



# Centralina Clean Fuels Coalition

Promoting Alternative Fuels and  
Alternative Fuel Vehicles



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### **Centralina Clean Fuels Coalition Designated as a Clean Cities Region**

Charlotte, North Carolina, April 15, 2004 – The Centralina Clean Fuels Coalition (CCFC) has been awarded the prestigious Clean City designation by the U.S. Department of Energy’s National Clean Cities Program. CCFC, a group of stakeholders from public and private sector organizations dedicated to the advancement of alternative fuels and alternative fuel vehicles (AFVs), is sponsored by the North Carolina State Energy Office and has been supported by the Centralina Council of Governments (COG) for the past two years. Shelley Launey, Director of the National Clean Cities program, states that the CCFC’s program plan, “clearly illustrates the coalition’s accomplishments, understanding of National Clean Cities Program priorities, and commitment to continue building the local alternative fuel vehicle market and reducing the nation’s dependence on petroleum.”

The Clean Cities Program takes a unique, voluntary approach to AFV development, thriving on strong local initiatives and a flexible approach to building markets for domestically produced alternative fuels. CCFC stakeholders include local governments and State agencies as well as businesses such as major fuel providers and vehicle manufacturers. The following are just some of the current local initiatives underway:

- Bank of America, in conjunction with the Honda and Fuelmaker corporations, will sponsor a pilot program this fall to provide natural gas vehicles for bank associates to test drive.
- The City of Monroe expects to begin using biodiesel in over 70 of its fleet vehicles this year.
- The City of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County have committed to Clean Cities’ program components including idle reduction strategies, hybrid gas/electric vehicle technology, and fuel economy initiatives.

Clean Cities designation means that CCFC stakeholders will be eligible for grants and federal funding to advance the usage of alternative fuels and vehicles. Nationwide, only 85 other local/regional groups have achieved this designation.

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In response to the designation announcement, CCFC Chairman “Coach” Joe White, chair of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School Board, commented that “alternative fuel vehicles will reduce our dependence on foreign petroleum and can be an exciting piece of the air quality puzzle. The Centralina Clean Fuels Coalition represents one of COG’s important regional initiatives that will be needed to improve our air quality to a level that not only meets federal requirements but also provides a better living and business environment. If we care about the lives of our children and grandchildren, this is something that we can’t afford not to do.”

Plans for a formal ceremony marking this accomplishment are currently underway and will be announced in the near future.

**For additional information and a full list of CCFC Stakeholders, see: [www.4cleanfuels.com](http://www.4cleanfuels.com), [www.centralina.org](http://www.centralina.org)**

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