THURSDAY, June 16, 2022
5:35 pm  Guests arrive at Union Station, DC to depart for New York City (NYC) on the Amtrak Northeast Regional departs at 5:55pm
5:55 pm  Train to NYC leaves Union Station, DC
9:39 pm  Train arrives at Penn Station, NYC
10:00 pm  Guests arrive at Fairfield Inn & Suites NY Manhattan/Times Square South (338 West 36th Street, New York, NY 10001)

Thursday is a travel day. There are no official events scheduled.

FRIDAY, June 17, 2022
Starting at 6am  Continental Breakfast available in hotel
7:30 am to 10:15 am  Tour starts at the hotel – Garment Meeting Room

Welcome (5 minutes)- Tom Verry, Executive Director Clean Fuels Alliance Foundation

Biodiesel 101 & Industry Update (15 minutes)– Paul Winters, Director of Public Affairs and Federal Communication, Clean Fuels Alliance America. Paul will give participants an overview of the biodiesel industry and the federal and state policies that support its growth, such as the Renewable Fuels Standards (RFS) and tax credit.

New York City’s Current and Future Use of Biodiesel (30 minutes) - Keith Kerman, Deputy Commissioner, Chief Fleet Officer, City of New York/Department of Citywide Administrative Services will help participants understand how biodiesel use benefits the largest and most high-profile municipal fleet program in the United States. Keith coordinates with major agencies, including Police, Fire, and Sanitation, to direct all aspects of fleet operations for the City including repair, acquisitions, sustainability, fuel, contracting, emergency, safety, and risk management.

NYC Parks Biomass Diesel Overview (10 minutes)–Paris Apollon, Chief of Operations, New York City Department of Parks will inform participants that 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. The Department takes being green very seriously, with 3,000 vehicles ranging from garbage trucks to lawn mowers to vans. NYC’s Parks Department was the first agency to pilot CNG vehicles and use biodiesel (B20, B50 or B100) for all diesel vehicles.

Bioheat Update (10 minutes) - 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.
Industry Roundtable (45 minutes)—Biodiesel producers will discuss the importance of federal and policies. Participants will learn how the industry has grown since the implementation of key federal policies and what happens to businesses when the policies are unstable. Panelists include Paul Teta, Vice President and Executive Corporate Counsel and Eli Peterson, Associate General Counsel, Kolmar Americas; Tom Brooks, General Manager, Western Dubuque Biodiesel; Tim Keaveney, Vice President of Sales, HERO BX; Brad Wilson, President and General Manager, Western Iowa Energy and Agron Bioenergy, Nathan Nolte, Sales Manager Renewable Fuels, AG Processing.

Questions and Answer Session (20 minutes)- lead by Tom Verry

10:15-10:30 am  Break –Meet in lobby at 10:25 am. Bus leaves hotel at 10:30 am.

10:30 am  Depart Hotel for NYC Fire Department Station (Engine 59, Ladder 30, 111 W 133rd St., New York, New York)

11:15 am to 12:15 pm  Tour NYC Fire Department Engine 59, Ladder 30 Firehouse
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. The FDNY employs approximately 11,051 uniformed firefighters and 4,414 uniformed EMTs, paramedics, and Fire Inspectors to serve more than 8 million residents within a 322-square mile area. Participants will learn why FDNY chose to use low blends of biodiesel over the last several years and looks to expand its use in the future. The facility maintains almost 1,000 pieces of equipment. Lieutenant William Finch will guide the tour through the station.

12:15 pm  Depart Fire Station for American GreenFuels, LLC (30 Waterfront Street New Haven, CT 06512)  A box lunch will be served on the bus.

1:45 pm – 3:30 pm  Tour American GreenFuels, LLC *
Tour Facility: American GreenFuels, LLC produces approximately 40 million gallons of biodiesel per year and is the largest biodiesel producer in the Northeast, United States and along the eastern seaboard. The facility is located in New Haven, CT at the port terminal. American GreenFuels biodiesel is marketed both nationally and internationally, requiring high sustainability parameters. Participants will see the biodiesel plant up close, and with that, learn about feedstocks used to make biodiesel, as well as how biodiesel is produced. The tour will also show American GreenFuels’ tank storage and truck-rack delivery facilities. Paul Teta, Kolmar Vice President and Executive Corporate Counsel will guide the tour through the facility. (*wear closed toe shoes).

3:30 pm  Depart American GreenFuels for Olive and Oil (124 Temple Street, New Haven, CT 06510)

3:45 pm – 5:45 pm  Wrap Up and Q&A
Led by Tom Verry, Foundation Executive Director, the Sustainability Tour will conclude with a Q&A Session with tour participants, sponsors, and staff. Participants can ask questions, discuss the day’s events, and get one-on-one time with biodiesel experts.

4:45 pm – 5:45 pm  Dinner at Olive and Oil

6:00 pm  Depart Olive and Oil for New Haven Union Station, (New Haven Union Station, 50 Union Ave, New Haven, CT 06519)

6:20 pm  Depart via train for Washington, DC
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