



## Report for the New York City 2024 Congressional Tour

The Clean Fuels Foundation’s 2024 NYC Congressional Tour – with the title Sustainable Fuels: Improving the Environment and Economy – showed participants a broad range of markets for renewable fuel in New York City, from heavy duty transportation to marine, heating, and aviation.

The tour began with presentations by Keith Kerman, Deputy Commissioner, DCAS; Joy Gardner, Executive Director of Empire Clean Cities; and Bill Fitch, a Clean Fuels consultant with deep knowledge of New York City fleets and the emerging marine fuel market. Kerman highlighted New York City’s increasing use of renewable diesel as well as its long-term use of biodiesel. Gardner discussed the environmental goals of the region and biodiesel’s role in meeting them. And Fitch discussed the growing opportunity for marine fuels, which Kerman hinted would expand as New York and Long Island ferries adopt renewable diesel.

The tour visited the NYFD Engine 54, Ladder 4 Firehouse to learn about the city’s long experience with biodiesel – including in emergency equipment where reliable fuel is crucial. The tour then stopped at Approved Oil, the city’s contract supplier of renewable diesel and a supplier of heating oil to city residents. Danny Falcone of Approved Oil provided an industry perspective on Clean Fuels’ policy priorities, illustrating many of the points made by Paul Winters in the opening Industry Update presentation.

The tour finished with a visit to the new Delta Terminal at La Guardia Airport, where Ryan Marzullo of Delta discussed the sustainability measures employed in construction and design. Kent Hartwig of Gevo then gave a presentation on sustainable aviation fuel, highlighting Gevo’s partnership with Delta.



*New York City Tour Participants and Staff*

Clean Fuels signed up 13 participants for the tour – five staffers from the House of Representatives, five from the Senate, and three from the Environmental Protection Agency. The staffers represented a broad range of home states – including New York, Massachusetts, Florida, Pennsylvania along with Iowa, Indiana, Kansas, Illinois, and Wisconsin. The offices they represent include multiple

members of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and the Senate Commerce and Transportation Committee, which oversee the new markets that Clean Fuels is trying to develop – aviation, marine and rail. Offices also hold key positions on Agriculture, Environment and Public Works, and Ways & Means committees, which oversee programs like the RFS and tax policy.

The tour offered opportunities for Clean Fuels and sponsors to engage in conversations and develop relationships with staff from both congress and EPA. Additionally, it provided opportunities for the staff to develop contacts and relationships with each other, which can help Clean Fuels address policy priorities in future.

Moreover, the participants showed enthusiasm for the experience and a strong interest in learning more. Five of the participants in the New York tour signed up for the upcoming tour in California. Three additional participants in the California tour signed up because of recommendations by the participants in the New York tour.

The 2024 California Congressional Tour – titled Sustainable Aviation Fuels and Environmental Justice will take place Sept. 6 in Los Angeles. With planned visits to the Los Angeles Metrolink facility to learn about renewable diesel use in rail and World Energy Paramount to learn about SAF production, participants will again see first-hand how our industry is expanding into new markets. The interest among attendees is extremely high, with 9 House and 5 Senate staffers already signed up; another 4 are awaiting registration. Again, there is strong representation of the Transportation and Environment committees that oversee both on-road and off-road markets.

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