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Upcoming Events

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The Transportation Project Public Policy & Lobby Days

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

Join The Transportation Project for a deep dive on RNG fleet policy priorities, including: extending the \$0.50/gallon Alternative Fuel Tax Credit, establishing a \$1.00/gallon Renewable Natural Gas (RNG) Fuel Tax Credit, and preserving RNG viability in EPA's regulatory programs such as the Phase 3 GHG Rule and the Renewable Fuel Standard.

We'll be joined by subject matter experts for a full day of policy discussions on Tuesday, October 7th before hitting Capitol Hill to lobby Members of Congress and senior staff on industry issues on Wednesday, October 8th. The two-day sessions will be capped by a networking reception Wednesday evening on the U.S. Capitol campus. To learn more & register for this event, visit: <https://members.transportproject.org/public/event/details/dd4668495bdf2eab055759130fcc7bdbe22ffb1c/1>.

2025 WTA Intermodal Council Trucking Summit

October 23, 2025 | Seattle, Washington

The energy revolution in the Pacific Northwest is disrupting the status quo and Join the Northwest Seaport Alliance and the Washington Trucking Association for the 2nd Intermodal Summit. The annual WTA Intermodal Trucking Summit brings together industry leaders to break down barriers, share knowledge, and foster collaboration.

This event provides valuable insights to help trucking professionals plan more effectively and drive better outcomes for this vital sector of the industry.

Agenda Highlights:

- Freight Forecast, Outlook and Trade Strategy
- NWSA Clean Air Strategy and Projects
- ZEV Truck Purchase Incentives
- Intermodal Trucking - a National Perspective
- Jonathan Eisen, Intermodal Carrier's Conference Executive Director, American Trucking Association
- Protecting Industrial Lands in Port Operations

To learn more & register for this event, visit: <https://members.watrucking.org/events/Details/2025-wta-intermodal-council-trucking-summit-1280547?sourceTypeld=Website>

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That 1% of total World energy is required to produce synthetic, ammonia-derived, Urea fertilizer, and use of this synthetic fertilizer accounts for nearly 40% of the World's annual food supply? the Haber-Bosch Process typically uses approximately 55 Gigajoules of natural gas to produce 1 Metric Tonne of ammonia-based synthetic Urea fertilizer. Put another way, without natural gas-derived synthetic fertilizer, the World population would enjoy roughly 40% fewer calories.

Source: Energy & Civilization by Vaclav Smil - Chapter 6, "Fossil-fueled Civilizations."

In the News

Cummins to Offer Opportunities to Test-Drive its User Experience Truck

This Fall Cummins X15N natural gas User Experience (UX) Truck will be available for fleets to test drive. The plan is for these UX trucks to tour both the Intermountain West and the Pacific Northwest.

The UX truck is a Kenworth T680 3-axle day cab with a GVWR of up to 110,000 lbs. Powered by the 450HP 1650 lb/ft of torque X15N 15 liter natural gas engine and paired with the X15N is the Eaton-Cummins Endurant HDN specifically tuned for natural gas engines. Finally, the Cummins Clean Fuel Technology 175 gallon fuel tank is capable of a range of over 700 miles.

To plan logistics, we are asking interested fleet managers to inform us of their interest in test-driving a UX truck. To plan a route and ensure fueling capacity, we need fleets' feedback as quickly as possible. To reserve your free trial, please reach out to Alex Schay on: aschay@nwalliance.net.

NWGA Names Kelly Fukai as New CEO

The Northwest Gas Association is excited to announce Kelly Fukai as its new Chief Executive Officer, effective September 22, 2025. With a distinguished background in energy, technology, and public affairs—including leadership at the Washington Technology Industry Association and Avista—Fukai brings deep regulatory expertise and a collaborative approach to guide NWGA's mission of delivering safe, reliable, and affordable energy. [Click here](#) to read the full release.

Attorney General Hilgers Announces Victory in Challenge to Illegal "Clean Truck Partnership"

Nebraska Attorney General Mike Hilgers has announced a legal victory in challenging a partnership related to the Clean Truck Initiative, which he argued was illegal. The initiative, aimed at reducing pollution from freight trucks, was contested by Hilgers on grounds of overstepping legal boundaries. The court's ruling favors the state, blocking the partnership from moving forward. This decision could impact future environmental regulations and partnerships in the state. You can read the full details of the case visit: https://www.norfolkneradio.com/news/attorney-general-hilgers-announces-victory-in-challenge-to-illegal-clean-truck-partnership/article_48fdd085-2e4e-47e5-90aa-b65347cf4b5e.html

Seaspan Energy to Offer Renewable LNG Bunker Fuel Along West Coast

Seaspan Energy (Seaspan) and Anew Climate (Anew) on Monday (11 August) said they have entered into a strategic agreement to offer delivery of renewable liquefied natural gas (R-LNG) to customers on the North American West Coast.

As part of the service offering, Anew will supply renewable natural gas (RNG) certified by the International Sustainability and Carbon Certification (ISCC) and provide pre-audit services to Seaspan required for ISCC certification. To learn more, visit: <https://www.manifoldtimes.com/news/seaspan-energy-to-offer-renewable-lng-bunker-fuel-along-west-coast/>

Get the Facts on the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA)

While The One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA) contains many tax provisions, this Fact Sheet focuses on the portions most impactful to natural gas and hydrogen motor fueled vehicles. Download your copy by visiting <https://transportproject.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/One-Big-Beautiful-Bill-Tax-Provisions-2025.07.17.pdf>

RNG-Fueled Fleets in California Mark Five Years of Carbon-Free Outcomes

Since 2020, RNG proves to be the lowest carbon transportation fuel in California. According to Alliance Strategic Partners, the California Renewable Transportation Alliance, The RNG Coalition, and The Transport Project, RNG accounts for 99% of transportation-related natural gas consumption in California, and the average carbon intensity of this RNG = -194 grams CO₂e per Megajoule. To learn more, visit: <https://transportproject.org/2025/09/03/rng-fueled-fleets-in-california-mark-five-years-of-carbon-free-outcomes/>

'Doing something more valuable with natural gas': CPS Energy announces hydrogen pilot

CPS Energy, the municipal utility serving San Antonio, has partnered with Seattle based clean energy startup Modern Hydrogen to pilot a methane pyrolysis project that converts natural gas into hydrogen and solid carbon, avoiding CO₂ emissions altogether. The hydrogen produced through this process can be used for onsite power generation (or blended with natural gas). At the same time, the solid carbon byproduct is repurposed for materials like asphalt. CPS Energy views the pilot as a scalable part of its Vision 2027 strategy to bolster grid resilience and provide cleaner, affordable energy as electricity demand in San Antonio grows. To read more on this project, visit: <https://www.power-eng.com/hydrogen/doing-something-more-valuable-with-natural-gas-cps-energy-announces-hydrogen-pilot/>

Grant Opportunities

Colorado – Clean Fleet Vehicle and Technology Grant Program opening for applications Sept. 15, 2025

CDPHE's Clean Fleet Enterprise will accept applications for the [Clean Fleet Vehicle and Technology Grant Program](#) from Sept. 15 through Oct. 24, 2025. Businesses, local governments, non-profits, schools, and other organizations can apply for funding through the program to buy low-emission or zero-emission vehicles for use in fleet operations.

- Fleets qualify for up to **\$45,000 per vehicle for Class 4–6** CNG and up to **\$95,000 per vehicle for Class 7–8**—when purchasing new CNG vehicles in Colorado .
- If they trade in and scrap an older vehicle, earn an additional 10% of the base grant amount per vehicle.

Staff are finalizing updates to the program guidelines and supplemental materials. CDPHE will post these updates on the grant program website by the close of business on Sept. 5, 2025.

Interested applicants may submit written questions about the grant program to cdphe_apcd_fleetgrants@state.co.us. The Clean Fleet Enterprise is expected to make project selections in early December, with contract effective dates anticipated in early 2026.