

*Local agencies try soy bio-based products to reduce petroleum and give agriculture a boost.*

## Go Poudre School District and City of Fort Collins!

These local agencies recently agreed to a soy bio-based product trial program in order to replace a few products, traditionally petroleum based, with soy bio-based products. This as a way to get some things in the workplace that are cleaner and better for employee health, greener and non-petroleum based, and supportive of soy agricultural products.

Poudre School District and City of Fort Collins fleet managers both heard a soy bio-based power point presentation as part of the June 24, Northern Colorado Clean Cities meeting, in Loveland, Colorado. They both agreed to give some products a try – if Northern Colorado Clean Cities (NCCC) and partners could find products to meet their needs, ideally available for the same or similar cost, and from local vendors that the agencies and their purchasing departments are already working with.

Gary Vavra with PSD gathered the department heads that would be interested in any of the products and they all listened actively to the soy bio-based product presentation at their LEEDs designed facility in Fort Collins. The school department agreed to try two-cycle oil made from soy in their mowers, Spartan Chemical hand cleaner that is less toxic than the current product they are using, and Renewable Lubricants parts cleaner and degreaser – all from agriculturally based ingredients and all available here in Colorado from their local vendors. PSD has used soy based products before, their building manager was familiar with a couple of the soy products and had a good past experience with them. Gary Vavra, Fleet Manager, and Frank Rayder, Operations and Maintenance Manager were both enthusiastic about trying the bio-based cleaners and oils at PSD. These gentlemen and their staff will be telling us more as they use the products over time (check back November 15, 2009 to read their stories online).



**Soy bio-based product info display and local clean fuels supporters at the Weld County Garage 2009 Customer Appreciation Barbecue.**

City of Fort Collins Operations Manager, Tracy Ochsner, like Vavra with PSD, was able to find hand cleaner and degreaser that were bio-based, met their use specifications, and is also available from local vendors. City of Fort Collins staff was also enthusiastic about reducing petroleum, in any products they consume, and were adamant that price will also, necessarily, be a factor for their ongoing use. The United Soybean Board helped us find products like the Renewable Lubricants Bio-Parts Cleaner/Degreaser that are expected to be cost effective and work efficaciously. More information being reported soon!



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