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Biodiesel Training Offered for Diesel Technicians

Free SAE-certified education course sponsored by PA Soybean Board

Harrisburg, PA (September 19, 2013) -- Diesel mechanics throughout Pennsylvania can learn the latest information about the performance of biodiesel in engines through a free SAE-certified continuing education course, sponsored by the National Biodiesel Board and the Pennsylvania Soybean Board.

The Biodiesel Technician training course is a continuing training seminar designed to educate and inform diesel mechanics and service technicians about the benefits of using commercial biodiesel and biodiesel blends in a variety of diesel engine technologies and use in the field. With this education, technicians will be able to better advise their customers and other technicians about the true impacts of using biodiesel and biodiesel blends in diesel equipment.

The seminar will be held on Wednesday, October 9 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Yoder's Restaurant and Banquet Hall in New Holland, Pennsylvania. Registration is available online at <https://pennsylvania-biodiesel.eventbrite.com> or by calling the Pennsylvania Soybean Board office at 717-651-5922.

"Diesel mechanics and service technicians are often the first point of contact for users of biodiesel, so they need to be well-informed about the use of biodiesel products," says Daryl Alger, Chairman of the Pennsylvania Soybean Board. Most diesel fuel sold in the U.S. contains 1-5% biodiesel. Biodiesel is the most advanced and tested alternative fuel in the U.S., and much of it derives from soybean oil.

This course has been approved by the National Automotive Technician Education Foundation (NATEF) to qualify as an ASE Certified Training Provider of Continuing Automotive Service Education (CASE). The ASE-certified curriculum is designed to deliver both technical and application information, from biodiesel basics and utilization.

The program also allows diesel technicians to more accurately diagnose the root cause of problems with equipment for service as it relates to both petrodiesel and biodiesel issues, and how these problems can be avoided in the field, regardless of the root cause.

The course will be taught by Steve Howell, an approved instructor through the National Biodiesel Board and certified by the Automotive Service Education (ASE). Howell is also the Senior Technical Advisor to the National Biodiesel Board.

Lunch will be provided. The class will be followed by a private tour of the New Holland Manufacturing Facility in New Holland, Pa.

About the Pennsylvania Soybean Board

[The Pennsylvania Soybean Board](#) is a farmer-controlled Board responsible for managing Pennsylvania's share of funds received from the nationwide Soybean Checkoff program. The funding is available under an assessment program, approved by Congress in 1990, under which soybean farmers contribute 50 cents of every \$100 they receive for their beans at the first point of sale. Funds are used to develop markets, educate consumers, and research new ways to utilize and produce soybeans more efficiently.

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