

THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2019

- 5:35 pm Meet at Union Station, DC – Amtrak Train  
Northeast Regional departs at 5:55pm
- 9:30 pm Arrive at Penn Station, NYC
- 10:00 pm Arrive at Courtyard New York Manhattan/Herald Square

71 West 35th Street at 6th Avenue New York, NY 10001

*Thursday is a travel day. There are no officially-connected meals or activities scheduled*

FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 2019

- 7:30 am Meet in hotel lobby (we will not be coming back to the hotel)
- 8:00 am Depart hotel by bus for New York Parks Department
- 8:30 to 10:30 am Hold orientation meeting and tour the NYC Parks Department, Arsenal, NYC  
Department of Parks and Recreation, Arsenal, 830 5<sup>th</sup> Ave, NY, NY 10065

**Welcome-** Tom Verry, Executive Director and Jeff Lynn, President, National Biodiesel Foundation

**New York City's Current and Future Use of Biodiesel** - Keith Kerman, Deputy Commissioner, Chief Fleet Officer City of New York/Department of Citywide Administrative Services will discuss the current and future use of biodiesel. Keith Kerman is the first person to hold his position in New York City government, leading the largest and most high-profile municipal fleet program in the United States. Keith's coordinates with major agencies including Police, Fire, and Sanitation to direct all aspects of fleet operations for the City including repair, acquisitions, performance measurement, sustainability, fuel, contracting, emergency, safety, and risk management.

**NYC Parks Biomass Diesel Overview** - Jonathan Ells, Sustainability- Director City of New York/Dept. of Citywide Administrator Services. The Parks Department takes being green very seriously. 74 percent of its 2,228-vehicle-strong fleet, ranging from garbage trucks to lawn mowers to vans, runs on alternative energy such as compressed natural gas (CNG), biodiesel fuel made from soy beans, and solar power. The Parks vehicles that use gasoline are certified Low Emissions Vehicles (LEV) or better. More than 500 vehicles use hybrid or electric power. As "New York City's Greenest," Parks was the City's first agency to pilot CNG vehicles and to use biodiesel (B20) for all diesel vehicles. With B20, a blend of 20% biodiesel made from soybeans and 80% ultra-low sulfur diesel, Parks' vehicles emit less greenhouse gas, reducing their carbon footprint.

**Biodiesel 101 & Industry Update** – Paul Winters, Director of Federal Affairs and Communication, National Biodiesel Board, Communications and Member Specialist, National Biodiesel Board

**Industry Roundtable** – Biodiesel producers will give an overview of their biodiesel operations and how federal energy policies impact the industry. Moderated by Paul Winters, the panel includes:

Bill Horan, Chairman of the Board, Western Iowa Energy

Shawn Triscuit, Director of Sales, HERO BX, Erie, PA

Cliff Smith, General Manager, Mid-America Biofuels, Mexico, MO



**10:30 am** Depart for NYC Fire Department Vehicle Maintenance Facility, 48-34 35th St, Queens

**11:00 am to 12:00 pm** Tour NYC Fire Department Vehicle Maintenance Facility

**FDNY Biomass Diesel Tour and Presentations** - FDNY Assistant Fire Commissioner Mark Aronberg and Executive Director Andy Diamond will lead the tour and present information on biodiesel use at their station. The New York City Fire Department is the largest municipal fire department in the United States and the second largest in the world after the Tokyo Fire Department. FDNY has been using low blends of biodiesel over the last several years and looks to expand biodiesel use in the future. The FDNY employs approximately 11,051 uniformed firefighters and 4,414 uniformed EMTs, paramedics, and Fire Inspectors. The FDNY serves more than 8 million residents within a 322-square mile area. The facility maintains almost 1,000 pieces of equipment.

**12 noon** Depart NY Parks for lunch at Donovan's Pub

**12:15 pm to 1:30 pm** Lunch at Donovan's Pub, 57-24 Roosevelt Ave, Woodside, NY

Costa Constantinides, NYC Councilman, Astoria, Queens will give a presentation during lunch. Councilman Constantinides is the champion for biodiesel and Bioheat® on the New York City Council. The councilman will share his experiences with biodiesel and Bioheat® and discuss bills he has been instrumental in sponsoring and their impact on transportation and heating fuel in NYC. Councilman Constantinides was the main sponsor of the recently passed NYC Bill 642 that will mandate B20 Bioheat® use by 2034.

**1:30 pm** Depart for NYC Parks & Rec. Randall's Island Vehicle Maintenance Facility  
NYC Parks Five Borough Complex, 20 Bronx Shore Rd, New York, NY 10035

**2:00 pm to 3:00 pm** Tour of NYC Parks & Rec. Randall's Island Vehicle Maintenance Facility

**NYC Park Diesel Tour and Presentation** - Chief of Citywide Services Paris Apollon will lead the tour and discuss their biodiesel facility and vehicles. Randall's Island is home to NYC Parks Five Borough Building, the central hub for our Citywide Operations division as well as their renowned Parks fleet. This is the flagship vehicle repair facility for Parks and repairs for multiple agencies take place at this location. The building is also home to one of the largest green roofs on a municipal building in the City of New York. NYC Parks oversees 14% of the land area of the City including nearly 1,000 playgrounds, over 50 outdoor pools, and 14 miles of beaches.

**3:00 p.m.** Depart for Penn Station – 7<sup>th</sup> Ave, New York, NY 10001

**3:45 pm to 5:30 pm** Meet at Penn Station for Bioheat Presentations and Q & A

**Bioheat Update** - Rocco Lacertosa, CEO, New York Oil Heating Association

New York City is the largest home heating oil market in the United States. Each year the city uses over one billion gallons of heating oil. New York City currently has a standard that requires a 5% blend of Bioheat® in all home heating oil. Rocco will talk about the city's next step in adopting a heating oil standard that will require 20% blends of Bioheat® in the future.

**Wrap Up and Q&A** – Lead by Tom Verry, Foundation Executive Director, the Sustainability Tour will conclude with a Q&A Session with tour participants, sponsors and staff. This will be the time for participants to answer all their questions, discuss the day's events and get one-on-one time with biodiesel experts.

**5:30 pm** Depart for Train at Penn Station, NYC

**6:25 pm** Amtrak train departs for Union Station, WDC

