



STATE OF TENNESSEE
EXECUTIVE ORDER
BY THE GOVERNOR

Number 33

**AN ORDER TO ESTABLISH THE GOVERNOR'S INTERAGENCY
ALTERNATIVE FUELS WORKING GROUP**

WHEREAS, this Administration is dedicated to the protection of our natural resources, our environment, our economy and the health of Tennessee's citizens; and

WHEREAS, the increased use of renewable alternative fuels, such as biodiesel and ethanol ("biofuels"), made from agricultural products will provide greater diversity in the state's energy supplies, help reduce dependence on imported oil, and strengthen the state's ability to withstand future fuel supply disruptions and spikes in fuel prices; and

WHEREAS, the increased use of biofuels and the local production of biodiesel and ethanol using domestic crops and other raw materials as feedstock will benefit Tennessee's rural communities and agricultural economy; and

WHEREAS, air pollutants from vehicles and other mobile sources have a significant impact on air quality in the state, and the use of alternative fuels can help reduce vehicle emissions; and

WHEREAS, state government should take the lead in promoting the efficient use of natural resources to protect and enhance the state's environment, the health of its citizens and its economy.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Phil Bredesen, Governor of the State of Tennessee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Tennessee Constitution and law, do hereby order and direct the following:

1. The Governor's Interagency Alternative Fuels Working Group ("Working Group") is hereby established. The Working Group shall consist of the following six (6) members or their designees:
 - a. The Commissioner of Agriculture;
 - b. The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development;
 - c. The Commissioner of Environment and Conservation;
 - d. The Commissioner of General Services;
 - e. The Commissioner of Health; and
 - f. The Commissioner of Transportation
2. The Commissioners of the Departments of Environment and Conservation and Agriculture or their designees shall serve as co-chairpersons of the Working Group.
3. The Working Group shall meet at such times and places as determined by its co-chairpersons and shall make regular reports to the Governor regarding its work.

4. The Working Group shall be attached to the Department of Environment and Conservation for administrative purposes.
5. All Executive Branch departments, agencies, boards and commissions and any other divisions of the Executive Branch of state government shall fully cooperate with the Working Group.
6. The Working Group shall develop a comprehensive state alternative fuels strategy that will provide a roadmap to make Tennessee a leader in the production, distribution and use of biofuels in the Southeast.
7. In developing its recommendations for a state alternative fuels strategy, the Working Group should seek the input of appropriate stakeholders, including but not limited to the following:
 - a. Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation;
 - b. Tennessee Farmers Cooperative;
 - c. Tennessee Oil Marketers Association;
 - d. Tennessee Soybean Association;
 - e. Tennessee Corn Growers Association;
 - f. Southern Alliance for Clean Energy;
 - g. Oak Ridge National Laboratory;
 - h. University of Tennessee, Center for Profitable Agriculture;
 - i. Tennessee Petroleum Council;
 - j. East Tennessee Clean Fuels Coalition;
 - k. Clean Cities of Middle Tennessee;
 - l. West Tennessee Clean Cities Coalition; and
 - m. Public and private colleges and universities located within Tennessee
8. The Working Group shall develop a comprehensive, statewide public education and outreach campaign to increase public awareness and understanding of alternative fuels, particularly biofuels. This campaign shall also assist travelers in locating publicly accessible refueling locations.
9. State agencies shall strive to use ethanol and biodiesel in appropriate state-owned vehicles whenever possible. The Departments of General Services and Transportation shall develop a program to educate all state employees about the use of biofuels and to publicize fuel availability as new refueling sites become available.
10. The Department of Agriculture shall take immediate steps to establish interim state standards for blends of biodiesel that will provide an adequate level of quality assurance for biofuels blending and distribution until a national standard is finalized. The Department of Agriculture should continue to participate actively in the development of a national fuel standard for biodiesel blends.
11. The Departments of Economic and Community Development and Agriculture shall work together in a partnership to make alternative fuels production capacity and infrastructure, including biofuels production facilities and biofuels feedstock processing facilities, an economic development priority.
12. State agencies shall encourage and support the development of biofuels refueling infrastructure with available federal or other funds in order to stimulate the growth of biofuel refueling stations across the state.

- a. The Department of Transportation shall continue efforts to encourage development of publicly accessible biofuels refueling stations at strategically located retail fuel stations and farm co-ops across the state. The department may continue to seek available funds for this purpose as necessary.
- b. State agencies operating diesel vehicles and equipment shall assist in identifying appropriate state-owned sites for dispensing biodiesel.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have subscribed my signature and caused the Great Seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed this 14th day of February, 2006.



GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE