



Declaring Our Independence from Foreign Oil

This year's July 4th marked the 245th commemoration of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence. During that time, our country has grown from 13 colonies to 50 states and 14 territories and has built over 4 million miles of roads. Our nation has also grown its propane autogas infrastructure to include fueling stations in nearly every state. And, tens of thousands of ROUSH CleanTech vehicles operate from coast to coast.

Our roads are becoming more traveled by commercial vehicles and Blue Bird school buses that run on cleaner fuels that are made right here in the U.S.A. These alternative fuels include propane autogas, compressed natural gas and battery electric vehicles, to name a few. They fuel vehicles that deliver baked goods to our local grocery stores, transport our children to school every day and provide paratransit rides to those in need of mobility options.

Powering with American-made fuels helps the nation's energy security goals and reduces our dependence on imported oil. For instance, more than 90% of the United States propane autogas supply is produced domestically, with an additional 7% from Canada.

Alternative fuels that support our transportation needs create healthier communities by lessening harmful emissions. Couple the emissions reductions with the fuel and maintenance savings that can be reinvested in our kids, communities, infrastructure and American jobs, and our path to success becomes pretty clear.

Our nation's transportation future is one where several different domestically produced advanced clean fuels co-exist, depending on the best application. With the freedom of choice with American-made options to power fleets, this country has the history, the energy, the tools and the talent. So let's take advantage of this opportunity to drive step change in our transportation system.

To learn more about ROUSH CleanTech's advanced clean transportation fleet solutions, visit ROUSHcleantech.com.



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