Alliance friends and members about recent developments with Oregon's CFP and Washington CFS. To register [click here](#).

### 2025 West Coast Collaborative Partners Meeting – POSTPONED

The West Coast Collaborative Partners Meeting has been postponed the March meeting. The new dates for the event are September 8-12, 2025, and it will still take place at Cal Expo in Sacramento, CA. If you would like to withdraw your registration, please email [maddy@nwcleancities.org](mailto:maddy@nwcleancities.org).

### The Transport Project's Half-Day RNG Summit

RNG Sunday Summit at the Anaheim Marriott on Sunday, April 27 just before the start of ACT Expo. TTP plans a full afternoon of RNG fleet programming. This year's agenda includes a review of RNG market trends, regulatory policy, tax treatment, and fleet transition best practices followed by an industry-wide networking reception. Find the full agenda [HERE](#).

The Transport Project (TTP) develops its 2025 policy agenda:

- Fix the EPA Phase 3 GHG emissions rule
- Deny California waivers
- Extend the Alternative Fuel Tax Credit
- Pass the RNG Incentive Act

The document is being shared with members of the 119th Congress as well as incoming Trump administration officials. Access a copy of the federal policy guide [HERE](#).

## D.Y.K.

From 2023 to 2024,  
**125 new biogas projects**  
**launched in the United**  
**States, marking a**  
**17% annual growth in**  
**the total number of**  
**biogas projects and a**  
**40% rise in capital**  
**investment.**

To learn more,  
[click here.](#)

## In the News

### Where Trump Officials Stand on Renewable Natural Gas

Newly confirmed agency heads have committed to working with Congress on biofuels, though some supportive federal programs, such as USDOE's Loan Programs Office and USDA's Rural Energy for America Program, may be at risk. To read the full article, [click here](#).

### Oregon Fleets Join the Oregon Trucking Association to Testify in Favor of HB 3119

If passed, HB 3119 will postpone Oregon's adoption of California's Advanced Clean Truck (ACT) Rule. Broadly speaking, the ACT Rule requires vehicle manufacturers to sell, and consequently, Oregon fleets to purchase, increasing percentages of Zero Emission trucks. In many instances, these Zero Emission Vehicles (ZEVs) are incapable of performing the necessary tasks, as they cannot carry the required weight or travel the necessary distance. The ACT specifically excludes the use of conventional and renewable natural gas (CNG/RNG), despite RNG being the cleanest, lowest carbon fuel alternative available. This is particularly relevant for trucks with a Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW) exceeding 80,000 lbs. To clarify, there is currently no commercially available ZEV technology capable of operating at a GVW greater than 80,000 lbs. To learn more, [click here](#).

### EPA Takes First Steps to Limit Implementation of California Air Resources Board (CARB) Rules

The Environmental Protection Agency has taken a first step aimed at rescinding the Biden administration's waivers granted for California's Advanced Clean Trucks and Omnibus low nitrogen oxides rules. To learn more, [click here](#).

### Puget Sound Energy and Modern Hydrogen Partner to Produce Clean Hydrogen

NW Alliance Member, Puget Sound Energy, has partnered with Modern Hydrogen to develop a clean and reliable means of producing hydrogen. This partnership represents a viable strategy for decarbonizing Washington's commercial and industrial sectors. To read the full press release, [click here](#).

**NW Alliance Strategic Partner, the California Renewable Transportation Alliance, has summarized the California Air Resources Board's 2025 priorities and challenges.** For a succinct and pragmatic perspective regarding CARB's current "Magical Thinking", [click here to download](#).

### Drive Savings and Sustainability with Rogue Clean Fuels!

At Rogue Clean Fuels in White City, we're dedicated to driving sustainability and efficiency for local businesses. Our state-of-the-art CNG fueling station offers Renewable Natural Gas (RNG), the cleanest burning transportation fuel available today. By choosing Rogue Clean Fuels, your fleet benefits from reliable, fast-fill fueling that keeps your drivers on the road and your operations running smoothly.



We understand the unique needs of fleet owners, which is why we offer special pricing and dedicated support tailored to your business. Join our fleet program to take advantage of exclusive benefits designed to help you save money and reduce your carbon footprint. Visit [roguecleanfuels.com](https://roguecleanfuels.com) or call (541) 494-5486 to learn more and sign up!

**Brudeli Green Mobility has teamed with Alliance Member, Hexagon Agility Fuels, and Alliance Member, Cummins Engines,** to develop a Class 8 Plug-in Hybrid tractor, including a 200 kWh battery alongside Cummins' X15N natural gas engine, to deliver 100% EV capability in congested areas, such as Ports, as well as extended range and over-the-road hauling capacity, using either diesel or natural gas as fuel. To watch a video of Brudeli's new demo truck, [click here](#).

### **NWGA Seeks New CEO**

The Northwest Gas Association (NWGA) is a bi-national trade organization of the Pacific Northwest natural gas industry. Members include natural gas utilities and transmission pipelines that transport natural gas from production areas in Alberta, British Columbia and the U.S. Rockies into and through the Pacific Northwest. Together, NWGA members serve 10 million residents in communities throughout British Columbia, Idaho, Oregon and Washington, and productive energy to almost 350,000 businesses, institutions and industries in the region. The Association's core purpose is to advocate for the role of the region's gas infrastructure in safely delivering a clean, reliable and affordable energy future.

The new NWGA CEO will join the organization at a critical time of transformational change and is expected to build on and expand its reach. The CEO serves as a hands-on chief administrator, providing leadership, coalition development and analysis, legislative advocacy, and policy and program implementation to carry out the work of the Association. For more information, [click here](#).

### **NW Alliance Member, Burnham RNG, wants to hire a Project Controls Engineer.**

The ideal candidate will have a strong overlap with the Burnham core values. As a Projects Controls Engineer your primary role is to serve as a subject matter expert for the Project Controls discipline within the Capital Projects Group, supporting Project Management personnel by providing functional leadership. This position is based in our Raleigh, NC office and if needed, relocation support is available. To learn more [click here](#).