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NOVEMBER WORKSHOP TO HELP BUILD SOUTHEAST ALTERNATIVE FUEL NETWORKS

ASHEVILLE – In an attempt to reduce U.S. dependency on foreign oil and minimize air pollution from vehicles, many areas of the nation are making progress in advancing alternative fuels to power cars, trucks and buses in both the public and private sectors. Still, alternative fuels have yet to significantly break into the conventional gasoline and diesel fuel marketplace. Officials from North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Tennessee will gather at the Holiday Inn Sunspree in Asheville on Nov. 6-7 to focus on overcoming barriers to the broader use of alternative fuels to improve air quality and to support national energy security goals, particularly in Southeastern states.

“Building Alternative Fuel Networks in the Southeast,” sponsored by in partnership with the U.S. Department of Energy, will identify strategies and cooperative actions to advance alternative fuel corridors. Participants will discuss approaches that meet the needs of business and industry as well as fuel users and government officials.

This workshop will assist southern states in identifying critical needs and near-term actions necessary to significantly increase the availability and use of alternate fuels such as biodiesel, ethanol, natural gas and propane and alternative fuel vehicles (AFV). Public and private sector speakers will address the latest developments of alternative fuels, light and heavy-duty engine manufacturers, and AFV success stories.

Fleet managers, vehicle manufacturers and dealers, fuel producers, wholesalers and retailers, air quality professionals, energy officials, researchers, transportation planners, local government officials, transit agencies and Clean Cities officials are encouraged to attend the workshop. The registration fee is \$75.

This workshop is one of a series of workshops to fulfill a recommendation of the Southern Air Principles Agreement (http://daq.state.nc.us/news/pr/2001/files/sap_0801.shtml), signed last year by the governors of all participating

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Southeastern states. It is one indication of the states' commitment to long-term promotion and support of alternative fuel use in the Southeast.

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