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Comments on the Clean Fuels Formula Grant Program

We are glad to see that biodiesel is included as an eligible activity in the Clean Fuels Formula Grant Program under Section 624.3. However, biodiesel is only included as an eligible project at the discretion of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), rather than being fully eligible with the other listed technologies.

Biodiesel meets both purposes of the Clean Fuels Formula Grant Program. First, it assists a non-attainment area in achieving or maintaining air quality. And second, it is an emerging, clean fuel technology with large market potential. In addition, biodiesel also supports the Energy Policy Act of the Department of Energy.

Biodiesel is the only technology that meets both purposes of the program without requiring the purchase or lease of special vehicles, vehicle or facility modifications, or retrofits of any kind. The only cost associated with biodiesel is the incremental cost over and above standard diesel fuel. FTA should include this incremental cost specifically as an eligible project.

Regards,

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