

## Sustainable Biodiesel: Improving the Environment and Economy NYC Tour Summary

On April 26, National Biodiesel Foundation (NBF) hosted Federal Congressional staffers and guests on a one-day tour of biodiesel/renewable diesel use in NYC. NBB's DC team, Paul Winters and Morgan Townsend accompanied the staffers to NYC via train on Thursday evening. On Friday, the day started with the bus taking staffers, sponsors and speakers to the first stop, the "Arsenal" which headquarters the NYC Parks Department.

There, Keith Kerman, Chief Fleet Officer for NYC, spoke about how important biomass diesel is to NYC in reaching their sustainability goals. He also explained how important the biodiesel tax credit and the RFS are to NYC, making biodiesel and carbon reductions more affordable. Paul Winters followed by providing a [biodiesel overview](#) with input from sponsors on the impact of biodiesel on jobs, farms, air quality, etc.



*Keith Kerman speaks to group about the importance of biomass diesel to NYC.*



*Tour stops by the NYFD Vehicle Maintenance Facility in Queens.*

From there, the group rode to Queens and toured the New York Fire Department Vehicle Maintenance Facility. Great testament from users how biodiesel is used in mission critical equipment.

We had lunch with Councilman Constantinides at Donovan's Pub. The Councilman is our

champion in NYC. He heads up efforts to get NYC

to use more biodiesel and bioheat and spoke about his goal to decrease childhood asthma. We also visited the NYC Parks Vehicle Maintenance Facility on Randall's Island. Participants got another look at biodiesel vehicles and where they are maintained. Thanks to the United Soybean Board, we are working with NYC Parks on a B50 demonstration on Staten Island. The tour concluded with back at Penn Station for the Bioheat and NY Clean Cities presentations. Staffers and other participants were given an opportunity to ask questions and discuss what they will "take back" to their offices.



*Councilman Constantinides speaks during lucheon.*

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