

PA Clean Vehicles

Let's give a fist-bump to the state of Pennsylvania. The state's Department of Environmental Protection has awarded more than \$2.6 million in grant money to sixteen different "clean energy vehicle" projects.

No, we're not talking about solar powered school busses or garbage trucks, those don't actually exist. The state is spending most of this money, almost all it on compressed natural gas and propane-powered vehicles.

It makes perfect sense because Pennsylvania is the country's second largest producer of natural gas, so there's a lot of inexpensive alternative fuel being produced that can be used for pick-up trucks, cargo vans, shuttle busses and even garbage trucks.

Aside from lowering emissions by 2800 tons annual, the grantees are also going to save about \$1.2 million dollars annually in gasoline costs. That sounds like a pretty good win/win to us.

This grant funding is just one of many state-wide projects. For example, the Commonwealth is investing heavily in other transportation projects as well, including 29 compressed natural gas fueling stations across Pennsylvania.

CNG and propane vehicles make a lot of sense. Let's hope other producing states with an abundance of these low-cost alternative fuels take notice.

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