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USE OF BIODIESEL FUEL IN STATE-OWNED VEHICLES

It is the policy of State Fleet Management to fuel State-owned diesel vehicles and equipment with a fuel blend consisting of twenty percent biodiesel and eighty percent petroleum "B20" diesel when available. Drivers of State-owned diesel vehicles and equipment shall use B20 diesel when:

- The per-gallon purchase price of B20 diesel is within ten (10) cents of the per-gallon purchase price for diesel fuel, and
- A fueling station that carries B20 fuel is located within five (5) miles of the route of state travel.

USE OF ETHANOL FUEL IN STATE-OWNED VEHICLES

It is the policy of State Fleet Management to fuel State-owned flex fuel vehicles with a fuel blend consisting of eighty five percent ethanol and fifteen percent petroleum "E-85" fuel when available. Drivers of State-owned flex fuel vehicles shall use E-85 fuel when:

- The per-gallon purchase price of E-85 fuel is within ten (10) cents of the per-gallon purchase price for petroleum fuel, and
- A fueling station that carries E-85 fuel is located within five (5) miles of the route of state travel

REDUCTION OF VEHICLE IDLING

It is the policy of State Fleet Management to reduce fuel waste and the public's exposure to vehicle exhaust by limiting unnecessary idling in State-owned vehicles.

Drivers should turn off the engine and remove the keys from the ignition except in cases of emergency, where required by law or necessary to ensure the health and safety of a driver or passengers.

No State-owned vehicle or equipment should be allowed to idle unattended or for more than three (3) consecutive minutes for gasoline-powered vehicles or five (5) consecutive minutes for diesel-powered vehicles within any 60-minute period unless one of the following conditions applies:

- The vehicle engine is providing auxiliary power for activities other than heating or air conditioning, such as loading, refrigeration, well drilling or farming;
- Inclement weather situations where outside ambient temperature is below 20 degrees Fahrenheit in gasoline-powered vehicles or 32 degrees Fahrenheit in diesel-powered vehicles;
- The outside ambient temperature is greater than 90 degrees Fahrenheit;
- Running the vehicle's engine is necessary for maintenance, repair or diagnostic purposes;
- A vehicle's manufacturer recommends idling to cool down, such as with a turbo-charged engine; or
- When required by federal, state or local law or official, but only to the extent necessary to comply with such requirement

REDUCTION OF VEHICLE MILEAGE

It is the policy of State Fleet Management to reduce fuel waste and minimize environmental impacts by limiting unnecessary vehicle miles traveled (VMT) in State-owned vehicles. State agencies should:

- Establish a VMT reduction target;
- Initiate a daily trip log for all drivers for a 30 day period each year;
- Promote proven behavioral strategies for reducing VMT including carpooling, teleconferencing, eliminating unnecessary travel, analyzing driving habits, encouraging the use of public transportation; and using State Fleet Management's online mileage reduction tools;
- Restrict the purchase of four-wheel drive sport utility vehicles except where necessary for law enforcement, emergency response, highway maintenance and construction, or use in difficult terrain;
- Acquire hybrid gas/electric high efficiency vehicles, alternative and flex fuel vehicles, and other fuel efficient/low emission vehicles whenever practicable;
- Request hybrid or flex fuel vehicles from the State Motor Pool for short-term vehicle needs; and
- Ensure that all drivers complete State Fleet Management's Vehicle Users Survey