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Number of Flex Fuel Vehicles in Ohio up by 80%

According to an analysis just completed by Clean Fuels Ohio, there are now more than 199,000 flex fuel vehicles (FFVs), based on information from the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles. Clean Fuels Ohio has compiled the FFV data on a county by county basis. FFVs are capable of running on E85 ethanol, regular gasoline or any combination of the two.

“This is a dramatic increase of more than 80% since this time last year,” said Sam Spofforth, Executive Director of Clean Fuels Ohio. He continued, “2006 has been the largest increase of FFVs since we’ve been monitoring the information”

Clean Fuels Ohio has tracked the number of FFVs in Ohio for three consecutive years. Spofforth attributed the 2006 increase to increased production of FFVs by all three domestic automakers and a wider range of models with the FFV feature. Clean Fuels Ohio publishes a complete list of existing and new flex fuel vehicles at www.CleanFuelsOhio.org/FFVs.

This development comes at the same time as more E85 stations are opening. Nationwide, the number of E85 locations more than doubled between January 2005 and January 2006, from 285 to 600, and is on pace to double again by the beginning of 2007. In Ohio, the number of locations has increased from just one a year ago to six by the beginning of 2006. The number stands at 13 today and may top 20 by the end of 2006. A complete list of the retail alternative fuel stations is located at www.CleanFuelsOhio.org/refueling.

Ohio has more than 12 million registered vehicles on the road, according to the Ohio Insurance Institute, so the number of FFVs is still a small percentage of total vehicles. Clean Fuels Ohio expects the numbers to continue increasing dramatically and believes that more FFVs on the road will stimulate development of new E85 locations.

About Clean Fuels Ohio

Clean Fuels Ohio's primary goal is to develop public-private projects that deploy vehicles, refueling equipment, and other technologies. These projects lead directly to improved air quality, reduction in greenhouse gas emissions, increased energy security and support for Ohio's economy. As part of this

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goal, CFO educates government and private fleet decision-makers, operations and maintenance personnel, teachers, students, public officials, the media and the general public. CFO also supports government policies that are consistent with this mission.

Clean Fuels Ohio (CFO) is a non-profit organization based at The Ohio State University Center for Automotive Research. Its mission is to increase the use of cleaner American fuels and vehicles and energy-saving transportation technologies in order to improve air quality and health, reduce climate change, curb dependence on imported petroleum, and support Ohio's economy. Clean American fuels include biodiesel, natural gas, propane, ethanol, electricity, and hydrogen. Clean Fuels Ohio is a U.S. Department of Energy designated "Clean Cities" coalition and does work across Ohio. To find out more, please visit www.cleanfuelsohio.org.

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