



**THE SPARK PLUG**

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## Upcoming Events

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### State-of-Play for RNG and Natural Gas Transportation in the U.S. Webinar

August 21 | Virtually 10:00 – Noon

Join the NWGA's monthly webinar and Daniel Gage, President, Transport Project to learn the state-of-play for the RNG and natural gas transportation in the U.S. [Click here](#) to register.

### 2025 Idaho Public Transit Summit

September 3-4, 2025 | Garden City, Idaho

The Idaho Public Transportation Summit is an invaluable opportunity for public transportation industry professionals to convene, collaborate, and advance our collective mission of providing mobility. Attendees include public transit agencies and their stakeholders, local government, Idaho working group member agencies, public transportation enthusiasts and nonemergency medical transportation providers. The Summit is designed to foster discussion and interactions between presenters, vendors and participants on a variety of topics through seminars, workshops, and vendor booths. To learn more, email [Connie Edwards](#).

### NEBC's Oregon Infrastructure Summit

September 8-9, 2025 | Seaside, Oregon

Of particular interest are the following topics, scheduled for discussion September 9:

- A Look Into Key Oregon 2025 Legislative Session Bills Effecting Transportation
- Oregon and the Electric Grid: Where We Are and Where We Are Going
- Decentralizing Water and Wastewater Infrastructure

To learn more, please visit: <https://theoregonsummit.com/>.

### The Transport Project (TTP) DC Fly-In

October 7 - 8, 2025 | Washington, D.C.

October 7 will focus on recently-adopted and prospective legislation that may impact production and use of RNG. October 8 will include walking the Halls of Congress to raise RNG awareness among lawmakers. To learn more, please visit: <https://transportproject.org/2025/07/09/ttp-announces-dates-for-dc-fly-in-event/>

## In the News

### The American Biogas Council Praises Passage of President Trump's Big Beautiful Bill

"The American Biogas Council commends President Trump for his work to ensure Congress' timely action on the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, and we applaud Congress for recognizing the critical role biogas plays in meeting America's growing energy demands while creating jobs and supporting farming communities.

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**That in the United States  
we recently celebrated  
the start-up of our 500th  
RNG-production facility?**

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"The Act contains several helpful provisions for the biogas sector, acknowledging the enormous potential of recycling decomposable waste – from farms, food systems, and wastewater treatment plants – to produce reliable American-made energy that both generates electricity and fuels the transportation sector.

"With the preservation of key incentives, including continued support for clean fuel production and power generation credits, this bill helps provide certainty for developers to plan, invest, and grow. We are particularly encouraged by provisions that ensure American producers using U.S. and North American feed stocks can compete on a level playing field, while also maintaining appropriate values for manure-based biogas." [Click here](#) to read more.

### **Trump signs bill enacting 2-year extension of 45Z credit**

President Donald Trump on July 4 signed the "One Big Beautiful Bill Act." The budget reconciliation package extends and updates the 45Z clean fuel production tax credit and revives a tax credit benefiting small bio-diesel producers but repeals several other bio-energy-related tax incentives. [Click here](#) to read more.

### **Freedom CNG Acquires ComTech Energy**

Newest Alliance Board Member, Freedom CNG, a US-based provider of compressed renewable natural gas (C/RNG), has acquired ComTech Energy, a Canadian company specializing in mobile fueling solutions for low-carbon fuels. The acquisition enables Freedom CNG to extend its services beyond fixed refueling stations, introducing a hub-&-spoke fueling alternative. [Click here](#) to read more.

### **Hexagon Agility to Power 476 New CNG Buses in Dallas**

Hexagon Agility has received an order from GILLIG to provide compressed natural gas (CNG) fuel systems for 476 new transit buses serving Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART). The fleet upgrade, expected on the road by spring 2026, aims to enhance safety, reduce emissions, and improve efficiency—just in time for the region to host the FIFA World Cup. This move highlights CNG's role as a reliable, low-emission solution for modern public transit. [Click here](#) to read more.

### **EPA Proposes Lower Biogas Targets in "Set 2" Renewable Fuel Standard Update**

The EPA has released its draft Set 2 update to the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS), lowering its expectations for cellulosic bio-fuels—including biogas-derived RNG—due to continued production shortfalls. The agency also proposes removing "eRINs," which would have rewarded electricity produced from biogas. The biogas industry is pushing back, arguing the EPA is underestimating its growth potential and harming dairy and livestock farmers who rely on RNG revenues. While the multiyear targets bring more certainty, the slower projected ramp-up has disappointed many in the sector. [Click here](#) to read more.

### **Oregon Adopts Clean Truck Rules, Keeps ICE Sales Legal**

Oregon DEQ has adopted California's Advanced Clean Trucks (ACT) and Low-NOx Omnibus rules to reduce emissions from heavy-duty vehicles. However, Oregon does **not** prohibit the sale of internal combustion engine (ICE) trucks.

- [Oregon's ACT Rule](#)
- [Oregon's Low-NOx Omnibus Rule](#)

Questions?

- [Gerik Kransky](#) (ACT)
- [Eric Feeley](#) (Low NOx)

### **Are CARB Rules Enforceable in Oregon?**

On May 22, Congress passed Legislation that prohibits California from imposing CARB Rules onto other states. On June 12th, President Trump signed the Congressional Review Act into law. [Click here](#) to read more.