

City News

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New Clean Energy Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Fueling Station Opens to Serve Richmond Area Vehicle Fleets



Located at Quarles Fuel Network's Maury St. Facility, New CNG Station Will Support Clean-Running CNG Refuse Trucks, Buses & Municipal Vehicles

Natural Gas – CNG – has reached a major milestone in the River City. The city's new compressed natural gas fueling station has opened on Maury Street in Richmond, Virginia in partnership with the Commonwealth of Virginia, Clean Energy, Quarles

Petroleum, and the City of Richmond. This station, located at 211 Maury Street just off I-95, provides rapid fueling service to public and fleet CNG-powered natural gas vehicles, and is accessible 24/7 to anyone with a credit card or fleet card.

CNG is one of the cleanest-burning transportation fuels available. In light-to medium-duty vehicles, CNG emits up to 30% less greenhouse gas than gasoline or diesel-powered models.

This new infrastructure — a public 'natural gas fuel station' — is a first, big step in the Governor's plan to transition state-owned vehicles to alternative fuels.

"In addition to reducing our dependence on foreign oil, turning to natural gas vehicles means we will save money and reduce emissions, as well as expand the market for one of Virginia's important domestic energy resources," said Governor Robert F. McDonnell.

Governor McDonnell added "Our contract with Clean Energy for conversions, fuel and public fueling stations will allow us to develop partnerships like this across the Commonwealth, and support our citizens who decide to drive natural gas vehicles. Virginia is leading the nation with this initiative and we are pleased that Richmond is willing to lead the way with us."

"Compressed natural gas is just one investment we've made to create more economically competitive and environmentally resilient fleets," said Richmond Mayor Dwight C. Jones. "Investing in CNG vehicles, like our 25 new refuse trucks, is an important part of our RVAgreen Sustainability Plan, because using the fuel in our fleets enables us to operate more efficiently, reduce costs, and produce less harmful emissions."

Peter Grace, Senior Vice President, Clean Energy, said, "We welcome the opportunity to partner with Quarles at this station, and at other selected Quarles fueling locations. We congratulate Quarles on the decision to provide this added service to its customers and commend the City of Richmond for their support. With the expanding availability of natural gas vehicles, fleet operators across the nation are transitioning to natural gas power. Among their goals are reducing costs, adding fuel diversity to their fleets, curtailing harmful emissions, and helping reduce America's dependence on imported oil."

"This alternative fuel is domestically produced, much cheaper than conventional fuels and abundant," said Greg Natvig of Quarles Petroleum Inc. "Quarles is proud to be part of this partnership. We also want to join Clean Energy in thanking the Commonwealth of Virginia and the City of Richmond for making this project possible. Their commitment of an initial fleet of vehicles provided the needed start-up volume to make the project feasible. Without their support we would not have reached this important milestone."

Besides environmental and energy security benefits, this low-carbon fuel costs up to \$1.50 less per gallon equivalent when compared to conventional gasoline or diesel fuel.

About Quarles Petroleum

Founded in 1940, Quarles Petroleum is a family business with 120 fleet fueling sites located throughout the Mid-Atlantic region. With headquarters in Fredericksburg, Virginia and six other local offices, Quarles is a leader in the regional fuel distribution business. In addition to fleet fuel, Quarles provides residential and commercial customers with propane, diesel fuel, heating oil and lubricants. For more information visit www.quarlesinc.com

About the Virginia Clean Cities Coalition

Virginia Clean Cities is a regional nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing our energy, economic, and environmental security through petroleum reduction and clean transportation. Virginia Clean Cities is a state and federally recognized coalition of stakeholders staffed in partnership with James Madison

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About Clean Energy

Clean Energy (Nasdaq: CLNE) is the largest provider of natural gas fuel for transportation in North America and a global leader in the expanding natural gas vehicle fueling market. We have operations in compressed natural gas (CNG) and liquefied natural gas (LNG) vehicle fueling and construction and operation of natural gas fueling stations. Wholly-owned subsidiaries include IMW Industries, Ltd., which supplies CNG equipment for vehicle fueling and industrial applications worldwide; NorthStar, which supplies LNG and liquefied to-compressed natural gas fueling system technologies and equipment, station construction and operations; BAF Technologies, which provides natural gas vehicle systems and conversions for taxis, vans, pick-up trucks and shuttle buses; and Clean Energy Renewable Fuels (CERF), which develops renewable natural gas (RNG), or biomethane, production facilities in the U.S. For more information, visit www.cleanenergyfuels.com

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