



REDUCING EMISSIONS THROUGH ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION STRATEGIES

New Jersey Clean Air Council
Annual Public Hearing
April 8, 2014
9:30 a.m.

N.J. Dept. of Environmental Protection
401 E. State Street
Trenton, NJ 08625

New Jersey is a major transportation corridor in the northeast, and the amount of vehicular and truck traffic within its borders has a direct impact on air quality. Mobile sources are one of the most significant sources of air pollution in NJ. Therefore, reductions in mobile source emissions are necessary to achieve cleaner air.

Strategies need to be explored to reduce vehicle emissions and promote alternative fuels (e.g., electric, hydrogen, natural gas, etc.) in order to clean the air. In addition to encouraging NJ residents to increase bicycle and pedestrian travel, the State needs to promote the use and explain the benefits of cleaner burning fuels and continue to expand the availability of electric charging and refueling stations (including CNG, hydrogen, biodiesel, etc.) in both public and privately owned locations.

The goal of the 2014 Clean Air Council public hearing will be to identify and better understand the issues related to the use and support of alternative fuel vehicles (AFV) as a basis for recommendations to the Commissioner of the NJDEP.

Questions to be considered by the Council during the hearing include but are not limited to:

- ❶ What policies can state and local government implement to encourage AFV adoption?
- ❷ How can infrastructure be expanded to sustain alternative fuel vehicles?
- ❸ Are some AFVs more effective for specific vehicle sectors?
- ❹ How can AFVs improve air quality and positively impact public health?
- ❺ How does the use of AFVs affect the economics of commercial fleets? What incentives are needed?
- ❻ How can air quality within urban communities be aided by AFVs and use of mass transit?
- ❼ Can mass transit emissions be reduced by use of alternative fuels?
- ❽ What can be done to lessen the impact of out of state vehicles?
- ❾ What strategies can encourage increased AFV use by NJ residents and businesses?

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HEARING PROCEDURES

The Clean Air Council has invited guest speakers who will address many of these issues. Additionally members of the public are encouraged to provide testimony. The Council will provide 5 minutes per oral presentation for members of the public and encourages the submittal of detailed written comments, including a summary of comments, to augment your testimony and to include in the hearing report.

Those who wish to testify should contact Heidi Jones at (609) 777-0598, via e-mail at Heidi.Jones@dep.state.nj.us, or via fax at (609) 633-8236 before April 2, 2014.

Written testimony also may be submitted until April 30, 2014 in Microsoft Word to Melinda.Dower@dep.state.nj.us or flash drive to the following address:

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THE CLEAN AIR COUNCIL

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