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EPA SmartWay® Focuses on Biodiesel with New "Grow & Go" Program

Biodiesel Featured to Help Truckers and Shippers Reduce Carbon Footprints, Lessen Dependence on Foreign Oil

DALLAS– Businesses that want to ship "green" can now find truckers who use biodiesel through the EPA SmartWay Grow and Go program. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the National Biodiesel Board (NBB) today announced they have teamed up to educate the trucking industry about the benefits of biodiesel, and match shippers with truckers using biodiesel.

The SmartWay Transport Partnership is an innovative collaboration between the EPA and the freight industry. Its goal is to increase energy efficiency while significantly reducing greenhouse gases and air pollution. EPA SmartWay Grow & Go will also help reduce U.S. dependence on petroleum.

"The NBB and EPA SmartWay have a long working relationship with the goal of helping the trucking industry adopt renewable fuels to help reduce fuel usage and emissions from burning fuel," said **Mitch Greenberg, Program Manager, U.S. EPA SmartWay.**

"Grow & Go was developed to help increase the use and acceptance of biodiesel in the freight industry, and to educate truckers and small fleets on the benefits of biofuels. It became clear there was a need to help shippers identify carriers using renewable fuels."

"I joined EPA SmartWay because of the Grow & Go initiative, and I've found it is a great resource for helping me save fuel and reduce emissions," said **Michael Frybarger, Owner Operator, Eastern Eagle Express, Inc.** "I've been a biodiesel user for several years. I'm glad to see the EPA SmartWay program embracing biodiesel as a

homegrown, renewable fuel that also reduces our dependence on foreign oil.”

Today at the Great American Trucking Show (GATS) in Dallas, EPA and NBB co-sponsored the SmartWay “Get Green” Trucking Summit. The event highlighted the EPA SmartWay Transport Partnership, with a special focus on SmartWay Grow & Go.

“I’ve been using biodiesel blends in more than 100 trucks,” said **Ryan Donovan, Vice President - Operations & Business Development, States Logistics Services**. “Our customers, including Clif Bar, have asked for biodiesel in order to reduce their carbon footprint, and we are delivering.”

Members of EPA SmartWay Grow & Go include owner-operators, trucking fleets, suppliers, brokers and anyone who is interested in less fuel use, emissions reduction and sustainable trucking practices.

“As a freight broker, my business is dependant on having solid relationships with carriers,” said **Win Rinkle, principal owner, TruckloadBroker.com, LLC**. “Attracting carriers that use biodiesel and that are part of the EPA SmartWay program is one way of qualifying and finding the best carriers. The way I see it...if a company or owner-operator is spending the time and money to conserve fuel, or use biodiesel, they are a smart business owner and transportation company. I will gladly pay more to work with smart business owners.”

“Safe Handling has long believed in sustainable transportation and in addition to using highly efficient tri-axle trucks, we run our entire fleet on biodiesel,” said **Andy Meyer, VP Business Development - Green Initiatives Safe Handling, Inc.** “Partnering with the EPA SmartWay Grow & Go program is a great way for us to learn fuel saving techniques that help reduce emissions as well. Our customers are keenly interested in working with sustainable suppliers and our partnership with EPA SmartWay Grow & Go is one more reason for them to use us for their transportation needs.”

“EPA SmartWay has done wonderful things for the trucking industry by providing tangible ways for truckers and fleets to reduce their fuel usage and lower costs,” said **Tom Verry, NBB Director of Outreach and Development**. “Now, Grow & Go will help truckers and shippers use biodiesel as a renewable fuel.”

Biodiesel is a renewable fuel for diesel engines that is made from domestic vegetable oils and animal fats. It can be used in any diesel engine at a B20 blend or lower, with no modifications. It significantly cuts harmful environmental emissions. Today, more than 1,100 retail filling stations, half of which are truck accessible, make biodiesel and biodiesel blends available to the public.

Readers can learn more about biodiesel by visiting www.biotrucker.com. To find truck accessible biodiesel locations, go to www.biotrucker.com or call the Biodiesel Hotline: 1-866-BIODIESEL.